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Making a Difference in the Dominican Republic (March 22-28)

Fordson's Interact Club provided needed community service and supplies in the D.R. The busy students visited an international high school, aided a Haitian refugee orphanage, painted an elementary school, and learned about the environmental threat to the area's tourism industry at the Ecological Foundation. Thanks to Interact members and sponsors (Ms. Ayoub & Ms. Naura) for extending Fordson's family internationally.



KEY CLUB STUDENTS EXCEL AT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

By: Ali Fakih

Members of Key Club attended the 64th annual Michigan District of Key Club Student Leadership Conference (SLC) in Traverse City March 13-15. Key Clubbers from all over Michigan came to celebrate a year in service work. It started with early morning workshops and continued with late night dancing. Fordson High School Key Club also received awards for their hard work and dedication to projects. Key Club's bulletin editor, Mohamad Ahmed, received "Bulletin Editor of the Year." Sarah Nassar, Key Club treasurer received "Treasurer of the year," Zeinab Bazzoun received the poster award, and Mohamad Abdulghani received a scholarship award. FHS Key Club was also honored with the single service award and received 2nd place for the best scrapbook. Last but not least, Ms. Zriek received the Greg Smith Faculty advisor of the year award. Congratulations Ms. Zriek!

Did You Know?

- Did you know that when lightning strikes it can heat up to 54,000° F?
- Did you know that John Wayne’s nickname is “The Duke?”
- Did you know that the 1st full length animated film was *Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs* and it was released by Disney Studios in 1937?
- Did you know that Ronald Reagan starred in the TV series *Death Valley Days*?
- Did you know that Kurt Russell guest starred in the western TV series *Gunsmoke* when he was a child?
- Did you know that Theodore Roosevelt had a pet bear?
- Did you know that the human eye can distinguish about 10 million different colors?
- Did you know that actor Tim Allen grew up in Birmingham, Michigan and attended Western Michigan University?
- Did you know that you blink around 15,000 times a day?
- Did you know that the Killer Whale is actually a type of dolphin?
- Did you know that cheetahs cannot roar?
- Did you know that you share your birthday with 90 million others?
- Did you know that a hummingbird’s heart beats at over 1,000 times a minute?
- Did you know that grapes explode when you put them in the microwave? (Don’t try it at home)
- Did you know that in 2013, Belgium issued a limited edition of chocolate flavored stamps?
- Did you know that the smell of chocolate increases theta brain waves, which triggers relaxation?

By: Mirvat Chammout

The Business Professionals of America



The Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference was held on Saturday, March 21st in Grand Rapids. Students competed in a variety of events and had the opportunity to network with over 2400 students from other Michigan schools. Students attended business-related workshops and talked with several universities.

Fordson was represented by six students (left to right in photo): Bashar Midani, Mariam Makki (Michael Berry Career Center), Amira Haidar, Laila Saad, Maram Mohammed, and Mohammed Charara.

Bashar Midani placed 5th in the state in the Fundamental Word Processing category. This qualifies him to go to the National BPA conference in Anaheim, California this coming May. We want to congratulate all of the students who attended as well as our BPA sponsor Mrs. Richards.

Outstanding FHS Students!



Fordson Student Wins Rosa Park Scholarship

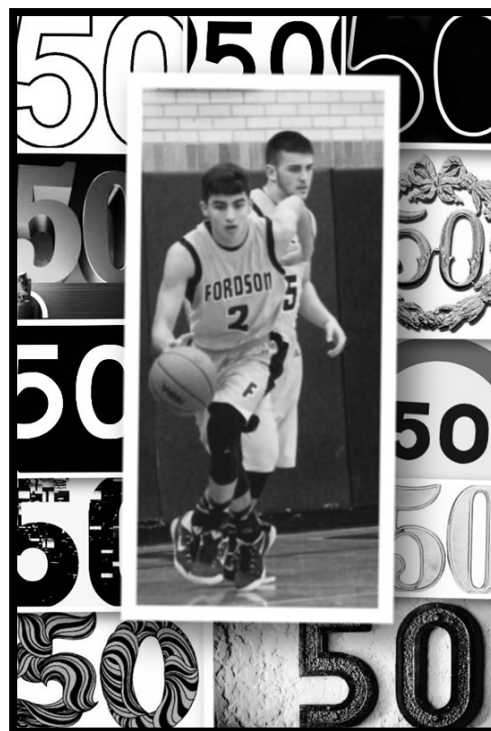
By: Asmaa Abdouny

Congratulations to Mariam Sareini for receiving the Rosa Park's scholarship from the civil rights organization CAIR. On March 8, 2015, Mariam attended the annual banquet at Burton Manner in Livonia, where she was awarded \$500 for the scholarship. "When I first found out I won, I was very excited. However, more importantly, I was honored to be given a scholarship that carries on the legacy of Rosa Parks" says Mariam.

