

January 15, 2023

Dear Parents, Teachers, Staff and Community Members of Hollins High School this is Principal Robert Florio with your weekly update:

- I want to thank our students, staff, and families for a great first week back to start 2023 and the spring semester. A Reminder that we are off Monday January 16 to celebrate Martin Luther King Day – there is no school for students or staff. We return Tuesday January 17
- Our students and staff worked on a collaborative project during the first semester culminating in the production of our HHS School Spirit Parade Video Project: Mindset Matters.
 - It was a school wide staff and student effort to promote our culture of care and concern for all students and to create a visual illustration of our school's theme – Mindset Matters – if you can conceive it – believe it – you can achieve it
 - The final production and film involved everyone on our campus and took extraordinary collaboration and coordination – that quite frankly, could not have been done at most high schools in America
 - I am so proud of our students and staff for their work on this great representation of what it means to be a Hollins High student and the positive culture we continue to build. The video has been posted to our school's website for all to enjoy
- Hollins' two amazing robotics teams competed this weekend, against twenty-seven teams for our 3rd league meet. Nerdvana (15006) started out strong and ended the meet ranked 1st! During finals, we were able to choose our second team, Quantum Bots (22690), a strong rookie team, as our alliance partners and working together, our teams won both our finals matches!
- League Championships are February 4th. Congratulations to our Robotics team and their faculty leadership Dr. Lovelady and Ms. Cook for their guidance and support
- Your students will be soon coming home with course request information for next school year – yes it goes that fast – please encourage your students to challenge themselves in honors, AICE, AP and Dual Enrollment courses – where they can earn quality points to their GPA and college credit to their transcript
- We will kick-off the 2023-2024 course request season with an Elective Fair on Tuesday, January 31st during the first 30 minutes of the day. We will adjust the bell schedule to accommodate this important activity. The students will already have their course request sheets, so they will be able to choose their class ON THE SPOT!!
- Remember we have Extended Learning for tutoring, test preparation and homework assistance everyday after school Monday through Thursday from 2 to 3 pm in our Media Center
- Finally, this week, a reminder that our goals for our students and school are ambitious – we are aiming to be the best public high school in the state of Florida – to accomplish our goals we must work together – attendance is integral – students must be in it to win it. Please help us get your student on time in the morning by

adjusting the alarm ten minutes back – first block starts at 7:10 every day – students who are consistently late lose valuable instruction time

- Thank you for your continued support of our school and efforts!

Enjoy the rest of your evening surrounded by good friends and family in good health and high spirits!

See you at the Top!