

“If not us,
then
who?
If not
now, then
when?”

CLASS OF 2018:

- As of March 15, all IAs will be submitted to IB. Students have had one final opportunity to fix before submission.
- CAS hours NEED to be added and reflected upon. Students should be done with hours by May 1.

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Our students work hard at their craft, whether it be sports, art, music, or some other combination of skills.

Practicing Our Skills to Perform in the Big Dance

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March Madness. I've said goodbye to any control of the television remote until April! In my house, this month means non-stop basketball talk from my husband and kids. We each complete our brackets in the hopes that the team that we've been rooting for over the past season can "get hot" and perform up to their knowledge and skill level when it truly matters. Typing this with the Big Ten Tournament on in the background, I'm thinking about what March means for our IB students. All of our work is our practice, leading to the Big Dance of college acceptance, exams, and dream fulfillment.

Our students have been very busy getting everything ready for the "next big step." The juniors have been prepping for the SAT. Our counselors came in and made sure that everyone was hooked up with Khan Academy. There are quick 5-10 minute lessons on the site which help students improve their skills on this test. The SAT is a key component that schools look at when determining acceptance. A little front-loaded work or practice goes a long way when it matters. Our seniors' next step is to finalize the prepping and uploading of their coursework to the IB site. All of the assessments that they have worked on for the past year are now

ready to be scored by examiners around the globe. Now is the time to demonstrate their skills across the board for our students.

Outside of school our students continue keep busy by honing those "soft" skills, like activism, leadership, and working with others. The musical wrapped up this weekend with many of our students having taken a role in helping to present *Grease* to our community. Our athletes have wrapped up their winter seasons and look forward to tryouts for our spring sports next week. Congrats to all of our students for successfully managing to balance academia with social responsibilities – often time management is the most difficult skill to learn in IB. Time marches on as we look towards the next season of keeping active and engaged in our community.

Practice hard so that you can perform confidently with knowledge and skill level. That's what we stress in our classrooms. The more prepared you are – the more confident you become. I know that our students have the potential to be 1 seeds, with the right amount of work ethic and determina-



Many of our IB students were involved in the musical production of *Grease*. They put in untold hours to bring this classic to our FHS stage.



The FHS Cheerleading squad made it to Regionals this year! They had a great season based on their hard work at practice and all of the extra time they put in throughout the off-season and on!

CLASS OF 2019:

- In English, students completed their first IA. They each presented a 10+ minute presentation on a topic of their choice related to our fall texts. Scores are in the gradebook!
- Keeping up with homework is still proving to be a challenge for some of our students. Balance and keeping on top of projects is key!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 2 Progress Reports Due
- March 14 Half day of school
- March 15 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Half Day of School
- March 20 Field Trip –Holocaust Museum
(TENTATIVE)
- March 30- No School! Spring Break!
- April 8

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