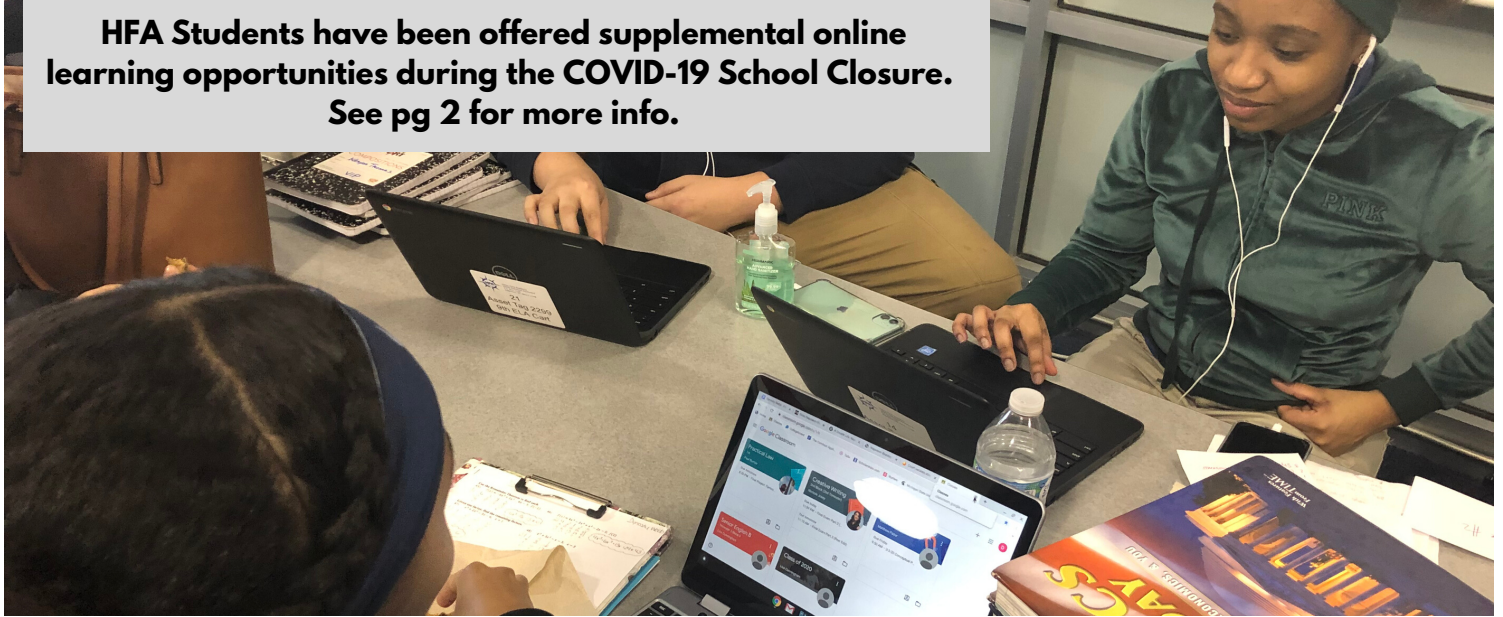




HFA Curriculum News

News About Learning & Doing at
Henry Ford Academy - March 2020

HFA Students have been offered supplemental online learning opportunities during the COVID-19 School Closure. See pg 2 for more info.



COVID-19 School Closing: Hang in There Navigators!

Dear HFA Families, Parents/Guardians, and Students,

These are surely unprecedented times in our history. Despite all of the things happening with the COVID-19 virus, the safety and education of our HFA students remains at the forefront. First, be sure to stay home and follow the Governor's recommendations on when and why to leave home. If you or someone you know needs food, please see the resources on our website: www.hfa-dearborn.org. Last week you may have received some mixed messages about on-line learning. As the Governor announced, **on-line learning will count** and the work you have been doing is not in vain - please continue to work with your teachers, contact your teachers, and - parents - please feel free to communicate with teachers. Please contact jkuhowski@hfa-dearborn.org with questions about

your student's gmail account. There are a variety of resources on the HFA website in HFA News. We also feel it is important for HFA students to feel connected. Please encourage your student to participate in the Spirit Week we are planning for next week. Things are changing day-to-day, to get Remind messages and updates, please text @hfa1997 to 81010. Please reach out with any questions you may have.

Love you much and take care,

- Ms. Christmas and HFA Staff



Spirit Week is back! Next week we will have a school wide Spirit Week. Students can post pictures and participate in a variety of ways virtually (see page 4)

This is an example of a Google Classroom page. It contains assignments and students can submit their work here also. Teachers can email and communicate with students through Classroom also

Parent's Guide: HFA's On-Line/Virtual Learning Opportunities

HFA wants the learning process to continue during this unexpected school closure. Teachers are working hard to prepare lessons for students. Most assignments and lessons occur through **Google Classroom**, but a few teachers use **Moodle** or personal websites. Your student should have a join code for Google Classroom to be a part of the class. They can contact their instructor via HFA email if they need that code. Please see the following to help your student be successful.

