

“Rejection is really good for you. Even if it hurts, there is a greater good. Rejection is that good.”

- Roop Raj

CLASS OF 2019:

- A rough draft of their EE is due by Oct. 15 to Weber and their mentor!
- IB fees due by October 19. The fee is \$886.
- FAFSA opens 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



The seniors were able to attend this year's TEDxDetroit presentation at Masonic Temple Theater. There were over 30 innovators from the metro Detroit area who presented on how they make a difference!

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Working Hard to Make Our Dreams and Goals Reality!

By: Sunshine Weber

Facing and overcoming rejection. Displaying empathy for those with challenges that we haven't encountered. Perseverance in the face of overwhelming obstacles. Setting goals and understanding that they won't be handed to us but that, instead, we have to reach out and grab them. These were all messages that were highlighted in the TEDxDetroit presentation that our IB seniors were lucky to attend last week. The topics ranged from antibiotic resistance to magic to news reporting to bitcoins, but the messaging was all very similar. Your hopes and dreams keep you going, but the good dreams or goals, the ones worth fighting for, won't ever come easy.

Mrs. Cosgrove and I applied for scholarship tickets to the 10th annual presentation of TEDxDetroit at the Masonic Temple Theater. To our surprise and joy, we were both awarded 5 tickets! That meant that all of our IB senior Diploma Award Candidates would be able to attend. Our students really enjoyed: Roop Raj, from Channel 2 news, who spoke about learning and growing from rejection; the Mack brothers, 11 and 12 year old brothers, who talked about resuscitating our dreams; Mahogany Jones, a poet, who performed a poem about being true to yourself and not letting roadblocks stop your dreams; and Stuart Macdonald, a magician, who highlighted the importance of practice and criticism to better yourself. There were even more that we could highlight. Each speaker brought with them their own passion and was able to convey that to the audience. What I hope our stu-

dents learned from this off-site experience is that even though there may be challenges and obstacles to obtaining their goal, hard work, perseverance, and a positive attitude will help them to achieve their dreams!

We also had our first IB social gathering of the year! Two of our IB seniors led the charge to help us get to know each other a little better and to make our freshmen and sophomores feel welcome into Franklin and IB. We played a few Minute-To-Win-It-Games. Thanks to the parents who provided snacks for our hungry teenagers after school! Our next dates is set for Thursday, October 25. We welcome anyone to join us. I told the kids to bring a friend! Also, be sure to check out the IB Flickr account to see even more photos. The kids have gotten used to me shoving a camera in their faces! Next week, I'll be taking a ton of pictures with Spirit Week.

Last month, I wrote about having grit. Our students have shown grit by persevering through our first month! October is a time of high-pressure. Classes have hit their full stride. College acceptance and rejection letters are starting to arrive. The seniors are "just done." However, this is the time when they need to persevere in order to achieve those goals that seem so elusive to them at times. Together, we can make their dreams a reality!

CLASS OF 2020:

- All-nighters should NOT be a thing! Time management is the key. If they are doing this frequently there is a problem. Talk to Weber!
- Stress can be overwhelming junior year. There are ways to manage!
- IB fees are due in October. This pays for IB registration (EE, TOK, CAS) and 6 exam sets.



We held our first monthly meeting last week. At these meetings we're hoping to just help people find a familiar face around FHS. Food and goodies are just a plus!



Tara and Josh led our first meeting and helped everyone get to know each other.



Rian, Hannah, and Laura are first up with one of the games that we played in the relay race.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Oct. 1 FAFSA opens
- Oct. 1-6 Spirit Week for Homecoming
- Oct. 10 1/2 Day: P/T Conf. 5-8
- Oct. 11 1/2 Day: P/T Conf. 12-3
- Oct. 12 Picture Retake Day
- Oct. 19 IB fees are due to Weber
- Oct. 25 IB social gathering
- Nov. 2 End of 1st Marking Period