Trimester 2 is Here!

The first trimester has finally come to a close. With final exams out of the way and report cards in the mail, students are settling in with new classes and new teachers. Now is a chance for students to re-focus on the theme of Work Hard - Be Nice. The new winter Trimester is a chance for students to either "start fresh" or keep up the great work. Here are some important dates to remember:

December / January Calendar

Dec. 10 - Open House for Class of 2024, 4-6pm in Museum Campus (No HWK Lab)

Dec. 12 - Paying for College Night 4-6pm Museum Campus

Dec 18 - Annual Title 1 Meeting, 5:30pm, Museum Campus

Dec 19 - Heritage Food Festival and Winter Music and Dance Performances

Dec 21 to Jan 5 - Winter Recess

Jan 12 (Sunday) - Open House for Class of 2024 1-3pm Museum Campus

Jan 20 - MLK Day - No School

Jan 22 - All Staff Conference - No School
HFA Winter Reminders

As the weather changes, HFA’s beautiful outdoor Village campus becomes a winter wonderland. Here are a few important reminders:

1.) Dress Warm - have layers and be prepared to move indoor and outdoor throughout the course of the day, especially if you have a cross-campus walk

2.) We still follow dress code - teachers will ask you to take off hats, coats, non-HFA hoodies, etc in class - please do so

3.) No throwing snow or ice, and no one is allowed near the water

4.) Know the gate times - students can no longer cut through Greenfield Village if late or needing to get picked up, therefore be sure of gate times for pick up or drop off (they are listed under Quicklinks on the HFA website).

5.) Stay tuned to HFA’s Remind text alerts, website, mass emails, and other communications for school closures, as well as local news stations

HFA sophomore Hayder Alsafi and Senior Tyson Fergerson enjoy the early November snow!

Homework Lab Rules

HFA’s after school homework lab has grown in popularity and is a great chance to get help or extra study time. Here are few rules that all students must follow:

1.) Be On Time: HWK Lab opens at 3:50, all students are seated by 4:00 and the door is locked, no students are allowed after 4:00

2.) Get Picked Up On Time: Parents must have students picked up by 5:00 at dismissal, continued late pick up will result in dismissal from HWK Lab.

3.) In A Seat: Students will be seated as they arrive and students cannot move around

4.) Be Working: HWK Lab is not a social event and students must be productive

5.) Three Strikes and You’re Out: if you have 3 behavior violations you will no longer be allowed at HWK Lab

Above: 9th graders in Ms. Felton’s class make their own graduation "pact" based on their class novel The Pact about a group of students who promise to become doctors against all odds.

Did You Know?

Important school information is communicated through the Remind app. You can receive messages by texting @hfa1997 to 81010. You can also have the messages translated into different languages by tapping the “see translation” button.
Edgenuity is a new on-line course program and curriculum for students at HFA. It replaces and upgrades Odysseyware, the former on-line course provider. In college, your student will most certainly be taking an online course - this gets them ready for a new way of learning. Edgenuity offers a variety of virtual courses, some to recover credits and others as alternate and challenging elective courses. The courses are interactive, rigorous, and students can work at their own pace. Students can access Edgenuity by clicking on "quick links" in the upper right of the HFA website. Each student enrolled in an on-line class has a login. HFA on-line classes have certified teachers reviewing student work.

What is Liveschool?

Positive Behavior Intervention Systems are designed to reward students for doing the right thing. Liveschool is a PBIS app that will help HFA recognize positive behaviors. 9th grade parents will be the first to experience this powerful parent-student-teacher communication tool. Liveschool is a way for parents and teachers to communicate about student behavior, participation, and classroom involvement. Parents can track student progress and points. Students and Parents can check the app periodically and there will be prizes as students accumulate points. Each parent and student will receive login information for Liveschool.
HFA's 2019 Career Exploration Day!

On Friday, November 15th, HFA held its annual Career Exploration Day in Lovett Hall at The Henry Ford. Grades 10-12 were able to visit real-world presenters from a variety of STEM-related fields. Students were able to learn about careers in the fields such as medicine, skilled trades, physical therapy, and engineering. According to HFA's School Counselors, Ms. Gibbs and Ms. Fegerson, "The goal of Career Exploration Day was to educate students about various STEAM careers and to spark the interest of students who are unaware of what career path they want to follow." Each year students participate in a career day focused on a different career "cluster" or pathway.

Title 1 Annual Meeting
December 18, 5:30pm

HFA's annual Title 1 Meeting will be held on December 18 from 5:30-6:30pm at HFA's Museum Campus. At the meeting parents will be able to give input on HFA's Title 1 Program and Parent Involvement Plan. Programs funded by state and federal dollars such as Math ParaPro, Curriculum Coordinator, Homework Lab, Summer School, STEM Saturdays, Parents-As-Partners Week, and other programs will be discussed. Also we will gather parent input targeted at improving student performance and parent involvement. All are welcome!

Students and Parents: Sign up for important HFA text message updates and info by texting @hfa1997 to 81010