



AMOR ET CONSCIA VIRTUS

HAP NEWSLETTER



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LOVE AND A CONSCIOUS COURAGE

Time to Reflect

Looking Back

As the 2017 Higher Achievement Program comes to a close, we look back on the students' hard work in the classroom and on the field. Over the past month, they have grown by reaching for their academic and athletic goals. They have formed strong friendships with their peers and have found role models in their teachers and teaching assistants. As these young men step through the doors of Fordham Prep and towards the eighth grade, we celebrate their past achievements and those yet to come.

The students have had the opportunity to take part in a variety of special events in addition to the usual sports schedule.

These included:

- Track and Field Day
- Studio Art
- Jazz Ensemble
- Italian and Spanish Courses
- Baseball Clinic
- Computer Graphics
- Introduction to Classics
- Speech and Debate
- Cooking Workshop
- Science Lectures and Experiments
- Theater Program
- Music Presentation
- Service Project



Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam



For the Greater Glory of God

Academics

Poems and Crests

Students in Mrs. Simeone's English Language Arts classes worked on writing Dr. Seuss-themed poems after reading and discussing *The Lorax*. Their poems had to rhyme and feature made-up words to recreate Dr. Seuss's writing style.

After reading Edgar Allan Poe's short story, "The Cask of Amontillado," students were given a template and asked to create a coat of arms to represent themselves and/or their family. Pictured to the right are three seals sketched by (from left to right) Michael Dinelli, Brandon Molina and Maison McCallum. They had to include symbols, colors and a motto. The assignment also included a field trip to the Edgar Allen Poe Memorial site on Fordham University's Rose Hill campus (pictured below).

HAP is a pile of fantabulous fun

Until it is almost done

We have great fun in the blinding orange sun

The lunch isn't good, it's great

I think that's cause to celebrate!

Evan Guzmán
(Blue Jays)

HAP is fun and awesome

There are many things to do

During lunch we chewily chew

And when the day is done we are tiredly through.

Brian Curtin, Abiola Laguda, and Peter Vario
(Crusaders)



“Stories of HAP”

Intertwined with the curriculum of a few of Ms. Martino’s writing classes, students wrote a combination of fiction and non-fiction stories. The stories had to take place during HAP, include their classmates and incorporate a visual element constructed by each student relating to their story (pictured right). However, the stories could also include elements of fantasy such as zombie invasions, mythical battles and magical creatures. Patrick Moran said, "This was my favorite project at HAP, because it expanded my imagination beyond normal limits while learning about different writing styles."



Paper Airplane Statistics

While introducing the concept of statistics to her math class, Mrs. Meechan incorporated visual learning into the lesson. Instead of giving the students a list of meaningless numbers, Mrs. Meechan had her students create their own data set by using paper airplanes. The distance each student’s airplane traveled was measured out by use of floor tiles (one tile approximately equals one foot). The recorded distances were used as the data sets for the students’ statistics lessons, which included finding the mean, median, mode, range and outliers.



Athletics



Inter-Team Competition

Records were kept throughout the program and the top three teams, regardless of their cohorts, were recognized. The names of the top teams are listed below.

THIS YEAR'S HIGHEST SCORING TEAMS:

HAWKS: 19 wins/ 6 losses/ 0 ties

EAGLES: 17 wins/ 8 losses/ 1 tie

RANGERS : 16 wins/ 8 losses/ 1 ties



Baseball Clinic

Fordham Prep baseball coaches, Mr. Calamari and Mr. McLaughlin, held a baseball clinic for interested students. Over several days, the players honed their fielding and batting skills on Bahoshy Field. Throughout the clinic, boys received instruction from coaches and members of the Fordham Prep baseball team during exercises like fly-ball drills and batting practice.



Special Events

Classics Lecture

Fordham Prep Greek and Latin teacher, Mr. C. Lauber, gave a brief lecture on classical languages and culture. Study of the Classics is still a major facet of a complete Jesuit education. All Fordham Prep students must take at least one year of Latin or Ancient Greek. Mr. Lauber and the students enjoyed an overview of Greek mythology.



Music Presentation

One of the last special events at HAP was a visit from DJ Robert Moschetta. The students gathered in the Leonard Theatre to hear not only about the fundamentals of being a DJ, but also about the history of 20th century pop music. As an experienced MC, Mr. Moschetta was able to bring even the program's more reserved students out of their seats and onto the stage in a series of dance competitions and other activities.



Service Project

Service is an important component of the HAP experience. HAP students are asked to support an organization in service of others. The organization that we chose was Blythedale Hospital. As one of only 19 pediatric specialty hospitals in the United States, Blythedale has the staff, expertise and resources to provide exceptional comprehensive care for medically complex children and support for their families. With an average stay of 50 days, the children in this hospital are shown the utmost care and attention during their stay. As we did last year, we held our own Operation Care-Pack. Our hope this year is to provide each patient with a backpack filled with toiletries, clothing and other necessities to ease their stay at Blythedale. We hope that these care-packs will bring a smile to the children's faces as much as it did to our boys.

With your help, we raised over \$13,000 for our cause. Thank You!



Studio Art

Students who signed up for the Art Workshop with Mrs. Calamari and Mrs. Ritch finished their projects this week using several different media such as watercolors and markers.