Fabulous 50!

By: Asmaa Abdouny

On Tuesday March 6th, Muhammed Zahr helped lead the team to victory against Garden City by a score of 69-34. He also broke the single game scoring record with 50 points, which was once held by Dan McDougall and Rojelio Grady (49 points each). When asked how he felt about breaking the school record he said, "It feels unreal! When I was in middle school I used to come watch them play, and I've always seen that record. It's funny how things work out because now that's my record." The humble senior has received offers from U of M Dearborn and Madonna University.



AAUW Marge Powell Leadership Award

On Thursday, March 26th the Marge Powell Leadership Award was presented to Fordson Senior, Rodney Dykes from the *American Association of University Women* (AAUW). Rodney was the first male to receive this award from one of Michigan's most prestigious organizations. His leadership and commitment to excellence has made Rodney one of Fordson's standout students. We are proud to call Rodney a Tractor.



Clubs & Organizations

Join the MBCC Family

By: Zainab Alrabiah and Lama Harb

Here at the Michael Berry Career Center we offer students opportunities to get familiar with what career they would like to practice. At the end of each course if a student has met the requirements of the instructor they will receive a course completion certificate along with other certificates such as CPR, and advanced First Aid.

Who is allowed to attend MBCC?

10th, 11th, and 12th graders. We offer classes like: U.S History, for 10th graders; U.S. Government and Economics for 11th graders; Language Arts 7 and Language Arts 8 for 12th graders. We offer unique scheduling tailored to meet requirements and also give opportunities for co-op and dual enrollment. Every student still needs to meet the 6 class requirement.

To join the MBCC family speak to your counselor or email the head teacher here at Michael Berry riggsm@dearbornschools.org. Soon, we will hold a Bring a Buddy to Berry event. If you would be interested in attending this event, see a current MBCC student.

Medical Classes

Medical First Responder will be offered morning, afternoon, or both. It is a 1 hour class.

Medical Assisting will be offered morning and afternoon. This year-long class is a 2- hour block. It prepares students for an entry level position at a medical facility.

Allied Health Occupations is a 2- hour class and will be offered morning and afternoon. Students may take this class 2 years in a row. Second year students will do morning clinical rotations at a medical clinic two days a week.

Sports medicine/ Physical Rehab is a 2-hour class.

If the prevention and treatment of sports injury interests you, then join the sports medicine class. This class is offered in the morning.

Dental Assisting is offered in the afternoon. It is a

2 hour class which requires a 2 year commitment. Second year students will have the opportunity to job shadow area dentists and visit elementary schools and teach oral health to students.

With the medical classes, students are allowed to join the HOSA (Health Occupation Students Of America) organization.

Restaurant/Hospitality

2-3 hour long class. It is offered for 2 years. This class teaches students interested in a career in hospitality. Students are invited to participate in the SKILLSUSA organization.

Software

Software specialist is a 2 hour, 2 year class. Students will learn state-of-the-art software programs to create digital media. Second year students will complete a paid internship.

Design Concepts is a 2-hour long class. MBCC offers design concepts 2D and 3D. Second year students explore historical styles and client-designer relationships. They also create art in series, while developing their own personal vision and design style.

Students may participate in BPA (Business Professionals of America) organization.

Make sure you sign up for a tour in the counselors office to experience a half a day with our students.



Clubs & Organizations

The National Honor Society

By: Reem Aburukba

Mohammed Hamid, a sophomore who’s a member of NHS describes this club as an opportune and enjoyable experience. When he was in middle school, he’d hear his older siblings tell him that NHS would open so many doors for him in the future. “On your application to college when they see NHS there, from the start of your tenth grade year you’ll have a greater chance of getting accepted. Also, since NHS stresses the importance of volunteer work (a mandatory 20 hours per semester) the college or university that you’d like to be accepted to will take your number of volunteer hours into consideration and it can greatly increase your chances of getting in,” notes Hamdi. Hamid also goes on to explain that the volunteer experiences will benefit you in the real world such as helping out at Gleaners and participating in NHS events. He also enjoys the NHS meetings because he can then survey the senior projects and get to know what’s going on with them while al- so looking for inspiration in their ideas for his future senior project. Hamid believes that the purpose of NHS is to help increase maturity and expose the club members to the outside world. This will surely benefit you later in life because NHS can be the one club on your college application that determines and increases the probability of an acceptance.

