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Preparation for the SAT

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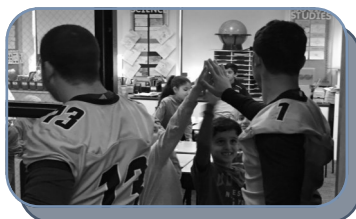
Whether you're taking the Pre SAT or the SAT this spring, there are many things you can do now to prepare yourself for testing. Since the redesigned SAT will focus more on algebraic problems and interpretation, there will be a lot more graphs, so it is important to get familiar with analyzing data in graphs. Another great way to prepare is by practicing basic math without a calculator, this will save you time on the test since there is a non-calculator portion. Also, you can prepare yourself by stopping by the library and picking up a practice test. This may seem like an obvious thing to do, but it is very important because it will prepare you with their question formatting so you won't be overwhelmed on the test day. Since there will be lots of reading on the SAT, a smart way to prepare is to read subjects you are unfamiliar with and find a way to keep focused and stay interested. This will help you from zoning out during the test, and besides the faster you read, the more time you will have. Lastly, make sure you're getting enough sleep, exercise, and a good meal before testing.



Fordson Athletes Encourage Future Tractors

On Tuesday, March 22nd Fordson basketball and football players spent some time at William Ford Elementary. They interacted with the young students and read in their classrooms. The Fordson students were received warmly and were complimented on

how well they represented our school. The William Ford faculty were very much impressed by how our student athletes were willing to give back to the next generation of Tractors.





Congratulations to the Boys Varsity Basketball Team for winning their second straight district championship by ousting crosstown rival Edsel Ford. The tractors were in control most of the game and came out with a 9 point victory.

What Would You Rather Do? By: Khalood Altaresh

-If you could travel through time would you travel to the past or to the future?

-Would you rather have the voice of Spongebob or intelligence of Patrick?

-Would you rather know the date of your death or the cause of your death?

-Would you rather change the past or be able to see into the future?

-Would you rather be stuck in an elevator or on a broken ski lift?

-Would you rather have double your weight or half your weight?

-Would you rather talk like Yoda or breathe like Darth Vader?

-Would you rather have super speed or super strength?

-Would you rather have more time or more money?

-Would you rather have no arms or no legs?

Fordson Teams Up With Cranbrook on Collaboration Project

Mariam Alley

On Sunday, March 13th, leaders from Cranbrook and Fordson began their collaboration to learn from one another. They visited different areas in Detroit and the Arab American Museum. Both social issues and cultures were discussed. Sadly, the collaboration ended the following day. However, the event was so powerful that it shattered all ice between the teens and it helped inspire them to plan an event that will change our society for the better. Groups of students participated in multiple activities, which caused an exposure to a variety of social issues and cultural differences. The event was a wonderful experience for both groups of people and allowed them to share commonalities and differences that exist between them.





Teacher Spotlight—Mr. Makki by Fatima Elmoukahal

Recently, the Tower Staff was able to sit down with Mr. Makki and find out what his interests are and learn a little bit about what makes him tick.

What is your favorite movie?

The Godfather.

What do you do during your free time?

Exercise, and spend time with my wife and kids.

What is the nicest thing a student did for you?

Fatima Elhourani adopted me for adopt a teacher day.

What made you want to be a teacher? I wanted to make a difference in the lives of kids and I knew teaching would provide the avenue for that goal.

What is the most difficult thing one of your students has done? Admitted they cheated on a test.

Who inspires you? Malcolm X

What quote you go by? "If you want to know the religion of a man, look at how he treats people"

SAT Tips By: Khansa Alhaidi

Starting from the Class of 2017, students are being required to take the SAT and not the ACT. However, the SAT has been redesigned, making it similar to the ACT format.

Here are a couple of tips to keep in mind while preparing for the SAT, especially if you are a junior:

- Purchase a good prep book! If you are planning on buying just one book, the College Board's prep book is recommended, as well as the Princeton Review.
 - Take at least 20-60 minutes daily to look over review questions and tips.
 - Understand the format of the test.
 - Take the practice tests found on the College Board website.
 - Don't cram studying till the last possible second, but rather set out a schedule for yourself.
 - Concentrate more on your weaker areas than those areas where you excel at.
 - Focus on timing, especially when you are taking the SAT.
 - Read the passages and don't merely skim. That way, when you are answering the questions you don't waste time rereading.
 - Manage your time the day of the test, while taking practice tests, and while preparing!
- Good Luck!



The New Showcases are in Town!

Ali Tarhini

The showcases at Fordson High school have recently been revamped. Some of them feature the advertisement of a club, Fordson news, foreign traditional celebrations, and other school activities. Here is a taste of the two wonderful new showcases.

