“We do not know the true value of our moments until they have undergone the test of memory.”

-Georges Duhamel

Seniors,

The years have flown by, and it is finally time for your senior prom. I’m sure it’s hard to imagine that in just a few short weeks you will graduate from the school family that has been a part of your everyday life for so many years. Prom is a night to celebrate all of your accomplishments, to look back fondly on all the memories that you’ve made, and to celebrate the future and the new memories you will create.

Prom is an exciting time for everyone in our community as we celebrate the success of the class of 2019. It has been a wonderful honor to see you grow into the amazing young adults you are today.

As you prepare for prom night, please remember to be responsible, respectful, and safe. Be responsible in making good and safe choices. Be respectful of the fact that this is everyone’s night to enjoy. And, be safe; make sure that this evening has a happy ending.

Celebrate, have fun, and enjoy yourselves. You have earned it!

In Education,

Dania H. Bazzi, PhD
Superintendent
Ferndale Schools
CLEAN THE FERNDALE UP!
The 8th Annual Clean the Ferndale Up! takes place on Saturday, May 18, 2019.

Our mission is to provide a particular focus on public areas requiring special attention and to inspire observing spectators to do the same. The event coordinators are looking for volunteers. As a volunteer, you are the lifeblood of this community event. With your help, we can impact how the community sees the results due to your dedication and accomplishment.

Please mark your calendar and register to join us for another year of spring cleaning fun! To participate, complete the volunteer registration form after the link below.

GET MORE DETAILS AND REGISTER

FERNDALE LIBRARY HOSTS TEEN MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP

On Saturday, May 4th from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm, the Ferndale Area District Library will host a teen mental health workshop. Teens are invited to join in a Face of Me workshop designed to help them better identify the signs of suicide. Contact the library for more information.

HELP THE FHS PTSA HONOR OUR GRADUATING SENIORS

Each year, the Ferndale Secondary PTSA honors our graduating seniors by posting pictures and brief bios on its Facebook page. This is a way for our community to express congratulations to the students and their families, to learn more about each senior, and to let the students highlight their memories of high school.

If you are interested in having your senior honored, please submit the form below: Fill out the form. Pictures and bios will be posted as they are received. Please note, this is a completely voluntary submission, and when you click submit, you are granting permission for your information to be shared on the Ferndale Middle and High School PTSA Facebook page.

Thank you, and congratulations to all our graduates! If you have any questions, please email fhsseniorssurvey@gmail.com.

CASAw DANCE AND ART SHOW

Please come support our students of the Center for the Advanced Studies and the Arts and enjoy the showcase of amazing student talent.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15TH
7:00 PM
FHS AUDITORIUM
DANCE PERFORMANCE IS $5
ART SHOW IS FREE
FHS SENIORS ANNOUNCE THEIR POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS

This week, FHS Seniors announced their post high school plans at the 2019 Decision Day. Decision Day allows students to celebrate their futures and inspire underclassmen to achieve. All Seniors participated to announce their career paths which included college, career, apprenticeships, and travel.

In the fall of 2019, our newest alumni will be attending more than 39 different colleges and universities including:

- University of Michigan
- Michigan State University
- Wayne State University
- Oakland University
- Lawrence Technological University
- Loyola University
- College of Wooster
- Louisville University
- Oral Roberts University
- Columbia College
- and more!

Students will be majoring in an incredibly diverse fields of study like:

- archaeology
- biochemistry
- aeronautical engineering
- music composition
- zoology
- sports marketing
- neuroscience
- acting
- cinematography
- astronomy
- and more!

Congratulations to the Class of 2019. Now, go out into the world and do great things!

IMPI ROBOTICS TEAM MAKES FINALS AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS!

Last weekend, the eyes of the Robotics world were focused on the Motor City as the FIRST Robotics National Championships were held in Detroit. The FHS FIRST Robotics Team, the Impi Warriors, had an outstanding performance, finishing ranked 31st with a record of 5-4-1. They were also selected for a finals alliance, which finished in 2nd place in the Archimedes Division!

What an amazing season for the Impi Warriors. The team finished the season ranked 32nd out of more than 400 teams in the state of Michigan with a 43-17-1 record.

SEE SEASON RESULTS AND WATCH VIDEOS

FECC DISCOVERS ROBOTICS

In other robotics news, the Ferndale Early Childhood Center had so much fun and an amazing experience for students and families last Saturday. Three chartered buses took over 150 students, families and staff from FECC down to COBO hall to participate in the FIRST Robotics Championship event! The school was chosen as 1 of only 10 in the United States to pilot FIRST's new early childhood robotics program focused on on providing STEM opportunities to preschool aged children 4-6: LEGO League Jr. Discovery Edition. For 10 weeks, they worked through each session under the theme "Mission Moon."

