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College Football Signing Day

Six members of the Tractor football team gathered in Fordson's library to sign letters of intent to play ball at the next level. The students assembled together with staff, students, and family members to celebrate their accomplishments and be recognized for the rewards of their hard work. Pictured from left: Amir Siddiq (Central Michigan), Zein Obeid (Ferris State), Mohamad Amen (Ferris State), Hamze Elzayat (Fordham), Zac Darwiche (Virginia), and Abdulaziz AlHanek (Siena Heights).



GENERATION OF PROMISE

Generation of Promise is a cultural exploration program involving sixteen high schools across the Detroit metropolitan area. The program is looking for prospective juniors (current sophomores) to participate in next year's class!

a month at Focus engage in activi-regarding social and community. Promise is com- involves a three entation taking mer. All in all,

incredibly fun and insightful experience that sheds light on different perspectives and encourages open, honest discussion. You talk about real issues and real experiences in a way that avoids clichés and traditional methods of learning.



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For an application, go to Room A101. Application deadline is March 24th.

Fordson Continues Strong Wrestling Tradition

By David Tran

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FORDSON WRESTLING TEAM AND THEIR COACHES LED BY JEFF BALL FOR THEIR FIFTH STRAIGHT DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP. THE TEAM ALSO WAS WWAC LEAGUE CHAMPIONS GOING UNDEFEATED IN THE CONFERENCE.

What an amazing season for the seasoned Fordson wrestling team this year! In our last article, we saw determination and hard working students striving to make it to states and create a legacy for themselves. Well, that dream has come true. Two wrestlers: Hamza Mrech and MJ Ahmed fought amazingly in their regional matches and advanced to states a week ago.

Both wrestlers performed well at states, but did not place.



However, we can't forget about the rest of the team and their successful season. The 2016-17 Fordson Wrestling Team finished first in the WWAC with an undefeated record and posted an unparalleled 5th straight district championship. Anything is possible and with determination and dedication will come

success. One can only get motivated when they watch the wrestlers work so hard to be their best. We are proud of our Tractors.

In recent news, varsity coach Jeff Ball was given the honor of being named, "Regional Coach of the Year." Coach Ball is an amazing coach and all the wrestlers admire his advice and dedication that he puts into his wrestling team. He never gives up on them and will always give 100% in making sure that the wrestlers are prepared for their match.



Coach Jeff Ball holds the championship district trophy that was won by his wrestling team this year. It is the 5th consecutive district trophy for the Tractors.

National Honor Society News!

By: David Tran



With the start of our second semester, the National Honors Society has shown their true colors this past month. President Mohammad Hamid led his club to reaching out to the community, honoring veterans, and having a school hat day. As if things couldn't get better, the club held Pasta for Pennies, which was to help raise money to battle leukemia and cancer. The NHS has always had an extraordinary group of young students striving to make their community a better place. Advisors Ms. Chami and Ms. Mouhanna adore this organization, and I am blown away by all the hard work they do. Recently, NHS partnered with a local elementary school, Oakman, to help tutor young kids with their homework. Isn't that just amazing knowing NHS believes in the fact that no child shall be left behind! Another example of their amazing service was the Michigan Veterans Foundation trip! NHS students traveled to MVF's HQ and spent a whole day helping and getting to know the veterans who have fought for our nation! How great is that? The kids in NHS strive to become successful people who will definitely make a difference in everyone's world.

Women's March on Washington

An Editorial by Hanin Elhagehassan



On January 21, multitudes joined the "Women's March on Washington" in protest of Trump's presidency. People marched in support of this movement around the world and throughout the nation. Marches were also held in places such as Chicago, Los Angeles, London, Paris, and many more. The March was meant to advocate equality, promote awareness and unite women. I must say that the women's march did a great job of uniting people together and it did leave an impact. Although I think the movement is a great idea, it's essential to point out where it was lacking. Think about the march for a second. The pictures of the crowds seem oddly homogenous. By homogenous I mean that the majority of the women there were white women, which is kind of ironic considering that 66% of white women cast their ballots for Trump. The majority of the protestors centered the

protest around traditional feminist concerns. This is problematic within itself because it excludes women who are part of the LGBTQ community. There were also many complaints regarding police intervention. There was no riot gear or tear gas like seen in BLM or NoDAPL protests. It's troubling for me among many others that police reactions to protests depend on who's doing the protesting. Madonna also made an interesting statement about "bombing the White House" which she didn't get in that much trouble for (this comes as no surprise). Don't get it twisted, the idea/concept is great, and the actual march did have an impact, but it was by no means perfect. It's important to recognize the movement's faults and acknowledge privilege to better execute the (hopefully) next protest.



