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PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 2008-2009 school year! We are so happy to have you and your teen as members of the HFA family. We commit all of our time, talent, and resources to provide the best educational environment possible for your student to thrive. Our school goals this year deal with **motivation** and **mathematics**. For mathematics, freshmen will have “math days” where students will spend a day mastering key math concepts upon which they will build, while sophomores and juniors will take math year round.

We ask you to join us as we implement five researched based strategies that increase student motivation. **Strategy #1 is Emphasizing Effort.** Students must understand and appreciate the relationship between effort and achievement. Find ways to praise and reward students for **trying**, even if they don't complete the task to your satisfaction. For example, if you want your teen to complete all the chores to earn an allowance and they don't, give them half the allowance when they complete half the tasks, then increase it as they complete more. This can act as an incentive and motivate them to complete all of the chores. Look for more tips on **motivation** in the monthly newsletter.

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DROP OFF & PICK UP PROCEDURES

Museum Student Door opens at 7:30a.m. and closes at 5:00p.m.

Village Student Gate opens from 8:00a.m.–9:00a.m. 10:00am–10:30am, 2:00pm–2:30 pm, 3:30 pm-4:15 pm

Please make arrangements for your child to arrive after 7:30 am and to be picked up by 5:00 p.m.

Academy students and parents are privileged to park in the lots of The Henry Ford at no cost.. Loud music, speeding, illegal parking, loitering are not permitted and may result in the vehicle being ticketed and/or banned from the parking lots by security. Please do not pick up students in the circle drive or in front of IMAX

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Review the Student Handbook with your student. Know and understand the school rules and let your child know that you expect them to adhere to them. School and home must be on the same team!

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

Good Attendance is Vital to School Success

If your child must be absent, call the office the morning of the absence at 313-982-6200. Press #3 and follow the directions.

Come join us during

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Meet your child's teachers, review the curriculum, and learn new ways to motivate them.

September 15 – 19

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