M-Step to Success

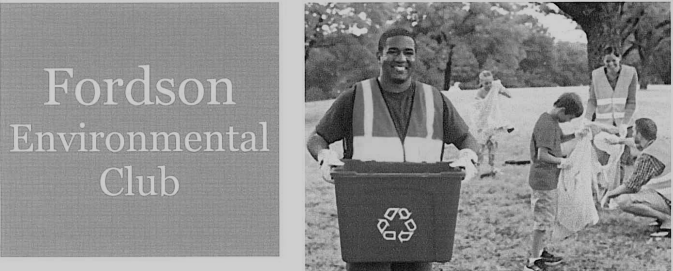
Fordson High School 2015 M-Step Testing Schedule

Everyday Counts!

Tuesday- April 14 th	Thursday- April 16 th
7:20-10:30 M-Step – ELA Juniors & Seniors needing to test	7:20-8:50 M-Step- Science Juniors &Seniors needing to test
All other students report @ 11:00 Hours 1,2,3	All other students report @ 9:30 Follow Late Arrival Schedule below
	No DCMST or MBCC, all students remain at Fordson
Tuesday- April 21 st	Thursday- April 23 rd
7:20-10:30 M-Step – Math Juniors & Seniors needing to test	7:20-8:50 M-Step- Social Studies Juniors & Seniors needing to test
All other students report @ 11:00 Hours 4,5,6	All other students report @ 9:30 Follow Late Arrival Schedule below
	No DCMST or MBCC, all students remain at Fordson

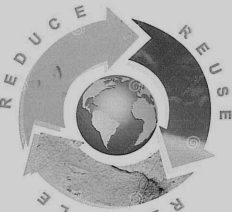
Late Arrival Schedule for Thursday, 4/16 & Thursday 4/23

	1 st hour: 9:40-10:13	
	2 nd hour: 10:18-10:51	
	3 rd hour: 10:56-11:29	
A Lunch: 11:34-11:59	4 th hour B: 11:34 – 11:59	4 th Hour C: 11:34 – 12:29
4 th hour A: 12:04-12:59	B Lunch: 12:04 -12:29	C Lunch: 12:34 – 12:59
	4 th hour B: 12:34 -12:59	
	5 th hour: 1:04-1:37	
	6 th hour: 1:42-2:15	



EASTBORN NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP AND PARK REVITALIZATION



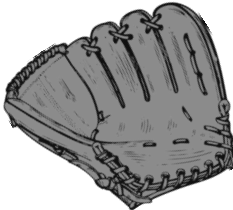
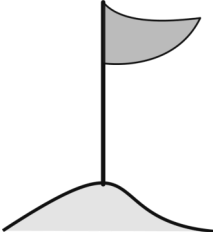
GOAL: TO BRING MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN COMMUNITY
TOGETHER TO REMOVE LITTER FROM NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS AND
TO BEAUTIFY THE ARGYLE-WILLIAMSON PARK.



WHEN: MAY 16, 2015
10:00 AM-3:00 PM

WHERE: ARGYLE-WILLIAMSON
PARK, LOCATED ON COLSON St.

MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED
(GLOVES, PLASTIC BAGS, RECYCLING
BINS ETC.)

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2015 Fordson High School Spring Sport Schedules

Varsity Tennis (Girls)



Monday Mar. 23 Allen Park High School @ Fordson HS 3:00PM
Wednesday Mar. 25 @ Edsel Ford High School Edsel Ford High School 4:00PM
Saturday Mar. 28 @ Wayne Memorial High School (*Tournament*) 8:00AM
Wednesday Apr. 01 @ Belleville High School Belleville High School 4:00PM
Wednesday Apr. 15 Crestwood High School @ Fordson HS 4:00PM
Saturday Apr. 18 (*Hadley Invitational*) @ Fordson HS 8:00AM
Monday Apr. 20 @ Dearborn High School Dearborn High School 4:00PM
Wednesday Apr. 22 Edsel Ford High School @ Fordson HS 4:00PM
Saturday Apr. 25 @ Wayne Memorial High School (*Invitational*) 8:00AM
Tuesday Apr. 28 @ Cass Technical High School (*Belle Isle*) 4:00PM
Wednesday Apr. 29 Belleville High School @ Fordson HS 4:00PM
Friday May. 01 JOHN GLENN H.S. @ Fordson HS 4:00PM
Monday May. 04 Dearborn High School @ Fordson HS 4:00PM
Wednesday May. 06 @ Crestwood High School Crestwood High School 4:00PM
Thursday May. 14 @ Regional 8:00AM
Tuesday May. 19 @ WWAC Conference Meet — WWAC Conference Meet 8:00AM