Need Access to your student's gmail account username and password? jkuhowski@hfa-dearborn.org

Need access to technology/computer? mflannery@hfa-dearborn.org

Need information about low cost internet? ccarr@hfa-dearborn.org

Important emails go to parent emails on file and students' gmail accounts, please contact cmorrison@hfa-dearborn.org to correct or update personal email. We suggest that students have a daily schedule (see page 4) and routine. It is hard to keep high schoolers on a routine, especially if parents are at work, however, we all need to work together to make learning continue. It is important that students follow proper on-line behavior and **keep comments positive and appropriate**. For all grades, there is an SAT Prep Google Classroom, with the join code: p77ib5c. HFA teachers are also planning activities to keep students engaged with the school community. If your student needs access to their counselor or social worker, please contact: sgibbs@hfa-dearborn.org (9-10), credwine@hfa-dearborn.org (11-12) or svander@hfa-dearborn.org (social worker).

Did You Know?

Remind: You can receive important school info and messages by texting @hfa1997 to 81010. You can also have the messages translated into different languages by tapping the "see translation" button



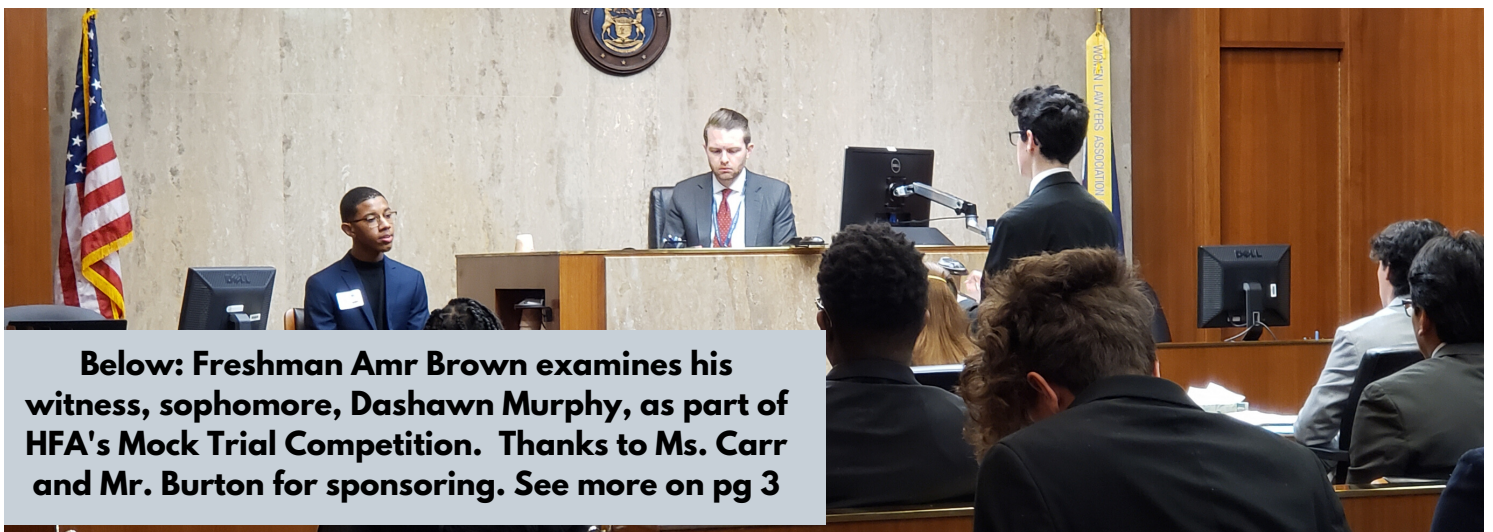
Learning by Doing! Students in Ms. DeAlmeida's STEAM I class create a contraption for the Egg Drop Challenge

Link Crew Applications

What is Link Crew? The Boomerang Project is a program that is run in over a thousand schools in a dozen countries. Link Crew is a high school transition program that welcomes freshmen and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their high school experience. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, our high school transition program trains mentors from our junior and senior classes to be Link Crew Leaders. As positive role models, Link Crew Leaders are mentors and student leaders who guide the freshmen to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to high school and help facilitate freshman success. Please email bosborne@hfa-dearborn.org for info and the application

Mock Trial Completes a Successful Season!

