

“The goal of education is not to increase the amount of knowledge but to create the possibilities for a child to invent and discover, to create people who are capable of doing new things.”

- Jean Piaget

**CLASS OF 2018:**

- Students need to be working on their EE and CAS hours. These are two items that the students need to be self-motivated to complete.
- Students should NOW be applying to college!

Livonia Franklin High School International Baccalaureate

# THE LIGHTNING BOLT

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## Excitement Surges through the Hallways of FHS

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The excitement is palpable as the students are beginning to enter the hallowed hallways of FHS again this morning. Teachers and students are energized and ready to fight against, as Mr. Willenborg always states, ignorance and apathy. Our goal is to always have students leave FHS with a richer understanding of history, culture, and human nature than when they arrived.

There have been a few changes over the summer. Mrs. Allen has left to teach the



MACAT program at Frost. We wish her well! With that change, we looked to enhance our IB Science course load. We determined that our students would be well served by changing our curriculum to the IB Physics course. This is a two-year course. Our current juniors will now take IB Physics during their junior and senior year with Mr. Sam Vomastek. He has a background in math and physics, which makes him the ideal candidate to take over this position. Mr. Vomastek has taught various math and physics courses at FHS for the past few years and will be able to help guide this new course to success. We're looking forward to making this a success.

Our 2017 graduates left for their prospective schools over the past few weeks. They are off to the University of Nebraska, St. Mary's, Otterbein, DePaul, Central, Eastern, Wayne State,

Michigan Tech, Kenyon, and UM Dearborn and Ann Arbor to name a few. For the class of 2017, 62% of our IB Diploma Candidates earned the prestigious IB Diploma, in addition to their FHS diploma. Additionally, most of them earned college credit and placed into more advanced courses. We're so proud of all of their hard work and can't wait to see what they accomplish out in the collegiate world.

As we get our feet under us this fall, we will be revisiting our Student of the Month program. We'd like to highlight students who demonstrate the qualities of the Learner Profile. However, we were not happy with the way it went last year. Adjustments need to be made.

As usual, this is a great resource for upcoming dates and deadlines. I will post pictures on the Flickr page. I also update our IB Facebook and Twitter feeds. Feel free to pass along information that you'd like to see me highlight.

I cannot stress enough the importance of communication. Please let the teachers or myself know of ANY difficulties and we will work to address any and all issues. I am here to help support! I look forward to seeing everyone at Open House. There will be an informational session for 11<sup>th</sup> grade parents after the schedule run-through. Have a great year!



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**CLASS OF 2019:**

- If you're feeling stressed, overwhelmed, or just plain mad, come speak with Mrs. Weber. Hopefully, we can find a reasonable solution.
- START your CAS hours (if you haven't already). InterAct is a great place to start. See Mrs. Weber for information.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Sept. 5 1st Day of School
- Sept. 13 Curriculum Night
- Sept. 14 Picture Day (English classes)
- Sept. 29 Homecoming Pep Assembly
- Sept. 30 Homecoming Dance
- Oct. 6 IB Registration Payment Due
- Oct. 11 P/T Conferences