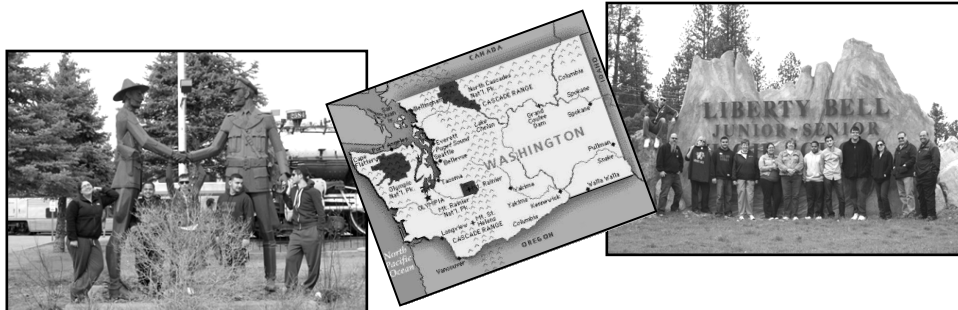


2015 Winthrop, WA Trip Informational Meeting

There will be an informational meeting about the 2015 Winthrop, Washington Trip on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 in A 106 right after school. This is a nine day trip across the wide open expanse of the northern U.S. by train to visit and experience the life of high school students in the remote northern town of Winthrop, Washington. On the trip students will learn about small town life as well as teach lessons about Michigan and Dearborn to elementary children. The trip includes sightseeing, hiking, and horseback riding .



Personally Care For The Homeless...

Donate Travel Size Personal Care Items For The Homeless!

WHAT WE NEED:

Tooth Paste/Brushes
Mouth Wash
Deodorant
Hand Sanitizer
Soap
Shaving Cream
Shavers
Shampoo/Conditioner
Body Spray

Anything that makes you feel better about yourself!

Help The Do Something Club put together care packages to hand out to Detroit's homeless to your 4TH HOUR teacher.

The 4th Hour that collects the most will win a PIZZA PARTY!

Collection through May 30, 2014.

See Ms. Naura (A101) or Mrs. Ayoub (A202) with any questions.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SENIOR YEAR MEMORY?

- ♦ Relay for Life! -Ibtihal Makki
- ♦ Weekends/Breaks- Samar Hojaij
- ♦ My favorite high school memories would definitely be cheering on your football team on Friday nights!
-Zeinab Ayoub
- ♦ Mine was the canned food drive and its success. -Zeinab Berry
- ♦ My favorite memory of senior year was coordinating all senior activities with the student government.
-Mohamed Bazzi
- ♦ Leaving school at 10:30. -Sarah Joni
- ♦ Probably the way I feel like everyone has formed more respect for each other, not realizing that we are all going to separate. -Zainab Ayoub
- ♦ Meeting my girlfriend. -Tarek Awad
- ♦ Meeting new people. -Hassan Almothafer
- ♦ Football games. -Marwa Nasser
- ♦ Walking in the courtyard - feeling good about myself. -Maher Abunab
- ♦ Seeing Malak Srour's face. -Batoul Elkhatib
- ♦ For the first three years of high school you go through many experiences and meet a lot of people. During senior year, you finalize those connections with all the people you have met and get to see where they are going in life, what the future holds for yourself, and the relationships you have made that will continue to grow. - Khoder Daher
- ♦ Taking art classes and having the freedom to be creative with them. -Rukya Almothafer
- ♦ Making connections with the teachers. -Sarah Kodouh
- ♦ Spending time with my friends. -Reem Mansour
- ♦ Attending the Michael Berry Career Center. -Kaylar Braswell
- ♦ Being able to attend all of the senior events. -Nathal Hussein
- ♦ The great teachers at Fordson and DCMST/MBCC. -Mariam Saab
- ♦ The social skills you acquire which help you take on situations outside of school. -Zainab Makki





Summer Film Preview

By Majdy Alkatam

This summer line-up of blockbuster films will not be something to look forward to unfortunately. The upcoming movie, *Earth to Echo* is about an ancient alien species coming from another planet which possesses supernatural powers bonding with a group. The plot is so cheesy that it has made tons of movies and different encounters possible with this kind of situation which dries out the creativity we would be hoping for as an audience. Most of the other movies have also used clichéd plots such as *Policemen* and *Let's Be Cops*. Arguably, there have been better stories featuring special weapons and tactical officers and their dangerous missions including character development on Netflix. The remaining offerings in the summer line-up are all sequels.

