

Hello, Sophomore Leader!

Are you interested in representing your school in unique leadership opportunity with Generation of Promise?

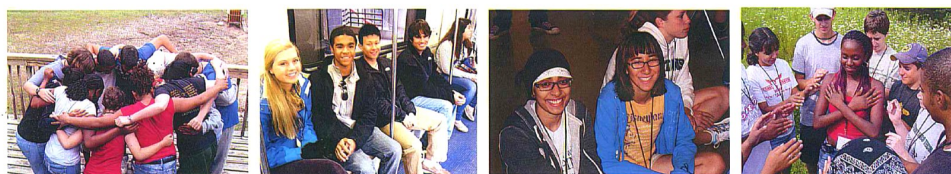
Generation of Promise is perfect for you if you have ever wanted to:

- ♦ Discover the world outside of your school.
- ♦ Explore the diversity throughout metro-Detroit.
- ♦ Develop your leadership skills.
- ♦ Improve the Detroit community.
- ♦ Make new friends from all over metro-Detroit.
- ♦ Develop teamwork skills that will help you succeed.



Generation of Promise is a free, 10-month program that will allow you to enhance your understanding of leadership and diversity as you join a class of 60 top leaders from area high schools. The program begins during August 2014 and follows you through your entire junior year. Monthly sessions require you to miss class to attend field trip events that engage participants in leadership development and diversity awareness outings.

Applications are available now and must be returned in March! To get an application or for more information, please see Ms. Cantrell in room A-100.



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Student vs Staff Charity Basketball Game



FRIDAY, MARCH 28TH AT 6:30 P.M.

IN FORDSON'S MAIN GYM

**BENEFITING CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
OF MICHIGAN**

Key Club

On Friday, February 14th Fordson Key Club members attended Heartland Nursing Home and interacted with the patients. Students passed out handmade valentine's cards and engaged in conversations with the elderly. Key Club members continue to give back to the community in tangible ways. Developing relationships and helping others is an important aspect of what Key Club stands for. Key Club members will be collecting pop tabs and are asking other students to collect them as well and give them to Ms. Zriek in room G207. The pop tabs will be presented at DCON in March.



Link Crew

By: Mohamed Ahmed

There are many amazing and helpful clubs and organizations to join here at Fordson High School. One of these clubs which helps incoming Fordson students is the Link Crew. Link Crew is a club that helps students (specifically freshmen) both physically and emotionally. An enthusiastic individual, Honors 10th grade Language Arts teacher Ms. Jamieson, leads Link Crew. Ms. Jamieson has decided to kindly volunteer her time to answer a couple of questions that will benefit many students. Here is what she had to say:

What are the typical responsibilities of students in Link Crew?

Link Crew is a yearlong commitment. A Link Leader's responsibilities include 2 days of training in the summer, freshman orientation, hallway help on the first day of each semester, planning and participating in the tailgate, link alerts, various celebrations throughout both semesters, and enrollment in the Leadership class. In addition, Link Leaders have to demonstrate responsibility when it comes to behavior and attendance during the school day. They must be above reproach at all times.

How many students are currently in Link Crew?

There are 66 Link Leaders this year. The number varies depending on the size of the incoming freshmen class.

What is the mission of Link Crew?

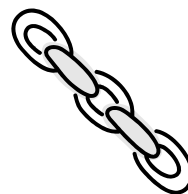
The mission of Link Crew is to make the transition from middle school to high school easier for ninth graders. Link Crew also strives to continue to move Fordson in a positive direction and cultivate leaders within the school.

How does a student get into Link Crew for next year?

Link Crew is open to any junior or senior, which means that you must apply during your sophomore or junior year for the next school year's Crew. Sophomores and juniors should listen to the bulletin in the next month or so to find out the due date for applications.

If there was one word to describe Link Crew, what would it be?

Life changing (that's 2 words, I know, but it's the truth!)



