

February 5, 2023

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

- Hollins Robotics dominates at the League Championships. Out of 25 teams from multiple counties, team Nerdvana finished in 2nd place for the league and won the Connect Award for teams who incorporate outreach and promote STEM to their community
 - During the 1st semifinal match, Quantum Bots helped set a new state high score record!
 - Then, during the 2nd semifinal match, Nerdvana helped set a NEW state high score record!!
 - BOTH TEAMS advanced to the State competition in March!!!
 - Congratulations to our Robotics Faculty Advisors Dr. Lovelady and Ms. Cook and all of our robotics student leaders
- Our student curriculum fair was a big success. Students visited and received information from various elective and content areas about courses for future selection. Many 10th graders took the PERT test for which a qualifying score will allow students to take Dual enrollment college courses here on our campus and at St. Pete College
 - Parents, please have conversations with your students about course pathways and encourage them to take AP, AICE, DE classes to potentially earn college credit while in high school at no cost
- 67 students received prestigious Scholar Awards from Cambridge International- Hollins High School students earned 38 recognitions more than double the students from the other Cambridge Schools. Congratulations to our great scholars and their teachers!
- Tuesday February 7 is the midpoint of quarter 3. Please check your students' grades in FOCUS to ensure they are on track and direct them to ELP – our extended learning program for tutoring, test preparation and homework assistance every Monday through Thursday from 2 to 3 pm in our Media Center
- Our boys' basketball team will play Northeast HS at Osceola on Tuesday February 7 at 7 pm in the district quarterfinals. Winner will play at Osceola on Wednesday in the semi- finals – Finals are Friday
- All spring sports teams have started. Please encourage your student to get involved in a sports team or club – the sharing of their talents makes us better – schedules for upcoming sporting events can be found on our school's website
- If you do not preorder your yearbook by March 10th, there is no guarantee you will be able to get one. Yearbooks can be purchased on Balfour.com for \$90
- Students should continue to bring their charged laptops to school every day. Laptops will be utilized for all Spring End of Course assessments

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

See you at the Top!