However, there is one exception to this. The film *The Giver*, is based on the famous novel written by Lois Lowry. Most people are familiar with this book because it's a required read in middle school. This book definitely had something intriguing about it, and it captured the attention of many middle schoolers who still remember it as adults. Indeed it is creepy and original in its initial form, but the director of this movie decided that *The Giver* was similar to *The Hunger Games* trilogy because of its setting in a weird communist society with some fantasy twists. Regardless of its similarity with *The Hunger Games*, the real comparison that is often dealt with is between the book and the movie. In the movie version of *The Giver*, the setting, age of characters, and the physical traits of characters compared to what was described in the book are quite different and it is disappointing to the fans of the book. This happens often with books that become movies, and it sometimes ruins the book for the audience. Of course, it's Hollywood and sometimes they have to change a few things for entertainment purposes. What the director is just trying to do is make it relevant for a certain demographic which are young adults in this case.



Fordson 2014 Talent Show

Fordson showed off its talents on Friday, May 2nd. Eleven of our most gifted groups of students sang, played the piano, danced and acted in front of a FULL HOUSE! The entertaining show was a great success. Fun was had by all who attended. Joey from 95.5 had fun taking "selfies" with both our hosts and the crowd. If you see any of the following students, congratulate them on their placement in this year's show.



1st: Kamal Mohammed
2nd: Serini Daiwi
3rd: Hanadi Faraj and Aseel Julia Haidar

The Do-Something Club

By: Zeinab Beydoun

Need community service hours? Join The Do-Something Club! The Do-Something Club is a non-profit organization known all across the country. Organized right here at Fordson High School, we had the chance to speak with the Do-Something Club's wonderful sponsor, Ms. Naura, about all of the activities/events going on and how you can help.

The Do-Something Club performs many activities that are beneficial to our community. Some activities in the past included members working at a Pistons basketball game for AIDS benefits, working with children at an at-risk school, and also collecting of 3,000 pairs of jeans for homeless teenagers. Events that are coming up in the remainder of the school year include making and delivering superhero capes for ill children and planting gardens at different senior homes and elementary schools

"It's always good to give back and to remind yourself how fortunate you really are," Ms. Naura says when encouraging students to join the club. When she was asked what motivated her to sponsor the club, she replied, "I try to do community service outside the school as much as I can, so [The Do-Something Club] is my way of bringing it into the building"

The club meets Wednesdays after school in the cafeteria. The Do-Something Club is easy to join and is perfect for anyone in need of community service hours. Ms. Naura says that "anybody is welcome and you get to choose the activities you participate in. You don't have to participate in everything if you don't want to." One of the Do-Something Club's most important goals is to become one of the strongest clubs in the school and to have a consistent group that is student led with the activities that they do. Remember, it's never too late to join!



On May 8th, the Do Something Club delivered handmade superhero capes to the children at Children's Hospital in Detroit. A few select students met with Deanna Scanlon, the Child Life Projects Specialist at the hospital. Ms. Scanlon was very impressed with the Fordson students. The students worked in a positive way, impacting the lives of the patients in the hospital. The club members were deeply touched by her kind words and were very motivated to further assist the hospital in the future. Once again, the Fordson students gave back to the community, affecting the lives of others in a positive way.

Teacher Spotlight: Mr. deBruin

I had the great pleasure of interviewing Mr. deBruin, a 9th grade World History teacher at Fordson. Here's what he had to say.

What caused you to start teaching, and why history in specific?

I started teaching because I love the fact that I can share my passion with others. History has always intrigued me because I was fascinated growing up with why things in the world were the way they were. If you study history you can gain a better insight into some of the current problems that plague us today.

How long have you been teaching and what do you think of it so far?

This is my first year teaching. So far my time here at Fordson has been great, the administration, staff, and students have truly made Fordson my home, and as a former Wayne Memorial Zebra that is tough to say.

What's one thing you want every student you teach to have learned?

That you can accomplish anything if you truly give effort. Some things in life will be easy and some will be hard. The one thing you rarely lose in life regardless of how you attained it is your education. History shows that the more effort you give the more you get no matter what it is you attempt in life.

If you weren't a teacher, what would you have become?

Well I started out wanting to be a pilot. Top Gun was my favorite movie and still is; so I would like to think—a fighter pilot.

How do you believe education will help your students in their futures?

The great Nelson Mandela once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." In today's global economy the most vital thing my students need to have is a quality education. Statistics and history both show that the more education you have the more money you make and while it may not buy happiness, it sure can go along way to alleviating some worries that having no education and little money bring. The worst thing you can do is look back and say "what if" because you didn't want to put in the effort and work now. Trust me, the so called "real world" can be a very unforgiving place, especially with a poor education.



Key Club

Fordson Key Club officers were recognized for their board positions. An installation ceremony took place with the Kiwanis Club of Dearborn. Our retiring officers received trophies for their efforts in making a positive difference in the lives of others; while our new board officers were welcomed with certificates and a description of their new positions.