On Saturday, February 29th, Henry Ford Academy once again sent its Mock Trial teams to the Oakland County Regional Competition. The team was advised by Mr. Burton and Frau Carr, with support from Frank Moran and Jessica Zacharski, lawyers from Ford Motor Company. They started preparing for competition in October, learning objections and other basics of trial. They then spent hundreds of hours analyzing witness statements, stipulations, and legal documents, and assumed the roles of the lawyers and the witnesses in the case. At trial, our teams compete against other schools to determine who can argue the case more successfully. Our teams get first-hand legal knowledge by getting to act out an actual, full-length trial. We are so proud of our teams and their hard work!!



Below: Freshman Amr Brown examines his witness, sophomore, Dashawn Murphy, as part of HFA's Mock Trial Competition. Thanks to Ms. Carr and Mr. Burton for sponsoring. See more on pg 3

Did You Know?

There is a list of all "Feeding Sites" in Wayne County on the Wayne County RESA webpage www.resa.net and linked on the HFA Webpage: www.hfa-dearborn.org

Did you Know? On-line Learning requires students to behave virtually in a respectful manner just like they would in face-to-face classrooms. Please follow these rules: **No negative comments or profanity in class discussions, No photos or images that are offensive or inappropriate, No offensive jokes, making fun, or bullying behavior**

HFA's Quarantine Spirit Week!

To keep everyone involved in HFA and to keep spirits up, students can participate in HFA's Spirit Week, the week of March 29-April 2. Students can participate by sending photos of themselves participating.

Monday, March 29 - Pajama Day (you might already be doing this)

Tuesday, March 30 - Halloween in March (dress in your favorite costume, school appropriate)

Wednesday, March 31 - Quarantine Royal Ball (dress to impress! we will also reveal the royal court)

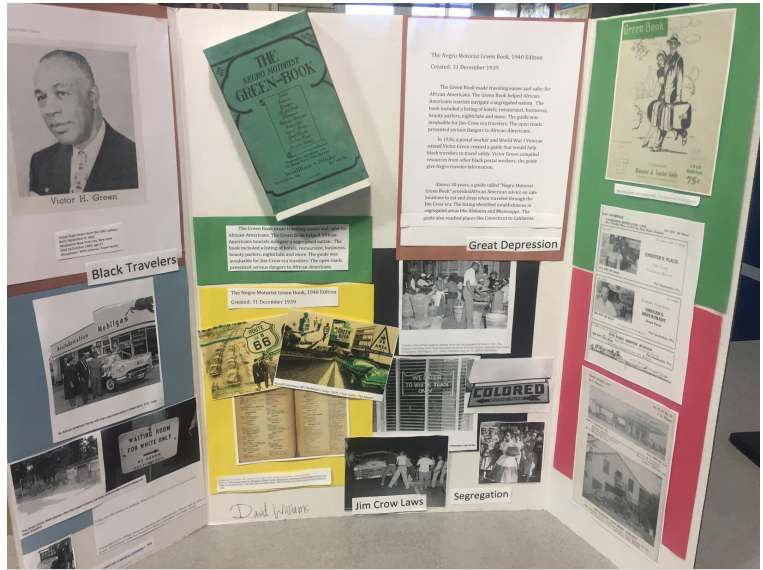
Thursday, April 1 - Social Distance Twin Day (send SEPERATE pictures with your virtual twin, keep social distance!)

Friday, April 2 - School Spirit (wear school colors, jerseys, class t-shirts, etc. Each grade level will also hold their Fish Awards. Check your email for details).

To participate: email pictures to Ms. Josey or Frau Carr or post them on TikTok or Instagram using BOTH #hfaspiritweek AND YOUR CLASS #hfaspiritweek20, #hfaspiritweek21, #hfaspiritweek22, #hfaspiritweek23, pictures must be appropriate, school rules and consequences apply

There will a prize TBD for the class with best participation.

Also: You can vote at the following link, or in your Google Classrooms on what Mr. Burton should do with his beard. Results will be revealed, Friday, April 2nd:
<https://forms.gle/UjoxHaKkRmfwpq1p8>



Above: Students in Ms. Felton's ELA 9 classes created projects reflecting their understanding of the "Big Ideas" or Themes in *To Kill A Mockingbird*

Sample Home Schedule

We know! It is hard to keep teenagers engaged in this unstructured time. We also know some parents are going in to work as essential employees (thank you!). Here is a suggested schedule to consider:

9am - Breakfast
10am - Chores
11am - HFA's On-Line Learning
12pm - Lunch
1pm - Physical Activity / Exercise
2pm - HFA's On-Line Learning / Silent Reading Time
4pm - Free Time (Screen Time / Family Time)

It is important to keep your teen's sleep cycle somewhat normal - avoid late nights of TV, screen time or video games and then sleeping in until late the next day. This also a great time to learn life skills: cooking, cleaning, etc.