Sports



Boys Basketball

After a season of pain, sweat and hard work the Fordson Men's Varsity Basketball Team continues their commitment to be the best. With an overall record of 14-5, the boys now understand their true potential and plan to show it in the playoffs to defend their district title. The boys ended the season with a record of 9-3 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference, which culminated in a second place finish. With all of the phenomenal wins, Coach Abulhassan claims he is most proud of his team for showing up to practice everyday with a positive attitude, trying to become better. Coach hopes it will lead to a long playoff run, similar to last year.

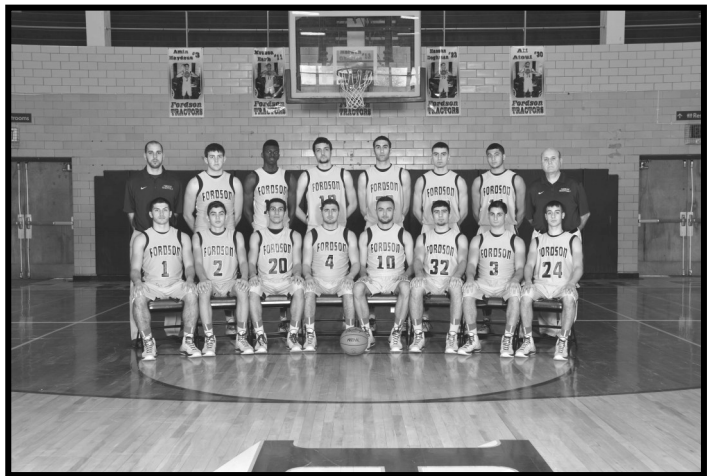
Ranine Beydoun

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Wrestling

Congratulations to the Fordson Wrestling Team for winning their third District Championship in three years. The District Championship is the 6th in 7 years for the Tractors.



Boys Swimming

The Fordson Boys Swim Team finished 5-4 overall (4-3 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference) with a second place finish at the Crestwood Relays! Overall the team had a very competitive season. Ryan Yazback led a successful senior class with a second place finish in the 500 (league meet), and 3rd in the 200 free. Also, senior captain Mohammed Faraj was named All League along with Ryan Yazback.



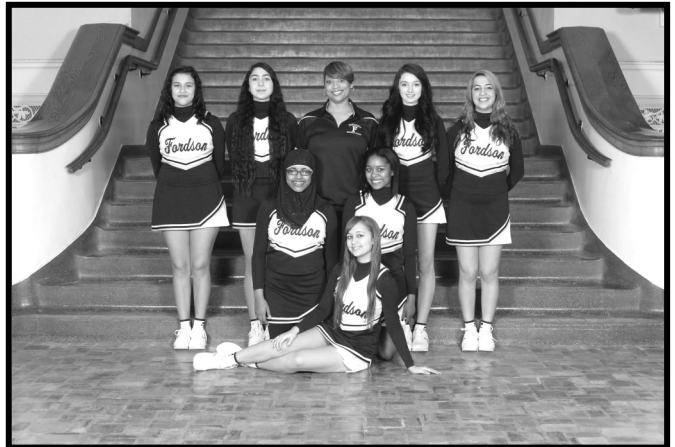
Sports

Girls Basketball



The Girls Basketball Team ended their season last week with a semi-final District loss at Allen Park High School.

Cheerleading



Fordson's Varsity Cheerleading Team had another successful season this year. The girls have worked hard on a daily basis and have improved throughout the season.

Athlete Spotlight:

Hassan Hammoud

By: Marwa Hachem

If you didn't know this already, Fordson's Cross Country team came in 3rd place in W.W.A.C. That magic comes from our athletes. To get a closer look at how this happened, Hassan Hammoud, a ninth grade athlete, was interviewed on his Cross Country experience and what else he has planned for this year.

What is your name?

"Hassan CP Hammoud."

Knowing that you are a freshman, which sports have you joined this year?

"I have joined cross country and I am looking forward to joining track."

Between the two sports, which is your favorite?

"I equally love both but I prefer track because cross country is at the same time as football where my friends are."