The Upcoming SAT

By: Hanin Elhagehassan

The dreaded test is almost here. Yes, I'm referring to the SAT. The nationwide SAT will be administered on April 11, 2017. Although it may seem like a long time from now, it's best not to procrastinate. Studying a month prior to the exam will ensure a good score. There are numerous, accessible resources that can be used for studying. Khan Academy is a great way to enhance your "test-taking" skills. Khan Academy is actually working with College Board so their practice tests are pretty credible. Another way to study is through practice books such as College Board's *The Official SAT Study Guide*. Practice books contain study tips, skills necessary for taking the exam, and practice tests. Practice tests are incredibly helpful when studying for the SAT and can be found throughout the internet for free. The SAT does not have to be stressful, and it won't be, if you're prepared.



The Future of the EPA

Concerns By: Hanin Elhagehassan

Recently, Scott Pruitt (one of Trump's more controversial cabinet picks) was confirmed as the new head of the Environmental Protection Agency. This is troubling because Pruitt has made it clear throughout his career that he's a "leading advocate against the EPA's activist agenda." In the past, Pruitt has joined/lead numerous lawsuits against the EPA in attempt to thwart federal regulations (regulations regarding air pollution, etc.). Also, acting as attorney general of Oklahoma, he dissolved the state's Environmental Enforcement Unit. He's also expressed that one of his main priorities is to dismantle Obama's "Clean Power Plan" which aims to limit carbon emissions from power plants. Pruitt is known for being a "climate-change skeptic" aka he doesn't believe humans have played a large role in climate change/global warming despite the evidence provided by studies/research. In addition to all this, he's also known for sympathizing with fossil fuel/oil industries rather than environmental concerns (which comes as no surprise). The list goes on. Yes, there is a limit on what he can change, but he still has the power to drastically change the EPA and its policies. Pruitt can push for reducing the EPA's budget, cut back on EPA regulations/restrictions, make it so environmental laws are not so heavily enforced (less investigations towards companies violating environmental laws), and dismantle/rewrite some of Obama's EPA regulations. And as if Pruitt becoming the new administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency wasn't enough, on February 16, 2017, Trump signed a bill that would repeal the "Stream Protection Rule" (a rule that restricted the coal industry from dumping its waste in streams). Scott Pruitt acting as the head of the EPA spells trouble for all (considering the increasing problem of air pollution in America). The future and survival of our environment is at stake, we cannot allow or stand for the destruction of our planet in any shape or form.

The Key Club Times

By: David Tran




Key Club have been doing amazing service all over and this upcoming March, Fordson's very own key clubbers will be representing our school at the 66th Annual Student Leadership Conference. The convention, which is also known as "SLC" is a three day event where all the Key clubbers, not just Fordson, but all of Michigan come together to celebrate, learn more about Key club, receive awards, have dances, and do service projects! This year, our club secretary of Fordson Key Club, David Tran will be going for one of the top positions in the District of Michigan Key Club. David pursues the position of District Secretary in his campaigning and has high hopes that he will succeed in his endeavors! Let's root for him as him, alongside 15 Key clubbers go to the state capitol of Lansing, Michigan and show what Fordson Key Club is all about!



For those who don't know! Key Club is an international student-led organization that is well known all across the world and our vision is to help our home, school, and community! The Club has 38 Nations, 280,000 members, and 5,500 Clubs across the world. We seek to make the world, a better place for all.

That's all from Fordson Key Club. We hope to see more exciting news and results for their trip to Lansing! I love the spirit of our school. We truly are making a legacy for our school and we have pride in that. Key Club is one of the many active clubs in our school that have done tremendous work for their community and school!

Upcoming March Events—Marwa Hachem

- March 8th International Women's Day
- March 12th Daylight Savings Begins
- March 14th Pi Day π
- March 15th Late Start
- March 17th St. Patrick's Day 
- March 17th Powderbuff Game (7:00-Main Gym)/End of Card Marking 4
- March 20th First Day of  Spring/International Day of Happiness
- March 22nd Legacy Pride Day (School Event) 
- March 23rd Parent Teacher Conferences (3:30-6:30)

Horoscope

By Allaa Ridha

Aries

(Mar. 21-Apr. 19)

You might feel all over the place and disoriented this month, getting off topic and droning on. Your words have passion, but your listeners would appreciate a more, directed response that reflects on your actions as well.



Taurus

(Apr. 20-May 20)

This month probably began with a bad start. Some things just won't work out, and simple things will manage to tick you off. This would be a good time to take breaks and treat yourself after a hard day of work. Try something new, who knows, you might even take up cooking.



Gemini

(May 21-Jun 20)

Take a deep breath. This probably is an emotional time for you. Something helpful to take the edge off is to focus your energy into a long lost hobby. Perhaps you might pick up the book collecting dust on the shelf, and reconnect with friends



Cancer

(Jun. 21-Jul. 22)

Given the option emotion or intellect, it would be in your best interest to choose intellect. Emotion should have a place, yet when it comes down to a decision making, you need your rational side.



