**Trimester 1 - The Home Stretch**

With Spirit Week, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Progress Reports and all the excitement of the beginning of the school year behind us, the first report card marking is right around the corner. There are just 3 weeks left in Trimester 1 after Halloween. Final Exams are set for November 22 (Block 5 only), November 25 (1,2, Half Day) and November 26 (3,4, Half Day). For many 9th graders this will mark their first experience final exams. One of the themes for this school year is Work Hard (along with Be Nice). Here are a few tips for finishing the Trimester with purpose and focus:

1. **Check your grades and talk to your teachers** - it’s better to be proactive now about missing or late work
2. **Start studying now** - teachers will give you study guides, but start reviewing notes, returned work, readings, and unit test materials; don’t wait until the last second - use flashcards or Quizlet decks or form a study group with classmates; use on-line videos like Khan Academy to help understand things.
3. **Use Academic Coaching and Homework Lab to get extra help** - don't procrastinate! Only hard work will get you to your goals!

**What is the Senior Mastery Process?**

The Senior Mastery Process (SMP) is the capstone experience at HFA . . . our graduates consistently say it is one thing that truly sets them apart from their classmates in college. So what is it? After a career exploration course (Junior Workshop), all HFA students must complete a 75 hour internship at the career of their choice. This is an off-site experience (Senior Practicum). In cooperation with their "adult partner", students develop a unique product. Next, they complete extensive research on their career and present their research and product to a panel in a doctoral-style "defense" (Senior Workshop). This experience sets HFA graduates apart from others and gets their foot into the real world of the workplace. Questions? contact Sandy Kesavan - skesevan@hfa-dearborn.org
Ask Your Student What They're Reading in ELA Class!

Reading is a lot like exercise - you have to keep doing it every day to get better and better. Students at HFA are asked to work out their reading muscles at home, in addition to their in-class reading. Students are assigned class-wide novels, such as To Kill a Mockingbird, Of Mice and Men, The Book Thief, and Their Eyes Were Watching God - or plays like Romeo and Juliet and The Crucible. Or they are given choice novels, usually high interest, where they read in a Literature Circle group. These discussion books include books like Speak, The Hate U Give, Fahrenheit 451, and Wonder. Literature Circles are like mini-book clubs, where students meet and discuss the various themes and ideas in the books. It is important that students have a quiet space to read. Research shows that multi-tasking while reading does not work - so it's best to have no technology (especially phones) and no distractions while reading. If you have Curriculum questions, contact your ELA teacher or dgraves@hfa-dearborn.org

Dates to Know: November and December

10/31: Halloween Town Hall (report to Museum in morning, costumes allowed for school - no masks, no inappropriate costumes)
11/5: No School - Voting Day
11/5: Sports Boosters Bowling Fundraiser
11/19: Cocoa and Cram Study Session
11/22: Block 5 Exams
11/25: Half Day - Exams 1,2
11/26: Half Day - Exams 3,4
12/4: Annual EL Meeting, 6pm Museum
12/21-1/6: Winter Recess

IDs must be worn at all times to access all school campuses, $5 for initial replacement, $10 for additional replacements

Above: 9th graders had special notes of encouragement and inspiration put on their lockers by upperclassmen in the LINK Crew!

Did You Know?
Student Lunch and other fees must be paid in MiStar Parent Connect. Parents must know their login and have a Paypal account. Email dmiller@hfa-dearborn.org for account info.
Winter Clubs and Sports: 12 Ways for Students to be Involved:

Research shows that students who are involved get better grades and are happier. Henry Ford Academy has a number of new clubs and activities that are just getting under way:

