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FIREBIRD GAZETTE

LOVING EVERY SECOND



come back stronger than ever despite the possibility of not being able to compete. This year, Doran Academy will be pushed to be stronger and better than ever.

FEBRUARY INTRO

BY: MARIAN NAVARRO

February is the month of love and history. Being a month that contains both Valentine's day and Black History Month, there are a lot of things to look forward to. Ways to celebrate these events along with the traditional school updates are to be expected in this edition of the newsletter. It will also feature awards that have been presented to our talented Firebirds.

CALENDAR



FEBRUARY 3RD

- NHS & NJHS MEETING

FEBRUARY 11TH

- NHHS MEETING

FEBRUARY 15TH

- NO SCHOOL: PRESIDENT'S DAY

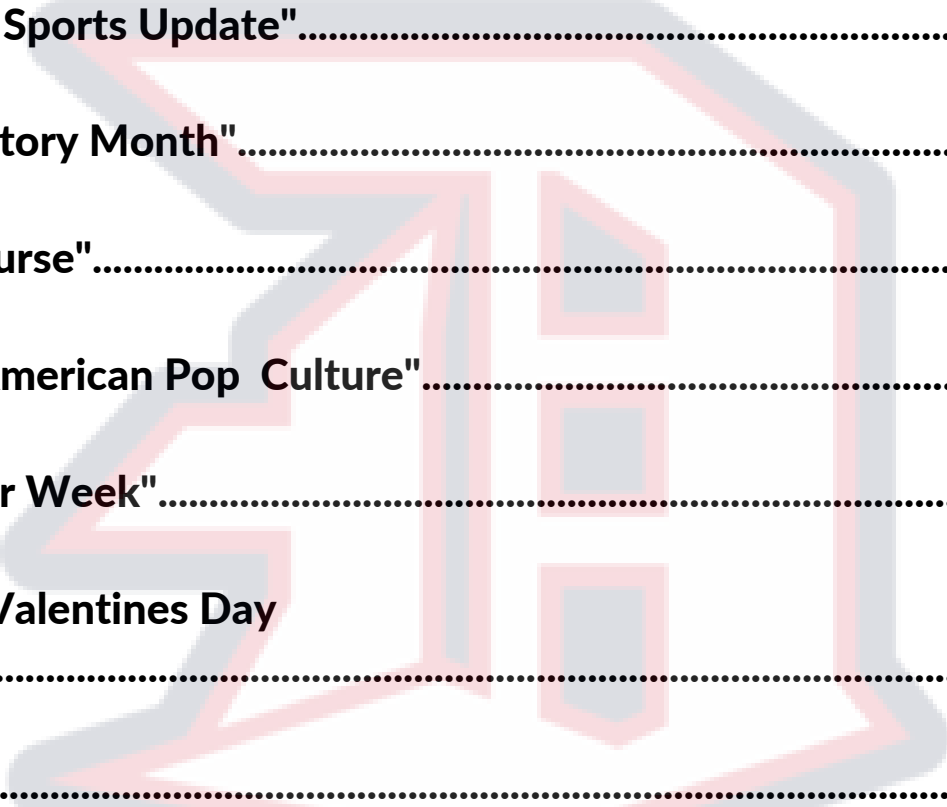
FEBRUARY 23RD

- SOCIAL REFORM MEETING



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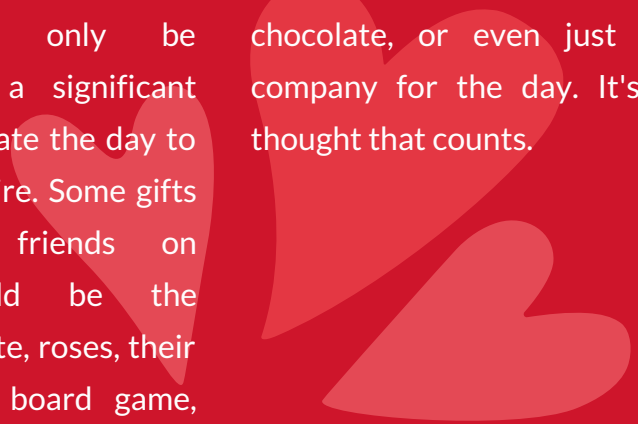
Valentines Day Gifts

By: *Samantha Alvarez*

Valentine's Day, also known as St. Valentine's Day is a holiday celebrated yearly on the 14th of February. Valentine's Day is all about love, but no rule says it has to be all about romantic love. February 14 is also a great time to show appreciation for friends

– the old ones, the lose ones, the fast ones, the true ones, and most importantly, the best ones. Although some may believe the holiday should only be celebrated with a significant other, some dedicate the day to a friend they admire. Some gifts to get your friends on Valentine's could be the following: chocolate, roses, their favorite book, a board game, cookies, jewelry, and a meaningful card.

