



September 2021

Curriculum News

News About Learning & Doing at Henry Ford Academy

Welcome Class of 2025!

Hello and Welcome Navigators! We hope you all had a relaxing and adventurous summer. Enjoy these everyday back-to-school tips to ensure a successful school year:

- Stay organized! Use a planner or binder regularly to keep track of your schoolwork and other commitments
- Get enough sleep! Recommended 7-10 hours every night.
- Always keep your technology charged & bring any chargers!
- Follow HFA Covid Protocols (wear a mask, watch your distance & crowd size, and wash your hands)
- Track your grades regularly! (daily or weekly)
- Get involved with activities/clubs/sports!
- Work hard! Be Nice! Always!

The Bench Project

On July 14th, 2021, the Bench Project which began October 2019, prior to the Coronavirus Pandemic was completed. Mentored by Mrs. Sheila Vander, HFA students earned community service hours creating a Bench Committee to collect, wash, sort, and weigh bottle caps and lids to create a 250lbs, 8 foot Blue Bench made from 100% recycled plastics. The Bench Committee included Zach Montez, Lloyd Wilson, Mackenzie Hylton, Tyler Davis, Alex Corbin, Kennedy Wilson, Shayla Wilson, Yahir Hernandez-Herrera, who all worked hard to make this bench a reality. The Bench is now sitting under a tree by the 12th-grade site in the Village Campus.

A special note from Mrs. Vander:

"Thanks to all who collected Plastic bottle caps and lids, especially the 9th grade teachers, including Ms. Heather Scott, Ms. Brittany Osborne, Mr. Sean Albert, Ms. Diana Felton, Mr. Joe Manzella, Ms. Deanna Baldwin, Ms. Jackie Williams, retired science teacher. Also, last but not least, a retired biology teacher, Doc Leclerc and his wife. Doc (Bob) Leclerc and Mrs. Leclerc came to the school to weigh the collection and provided us With the money to purchase the bench from the Ecology Club. Many people contributed to the success of this project. Thank you!!"



Important Dates:

September 15th

HFA Board Meeting @ 8:00AM

(Please see HFA website for more information)

September 27th-30th

Parents-As-Partners Week

(Check your emails for more information)



Leaving Staff

Sheila Vander

Sheila Vander has moved to "sunny California". Sheila was our first full time social worker. She worked hard on many programs and left a new bench for the Village Campus that was purchased with the bottle top campaign. HFA staff and students will miss her greatly.

Sandy Kesavan

Sandy Kesavan has decided to retire after more than two decades at Henry Ford Academy. Congratulations Sandy! Sandy will be greatly missed. Sandy has filled multiple roles over the years: English instructor, Technology coordinator, and Senior Practicum director. She has placed over two-thousand students into a work-based learning environment. This program, known to us as SMP, has received awards and been presented at many state and national conferences.



New to the HFA Staff

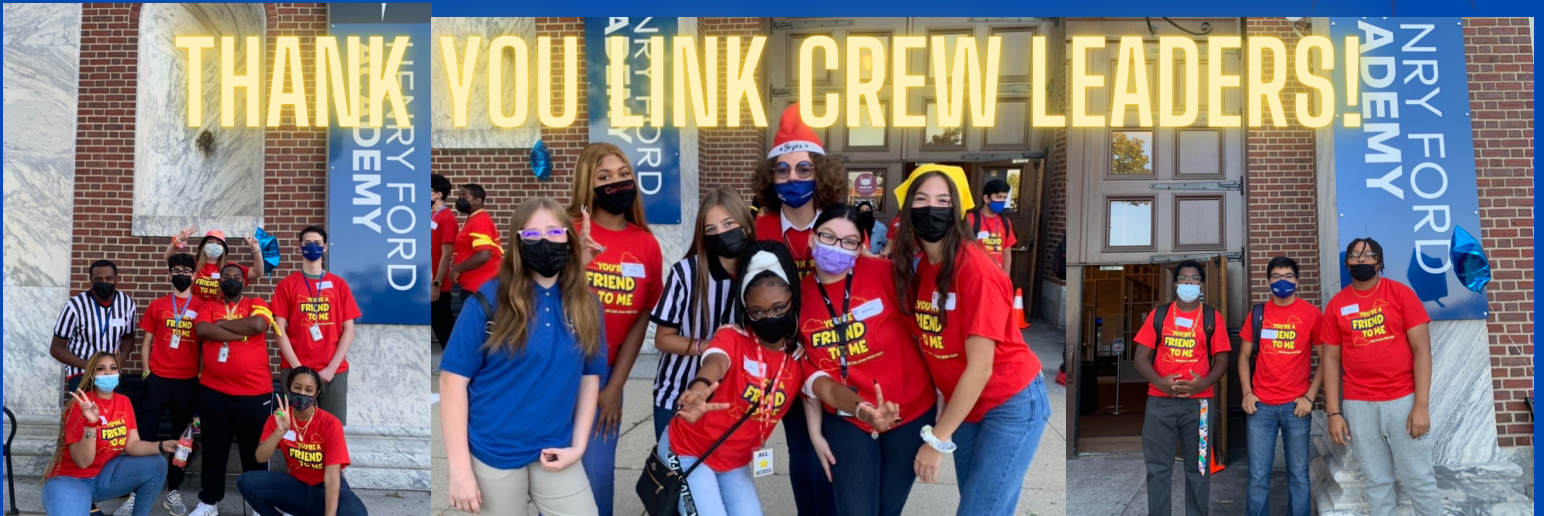
Mrs. Williams
English

Mrs. Jordan
*9th Grade
Monitor*

Mrs. Aska
Social Worker

Ms.
*College
Advisor*

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Link Crew is a high school transition program where Juniors and Seniors welcome freshmen to school to make them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their high school experience. For more information on how to join for next school year, please visit <https://hfa-dearborn.org/athletics-activities/activitiesclubs/link-crew/>.