Peer to Peer Club



This is a club that was formerly named “Peer mediation club”, but was changed for mission purposes. There are two advisors that are responsible for its remarkable success. Mrs. Schankowski, a social worker at Fordson that helps students remove difficulties in their lives, whether it be inside/outside of school. The other advisor is Mrs. Jawad, the school psychologist studies the behavior of students, and develops methods that are better for student learning. The club promotes

acceptance of classmates and students of Fordson high school, regardless of race, color, ethnicity, etc. The message is spread through out middle schools of Dearborn Public Schools district through skits, plays, and other interactive activities with the audience. To join this club, you must obtain an application from Mrs. Schankowski, who is usually in the social workers office (across from the counseling office). Meetings are every Friday in the auditorium right after school. An upcoming event sponsored by the Peer to Peer Club is the annual Fashion Show (ask Mrs. Schankowski for more details).

Joyful Heart Foundation

The Joyful Heart Foundation is an international club founded on the principals of care and commitment. The main purpose of this club is to raise awareness against domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual assault. Its advisor, Mrs. Baiz teaches math (pre-calculus and honors algebra 2). She makes sure she instills the values of integrity, creativity, and joy into her club members so that they might put an end to domestic violence and sexual assault. The club holds fundraisers and community events to spread the message. To apply, see Mrs. Baiz for details. She is located in upper A hall.

These are just some of the great new showcases Fordson has recently redone. **Turn to page 7 of the Tower to see more updated Fordson showcases.**



Who said it? By: Mirvat Chammout

1. "Laughter is timeless. Imagination has no age. And dreams are forever." ~Walt Disney
2. "When you grow up, your heart dies" ~Ally Sheedy (The Breakfast Club)
3. "I'm going make him an offer he can't refuse." ~Marlon Brando
4. "You talking to me?" ~Robert De Niro
5. "You'll have bad times, but it'll always wake you up to the good stuff you weren't paying attention to." ~Robin Williams (Good Will Hunting)
6. "That's the way it crumbles...cookie-wise." ~Jack Lemmon (The Apartment)
7. "You're tearing me apart!" ~James Dean (Rebel Without a Cause)
8. "I'm not young. What's wrong with that?" ~Vivien Leigh
9. "Beauty is no accomplishment on its own. It's what you do with it." ~ Padma Lakshmi
10. "I think every kid should wear black on the first day of school because it's their happiness funeral!" ~Lana Parrilla

Primary Presidential Elections

Nesreen Saad

Primary presidential elections are a very important step in electing a president. If you don't know what primary presidential elections are, they are basically held to narrow down candidates to one per party. As of now we have Donald Trump, Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio, and John Kasich for the republican party. In the lead is Donald Trump. For the democratic party we have Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders, with Hillary in the Lead. Below is a chart of results as of 3/23/16. Primary elections will be over around mid-June after all states have voted.

Republican Delegates

1,237 to win nomination

Donald J. Trump 738

Ted Cruz 463

Marco Rubio 166

John Kasich 143

Democratic Delegates

2,383 to win nomination

Hillary Clinton 1223

Bernie Sanders 920

1. **Zach Lavine won the NBA dunk contest.**
2. Lady Gaga wrote *Born This Way* in 10 minutes.
3. **Britney Spears loves vanilla candles.**
4. Bruno Mars real name is Peter Gene Hernandez.
5. **Kobe Bryant is fluent in Italian.**
6. Andre Drummond played one season at the University of Connecticut before entering the NBA Draft in 2012.
7. **Bethany Noel Mota created her YouTube channel at age 13.**
8. Cameron Dallas first joined the YouTube world on September 10th, 2012.
9. **Witney Carson was raised with family in American Fork, Utah.**
10. Derek Hough and Mark Ballas are best friends.

Celebrity Did You Know?
By: Fatima EL Moukahal

Book Review By: Khalood Altahesh

Many of us are familiar with the prominent 2003 novel *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown, an American author of thriller fiction, but what many are not familiar with is the book's prequel, *Angels and Demons*, which is equally exceptional.

Written in 2000, *Angels and Demons* introduces symbologist Robert Langdon, a reoccurring character in most Brown novels, and Vittoria Vetra, daughter of the late renowned Italian physicist who was brutally murdered for his creation of the highly unstable and explosive antimatter. The unstoppable time bomb was stolen by the most powerful and ancient cult in history: The Illuminati. As their final act of vengeance against the Catholic Church, the Illuminati resurface and plant the antimatter at the heart of Vatican City.

Avenging her father's death, Vittoria joins forces with Robert and the Swiss army to hunt down the Illuminati killer and find the hidden bomb before it annihilates the Vatican. Langdon and Vetra go on a quest using a 400-year-old trail of archaic symbols that riddle through Rome and lead to the legendary and covert Illuminati lair.

The novel gives sort of a history lesson on the origins of the Illuminati and the hidden clues left all over Rome by famous 15th century artists. But some have discredited the book because of its inaccurate references to historical artifacts, landmarks, and religions. Nonetheless, the book's action-packed storyline, gruesome details, and unthinkable plot twists make up for the slightly offensive implications and questionable authenticity. After all, it is supposed to be fiction.