New board who received certificates:

Ali Zriek
Zahraa Ahmad
Sara Aoun
Waleed Ahmed
Sarah Nassar
Moahmed Ahmed

Retired board that received trophies:

Ali Zriek
Lydia Tiguert
Zahraa Ahmed
Zeinab Berry
Mohammed Abdulghani
Mouhammed Kurdi

Sports

Athletes in the Spotlight

Sameer Mehaidli shows dedication to Fordson football and wrestling by being a motivated team player. Mehaidli is an outstanding athlete and is constantly training to improve his skills. He strives for the top and is always pushing himself to the limits. Mehaidli is always trying to do what is best to be a better team player.

What do you hope to achieve from football and wrestling?

"I hope to achieve success and to have a winning record in both sports."

What is your favorite thing about wrestling?

"My favorite thing would be the teammates and the coaches. They're like my second family."

What/who motivates you and keeps you on track?

"My coaches keep me motivated; they are inspiring and are always doing what is best for the team and me."

What are some things you had to sacrifice to be a member of Fordson football and wrestling?

"I had to be on a completely strict diet to stay healthy and in shape."

By: Ali Fakih

Mohammed Faraj is one of Fordson's varsity athletes who participates in tennis, cross country, swimming, and track. His records in swimming are 200 IM: 2:29, 100 breaststroke: 1:14; in cross country 5k: 17:35; in track 2 mile: 11:08 1 mile: 5:01 He has won several awards including most valuable runner in cross country. Faraj will soon be leaving Fordson and moving on to Michigan State University. He will dearly miss Fordson especially his team and teammates. Mohammed apparently started running because a friend of his told him 'you look like a cross country person'. Faraj is hoping to achieve a healthy living, and possibly run marathons. "Enjoy your experience in Fordson, and make the best of it" says Faraj. Thank you Faraj for your hard work and dedication to Fordson for four years.

By: Israa Ali



Fordson's Track Team

By: Deena Atoui

Coach Berry and Coach Mustafa have dedicated a lot of time to working with this year's track team. They are outside on the track every day after school, training their athletes and assisting those who need extra time and encouragement to improve overall scores. So far, the track team has participated in two meets, resulting in a victory over Crestwood. The team has become a family, and each athlete enjoys every minute of running, even though it can be tough! They have already improved immensely and will continue to build on their skills. Following an intense training schedule of five days a week for an hour and a half each day, we salute Fordson's hard working track team and its devoted coaches.



Original Work

The Gaze of Light and Dark

Gazing through the blue sky,
While the sun shines bright through my gaze
of noon,
Wondering if it may happen before my death.

Gazing through the blue sky,
Wondering of heaven's beauty queen,
As if heaven is never seen,
But was thought through the blessing words of
God.

The sun had set,
Making its wondrous colors,
While we get ready to refresh our new day.

The sun has faded,
Till the dark of night,
Wondering if we will wake up before it's too
late,
Depending on the behavior of that one person.

Not only hope can tell you,
But through prayer and worship,
That maybe you have a chance,
You may come back.

But to think of yourself gaze through the sky,
And to also have a chance,
To start all over again.

By: Hadi Akhdar

Do you love writing or poetry?
Do you want to show off your skills?

**JOIN THE FCOPS
POETRY SLAM!**

June 6th from 4:30 - 6:30 in the auditorium
Meetings are Tuesdays at 2:30 in room A104

All That Remains

Outside, always looking in,
A deafening silence encom-
passes the room.
Inside, never turning
around,
Embellished laughter and
empty smiles fortify a line
of demarcation.

Alone.

The soot amasses dusty
clouds,
Engulfing the couches and
various chairs.
Never to be used, forgotten
and discarded.
Compromising the shadows
of the room, a door appears.

Surrounded.

Walking frantically, naïve
and oblivious.
Stumbling and tripping,
blinded and confused.
Mishandled and abused,
sorrowful and betrayed.
Unmistakable revelations,
outraged and broken.

Deserted.

A familiar place with a fa-
miliar greeting.
The door opens, allowing a
somber outline of light
through.
The door shuts, forming the
ubiquitous umbra of dark-
ness.

Cast away with woeful
abandon, I wait.

All that remains.

By: Alex Zapien

Stay Strong

Climb a thousand steps
To reach the light
Trying to bring your dreams
to life

Boulders tumbling down
I must confess
I don't let that stop
my success

It will be okay, it will be
alright
The wind may knock you
down
But keep your dreams in
sight

Keep on moving on
Don't you slip away
Just push aside everything
they say

Even when your heart comes
crashing down
The walls, they fall apart
Get back off the ground

When you Stay Strong
Your dreams are safe and
sound
Untouchable
Stay Strong

By: Aya M. Beydoun