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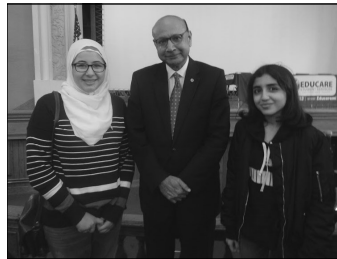


Mr. Khan Delivers Inspiring Speech at Fordson

At a special assembly last Thursday, we at Fordson High School were lucky enough to be visited by Educare and hear Mr. Khizr Khan speak about the importance of civil engagement and voting, especially for the young people. Mr. Khan, who spoke alongside his wife at the Democratic National Convention this year, decided to come off the stage in order "to be closer to my friends." He went on to explain that our time and our generation was an important one.



"Never underestimate your impact" -Khizr Khan



Mr. Khan told the audience about how this election was a historical one, where the values of American Society would be challenged. He spoke to us on how hate is not American, and how whenever we are faced with oppression we must remember to react with nonviolence and patience. He told us about the importance of participating in our government through whatever means we can, whether that be voting or simply volunteering for a campaign or in your community.

Even if we don't have the ability to vote, Mr. Khan urged everyone to talk to our friends, our parents, our friends' parents, everyone we know who could go out and vote. There was a portion where the students could ask questions, some of which were written by Ms. Chami's Social Justice class. Mr. Khan repeated the importance of going out and voting, how we must face hate with patience, and continue to be passionate about helping others in our community. Mr. Khan's final words to the audience were especially inspiring: "Never underestimate your impact." - Hiba Dagher

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Come watch the Fordson Football Team play a home game against Dearborn High this Friday, October 14th at 7:00.



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Fordson Pride Day



Homecoming



Executive Board Twisted Things Up!



Class of 2018 marched through the rain with their umbrellas.



Fordson brought color and life to the parade with the Candyland float !



Key Clubbers march in the rain for the Homecoming Parade

Homecoming Spirit!

This past week has been a thrilling and packed one here at Fordson High School. It has been a joy to everyone that participated in this fall's spirit week. Spirit week began on Monday when students wore their favorite pajamas/robe. It was a day where students attended school in slippers for a reason! Tuesday marked the day that students dressed up as if they were in the 90's era. Flannel shirts were seen all over Fordson. The encouraged students to dress in clothes that did not match. This was plished through the mismatch of patterns, apparel, and even different With their combinations of stripes and plaids or crazy socks, the stu-participated filled Fordson with an enthusiastic and freaky style. On the agenda was to dress up as your favorite celebrity. Many teachers in this event. Mrs. Durfee imitated Mel B. from the Spice Girls Spirit week ended on Friday with students wearing their favorite apparel to the football game against the Redford Panthers. The execu-lead a homecoming parade with the theme of "board games". Classes al clubs made a float to represent themselves and were driven around son neighborhood. Lead by Ms. Altomonte, the parade was a great with a variety of different board games and school spirit. After the rain soaked parade, the homecoming game against the Redford Panthers concluded with a dominating win for the Tractors with a whopping score of 45-0. On Saturday, the homecoming game was celebrated with a homecoming dance at the Fordson cafeteria with Saleh Homayad and Fatima Charara reigning as homecoming king and queen. Overall it has been an electrifying week and great experience for everyone at Fordson High School. **-Ali Tarhini**



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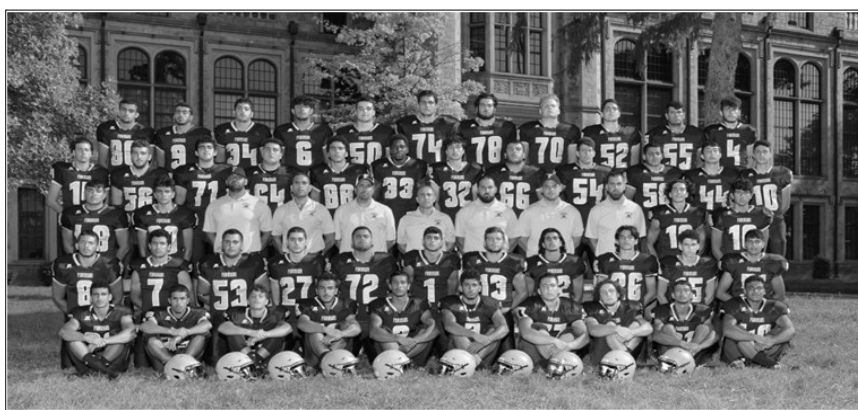


Fordson Athletics

Fordson Football Rolls On

By Zanib Hammoud

With an undefeated record of 6-0, the Tractors are on a roll! This comes as no surprise as it's all they have been working for. When interviewed, varsity football player Ahmed Sabbagh says "each and every one of us has put our all into this. We worked nights and days, here in the training room and out on that field, for one thing: the chance to be called champions." Though Ahmed is out for the remainder of the season due to an ankle injury, he shared with us his favorite part of being on the team, which is game day. "It is the day every player looks forward to; it is the day you work for all week. Not only is it the day you get to show just how your hard work would pay off, but also the day you spend with your teammates. Although you're with them during practice, it's a different feeling when you're out on the field ready to take down the opposing team."