At the end of the day, no matter what you decide to gift your friend, whether that be a diamond necklace, some chocolate, or even just your company for the day. It's the thought that counts.



Safe Valentines Day

By: *Lauren Cordero*

Needless to say, most people know February as the month of love. With Valentine's Day right around the corner, everyone is excited to celebrate the holiday with their special someone. However, this year stands out from the others. Since we are still amidst the pandemic, we can't celebrate the way we are ac

customed to it. Hence, what other ways are there to celebrate while staying safe?

One way to start the day off is with a classic breakfast in bed, which never goes overlooked. Additionally, a fun activity for later during the day can be planning a game night. Working together to win the game makes a stronger team and can be incredibly fun. However, if they are not the biggest fan of games, a movie night could be a great option as well. A marathon of all their favorite movies is sure to make the best Valentine's Day night. As far as gifts go, various personal gifts don't require leaving the house.

Dinner at a fancy restaurant is boring and overdone. Instead, something sentimental to give to a significant other can be a personalized gift filled with tokens from the most amazing memories they have had together.

All in all, just because things are different this year, does not mean there is nothing we can do to celebrate.

The most memorable experiences come from the ones that are spontaneous and unplanned. To all our fellow Firebirds, Happy Valentines Day!

February Sports Update

By: Nicole Suarez

CHEERLEADING:

Congratulations to our Lady Firebirds as they worked hard for their well-earned State Championship Title. Now, they're training even harder for UCA Nationals in April.

SOCCER:

Our boys' soccer has been on a continuous rise to a State Champion Title. They've recently had a game against Viera High for State Semi-Finals and won with a score of 3-0. Now they prepare for the most anticipated game of the season, the State Finals.

SOFTBALL:

Our Softball ladies have recently begun their season and have had a successful commencement to the season with a preseason win against Pines Charter with a score of 14-1. They've begun their official season against Archbishop Academy with a winning score of 13-2 and their previous game was as well a win with a score of 4-0 against American Heritage.

BASKETBALL:

Our Firebirds are as well on the rise as they've successfully won against North Miami in Regional Quarter Finals with a score of 69-58.

BASEBALL:

Varsity Baseball has as well gotten a win recently against Miami Christian with a score of 6-3 and will soon play South Miami in our home field on Tuesday, March 4th.

TENNIS:

Our lady firebirds will soon play against Immaculata-La Salle on Wednesday March 3rd at Crandon Park.



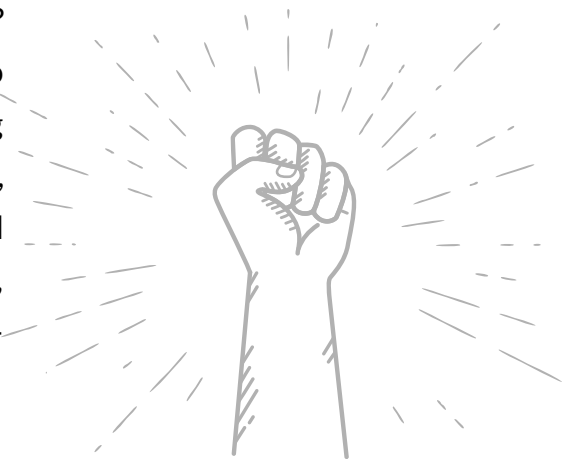
Black History Month

By: Lauren Cordero

As you may know, February is Black History Month. Black History Month began as a way for people to remember the most revered African Americans and the significant events caused by their efforts. President Reagan issued a presidential proclamation that stated that “the Foremost purpose of Black History Month is to make all Americans aware of this struggle for freedom and equal opportunity.”

Some of the most significant public figures include Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Muhammad Ali, Rosa Parks, and Maya Angelou, all placing their mark on the world. During February, we take time to reflect on their efforts among others, and the true impact they left on the world to this day and for centuries to come. Now, you may be wondering, how can we Firebirds do our part in celebrating Black History Month? Well, there are numerous ways to show your support, including donating to a Black Organization, visiting a Black History or Civil Rights Museum in your local area, and/or supporting a local Black-owned business.

There is always a way we can show our support, whether it be big or small, it is always appreciated. As we continue to reflect on the remarkable legacies these extraordinary people left, we can do our best to inspire others to do the same and speak their minds. Happy Black History Month Firebirds!