HAP Closing Ceremony

On July 26th, we gathered in the Fordham University Church to recognize all of our students' accomplishments and the 41st anniversary of HAP at Fordham Prep with a Mass celebrated by Fordham Prep's President, Fr. Christopher Devron, SJ. Students were also given awards for exceptional academic and athletic achievements.

OPEN TO GROWTH

INTELLECTUALLY ACCOMPLISHED

RELIGIOUS



LOVING

COMMITTED TO DOING JUSTICE

*STRIVING FOR WELLNESS OF
MIND AND BODY*



What's HAPpening

Prayer at HAP

Fordham Prep's focus on *Faith, Scholarship & Service* is never far away during the HAP experience. By engaging in daily studies and the end-of-program service project, HAP participants demonstrate the merits of *Scholarship* and *Service*. However, those who wished to build upon their faith, beyond the morning and afternoon prayers (featuring St. Ignatius' Prayer for Generosity – written below and on the students' personal prayer cards) had the option of attending two morning masses celebrated by Fr. Devron, SJ, Fordham Prep's president. The weekly mass provided Hapsters with a serene environment in Fordham University's Church of Our Lady.

St. Ignatius's Prayer for Generosity

*Lord, teach me to be generous;
teach me to serve you as you
deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to seek reward,
except that of knowing that I do
your will.*

AMEN.



Meet our new Assistant Principal of Academics and Student Life

As of July 2017, after months of reviewing and interviewing a field of capable candidates, the Fordham Prep community welcomed Mr. Chad Broussard to Fordham Prep as the new Assistant Principal. Mr. Broussard is an experienced Catholic educator having served as the principal of St. Anthony's High School in Jersey City and is a graduate of Xavier University of Louisiana. His work as an administrator and student demonstrates commitment to the core Ignatian principles of *cura personalis* (care of the individual) and *magis* (the more). The Fordham Prep community welcomes the unique perspective of another experienced educator in the administration.



Extracurricular Activities



Mr. Jeffery
Butkowski '99
Computer Graphics
Workshop
Fordham Prep Faculty



Mrs. Roxanne Calvello
Science



Mr. Eugene
Calamari '82
Baseball Clinic
Fordham Prep Faculty &
Coach



Mr. Pierre Chavez
Track and Field Day
Fordham Prep Faculty &
Coach



Mrs. Helen Calamari
Studio Art



Mrs. Teresa Di Vita-
Geremia
Spanish
Fordham Prep Faculty

*With the help of our dedicated faculty, the
Higher Achievement Program is pleased to
offer a variety of special activities.*



Mr. George Febles
Track and Field
Fordham Prep Faculty &
Coach



Mr. John Haag '84
Science Lecture
Fordham Prep Faculty



Mr. Robert
Moschetta '90
Music Presentation



Mr. Dylan LaGamma
'09
Jazz Ensemble
Fordham Prep Faculty



Mr. Thomas
O'Sullivan '98
Theater Workshop
Fordham Prep Faculty



Mr. Christopher Lauber
'79
Classics
Fordham Prep Faculty



Mrs. Christina Porco
Art Workshop
Fordham Prep Staff



Mr. Johnathan Lee Ray
'11
Speech and Debate



Mrs. Jacqueline Ritch
Studio Art



Mr. Richard Romani
Cooking Workshop
Cater to You Food Service



Mrs. Patricia Simeone
Italian
Fordham Prep Faculty



*On the steps of the Fordham University Church

Teams of Jesuit Institutions of Higher Education

Jesuit education is based on a tradition of academic rigor and spirituality. The Higher Achievement Program, as part of this Jesuit tradition, recognizes this through the naming of the HAP Teams after the mascots of different Jesuit colleges and universities. Below are the names and statistics about each college or university.



College of the Holy Cross
Crusaders
Worcester, MA
Founded 1843
2,912 Students



Georgetown University
Hoyas
Washington, DC
Founded 1789
4,793 Students



Creighton University
Blue Jays
Omaha, NE
Founded 1878
8,019 Students



Gonzaga University
Bulldogs
Spokane, WA
Founded 1887
7,421 Students



Fordham University
Rams
Bronx, NY
Founded 1841
15,286 Students



*Statistics by US News and World Reports



Loyola University
Chicago
Ramblers
Chicago, IL
Founded 1870
16,437 Students



Rockhurst University
Hawks
Kansas City, MO
Founded 1910
2,801 Students



Loyola University
Maryland
Greyhounds
Baltimore, MD
Founded 1852
4,068 Students



Santa Clara University
Broncos
Santa Clara, CA
Founded 1851
9,015 Students



Loyola Marymount
University
Lions
Los Angeles, CA
Founded 1911
9,295 Students



University of Detroit Mercy
Titans
Detroit, MI
Founded 1877
4,920 Students



Marquette University
Eagles
Milwaukee, WI
Founded 1881
11,294 Students



Wheeling Jesuit University
Cardinals
Wheeling, WV
Founded 1954
1,500 Students



Regis University
Rangers
Denver, CO
Founded 1877
9,208 Students



Xavier University
Musketeers
Cincinnati, OH
Founded 1831
6,522 Students

HAP Administration



Dr. David Gelpi
Co-Director of HAP

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Co-Director of HAP

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HAP Activities Coordinator

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HAP Office Manager

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HAP Counselor

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HAP Nurse

Mr. Michael De Lia '17
HAP Media Specialist



Special Thanks

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