The Fordson Football Team is off to an impressive 6-0 start. They are currently in 1st place in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference. They will host cross town rival Dearborn High on Friday, October 14th.

Lady Tractors Continue Cross Country Success with Strong Showing at Charger Invitational



Congratulations to the Fordson Girls Cross Country Team for finishing 3rd at the annual Charger Invitational held on September 23rd. Top runners included (from left) Rana Elhousseini, Mariam Dabaja, Angelina Haidar, Ayat Fadel, Israa Ali, and Jasmine Hamze. The girls are currently undefeated (6-1) in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

Teacher of the Month

By Safaa Hachem



Mrs. Johnson, the math supplement teacher, has been selected as Teacher of the Month for the month of October. She gave up her time to answer a few questions about herself.

- ***What college or university***

did you attend? "I attended Wayne State University and Central Texas College, receiving an Associates Degree in Music and a Bachelor's in Math Education.

- ***Favorite color?***

"Pink"

- ***Any hobbies you enjoy?***

"Yes, I enjoy swimming, Zumba, and dancing."

- ***If you had not become a teacher what would you be doing?***

"Working in an office or maybe an Administrative Assistant."

- ***Do you have a favorite movie?***

"My favorite movie would be Pride and Prejudice with Keira Knightley."

-- ***Do you have a favorite quote?***

"Yes, my favorite quote is "How We Learn" by William Glasser."

- ***Anyone you looked up to or still do?***

"My parents"

What is your aspiration in life?

"Doing what I feel is meant to be done, I just hope students learn from me and continue to remember."

- ***Any advice for students who struggle with math?***

"Don't give up, figure out why it's frustrating then fix it. If you understand why, then anything is easy to fix-not just in Math. "

Link Crew

By: David Tran



The Tower Tribune sat down with Ms. Moussa and asked her about what it takes to be a Link Crew member.

What is Link Crew in your opinion and who do you recommend should join Link Crew?

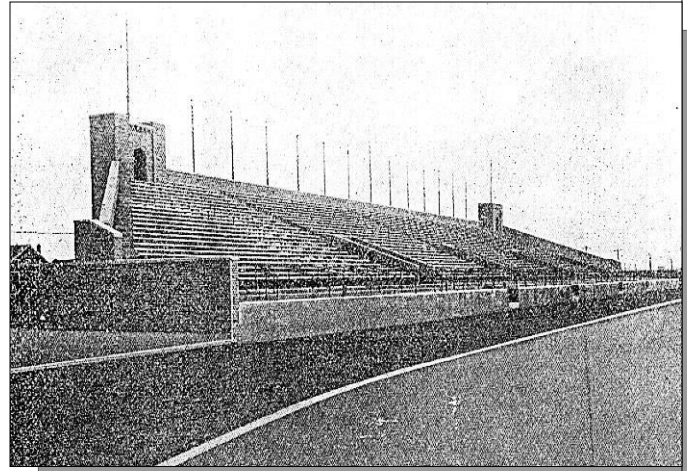
"Link Crew is a high school transition program that welcomes freshmen and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their high school experience. The program is set up so that each freshman has a peer that serves as their older brother or sister for the year."

"Any upcoming junior and senior may join Link Crew. If one is applying, they must have leadership qualities. Applicants need to want to be mentors and role models for freshmen success by having discussions about academics, joining them in social events, and most importantly building a positive relationship to help the freshman throughout their first year."

What Was Fordson Like in 1930?

By: Noor Sami

Whether you're new to the school or not, it's pretty obvious to tell that Fordson High is an old school. Maybe it's the sixteenth century English architecture that certainly gives Fordson an older more rustic look, or maybe it's the fact that the classrooms without air conditioning make you feel like you're inside of a heated fireplace. Fireplace or not, Fordson is a school with lots of history behind it. The history of Fordson most definitely adds to the uniqueness and importance of our great school.



Fordson's football field in the 1930's.

Fordson was dedicated to Edsel Ford on March 22, 1928 by his father, Henry Ford, hence the name "Fordson." Fordson was nothing like it is now. Back then, Fordson did not have as many Arab American students attending as it does now. However, it did have a large and varied immigrant population. Today, over 95% of students at Fordson High School are of Arab descent.

The year 1930 was a great year for Fordson athletics. It was the year the tractors got the first of four state championship awards for football. Till this day, we Tractors are very proud of our football team, and have many traditions tied to the football season, such as the homecoming dance. According to M-Live, a trusted source for Michigan athletics, Fordson football is ranked #1 out of 25 other schools in the county. Go Tractors!

All in all, Fordson High is a great school both academically and athletically. Whether the year is 1930 or 2016, Tractor Pride will always be within those who have attended this great school and those who are currently attending it.

