

# Tower Tribune

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## Dramatic End to Successful Football Season

On Friday, November 3rd Fordson and Cass Tech battled in the second round of the MHSAA playoffs. Fordson scored on an early possession. Cass Tech returned the favor with a score of their own, but Fordson blocked the extra point attempt. Cass Tech stopped the Tractor offense on several possessions, but the defense got a pick six from "Slay" Shajrah. The Tractor defense held with an iron grip, stopping Cass before the first half ended. The score was 14-6 at halftime. Cass Tech came out and scored twice. However this wasn't the end. Fordson came back and scored on Cass, grabbing the two point conversion and allowing Fordson to take a 22-21 lead. While it looked like victory was within Fordson's grasp, Cass Tech came back with five minutes left and scored making it a 27-22 Cass Tech lead. The screams of the crowd could be heard all around the block as it came down to the final ten seconds; as Fordson just narrowly missed their victory over Cass Tech with an incomplete pass in the end zone. Although Friday's defeat was heartbreaking, Fordson ended the year with an impressive overall record of 9-2. ~Fatima Bazzi

## Powerful Pink Out

Fordson took their annual Pink Out event to a new level on Friday, October 27th. Ms. Naura, Ms. Ayoub, and the Interact Club expressed their gratitude for all of the Tractor help and support to make this year's Pink Out the most successful



yet! Raising \$7,500 from t-shirt and hoodie sales, Pink Out gear, and classroom sales, Fordson's generosity shown through, beating both Dearborn High and Crestwood in a friendly challenge. The overall donations for all schools reached over \$12,000.

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### **Choir Concert Review**

By: Zainab Jabber

On October 31st Mr. Laura and his choir classes entertained staff and students. The concert started off with “This is Halloween” from the movie *The Nightmare before Christmas*. Choir members walked down the aisles, creating a creepy atmosphere. Next to perform was the Lowrey choir. The kids sang “Ghost of John”, “Autumn”, and a cover of Michael Jackson’s “Thriller”. Six male soloists sang “Zombie Jamboree”. They really made it so fun and charming to watch. The Men’s Ensemble performed two pirate themed songs, creating a definite change of pace. The Chamber Choir with its combination of girls and boys were on next. It was really cool to see how these kids poured their hearts into this performance. After that was the General Choir, and they sang the “Phantom of the Opera” and did a great job. The Women’s Ensemble sang next, giving a rendition of Fifth Harmony’s “I’m in Love With a Monster” with some great choreography. Finally the Women’s Chorus came on, and they did a cover of “The Time Warp” from *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. They had the crowd on their feet, doing the dance along with them. The concert overall was amazing, and it was obvious how much work was put into this concert by all of those involved.

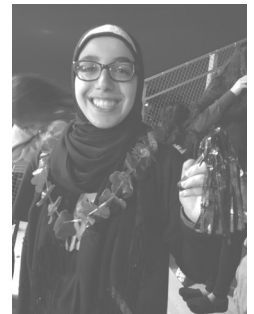
### **Joyful Heart Foundation**

By: Reem Aburukba

The Joyful Heart Foundation (JHF) is an organization, of which I am a member, that meets every Thursday in room A221 after school. The Joyful Heart Foundation aims to raise awareness for victims of domestic and sexual abuse. We also participate in hands-on work with foster children and orphans.

The Joyful Heart Foundation has conducted many in-school fundraisers these past two months. The first fundraiser was donation boxes that are going to the head Joyful Heart Foundation in New York. Our second was the “Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin” fundraiser in which we went around all three lunches and had students guess the weight of the pumpkin for 50 cents, the money collected from this event is going to First Step-- an organization that shelters women who have escaped less than desirable situations and need a place to stay with their children as they get back on their feet. Our last event was selling purple gear at the homecoming game to raise awareness for foster children and victims of domestic abuse. It was a raging success. These events are just the start of what’s to come this year for JHF.

Our upcoming events include a Trunk or Treat at the Child Christ Society, a stuffed animal drive, collecting money for Puerto Rico, and a toy drive in December. If you would like to help out or donate anything, we meet every Thursday in room A221. Hope to see you all there!



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## Girls Golf

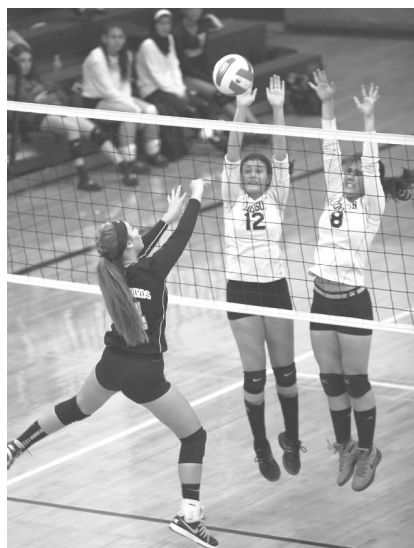
The girls finished their season fourth in the WWAC League. Coach Delgiudice reports that the team improved very much and that he's looking forward to having them all come back next year.