Varsity Soccer (Girls)

Wednesday Mar. 25 Wayne Memorial High School @ Fordson HS 5:30PM
Wednesday Apr. 01 Monroe High School @ Fordson HS 5:30PM
Monday Apr. 13 Roosevelt High School @ Fordson HS 6:00PM
Monday Apr. 20 Dearborn Riverside AcademyWest @ Fordson HS 5:00PM
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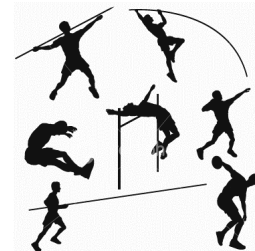
Varsity Track (Girls)



Thursday Apr. 16 @ Dearborn High School Dearborn High School 3:30PM
Tuesday Apr. 21 @ Belleville High School Belleville High School 3:30PM
Saturday Apr. 25 @ Charger Invite at Crestwood Charger Invite at Crestwood 9:00AM
Tuesday Apr. 28 Edsel Ford High School @ Fordson HS 3:30PM
Tuesday May. 05 Romulus High School @ Fordson HS 3:30PM
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Tuesday May. 12 @ Garden City High School Garden City High School 3:30PM
Wednesday May. 20 @ WWAC Conference Meet WWAC Conference Meet 8:00AM



Poetry & Reviews

Stardust HandShake

I cannot explain it. But it happens every time.
My eyes, cold and lost in the maze of cosmic fields,
Each and every one more alluring than the last, whispering
Sweet nothings that abandon me begging for more. A happenstance
Of seemingly unplanned meetings start becoming less about the surprise and
More about the meeting itself. It is of course ridiculous to think that this is all planned,
For we turn to fate only in times of validation, but there is something quite magical about the
Inherent preciousness the stars above exert. Something ... reassuring about the brevity of it all,
How these stars just ... are, existing in the same way that I do, that we all do. Life. A most wonderful
What.

By: Alex Zapien

Treasured Movies

By: Mirvat Chammout

Movies today have changed remarkably. Producers and writers have become more creative throughout the years. However, people today fail to recognize that classic films have inspired current movies. One of the most popular classic films is *Gone with the Wind*, which is an adaption of the prize-winning novel by Margaret Mitchell. This film focuses on the life of a southern girl named Scarlett O'Hara from antebellum society through Reconstruction. She experiences hardships that cause her to see that everything she has can be "gone with the wind". Another classic film is *It's a Wonderful Life*. This film is about a savings-and-loan manager named George Bailey who has given up all of his dreams in order to help

others. George has gone into debt and feels suicidal but his guardian angel helps him see how the lives of the townspeople would be without him. George realizes that no matter how many struggles he must face, he will always have a wonderful life. A heart-warming film that some of you may be familiar with is *The Sound of Music*, which is based on the true story about the Von Trapp Family. This musical classic is about a young woman named Maria who leaves an Austrian convent to become the governess of a naval officer widow's seven children. Maria teaches the children the beauty of music and encourages Captain Von Trapp to bond with his children more. These motion pictures are just some of the many movies that, over time, have transformed into cinematic treasures.

FHS Art Club

By: Mohamad Mansour

The Fordson High School Art Club, which has recently been accepted as a club, had its first meeting 3 weeks ago. The club is held every Tuesday from 2:30-3:00 in Mrs. Curtis' room (F204). Ali Fakhri the founder, who went through a lot to get the club accepted, really wanted students to be able to express art in their own styles.

Here's What He Has To Say...

Why did you start the club? "I started the Art Club because there are many talented students at Fordson who aren't able to fit art in their schedule, so the club gives them the opportunity. It's also a good way to give back to the community through art."

What is the main goal you and your board are trying to reach?

“Our goals are to get more

creative members, so that we can work on bigger and better projects.”

As president and founder of the club, how did you feel when the club was accepted?

"I felt very accomplished. Students can now make art, sculpt, paint, and be able to express their creativity through the one and only Art Club"

What future activities do you plan on working on in the club?

"In the future, we plan on making arts and crafts for the cancer patients at Oakwood hospital as well as displaying student's art work in the Arab-American museum. We will also hopefully have an art wall somewhere in school."

Club advisors: Mrs. Curtis
& Mrs. Patrick

Club representative-
Khalood .A