Which school did you attend last year and did you join any sports during that time?

"I went to Lowrey and I joined football and track. It was really hard for me but now I achieved the goal of running 3.1 miles in 19:09."

Looking back, do you think that track in middle school prepared you for track in high school?

"Yes, I do believe so."

Was there anyone in particular who helped you gain confidence during your middle school years in track and/or football?

"No, I just believed in myself throughout the way."

As a student athlete, did you take care of your homework while still giving your all in track?

"I usually thought about it while running and also I am given more than enough time to finish at home."

Why did you join track?

"Because I like to maintain a healthy life and it is a hobby I know I need to improve upon."

In the beginning, did you ever think about quitting?

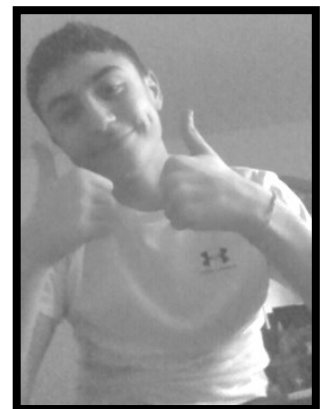
"Quitting is never an option."

What advice would you give to students who are willing to join a sport but are afraid they won't do well?

"Eventually somehow, someday you will become great- just believe."

Is there anyone out there you would like to thank because you feel like they might have motivated you?

"Chris Paul really motivated me with the things he accomplished in high school and I thought 'Why can't I accomplish this also?'"



The Second Annual Brett Schwartz Memorial Poetry Contest

DIRECTIONS: Compose an original poem that speaks to the theme of:

A LEGACY THAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU

PRIZES:

\$50.00

The winning poem will be the first featured poem in this year's *Quill*.

REQUIREMENTS: TO ENSURE ANONYMITY, PLEASE FOLLOW ALL REQUIREMENTS LISTED BELOW:

All entries must be typed.

All entries must be submitted with an alias and NOT the poet's real name.

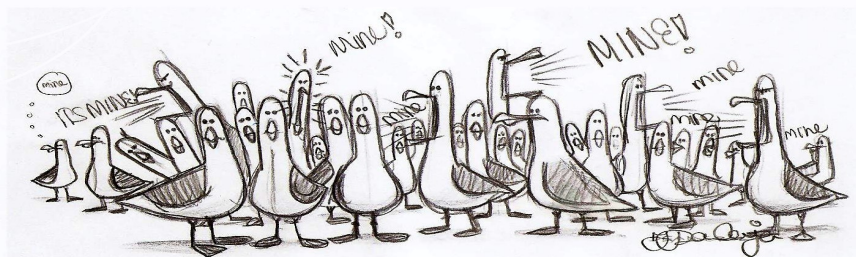
Submit a SEALED envelope with your alias, real name, and student number written on an index card inside. Your alias must be written on the outside of the envelope. The envelope and its contents are to be **SEPARATE** from the poem itself.

Entries must be submitted anonymously to room B207 in the folder outside the door labeled "Poetry Contest Submissions".

Deadline is Tuesday March 11, 2014.

The winner will be announced on Friday March 21, 2014.

This assignment
was done
perfectly! Who's
paper is this? It
was turned in
with no name on
it.



Original Work

Restless Heart Syndrome

By: Alex Zapien

The chill of the room rinses over me.

I am truly alone.

My restless heart beating overrides any perception of sound.

The realization hits.

Never before has the darkness reminded so much of what I thought I had.

The bone chilling shivers end; panic subsides.

My restless heart pounding, my consciousness spinning rapidly.

My mind racing to a halt, complete nothingness.

My eyes open; the nightmare is just a nightmare.

Heavy breathing and sleep paralysis keep me in place as I lie awake, recounting it all.

My restless heart trying to escape does not help.

A gentle breeze blows through, as if to whisper, "It's time."

Nature

By: Syed Muhammad Rizvi

The plants, the trees...
The insects, the bees...
The flowers, the breeze...
The oceans, the seas...

