This summer we are saying farewell to Assistant Principal Dr. Scott McAlister as we wish him well in his new role as principal of James Hart Junior High School. He began at Homewood-Flossmoor in 2002 as a Social Science teacher, then became the school’s South Building assistant principal in 2009. Dr. McAlister will now have the charge of preparing 7th and 8th Graders for their H-F High School careers. The benefits to our community in having this transition occur will be invaluable. He clearly understands the rigorous curriculum needed at the middle-school level, which is necessary to prepare students for the academic expectations of H-F. In addition, he is a people person who supports teachers and understands this community and the great expectations we have of our students. James Hart’s students and parents will be in very capable hands.

Stepping in to fill Dr. McAlister’s shoes will be Craig Fantin, a current Homewood-Flossmoor dean of students. Mr. Fantin has been with us since 2001, when he was hired as a Mathematics teacher. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Valparasio University, as well as a master’s degree in Curriculum & Instruction from Indiana Wesleyan University. As one of our deans, he has been charged with maintaining daily discipline, attendance and the overall climate of our school. He will now work with our other assistant principal, Lawrence Cook, supervising the deans. Mr. Fantin is a student-centered educator, who has always kept the academic success of students as his primary focus. He understands the importance of academic achievement within the larger picture of supporting teachers and working with parents and the community. We have a phenomenal staff at Homewood-Flossmoor. We are most fortunate to have Mr. Fantin stepping up into his new position to continue this same tradition of greatness.

In addition to this administrative change, there have also been physical changes taking place at Homewood-Flossmoor’s campus this summer -- the most notable being the construction project at the North Building. Even with the weather challenges this spring, the project continues to move forward with hopes of completing the project on schedule. Remember that you can watch this project develop via a time-lapse camera. Look for the “Quick Link” on our website.

My sincerest wish is that each of you is having a great summer. I hope to see everyone recharged in August as we begin another outstanding school year at H-F.

— Superintendent Dr. Von Mansfield

Admin Shift a Win-Win for the H-F Community

Student Sculpture Towers Over Flossmoor

Each school year, Homewood-Flossmoor’s 3D Studio Art students design and create a sculpture to be added to the art collection on campus. Sculptures can be found along the student walking paths and in campus courtyards. This year, however, the students and their teacher, Greg Petecki, collaborated with the Flossmoor Public Art Commission to install this year’s creation — Bell Tower — in a more visible location for the greater Homewood-Flossmoor community: the lawn of the Flossmoor Public Library.

Bell Tower, a 14-ft. wooden sculpture to be on display for the next three years, has now been added to the village’s collection of permanent and leased sculptures, which include works by Judith Shea, Richard Hunt and Terry Karpowicz.

Congratulations to our honors students! To be eligible for High Honors, students must be enrolled in at least five classes and achieve all As. Students who are enrolled in at least five classes and receive at least two As and no grade lower than a B are eligible for Honors.

GRADE 9 - Class of 2016

H O N O R S

GRADE 10 - Class of 2015

H O N O R S
Lauren Agrigento, Alana Anderson, Anthony Babinec, Sultan Bada, Abraham Bava, Quewone Berry, Jonathan Brandt, Chazz Brown, Kayla Butler, Steve Butler Jr, Deana Cager, Peter Cipriano, Ladye Cook, Michael Crecco, Kenneth Dames, Adira Dangoy, Micaela Davis, Claire Deering, Lilian Ebom, Toluwalele Efunkonya, April Faulkner, Thaddeus Fifer, Khayleia Foy, Austin Grandison, Mia Guzynski, Madeline Hallahan, Julian Hansen, Joshua Harris, Terez Hobson, Joniay Hobli, Lindsay Hopkins, Victor Ibe, Carlos Jimenez, Karin Johnson, Moriah Jones, Emma Kaye, Oksana Kolimas, Corey Kosmin, Jordan Kouassi, Emily Leader, Vivien Makos, Alecia Martin, Charly Martin, Brian Mayo, Robert Meagher IV, Peter Mitchell, Alexis Moffett, Rebecca Mooney, Fiona Moran, Madeline Morrison, Maya Nakamura, Kasey Nemitz, Jessica Norman, Anna Nevak, Leah O Shea, Jeremy Orbik, Joel Osei, Austin Paschal, Angela Novak, Leah O Shea, Jeremy Orbik, Joel Osei, Austin Paschal, Angela Patterson, Jeremy Patterson, Melissa Pizza, Christopher Riedel, Jelani Robinson, Rose Michelle Romain, Precious Rose, Edwin Schaeffer, Corey Schaffer, John Schloen, Olivia Sciford, Michael Shereyk, Megan Shockley, Amber Smith, Calvin Stringer, Rebecca Tanner, Ciara Thomas, Elias Thomas, Tinsba Thomas, Zakiya Tolliver, Natalie Tomey, Tara Troli, Wyatt Ulberg, Alyssa Villamor Thompkins, Tajah Ware, Denee Webster, Justin Willkerson & Wesley Woodson

