Raising the Bar: Taking Students from Good to Great

With Trimester 1 report cards coming out last week, students can either keep up the good work - if things went well - or re-focus on getting back on track. Sometimes students get frustrated because they think some students are just naturally "smart", but what they don't see is all of the hard work. Being successful in high school takes a commitment to being laser-focused during school, setting aside time to study and do homework after school, staying organized, and not being afraid to ask questions. As teachers, we call this a Growth Mindset - meaning you always want to grow, get better, and you don't give up easily. Talk to your student about raising the bar for 2018. Ask about your student's goals for college and career and how they plan to get there. Part of that conversation should include getting good grades and learning a lot in high school. HFA wants the best possible future for each student... let's work together to start 2018 with a commitment to academic excellence!

Fish Awards are Coming!

After each Trimester, each grade level recognizes students who stand out in the classroom. These award ceremonies also include awards for students who embody the Fish Philosophy: Play, Make Their Day, Be There, and Choose Your Attitude! This is based on the lessons from the Pike Place Fish Market in Seattle, WA. Great job to all those recognized!

Left: HFA’s CyberPatriots Club competed Friday, December 9th and are looking forward to the upcoming State Competition!
FREE SAT Prep Saturdays Are Coming!

The SAT test for HFA Juniors is rapidly approaching (April 10th, 2018). The PSAT 9 and 10 is the same day. HFA is offering free SAT prep classes on six (6) Saturdays in February and March. Students must commit to good attendance to participate in the program.

February 3, 10
March 3, 10, 17, 24
9am-12noon, HFA Museum Campus

The program is open to 11th, 10th, and 9th graders but first priority is given to 11th graders. If interested, email dgraves@hfa-dearborn.org

Above: Students explore the Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) behind PIXAR: thanks to The Henry Ford for allowing all HFA students to visit and be inspired

What is Google Classroom?

Many HFA teachers are using Google Classroom to share class information with their students. Students can interact with Google Classroom using any Internet connected device (computer, tablet, chromebook, phone) to see their current assignments, upcoming assignments, keep track of due dates and also assignments that are done or not done. Parents and guardians can sign up to receive a daily or weekly email that will include: Missing work (Work that’s late at the time the email was sent), upcoming work, announcements, assignments and questions recently posted by teachers to students. Email your student’s teacher for more info. Once the teacher ‘invites’ you to the class you will receive an email to join. Follow the instructions in the email to join and choose daily or weekly updates.

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