1.) **Gaming Club** - play video games at school!!! Nov. 7, Quenon’s room 4-5, contact dquenon@hfa-dearborn.org
2.) **Friends Group** - hang-out, have fun, play board games, Ms. Vander mvander@hfa-dearborn.org
3.) **Basketball Try-Outs** - Nov. 11-13 (Girls), 18-20 (Boys) HFC Gym 4-5:30, jhachigian@hfa-dearborn.org
4.) **GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Club** - learn the technology behind geo-mapping - Tuesdays in Ms. K’s Lab (Village)
5.) **Grease, the Musical - Drama Club!** contact dcain@hfa-dearborn.org
6.) **Booster Club Events** - Bowling Event on Nov. 5th contact jhachigian@hfa-dearborn.org for tickets
7.) **Book Club** - Read, read, read (and hang-out and discuss) Nov. 5th in Museum, 4-5, contact njosey@hfa-dearborn.org
8.) **Gators Track Club** - run, run, run jawilliams@hfa-dearborn.org
9.) **Peer to Peer** - support other students in your HFA community, pclemons@hfa-dearborn.org
10.) **Photography Club** - explore the world of photography, contact jkoslowski@hfa-dearborn.org
11.) **GSA Club Movie Night** - “Love, Simon”, November 15, 4-5:45, $1 Admission, concessions
12.) **BBG (Bold, Beautiful Girls) & BOB (Band of Brothers) Clubs** - contact nbarr@hfa-dearborn.org or thaney@hfa-dearborn.org

Give Back! Community Service @ HFA!

HFA believes that part of being a Navigator includes giving back to the community. All HFA students must have 40 hours of community service to graduate. These hours can be completed at local food banks, community organizations, child care centers, or retirement homes. But there are numerous other ways students get community service hours. If you have questions about what qualifies, ask Ms. Carr at ccarr@hfa-dearborn.org. There are community service logs in both offices as well as mailboxes to turn in the completed forms. All hours will be verified and must be signed by the event supervisors. Students and parents can check their hours also by emailing ccarr@hfa-dearborn.org.

Did You Know?
HFA’s Heritage Food Festival in December asks students to prepare foods that represent Holiday or family traditions. We have a school-wide feast at the end of the day and share our diverse foods and traditions.

HFA Students in Mr. Koslowski’s Honors US History class study the agricultural history of the United States in a hands-on manner in Greenfield Village.
English Language Learner Annual Meeting

Did You Know? Homework Lab continues to run Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 4-4:50pm, every week in the Museum Campus ELA/SSSt Classrooms. There are always three teachers staffed and always someone who can help with math or ELA

Meet Your HFA College Adviser: Ms. Ollis!

Henry Ford Academy is entering its 3rd year in the MCAN (Michigan College Access Network) program, which allows HFA to have a fully dedicated College Adviser. Henry Ford Academy continues to have 100% of graduates accepted to a college or university, or military or skilled trade program and out-performs the State of Michigan in post-secondary enrollment. We are thrilled to have Ms. Kendra Ollis. A graduate of Grand Valley State University, Ms. Ollis has enjoyed her time so far at HFA, helping seniors to explore career and school interests, apply for college, visit colleges, and apply for scholarships and Financial Aid (FAFSA). She will also work with juniors and sophomores to help them explore their career interests. Ms. Ollis also commented, "the thing that surprises me is how dedicated the students are . . . many already have applied for college or had an idea of where they wanted to go to college." She says HFA students are very "inquisitive and open-minded" about the college experience. Welcome to HFA!

Did You Know? On Tues., April 14th, all HFA students grades 9-11 will take the PSAT or SAT? These are important tests for College admittance; Seniors will have a community service / college visit day (non-attendance)

HFA students celebrate the completion of the Rouge River Oxbow Project with local media and dignitaries - Dr. Leclerc's Ecology of the Oxbow class was present for the dedication ceremony

English Language Learner Annual Meeting

There will be a meeting for English Language (EL) enrolled students on Wednesday, Dec 4, 2019 at 6:00pm in the Performance Room of the Museum Campus. According to Title II and State and Federal Regulations, all students who have indicated they have a Home Language other than English in their initial enrollment are eligible for support services. All EL students have been notified via mail of their qualification for services. At HFA we celebrate diversity in language and see it as an asset, not a hindrance. The meeting will review the services HFA provides as well as the annual WIDA test and exit qualifications. We will also discuss Bi-Lingual Endorsed Diplomas. All are welcome!

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