GRADE 11 - Class of 2014

H O N O R S
Desmond Amuth, Kevin Anderson, Crissel Marie Arban, Sarah Armstrong, Apollonia Bodunrin, Leslie Bonthron, Maeve Coyle, Agatha Mari Fernandez, Irie Grant, Karina Hayes, Tierra Hollanquest, Lauren Hurley, Jameson Lamb, Emma Lane, Allison Lessner, Anna Meehan, Quincy O'Malley, Christina Price, Christina Redmond, Nicholas Sanders, Kristin Spratt, Nina Sweeney & Alexander Worman

GRADE 12 - Class of 2013

H O N O R S
David Abramov, Ceylon Alexander, Erin Bruggeman, Kelly Codere, Lesley Dennison, Robert Gramillano, Faith Huckabee, Princewill Ibe, Amani Jackson, Elisa Jimenez, Elizabeth Joyce, Daniel Kopas, Jenna Ladner, Jocelyn Manning, Danielle Markus, Julia McMurtrey, Madeline Morris, Elliott Runburg, Emily Russo, Sara Ryan, Jessica Schmidt, Stephanie Sigale, Jasmine Streteer, Evelyn Weidman & Stephanie Yohay

H O N O R S
Best Wishes for H-F’s 2013 Retirees

This year H-F said farewell to staff members who have served the school in a variety of capacities. Thank you to: John Williams, North Building security officer since 2005; and to Marionette Young and April Skwiertz, instructional assistants who each served our students for more than 20 years.

Our sole retiring teacher this year was Robert Comstock. Comstock is a 1972 H-F alumnus, who was hired in 1979 to teach broadcasting and English.

“There is no single principle that explains the philosophy of education better than the idea of the growth of each student individually,” says Comstock. “My 40 years at H-F has been a wonderful experience. It has been a wonderful opportunity to do just that.”

During his decades at H-F, Comstock inspired several future communicators, such as Chuck Garfien (Comcast Sportsnet); Laurence Holmes (WSCR Radio); Scott Rude (Golf Channel); Ben Bradley (ABC 7 Chicago); and Michelle Eccles McLaughlin (Capitol Radio Group). He was also actively involved in Operation Snowball. He attended 33 Snowball retreats; the most memorable one being Craig Scott, the brother of slain Columbine High School student, Rachel Scott, came as a guest speaker. His visit led to the start of H-F’s Friends of Rachel club, another program Comstock is passionate about.

To honor and recognize his many years of service, H-F will be awarding one male and one female student scholarships to attend the next Operation Snowball in Comstock’s honor. Additionally — at the suggestion of some dedicated H-F alumni — H-F is creating a special fund to which alumni, parents and friends are invited to contribute. The goals of the Comstock Fund will be to support an annual scholarship for a student pursuing a degree in broadcasting or journalism; scholarships for students to attend Snowball; a special expenses/book fund for current students; a broadcasting equipment wish list; and expanded opportunities for our students to attend broadcasting conferences or symposiums. For more information on the Comstock Fund, please contact Ann Cherry, director of Development & Alumni Relations, at 708-335-5530, acherry@hf233.org.

H-F Library Receives State Grant for Print Books

Homewood-Flossmoor was awarded a $3,500 grant from the Illinois State Library for the purchase of print, non-fiction history books this spring, thanks to a grant proposal headed up by the school’s librarians: Jane Harper and Kathy Tisoncik. The grant — offered through the Back to Books program — is funded with a combination of state dollars and federal Library Services and Technical Act funds, awarded to the Illinois State Library by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services. With the grant, the librarians say they plan to purchase print books to update the school’s collection in several areas of world and U.S. history. The chosen books will be from a variety of reading and interest levels to accommodate students at all academic levels.

“The enthusiasm of our faculty is contagious at H-F, as hundreds of students use the library for history research,” says Harper. “This grant allows us to add to the good books we already own to create an up-to-date, inclusive collection that will truly support all of our students.”

H-F Foundation invites you to Ravisloe Country Club for its 3rd annual golf outing on Friday, Sept. 20. This scramble-format outing will feature a round of golf with cart, lunch, golf prizes, a raffle, silent auction and dinner. Sponsorships, donations and silent-auction items are welcome. Proceeds benefit student activities at H-F! For more info, contact hfhsfoundation@gmail.com.
CLASS OF 2013

On Sunday, June 2, the 54th graduating class from Homewood-Flossmoor High School walked across the stage in the South Gymnasium to receive their diplomas and begin their next chapter. While the weather did not cooperate this year, the event was still filled with hope and celebration. District 233 Board of Education President Richard T. Lites was the distinguished speaker, and Olufemi Adigun, as the senior class president, gave the senior farewell. Superintendent Dr. Von Mansfield presented the Viking Scholars, the Class of 2013’s top academic performers, then Principal Dr. Ryan Pitcock along with the school’s guidance counselors presented the remaining graduates. Regarding this year’s class, did you know?