School Nurse

By: Samantha Alvarez

A School Nurse performs a critical role within the school health program by addressing the major health issues experienced by children. This role includes providing preventive and screening services, health education, and assistance with decision-making about health, and immunization

against preventable diseases. School Nurse duties include providing healthcare to students with any health problems, writing referrals for health services, and developing and monitoring health plans for students. Mrs. Jocelyn Luquez is a multistate Registered Nurse with a background in pediatrics and adult medical-surgical specialty. Mrs. Luquez has an open door policy and open communication policy with all while maintaining a

safe, clean and healthy environment for all. Fortunately, all students at Doral Academy can count on their school nurse for anything.



African American Pop Culture

By: Victor Giraldo

Billie Holiday: Billie Holiday was one of the most notable female pop icons of the 1930s and the 1940s. Known for her raw and deeply emotional vocals, her voice is so pure and bare that it's what makes her so unique. She was called "Lady Day" and was known for her vocals being influenced by jazz instruments. In 2000, she was finally inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Ella Fitzgerald: There was no one quite like Ms. Ella Fitzgerald. She was a musical icon whose reign lasted until 1996. Often referred to as the Queen of Jazz and the First Lady of Song, she was known for revolutionizing an African-American's place in music, and her melodic, angelic, and timeless voice helped her make history.

Along with this came her legendary ability to scat.

Aretha Franklin: Now, Aretha was similar in terms of Ella when it comes to setting records and history. However, Aretha was an R&B and Soul legend. Her nickname was the Queen of Soul. Some of her most notable songs are "Ain't No Way", "Respect", "Natural Woman", and "I Say a Little Prayer". Some of her most notable awards are her 18 Grammy Awards and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Whitney Houston: Whitney was timeless and effortless. She was one of the biggest singers of the 80s and the 90s. Known as The Voice, she had one of the greatest and most powerful voices of her time, if not of all time. Giving us hit such as "I'm Every Woman", "I Have Nothing", "I Will Always Love You", "Run to You", and "I Wanna Dance With Somebody", she set the stage for up-and-coming African-American pop divas.

Some of her most notable accomplishments include 1 Emmy, 6 Grammy Awards, and she was the first artist, male or female, to have 7 straight hits.

Beyonce: Beyonce is hands down one of the biggest pop divas of the late 90s and still reigns to this day. Known as Queen B and Sasha Fierce, she is known for her raspiness, variety of style, confidence and swagger, and effortless range and tone. Some of her most popular songs include "Single Ladies", "If I Were A Boy", "Halo", and "Crazy In Love". She currently holds the record the most awards from the BET Awards and the Soul Train Awards. She has won 9 American Music Awards, 18 ASCAP Pop Awards, 29 BET Awards, 13 Billboard Music Awards, and 24 Grammy Awards.



Counselor Week

By: Marian Navarro

The week of February 1st, we celebrated National School Counseling Week. During this time, we recognized how school counselors are “all in for all students”. School counselors ensure the health and progress of their students and make sure they navigate

through life as easily as possible. Doral took part in the photo challenge- in which counselors explain why they’re all in for students. Our very own had some very heartwarming and meaningful responses to this question. One of these responses came from Ms. Robertson, which read, “I’m all in for students because I love seeing students reach their goals and be the best versions of themselves.” Counselors are there to guide students in life and keep them on the right track. For this

reason, we celebrate National School Counseling Week and the amazing job they’ve been doing to help students.



Couples' Valentines Day Gifts

By: Nicole Suarez

As love was in the air recently here are possible Valentines Day Gift Ideas that can be given to your significant other this season of love:

If you want to show your affection through your senses, collect gifts that your significant other would appreciate having as each gift will represent the 5 senses such as taste, smell, sight, sound, and touch. For example for the smell you could give them perfume/ cologne or for example, the sound could be speakers and so forth.

Another gift many of the ladies would love to receive would be a teddy bear made out of roses. Also, getting a heart shape box filled with roses. As well as the heart that never dies are all simple and beautiful presents that could be given this loving holiday. If your significant other enjoys a little bit of mystery great fun and interactive treasure hunt with multiple spots that only you and your lover would understand and conclude the hunt with the biggest and most important spot. Another cute and simple Valentine’s Day gift that can be given is using a deck of cards and naming the gift ‘52 reasons why I love you and do just that on every single card to show your deepest

appreciations towards that person with a few simple notes and points that catch your eye the most. While millions of possible gifts could be and explained to create this Valentine’s Day celebration special for your significant other only you would know what they would enjoy and love the most from a simple homemade letter to an intricate gift that took forever to plan. Only you could decide what could be the best Valentine’s Day Gift to give to your significant other, but most importantly a gift that comes from the heart is the best gift of all.



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