## Boys Tennis

Overall the boys tennis team performed well. They finished with a league record of 4-2-1 and took fourth place in the WWAC. Seniors David Tran and Hilal Bazzi demonstrated good leadership. Coach Nack observed that he saw a lot of improvement from the underclassmen, and he's optimistic about the future. He said, "we have continued our tradition of competing hard and promoting good sportsmanship, which I am very happy with."

## Girls Volleyball

The girls volleyball team finished their regular season with a 3-7 record. This year, the Lady Tractors moved to upper division play within the Western Wayne Athletic Conference. In district play, they won their first game against Cody on Friday, October 27th. The season ended on November 1st with a 3-0 loss to Livonia Franklin.



## Fall Sports Recap



## Cross Country Recognizes Four All League Athletes

The Boys Cross Country Team finished 4-4 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference which was 5th place in the league. Hashem Aljahmi (13th place at the league meet) and Jaafar Sayed (14th place at the league meet) were the 2 boys who made the all league team. Our boys team was very young this year, but their commitment to improving was evident every day in practice. We have high expectations for this group the next couple of years. The underclassman who contributed to the success of the Fordson team included, Kinan Abbasi, Ali Aljahmi, Ali Dabaja, Ali Dabaje, Walid Elfassih, Zakaria Kassem, Mahdy Omari, Tameem Saleh, and WWAC all league member Jaafar Sayed.

The Girls Cross country Team finished 4-3 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference which was 4th place in the league. Jasmine Hamze (5th place at the league meet) and Malaak Zriek (14th place at the league meet) were the 2 girls who made the all league team. Our girls team was anchored by 4 year stand out Jasmine Hamze who was the most consistent runner throughout the year. Sophomore Malaak Zriek was the number 2 runner throughout the year. Malaak was consistent day in and day out and we anticipate that she will step up next year and take over the number 1 spot. We had many other underclass girls who contributed including, Ayat Fadel, Manar Zoulfikar, Hawraa Almayahi, Jasmine Bazzi, Zahraa Harb, and Maryam Shafiekhorassani. The future looks bright for the girls cross country team at Fordson.



Four members of the Fordson Cross Country Team were awarded all league honors for their performance in the WWAC all league meet on October 17th at Nankin Mills Park in Northville. From left to right: Jaafar Sayed 14th place, Hashem Aljahmi 13th place, Malaak Zriek 14th place, and Jasmine Hamze 5th place.



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### Student Spotlight

By: Khadeja Jomaa



I was able to interview Zeinab Farhat, a senior at Fordson, and a rising photographer. She began taking pictures when she was only 12 years old on her iPod, and since then she has come a long way. Her mentor, Ms. Patrick, the Fordson photography and art teacher, has given her feedback on her photos, as well as encouraged her to enter photography competitions. Zeinab has won numerous awards and honors for her amazing photographs. She placed second place at the 12th Annual Congressional Art Competition, has one of her photos displayed on the Jones Soda labels (her photo was one of the 1% of photos chosen), has had her photographs displayed at the Padzieski Art Gallery throughout her high school career, and even had one of her pictures blown up into posters and displayed in downtown Dearborn in a partnership with Sura Arts. Her artistic success has been matched by the success of her schoolwork as can be seen by her 3.9 GPA. Zeinab is also planning on submitting a portfolio for AP Art without taking the class. What an incredibly self-driven individual! After high school, Zeinab wants to double major in photography and business at CCS (College for Creative Studies) in Detroit, and at the University of Michigan- Dearborn. Zeinab's advice to underclassmen is: "Do what you love and just keep doing it." I hope Zeinab has an amazing future and goes on to do all the amazing things that she is capable of.



### Halloween Halls

By: Hanin Elhagehassan



The Fordson faculty and student body's school spirit really showed this Halloween. Falling on a Tuesday, the Pay It Forward club held the "Haunted Hallways" event and sold wristbands that would allow students to wear costumes for \$2. The proceeds were completely donated to the Amity Foundation Thanksgiving Drive. Faculty and students were especially creative this year; it was incredible seeing what everybody came up with. Costumes ranged from gory zombies to everyone's favorite TV/Movie characters. The "Haunted Hallways" fundraiser event was a sure success. Undoubtedly, everybody is anticipating what Fordson has in store for next Halloween.



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### Teacher Spotlight

By: Noor Sami

For the past several years at Fordson, Mr. Shannon, nicknamed by his students as “The Shannonator”, has educated students primarily in regards to the historic content of which our great country was built upon. Although his title as a US history teacher restricts him to being just that, the majority of students who currently, or formerly have had him as a teacher, into sophomore year and having to take US history, wasn’t something I was to be ecstatic about. This was mostly due to the fact that throughout most of my educational career, we’ve been taught repeatedly about the same things in regards to the same people, through the same way; textbook analysis and worksheet preparation. Although he uses his fair share of worksheet and textbook mired, and appreciated about his consistent use of the elaborations, in connection to the lessons he tells, although they are students’ interest to want to look been, and I am sure, will continue the opportunity to be enlightened (believe) Shannon’s crazy stories, publishing a book. Although I surely can continue the list as to why this man should undoubtedly be recognized, I would like to wrap up my statement with a simple thank you from the Fordson family.