- Our Vikings are pursuing higher education in 35 states.
- Beyond Illinois private and state universities, the next popular destinations are the University of Missouri, the University of Iowa and Iowa State University.
- Thirteen members of this class are joining branches of the U.S. military.
- Number of student-athletes who signed with colleges and universities from this year’s class? 39.

**SENIOR ATHLETIC AWARDS**

110% Award
Gabriela Cipriano
- swimming

110% Award
Maurius Hill
- basketball

Daniel H. Murray Memorial Scholarship
Payson Wick
- football

Daniel H. Murray Memorial Scholarship
Samantha Larocca
- soccer

Karen Roseberry Memorial School Spirit Award
Kimberly Boehm
- water polo
Kaitlyn Sheryek - 
JAN NOLTING AWARD

Kaitlyn was a two-sport, four-year varsity athlete in volleyball and softball. She completed A.P. and Honors classes with a 3.91 GPA and was 17th in her graduating class. She will continue being a student-athlete at the Division 1 level at the University of South Carolina this fall. She has done a great job of handling both athletics and academics. As captain of her volleyball team and a leader in softball, Kaitlyn was what every coach wants in an athlete, said her coaches. She is hardworking, dedicated, determined and gives 100% of the time.

Kevin Kuchta - 
CALVIN MALL AWARD

Kevin has earned many accolades in his H-F career, but what sets him apart, says Coach Tim Caldwell, is his human side. He was a true leader and friend to his teammates and is a very compassionate and unselfish young man. Kevin was All-Conference in both water polo and swimming his senior year. He was the 2013 Sectional Player of the Year for water polo, and was selected as an All-State player his last two years in water polo. He led the water polo team in every statistical category. Also, he qualified for the IHSA State swimming finals and holds the school record in the 200-yard IM. He is heading to the University of Kansas next fall.
H-F welcomed back two alumni this spring: one to the classroom and one to the stage of the Mall Auditorium.

**Dodie Anderson Hofstetter**, ’76, was on campus to speak about her storied journalism career with the Journalism I class and the Voyager class. Dodie, a Marquette University grad who has worked for the Chicago Tribune since 1981, explained her career path from fledgling reporter to editor in departments such as the business section, features and news. She is currently a member of the Tribune editorial board, where she is among a handful of senior journalists who help shape the tone and style of the paper. She also serves as editor of the Voice of the People section.

**Andy Schapiro**, ’81, was the guest speaker at the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony. Andy – a lawyer with Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, an international law firm – delivered a lively and impassioned speech encouraging students to take their “eyes off the prize” periodically in order to enjoy the amazing, unplanned moments in life. He attended Yale University, Oxford University as a Marshall Scholar for a graduate degree and earned a J.D. from Harvard Law, where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review. After law school, he clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun. He became a federal defender, then became one of the nation’s premier intellectual property attorneys, winning a billion-dollar lawsuit for Google and YouTube. He has served on President Obama’s National Finance Committee and was named to the Democratic National Committee’s Platform Committee.

On May 30, 18 previous recipients of the prestigious Calvin Mall Award, presented to the top male athlete of the year, were invited back to campus to honor the 50th anniversary of this award. **Tom Perkins**, ’63, the first recipient, flew in from San Francisco to be part of the activities. H-F was also pleased to have **Diane Mall**, sister of the late Calvin Mall, and her sons in attendance. Tom Perkins was a classmate and teammate of Cal Mall’s and he spoke to the audience at the annual athletic banquet. Past Calvin Mall Award recipients who attended the event included: **Tom Perkins**, ’63; **Jim Frye**, ’64; **Steve Bittner**, ’65; **Jade Winkler**, ’74; **Jim Pavele**, ’75; **Bob Derick**, ’78; **Tom Baffes**, ’81; **Jeff Pavlik**, ’86; **Jeff Lesniewicz**, ’88; **Mark Skowronski**, ’89; **Greg Marshall**, ’90; **Ross Collins**, ’93; **Mike Cunningham**, ’94; **Nelson Grant**, ’96; **Derek Hartmann**, ’98; **Chris Cunningham**, ’01; **Supo Sanni**, ’08; **Shay Banton**, ’11; and **Tim Williams**, ’12. This year’s recipient was **Kevin Kuchta** (inset photo), swimmer and water polo player headed to the University of Kansas.

