

Friday, January 31, 2020

As we say goodbye to January and head into the second "No Homework Weekend" of the year...

1. On Monday, as a kickoff to Black History Month, all HHS juniors will see a performance of "**Thurgood**," a one-man play that highlights the life and career of Thurgood Marshall. Eleventh-graders (because they're all studying US History and American Literature this year) and selected others will be called to the auditorium at 9:30 and remain there until the end of D Block. As a way to continue our school's recognition of Black History Month, I'd like to encourage teachers to select a favorite piece of African American artwork (a painting, photograph, poem, song, etc.) and post a copy on the door to your classroom. The idea was inspired by a [new exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts](#) in Boston. I hope you'll decide to participate.
2. Please make sure you have marked your calendars and plan books for freshman advisory next Friday (Feb. 7th) during the second half of E Block.
3. If you've noticed extra bounce in the step of **Jon Rice** lately, maybe it's because his son, Josh, is having such a terrific senior season with the Eastern Nazarene College (ENC) basketball team. Last week, Josh was named "[Player of the Week](#)" in the New England Collegiate Conference. Earlier this year, Josh topped 1000 points for his career, equaling a feat accomplished (exactly thirty years ago!) by his father.
4. And here's some incredible athletic news from a faculty member who remains in the prime of his career: After competing in tryouts the past few weekends, **Gus Haflin** has been selected as a member of Boston's AUDL ([American Ultimate Disc League](#)) team, [Boston Glory](#). This makes Gus a **professional athlete!** Literally. Games start in April!
5. Next week is National School Counselor Week. Be sure to celebrate it properly by thanking those unsung heroines who work hard to make our school a better place!



Have a great weekend, everybody. I hope it can be devoid for homework for you, too, just as it is for our students.

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