

“Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change.”

- Stephen Hawking

CLASS OF 2019:

- Scholarships are available through the schools.
- Students are working on IAs in each course.
- FAFSA opened up on Oct. 1! Please do this ASAP. All grants, scholarships, and loans go through here.

Livonia Franklin High School International Baccalaureate

THE LIGHTNING BOLT



Our IB Physics juniors completed a lab where they were working to calculate acceleration due to gravity. Students worked together to crunch numbers and take measurements.

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Take a Deep Breath and Then Get Back to Work!

By: Sunshine Weber

I sat down last night after dinner to write this. It was the first time in a few months where we didn't have lunches to make, homework to help with, or events to run off to. In our house, we're entering our slow season. Fall sports have ended and there is a chance to take a breather before all of the holidays begin to arrive. The only problem was...it was 6:00pm and I turned to my husband and asked, "Is it midnight?" The dark, dreary, rainy nights have made for me wanting to snuggle up in bed with a good book rather than be productive. I think nothing of running up to Kroger at 8pm in other months, but last night, it was too dark, too late, and not worth the effort. This malaise can take over our lives.

These feelings often show up in our students also. They're no longer excited about being back with their friends and the prospect of next summer seems so very far away. It's easy for our students to lose focus on the big picture and, therefore, their motivation. It's our job as teachers and parents to help fight through those feelings. They never disappear we just learn coping techniques and ways to manage even in these bleak months. When our children leave our nest, they will have to learn to fight through these doldrums on their own. These are beneficial conversations to have with the kids and to let them know that we feel that way sometimes also. However, we don't or can't let that stop us from keeping up with our responsibilities.

One way to keep school fresh is to keep actively learning. October had our students

learning off-site at Washtenaw Community College where they saw the Hispanic Flamenco Ballet. A big thank you to our parent drivers and source of funds and to Mrs. Wywrot for organizing this opportunity. Additionally, both groups are actively learning science by completing labs, art through experimenting with new techniques, and history by studying the impact of decisions on events, just to name a few.

Juniors are working on improving their writing across all subject areas. Their teachers are providing suggestions and time, but the students really need to put in the extra time. This is the foundation for all of their future learning. Seniors are seeing many of those bigger deadlines begin to edge closer. What seemed so far off, is now right around the corner. Procrastination no longer is an option. EE, CAS, TOK, and other Internal and External assessments need to be finalized and submitted within the next few months. By tackling a bit at a time, we can all succeed together!

Pretty soon, it will be back to nightly practices, competition, and the whirlwind. Then, I'll be asking for a quiet, rainy day in order to catch our breath! Remember that it's ok to allow our teenagers some extra sleep – sometimes both their brains and our body need that. I'm hoping to see the sun again soon, so that I'm not perpetually thinking that it's way later than it truly is!



Mrs. Wywrot organized a field trip to Washtenaw Community College to see the Hispanic Flamenco Ballet. Thanks for our parent drivers!



Our senior IB students (top left, top and bottom right) investigated gas laws and calculations.

Sophia, IB junior, and Assistant Principal, Mr. Diponio, learn about one dimensional motion.

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CLASS OF 2020:

- We highly recommend a planner or some type of organizer for our students. There are apps for this also! Each course has multiple tasks going on at a time. Students need to learn to multi-task efficiently! We work with them, but it's a skill to hone!
- Everyone seems to be working hard! Keep up the good work!

- UPCOMING EVENTS:**
- Nov. 1 College Early Action Ends
 - Nov. 2 End of 1st Marking Period
 - Nov. 8 Report cards visible to parents
 - Nov. 6 No School for students
 - Nov. 10 IB Registration Due
 - Nov. 17 Fall Craft Show
 - Nov. 21-23 Thanksgiving Break
 - Nov. 28 IB Social After School