

“A dream doesn’t become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination, and hard work.”
- Colin Powell

- CLASS OF 2018:**
- EE complete outline is due Oct. 13.
 - Students should NOW be applying to college!
 - CAS hours need to be updated!
 - Scholarships are available through schools. Check school websites for information.

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Dreams of Summer Relaxation are Hard to Shake

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Summer just doesn’t want to let go of its grip here in Michigan! Our students have persevered through a few 90+ days this month in pursuit of their learning. Things got a little stinky in the halls and classrooms by the end of the day! It’s been difficult for all of us to find our focus in between the school drills, picture day, spirit week, homecoming activities and daydreams of summer days at the beach. As we turn our gaze to October, our beautiful weather seems to be continuing!

Our seniors are working diligently on their poetry analysis in English. They each have been assigned a Derek Walcott poem to analyze and present to the class. This is all in preparation for their IOC (Individual Oral Commentary). That’s when the students pull a poem, have 20 minutes to analyze it alone, and then come into a room with Mrs. Price to give an oral analysis of the poem. These are currently scheduled for late November, however, the dates are still flexible. They seem to have found their groove. However, we need to make sure that they are focused. Finally, they are finding their space in the Physics course. It makes me laugh to hear them complain about having 30 students in their class and how that is overwhelming and frustrating. What a change from the complaints about only having the same 8! They truly have become a small family – with all the positives and negatives that can bring with it!

The juniors are working hard on finding their footing and developing solid work

habits. This group is engaged and ready to get to work. We are just starting to get into the deep thinking that IB requires. Now is when the difficult work of becoming an inquiring mind begins. The workload will increase and students might begin to feel overwhelmed. We’re already experiencing a bit of concern about students not finishing homework. Those darn hot days make it even harder to focus on school in the evening, I’m sure. We discussed what we need to do in order to be successful and developed a few coping strategies. As always, have them come speak with me regarding any specific issues or if they just want to chat! I’d love it.

This month we will be visiting the Henry Ford Museum. There is a new Mathematics exhibit which discusses the impact of math on everything around us. They will also view the movie, *Dream Big*. This is about engineering feats around the world. October also brings us parent/teacher conferences and a renewed focus on education.

While we dream of summer vacation and days on the beach, we know that our hard work and perseverance now will make it possible for us to have those idyllic days in the future. Everything we do is the groundwork for a successful and prosperous future. Let’s get to work!



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CLASS OF 2019:

- Students need to find a way to balance homework. Please have these conversations with your students. They have something to do every night (even if it’s not due the next day).
- Input CAS hours (if you haven’t already). InterAct is a great place to start.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Oct. 5 Progress Reports Viewable
- Oct. 6 IB Registration Payment Due
- Oct. 11 P/T Conferences—5:30-8:30
- Oct. 13 HFM \$ and Permission Slip Due
- Oct. 27 HFM Field Trip
- Nov. 3 End of 1st Marking Period
- Nov. 7 No School
- Nov. 9 Report Cards shared with parents