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### Did You Know?

By: Khadeja Jomaa

WWII was one of the worse conflicts in human history, and when the United States entered the war, Fordson was ready. According to an article titled, “The Forties... Fordson Goes to War” by Fordson’s former principal Barbara O’Brien, whether at home or on the battlefield, Fordson students and staff helped with the war effort. Leo T. Bember, from the class of 1942, remembered that by the spring of 1943, most of his fellow male classmates had been drafted. Unfortunately, some loved ones were lost. There is a plaque with the names of former Fordson students who died in WWII next to the main office.

In 1942, the publication of *The Fordson Parade* started. *The Fordson Parade* was a paper that would publish information, including awards and honors, of Fordson service men and women who sent letters to the school. There are hundreds of letters from Fordson students who served in the armed forces in the school’s archives. To help with the war effort, students began selling stamps and war bonds. The students even purchased a pursuit plane, which they named, ‘The Spirit of Fordson High’. War Courses were offered to 12th graders such as radio and war shorthand. Physical education classes were now focused on getting all students as fit as possible. Fordson was recognized by Michigan State for its extraordinary efforts during WWII. After the war, Fordson High School combined with Dearborn Public Schools in 1944.

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### **Student Government Food Drive**

Student Government does a hunger food drive every year to support families in the community locally and within Southeastern Michigan. Last year, during Battle of Hunger Two, Fordson was inducted into Gleaners Half Pound Club because we had raised over 40,000 cans for families. It goes without saying that this could not have been done without the continuous support of the staff, students and community.

This year Student Government has decided to team up with Amity as it is a local organization. Students had the opportunity to see where all their hard work goes when they volunteer on November 18th. On this date, students (with the assistance of some drivers) will drop off boxes of food to families in need during the Thanksgiving holiday both in Dearborn and Dearborn Heights..

Student Government is asking that teachers collect money for Amity and advertise for students to come out and volunteer on November 18th.

Students interesting in volunteering on the day of delivery and packaging can sign up with Ms. Altomonte or Ms. Allie. Working in partnership with Amity, Student Government is striving to reach over 500 families to support with food, hats, coats and gloves! Pay it Forward is also supporting this initiative.

The Battle of Hunger can collection takes place November 13-17!



### **Breast Cancer Awareness**

By: Rouba Salamey

People don't know how strong they are until being strong is their only choice. Every time I hear the word "cancer", I shiver. If you know what cancer is, you hope for it not to happen to you or anyone that you love in this world, but once you SEE what cancer is and see your loved ones suffer because of it, then it changes you, and your whole perspective changes. In my family, cancer is genetic which puts all my aunts, that includes my mom, my cousins and me all at risk. Once I saw what both of them went through I just hoped it would never happen to anyone else in our family. Luckily enough for them, they discovered it very early and were able to go through the procedure and be cured from it. That doesn't mean they're not at risk; they still get checked up. My mom and the rest of my aunts get check ups so that if it happens, they will find out early enough for them to be able to cure it. For that reason, breast cancer awareness is a very big deal for me. Donations are helpful but even just wearing pink to only support it is a big deal. That shows that they're not alone and that people are there to support them and tell them that they know that they're going through which is a great deal of pain but no matter what, people are there to help them find a cure. Eleanor Roosevelt once said "You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really have to stop and look fear in the face." In that case, I know that every person going through this is the most courageous, strong, and confident person that will ever be on this earth.

## **Getting a Bird's Eye View**

By: Rouba Salamey

We were able to spend some time with **Hussein Dakroub** last week to inquire about his acquisition of a drone. Below is the full interview.

- **Why did you buy your drone ?**

The main reason I bought the drone is for because of my interest in remote control “toys”. The ability to record video and take stunning pictures and capture aerial shots sealed the deal for me.



- **What made you so interested in it ?**

I find the ability to take stunning aerial shots and videos incredibly fascinating. I always had a interest with remote control cars and even boats, so as soon as I saw something that was remote controlled, could fly, and take pictures, I knew I had to get it.

- **What was the reason that made you get a license?**

As soon as I found out that the FAA has set forth regulations for the use of consumer drones, I wanted to learn about them and got it licensed so that I would never break any laws.

- **When, where, and why do you use it ?**

I fly my drone whenever I am bored, it has become a hobby, going just about anywhere and getting some pictures or videos. Whenever there's some kind of outdoor event taking place, or something worth remembering, I pull it out to capture the moment.

- **Are you asked to use it at any events that are not school related?**

I haven't really been asked to use it for events out of school. I have only been asked by my friends or family to get a shot of something silly or record them doing something cool and capture amazing moments with them.

- **Which school events did you use it or plan on using it for ?**

I have been asked to bring my drone, most recently, to the homecoming parade. A video has been created by WFHS to highlight homecoming week and all of the drone footage came from me. Some other events I hope to record could be the senior barbeque or graduation.