The limestone stares,
At a carnivorous bear,
With his drizzled brown hair,
Sniffing the backcountry air.

A deer nearby, gazes at the sky,
As an eagle swoops down and gives out a piercing
cry!

The trees swish away as the leopards start to play,

A snake subtly dies as the preying hawk flies,
Water vapor begins to materialize,

Spreading the fresh aroma of forest tree bark,
The wolves howl at the rising moon as the jungle
gets dark.



Original Work

Freedom

By: Fatima Rizvi

Freedom at birth, freedom at death

Freedom at every single breath.

Freedom of Speech, Religion, and Press

Freedom of Assembly and Petition for Redress.

Without any restraint, the Freedom of Speech,

To express an opinion, teach or preach.

The Freedom of Religion, any religion we choose,

The right to practice any religion one views.

Through media, the Freedom of Press,

The freedom to communicate or express.

The Freedom of Assembly, to peaceably assemble,

Without any fear or tremble.

The Freedom of Petition, without any constraint,

To the government, the freedom to make a complaint.

Freedom to think and freedom to know

Freedom to succeed and freedom to grow.

Freedom from deception and freedom to reality

Freedom to become what we are in actuality.

Freedom from war and freedom of peace

Freedom to begin and freedom to cease.

Freedom here, freedom there,

Freedom should be everywhere!

Universal freedom is eternal bliss,

We should all therefore realize this...



Top of the Netflix List: *Misery*

Lately my dad's been watching all of the movies from back in his day, no they're not black and white, and I've been introduced to some really cool movies. Just last week, we watched this movie called *Misery*. It stars James Cann as Paul Sheldon (Sonny from *The Godfather*, another classic) and Kathy Bates as Annie Wikes. The basic plot to the movie is that James is a famous author who, during a crazy storm, gets in a serious car accident. Kathy, who turns out to be his 'number one fan' saves his life. She offers to let him heal in her house, since she's conveniently a nurse, until the storm is over, but like any obsessed fan, she wants to keep him there for longer than necessary. With two broken legs, he's in a pretty tight situation. This movie really keeps you at the edge of your seat and has those moments where you just want to yell at the characters. The mix of a celebrity author with a psycho fan creates a great story line. I would recommend this movie to anyone. *Rasheen Al-Hamadi*

Did You Know Facts**By: Mohamed Ahmed****1. Which country has the largest English speaking population?**

- A. India
- B. United States
- C. China
- D. United Kingdom

2. The average person falls asleep on an average of:

- A. 7 minutes
- B. 9 minutes
- C. 13 minutes
- D. 4 minutes

3. What is the bestselling book of all time?

- A. Lord of The Rings
- B. The Bible
- C. The Works of Mao Tse-tung
- D. The Hunger Games

4. Which animal cannot stick its tongue out?

- A. Giraffe
- B. Monkey
- C. Squirrel
- D. Alligator

5. Which of the following words did Shakespeare invent?

- A. Assassination
- B. Tongue
- C. Cruelty
- D. Delightful

Fun Facts

The first letters of the months July through August spell:

JASON

Each time you see a full moon, it's the same side always.

Coca-cola originally contained cocaine .

Monopoly is the most played board game.

The Amazon Rainforest produces half of the oxygen on earth

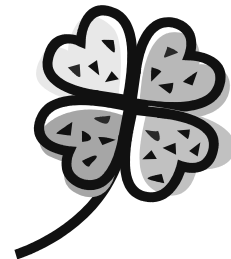
Lighting strikes earth 6,000 times every minute!

French Fries are originally from Belgium.

It's Monday. I'd appreciate it if none of you talked to me, or looked at me, or thought of me. Ignore my existence and I shall do the same.

**Dates to Remember in March:**

- March 12: Late Start Day
- March 17: St. Patrick's Day
- March 26: Parent/Teacher Conferences



Answers: 1=C 2=A 3=B 4=D 5=A