FUNDRAISING DINNER

SPONSORED BY THE FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL
FOOTBALL TEAM AND STUDENTS
BENEFITTING THE LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2016 | 7:00PM
BYBLOS BANQUETS | 7258 CHASE ROAD, DEARBORN, MI 48126

TICKET: \$50

DINNER INCLUDES: HUMMUS, SALAD,
MIXED VEGETABLES, ROASTED POTATOES,
RICE AND CHICKEN.



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Monthly Horoscope by: Allaa Ridha

Libra

(Sep. 23- Oct.22)

Lucky numbers: 6,15,33

Libra people are cooperative, gracious, and social. Often they are peaceful and don't like being left alone. Libra's biggest problem would be being indecisive, therefore caught between two sides unable to choose. For this month, try being more honest when approached and in conversations.



Scorpio

(Oct.23-Nov.21)

Lucky numbers: 9,18,27

Strengths include: being defiant, resourceful. Their passion, makes them a friend true to their word, and constantly seek for the truth. Therefore, their weakness would include, being distrustful, jealous or secretive. For this month, you should accept the joys of love and life, and by staying calm, accept the emotions aimed at you.

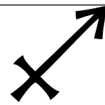


Sagittarius

(Nov.22- Dec.21)

Lucky numbers: 3, 12, 30

Strengths include: being inquiring, and questioning. People falling under this sign are able to take their goals and achieve them. Their good humor and curiosity makes them very enthusiastic. However, being impatient, and not always fulfilling promises tend to be the main occurring problems. This month, focus on new friendships and staying open to contacts.



Capricorn

(Dec. 22- Jan.19)

Lucky numbers: 1,4,8

Classic and professional, Capricorn are responsible and polite. Family is very important for people falling under this sign. Their weaknesses include being hard-headed and unforgiving. Word of advice, Being open to new perspectives and opinions, would benefit you this month.



Aquarius

(Jan.20-Feb.18)

Lucky numbers: 4,8,17

Aquarius tend to be shy and quiet people, known usually by their visionary quality, and admirable intellect. Generally, they're more comfortable in groups. Things to focus on when falling under this sign: your goal is at the tips of your finger. When this is realized, the process for it would be simpler.



Pisces

(Feb.19-Mar.20)

Lucky numbers: 3,7,34

Strengths include: intuitive, gentle, wise. While weaknesses may include being fearful, or overly trusting. Company of different people is enjoyed. Also being friendly and selfless is a recurring quality in this sign. Word of advice, be very careful to your sensitive side this month.



Aries

(Mar.21-Apr.19)

Lucky numbers: 1,9

Strengths include: courageous, determined. Some contrasting weakness may include: impulsiveness or impatience. It's in an Aries' nature, to take action of a situation. For this month, you may be feeling anxious with struggles ahead, but avoiding, or decreasing this stress is highly important.



Taurus

(Apr.20-May 20)

Lucky numbers: 11,20,47

Taurus are people who are reliable, patient, and devoted. Though sometimes, they can come off stubborn or possessive. Some arising struggles could come from overwhelming circumstances. Therefore, reasoning in a calming manner will help ease some of the anxiety.



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Gemini

(May 21- Jun 20)

Lucky numbers: 3,8,23

Gemini's are curious, affectionate, and adaptable. They grasp ideas quickly, as well as exchanging them. They often can be very expressive, whether serious or social. Slow down Gemini, though you feel like you may need to constantly rush, slow down and take care of practical issues. This could also be a good time to mend relationships.



Cancer

(Jun 21-Jul 22)

Lucky numbers: 2,7,11

People regarding the Cancer sign tend to be persistent, loyal, and emotional. They normally dislike strangers and criticism. Some of the most difficult signs to meet and approach. One weakness is their emotional pattern that can impact them negatively. Word of advice would be to set a system to get your work done efficiently.



Leo

(Jul.23-Aug 22)

Lucky numbers: 1,4,13

Strength's for Leo's include: cheerful, humorous. Unfortunately Leo's can be arrogant and stubborn. Natural-born leaders, they tend to unite groups of people at every opportunity. This month, focus on putting yourself in other people's view, when you just can't understand them.



Virgo

(Aug 23-Sep.22)

Lucky numbers: 5,14,23

Virgo's are loyal analytical and hardworking. One weakness would be that Virgo's tend to be overly critical upon themselves. Their rooted feel for humanity makes them careful. This month, focus primarily on your responsibilities



Original Work

Dreaming By: Zeinab Beydoun

You were 7, and everything seemed to be utterly perfect. There you were seated next to the counter top with your messy hair and tired eyes. Mom was attempting to make banana pancakes; she could never really cook but you loved that she tried. They were always served in a yellow dish with just the perfect amount of maple syrup, your favorite. She hummed and you laughed giving her a beat to what you knew had always been her absolute favorite song. Suddenly you were awakened by the voice of Bill Withers. It was your alarm clock playing "Just The Two Of Us". It's 6.am, you were no longer 7, mom could finally cook, and it was your first day of high school. You smiled at the thought and snoozed for 5 more minutes.

