



# Menta Academy Oak Park

December 2018

## Project Based Learning Open House Planning

Students in the Transition Program worked hard in November to make our Open House event a success. They planned the delicious menu that was enjoyed by all who attended the event. They researched recipes, shopped for the ingredients and made several items including turkey wraps, spinach dip, tomato/mozzarella skewers and an Oreo dessert.



## CSL

CSL (Critical Service Learning) is a group comprised of students who want to make a difference in their community! The students meet twice a week via Google Hangouts and connect with other Menta students at other schools across Illinois.

The students choose their project each semester what would make an ideal community and then what barriers exist to that ideal community. This semester, students have chosen to complete a project to decrease violence in their community. They are working on a presentation to educate their peers and are contacting local organizations to discover ways they can volunteer and help the organizations decrease violence.

## Mr. Brian



### Staff Spotlight

This is Mr. Brian's second year at Menta Academy Oak Park. Mr. Brian was previously in the United States Army.

**Favorite Food:** Chicken Wings

**Favorite Sports Team:** Chicago Cubs

**Favorite thing about Menta:** Our program is geared towards individualized learning.

## Upcoming Events

Skilled Trades Fair 12/4/2018

Menta Winter Business Market 12/20/2018

Last day of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 12/21/2018

WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL)  
12/22/2018-1/6/2019

2<sup>nd</sup> Semester begins 1/7/2019

## Menta Events

This month, students will participate in the Menta Winter Business Market on 12/20. To prepare for this event, students will create and market a product of their choosing. They will get to "sell" their product to other Menta students at the Market!