Planning an H-F reunion? Want to get back in touch with your high school? Contact **Ann Cherry**, director of Development & Alumni Relations, at 708-335-5530 or acherry@hf233.org.
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VIKING SPORT REPORT

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Principally Speaking

Dear Stakeholders of Homewood-Flossmoor Community High School:

As we have concluded a successful school year, I thought sharing some of the academic accolades of our graduating class would be appropriate. On Sunday, June 2, we had 697 students walk in our 54th annual commencement. Thank you to our senior class and our seniors’ families for their commitment to H-F and for everything they have done to bring fame to our academic institution.

Scholastic Pins: Frances Aboushousha • David Abramov • Ian Bannon • Alexander Bergeron • Kimberley Boehm • Erin Bruggeman • Gabriela Cipriano • Kelly Coderre • Clara Deck • Lesley Dennison • Bryn Dolan • Ima Eno • Janie Gallagher • Kevin Giselson • Chloe Gropper • Grace Hanzelin • Courtney Hughes • Princewill Ibe • Elisa Jimenez • Elizabeth Joyce • Jacob Klem • Gregory Kuznieski • Jenna Ladner • Samantha Larocca • Sara Lichtenberg • Rubin Logan • Madeleine Manning • Danielle Markus • Julia McMurtry • Aaron Messersmith • Madeline Morris • ShKirah Moton • Justine Moulds • Connor Quinn • Rajaee Redmond • Noah Risner • Lauren Roby • Gabriela Rodriguez • Elliott Runburg • Emily Russo • Miranda Ryan • Sara Ryan • Taylor Sanders • Jamie Schafrath • Anna Schloen • Lena Schmidt • Isaiha Sciford • Ian Senesac • Kaitlyn Sherey • Stephanie Sigale • Austin Smith • Brianna Stewart • Brandon Story • Nancy Tran • Alexandra Ulberg • Evelyn Weidman • Brooke Wians • Arica Williams • Haley Williams • Stephanie Yohay

Commended Students in the National Merit Program:
Clara Deck • Brendan Dunagan • Elizabeth Joyce • Elliott Runburg • Sara Ryan • Isaiha Sciford

Achievement Scholarship Award Finalists:
Tori Jones • Lauren E. Roby • Kaylah D. Sosa

National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist: Kevin B. Giselson

National Achievement Program Participants Referred to Colleges: Richard Foster-Shelton • Herman Miller • Austin O’Donoghue • Langston Pendleton • Taylor Sanders • Brianna Stewart • Lerone Weathersby

President’s Award for Educational Excellence Selection Criteria for Awards: Erin Bruggeman • Evelyn Weidman • Elliott Runburg • Lena Schmidt • Stephanie Yohay • Sara Lichtenberg • Danielle Markus • Elizabeth Joyce • Madeline Morris • Julia McMurtry • Nancy Tran • Samantha Larocca • Emily Russo • Isaiha Sciford • Gabriela Cipriano • Kevin Giselson • Kaitlyn Sherey • Sara Ryan • Jamie Schafrath • Haley Williams • Alexander Bergeron • Kelly Coderre • Ian Senesac • Ian Bannon • Justine Moulds • Princewill Ibe • Anna Schloen • Arica Williams • Brianna Stewart • David Abramov • Stephanie Sigale • Abby Schultz • Bryn Dolan • Courtney Hughes • Clara Deck • Elisa Jimenez • Kathleen Wallace • Lesley Dennison • Janie Gallagher • Jalen Smith • Lauren Roby • Alonna Williams • Kimberley Boehm • Robert Gramlinda • Madeleine Manning • Madeline Morris • ShKirah Moton • Justine Moulds • Connor Quinn • Rajaee Redmond • Noah Risner • Lauren Roby • Gabriela Rodriguez • Elliott Runburg • Emily Russo • Miranda Ryan • Sara Ryan • Taylor Sanders • Jamie Schafrath • Anna Schloen • Lena Schmidt • Isaiha Sciford • Ian Senesac • Kaitlyn Sherey • Stephanie Sigale • Austin Smith • Brianna Stewart • Brandon Story • Nancy Tran • Alexandra Ulberg • Evelyn Weidman • Brooke Wians • Arica Williams • Haley Williams • Stephanie Yohay

THE VIKING VIEW

On May 22, our Viking Broadcasting Center was featured on the morning news on CBS 2 Chicago. Reporter Vince Gerasole visited our TV and radio station and transmitted live segments to Chicagoland. Gerasole was joined by H-F alumni and CBS 2 Chicago staffers, Carly Luque (’95) and Dan Kraemer (’88). More than 20 of our students came to school early for the 5 a.m. broadcast, which highlighted our station’s new news desk, editing suites, control room and radio booth. The station was renovated last summer and reopened in October 2012.

THE VIKING VIEW

Off The Viking View