At Saturday's event, they got to work together to showcase their skills in building a moon base and solving problems as they arose! Parents even had an opportunity to learn some strategies to use at home from the LEGO staff. The theme for next year was announced, and FECC is looking forward to participating again and working on "Building Our Community."

LEARN MORE ABOUT LEGO LEAGUE JR. DISCOVERY EDITION

FHS & UHS STUDENTS COMPETE AT NATIONAL DECA COMPETITION IN ORLANDO

Last weekend, 22,000 students and advisors from around the country descended on Orlando, Florida to compete at the DECA International Career Development Conference (ICDC).

Ferndale Schools was represent by 5 students at the event: Max Dutra and Sadorian Robertson from FHS along with Cierra Price, Dylan Clemons-Midgett and LaWayne Walker from UHS qualified to compete in Orlando. Max and Sadorian each took a 100-question test and performed a role-play before judges. LaWayne completed a project over the past year documenting past DECA work. His project consisted of over 50 pages of writing and pictures of documentation. Cierra and Dylan also completed a project which documented the achievements and events of the UHS DECA Chapter (District 8), which consisted of over 60 pages. The projects were presented twice to two different judges. All of the students performed well.

Special recognition goes out to Sadorian Robertson, who is the first FPS student to become an International Finalist, having earned a medal for her role-play in the Principles of Finance event. Well done, Sadorian; and congratulations to all of our DECA students for an excellent year!

A huge thank you goes out to to Julie LoPiccolo (FHS), Charlotte Oliver (FHS), and Heather McLaren (UHS) who did an amazing job advising and preparing our students to compete at the highest level.
MOBILE MAGIC
REGISTER AT THE LOCATION OF YOUR CHOICE BELOW

WHERE they learned to conquer their fears and work as a team!

Each year, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders at FMS have a designated class trip.

FMS 7TH GRADERS SEEK ADVENTURE

learning plans that use the garden space as an outdoor STEM classroom.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR LEARNING GARDENS

how to cultivate the land. Big Green also works with schools to develop

students roll up their sleeves, get some dirt under their nails, and learn

Last week, students from FMS were able to begin their spring planting!

FMS STUDENTS PLANT LEARNING GARDEN

how to reflect on some drawing prompts and use those as inspiration for their

Upper Elementary gathered at FUEL for the Art Show: “This is Me”. For

On Wednesday, April 17th, over 200 families from both the Lower and

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS SHOW OFF

exceptional achievements, and participation in community service.”

“For over a decade, the Michigan Chronicle has celebrated local African

was announced as a 2019 Michigan Chronicle Woman of Excellence!

RECOGNIZES FHS PRINCIPAL

American women who inspire others through vision and leadership,

MICHIGAN CHRONICLE

Congratulations to Ferndale High School Principal Lisa Williams who

RECOGNIZES FHS PRINCIPAL

was announced as a 2019 Michigan Chronicle Woman of Excellence!

Congratulations to FHS student Justin Gibson, who was recognized

RECOGNIZED BY OAKLAND SCHOOLS

brought to you by the FERNDALE ELEMENTARY PTA

DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM  • SHOWTIME 6:00 PM

FERNDALE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Champion Honor Roll Ceremony. Sandra was nominated by Citizens for

DIVERSITY CHAMPION

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artists in Michigan.

ABOUT MICHIGAN YOUTH ARTS

student performances and exhibitions that are open to the public.

2019 marks the 57th anniversary of this three-day event, featuring

250,000 across the state–are selected via a rigorous adjudication process

Nearly 1,000 Michigan high school student artists have been invited to

Michigan University in Kalamazoo.  Being named to the MYAF is the

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FHS CAREER EDUCATION STUDENT

adhering to exacting artistic standards. The invited scholars represent

The Michigan Youth Arts Festival is an annual showcase

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multiple artistic disciplines, including creative writing, dance, ilm/video,

attend this year’s festival. The students–chosen from a pool of more than

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The Oak
SATURDAY, MAY 4TH
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
FUEL Talent Show
Night of Movie Magic
FHS Auditorium

MONDAY, MAY 6TH - FRIDAY, MAY 10TH
Teacher Appreciation Week

MONDAY, MAY 6TH
6:00 PM
Board of Education Special Meeting
- Committee of the Whole
FHS Main Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH
Early Release Wednesday

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH
6:00 PM
Diversity Committee Meeting
FHS Media Center (Nest)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH
7:30 PM
FHS Spring Band Concert
FHS Auditorium

THURSDAY, MAY 9TH
6:00 PM
FUEL 5th Grade Camp Parent Info Night
FUEL Cafeteria

THURSDAY, MAY 9TH
6:15 PM - 8:15 PM
FLEL - Skate Night
Skate World of Troy
2825 E Maple Rd, Troy, MI 48083

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