Albeit, the novel might be intimidatingly long with 137 chapters and about 600-700 pages (although Harry Potter enthusiasts might consider that a quick read) it is very much a captivating and an eventful journey well worth the stamina. Even more so, the entire plot is set in a day's length. Not many authors could accomplish such a task which makes this author all the more respectable and this novel all the more compelling...just don't watch the movie.

Sneak Peek: Fordson High School Talent Show By: Aya Beydoun

Attention Fordson High School! It is that time of year again, with the Annual Fordson Talent Show just around the corner; I caught up with the ladies behind the magic, Ms. Ayoub and Ms. Zriek, to find out what they have in store for this year's show and sneak a peek at the talent.

I began with a simple question; What can we expect from the talent show this year? Any new talents? Ms. Ayoub confidently assured me that, "Yes, absolutely. We have a lot of new talent, we only have 5 acts returning out of the 12 acts that will perform. We have a lot of dancing this year, it's very diverse." Ms. Zriek then interjected, stating that there was "A lot of authenticity. A lot of students that are very authentic, I think. They're hard workers, and they are committed. Overall it's going to be a very interesting, fun filled, exciting show." As for special plans; "We do have a few surprises. There are a lot of people from the city who will be coming to watch. Also, whoever wins will go on the radio. We have one surprise performance that is going to make the audience go crazy, as well as a special guest judge."

So why go to the talent show? What could make it better than last year or the years before? To this, I got a very enthusiastic response from Ms. Zriek: "Because once again, the authenticity, the excitement, the talent is so different!" to which Ms. Ayoub affirmed that the talent show will be exciting. She stated, "There is so much energy and fun put into the show. I believe it will be a phenomenal show as always."

From what I saw in the sneak peek, I believe this show will be one of the best yet. There is a lot of variety, a lot of energy, and definitely some talent you won't expect to see up on that stage come the show. The date has not yet been determined, but it will fall in early May of 2016.

Fordson Shines at District Choral Festival

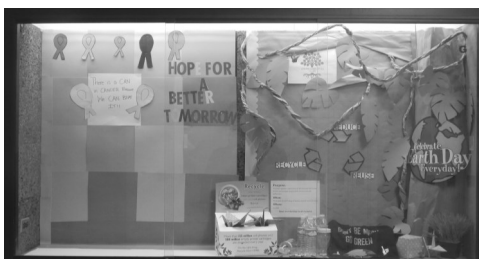


Recently over 100 Fordson choir students were represented at the District Choral Festival. The Men's Ensemble got high marks and rave reviews for their performance. According to choir director Matt Laura, "The highlight of the festival was our Women's Ensemble performing Nassam Alayna L-Harwa to a standing ovation." It was noted by Mr. Laura that one of the judges was so impressed that he said, "Fordson may have just changed choral music in Michigan forever." The Men's and Women's Ensemble are looking forward to upcoming spring events where they can once again show our community what hard word and dedication look like.



Fordson Showcases (continued from page 4)

The Fordson showcases recently got a well deserved makeover. Students and staff spent countless hours on this school wide project. Community members, school administrators and parents have all commented on the quality and work that went into the professionalism of each showcase.



Spring 2016 Parent Teacher Conferences

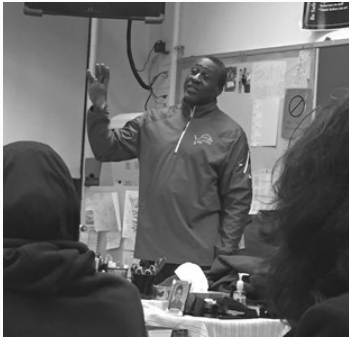


Fordson recently held its Spring Parent Teacher Conferences in late March. This event provides an opportunity for parents and teachers to acknowledge the work their teens have accomplished in their classrooms. The conference allows students to attain the support they need to succeed by highlighting their mistakes and finding solutions. No student is perfect, there is always room for growth and improvement: this can be achieved through encouragement in the classroom and at home.

~~Mariam Alley



Career Night 2016



Fordson High School's Interact Club held its first Career Night on Tuesday March 15, 2016. The event was split into sessions, which required students to choose 3 professions they were interested in from a list provided. Around 16 professions were listed, including an accountant, a surgeon, a pharmacist, and a retired NFL player. After doing so, the students attended a session, where they could speak with an individual from the profession they chose. The individuals gave a brief description or presentation about the duties of the job

during each session. Furthermore, a short Q&A took place to enable the students to get advice from a professional in the career path they are interested in. Overall, Career Night

was a great experience for the students whether they were freshmen or seniors; it allowed them to learn about the professions they were interested in. ~~Khansa

Alhaidi



Here is what our Fordson students had to say about the event.

"Very, very, very fun and helpful" -Sara Almuktar

"Interesting, and I learned how competitive making it to the NBA is" -Radwan A.

"Extremely Informational and the professionals were kind" -Rima S.

"This was a great experience that helped me see into the career of professionals" -Hassan A.