HFA Curriculum News

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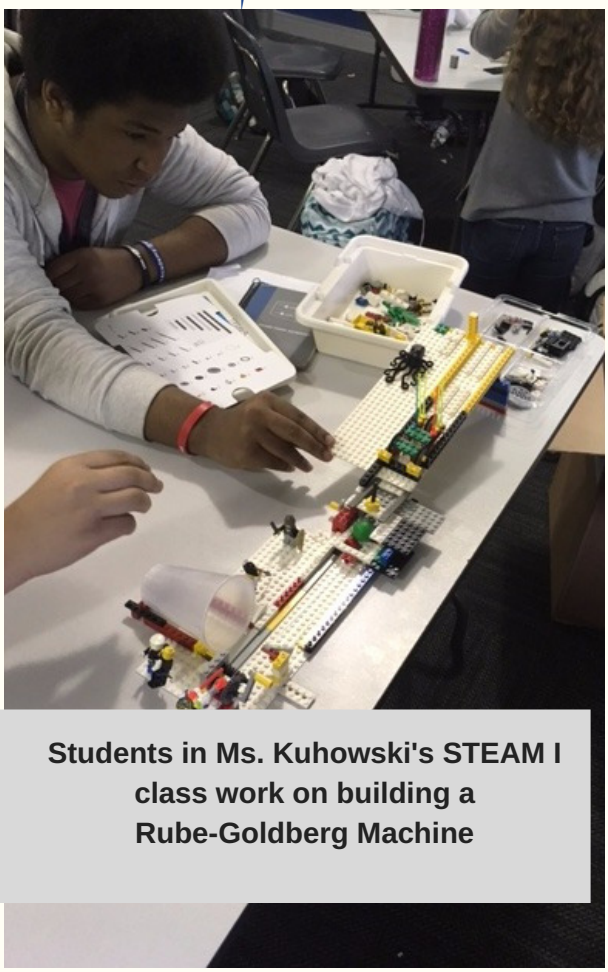
Show Us What You Know! Final Exams Are Coming!



Students in Ms. Kuhowski's STEAM I class work on building a Rube-Goldberg Machine

Now is the time at HFA where students show us what they know! Final Exams are just around the corner. The final exam is a percentage of your student's final grade (varies by grade level). Students should begin preparing for this exam as soon as possible. On November 29th, students will take their 5th Block final exam during school. Then November 30 (Block 1 &2) and Dec 1 (Block 3&4) are half days (11:00 dismissal) for exams. Here are some basic tips:

1.) Use that Study Guide! Your teacher should provide a study guide that helps you understand and review what is covered on the test. Ask your teacher questions NOW if you need help. Use AC and after-school tutoring to get extra help.

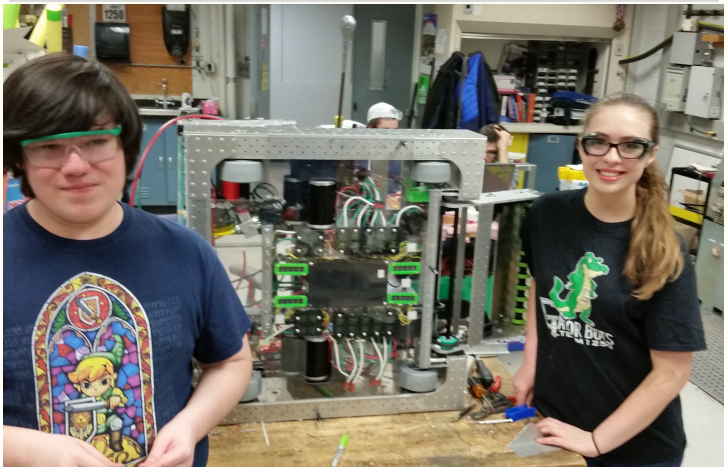
2.) Practice and Review! Re-read the material, quiz yourself, make flashcards for vocabulary, work through practice problems, have a friend or parent test you, re-write information in your own words, use programs like quizlet and kahoot. Go through old material, hand-outs, Google Classroom work.

3.) Have a Time and Place - Set aside time, don't procrastinate! Have a quiet place to study. Eat a good breakfast and get a good sleep the night before the test.

Ford STEAM Lab @ HFA

On December 8th, 9th, and 10th, students at Henry Ford Academy are invited to participate in a FREE weekend workshop at Henry Ford Academy. The project, sponsored by Ford and Henry Ford Learning Institute, is called Ford STEAM Lab JumpStart. Students work together in teams to solve important problems and come up with innovative solutions. They use technology to build things like cell phone apps and practice making a professional "pitch" of their idea (like you would see on ABC's Shark Tank). It is free to HFA students, register at www.hfli.org/workshops.

HFA's Robotics Team, Ford FIRST Team 1250 prepares their robot for upcoming competition



Students in Ms. Williams' Foundations in Innovation class learn about careers in creative arts such as photography and design

9th Grade Career Visits @ THF

During their freshmen year, 9th grade students at HFA will explore various careers through their Foundations in Innovation class. Students learn about careers in various fields, ultimately building up to their Junior Workshop class, Senior Practicum Internship, and Senior Workshop and Defense. The students will visit the Henry Ford's Photography Studio, The Benson Ford Research Center, The "Innovation Nation" Film Set, Web Design Dept. and Event Planning. Ask your student if any of the careers sparked their interest and get them thinking about what they want to be when they grow up!

Cocoa and Cram! There will be a special final exams study session for 9th graders called Cocoa and Cram on Tuesday, November 28th, 4-5 pm in the Museum Campus

What is the STAR Report that was sent Home?

The STAR test is a nationally recognized Universal Screener and Progress Monitoring Test that is given several times each year at HFA. Students took the test in the first month of school. The results were sent home to keep students and parents current on their performance on the test in Math and Reading. The test will be measured again in March. We will begin to build growth reports showing students' progress between the STAR assessments. If your student needs extra help in their math and reading skills, please contact your teacher or check in with dgraves@hfa-dearborn.org to discuss options.

Students in the spring elective Food and Agriculture look at Agricultural Innovations from the 1890's at Greenfield Village's Firestone Farm.