Leo

(Jul. 23- Aug. 22)

You may be independent and stubborn, but now's the time to make that phone call to your friend, and gain their insight. They might be oblivious to what you're feeling now because you haven't been that open about your personal life. It's a crucial time to connect.



Virgo

(Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

You are a honest person, yet sometimes honesty can lead to blunt moments. Be careful about how you express yourself when it comes to pointing out flaws. Your intentions could be entirely good, but you have to be aware of people's sensibility



Libra

(Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

There will be some tough decisions and moments where you will ask yourself if you're really committed. Now would be a good time to evaluate our relationships and what they mean.



Scorpio

(Oct.23-Nov. 21)

Ignoring issues right now won't make them go away, even if it's the easiest thing to do. Try giving yourself a day or two before settling for your final decision. Then prepare to face it head on.



Sagittarius

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

This month you're especially brighter and energetic than usual. Something has caught your interest. You find yourself to be in a good place. Take advantage of the vibrant time coming towards you, and plan a few hangouts with friends



Aquarius

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

This could be a thoughtful time for you. In fact jotting down your thoughts will get you inspired. This month focus on your surroundings that you often overlook, and try to communicate more.



Capricorn

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Filled with many ideas, you need to set a direction. Create some realistic goals, and narrow down your ambitions. Overall, you should expect some change, and hard driven work.

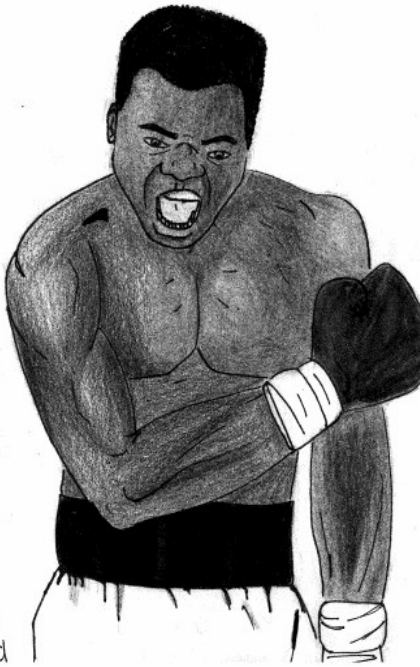


Pisces

(Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Feeling spirited in a giving mood, this month forecasts a very generous side of you. People around you could be struggling and troubled, and your help would be very beneficial towards them. But make sure to leave time for yourself too.





Can you match the athlete/coach with the sport they were connected to?

Muhammad Ali	Hockey
Gordie Howe	Football
Arnold Palmer	Golf
Dennis Byrd	Basketball
Jose Fernandez	Boxing
Nate Thurmond	Basketball Coach
Pat Summit	Baseball

What do they all have in common?

Answers can be found on page 8



Congratulations to the Fordson Robotics Team who competed on March 4th at the Southfield District Competition. Their hard work and diligence paid off as the team ended the day with a 2nd place finish.

Powderbuff Tournament

When: Friday, March 17th —7:00pm

Where: Fordson Gymnasium

Cost: \$5



Schedule of Events

Game #1—Junior Boys vs Senior Boys

Game # 2—Winner of Game 1 vs Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team

Game # 3—Winner of Game 2 vs Fordson Staff

Advice Column

Have a problem? Need advice?

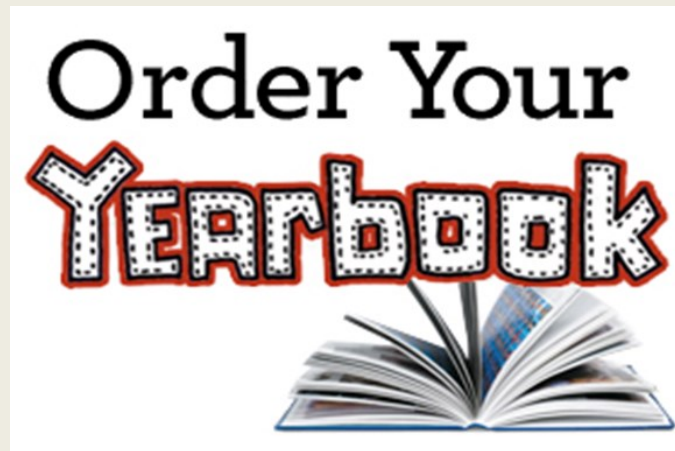
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Answers to questions from page 7

To the left you will find the athlete and the sport they were connect-
ed with from page 7 of the March Tower.
What do they have in common? All 7 of the people mentioned died
in 2016.

Muhammad Ali—Boxing
Gordie Howe—Hockey
Arnold Palmer—Golf
Dennis Byrd—Football
Jose Fernandez—Baseball
Nate Thurmond—Basketball
Pat Summit—Basketball Coach