



# FOX CROFT

## A C A D E M Y

### *From the desk of the Head of School*

#### Dates to Remember:

**Early Release for Students-**  
Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

**Columbus Day-** Monday, October  
8<sup>th</sup>, No School

**Parent/Teacher Conferences-**  
Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 3-5 p.m.  
and 6-8 p.m.

**Blood Drive-** Monday, October  
22<sup>nd</sup>, 1-6 p.m., FA Gym

**End of First Quarter-** Friday,  
October 26<sup>th</sup>

**Masquerade Ball-** Saturday,  
October 27<sup>th</sup>, 8-11 p.m., FA Gym

**School Picture Retakes-**  
Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

**First Quarter Grades Available-**  
Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Musical-** November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>,  
Center Theatre

**Veterans Day Holiday-** Monday,  
November 12<sup>th</sup>, No School



*Groundbreaking for the Libra Foundation Ice Rink (from left to right: Lucas Butler, Jere Michelson, Andrew Jacobs, Dr. Richard Swett, John Wentworth, Craig Denekas, Anthony DeRice, Arnold Shorey)*

#### IB Authorization is Coming

After a two-year International Baccalaureate candidacy, an IB authorization team will visit Foxcroft Academy to review the plans, protocols, and procedures that are set for implementing IB for the 2019/20 academic year. Following a successful authorization, next year's junior and senior classes will be able to participate in the IB diploma program or certificate program (certificate program means single classes and not in the diploma program). An IB diploma or IB classes on a student's transcript indicate a great deal of rigor and is very appealing to colleges and universities all over the world. In some cases, IB classes will replace AP classes and in some cases AP classes will remain and this will be determined by student interest in individual classes. For an IB diploma a student will need to earn 24 points (on a scale of 1 to 7) in six content classes (world language, English, math, music, science, and world history). IB diploma students will also have to take a fundamentals of knowledge class, write an extended essay, and create a portfolio in creativity, activity, and service (all scored on 1 to 3 scale). Mrs. Newhouse will be the Director of IB Studies and will be leading the faculty in preparing for the IB visitation.

#### Homecoming is Next Week

Foxcroft Academy is gearing up for the 2018 Homecoming, a great Foxcroft Academy tradition to celebrate fall sports but also to promote students working together as a class. We encourage all students to participate. Homecoming is one of three annual activities (Winter Carnival and Spring Fling are the other two) in which classes compete against other classes to earn valuable points to win the "Golden Pony Award," which currently belongs to the senior class. The classes will build their floats on Monday, October 1st through Thursday, October 4th at the following places with the following themes: Freshmen- Raymond's on Bear Hill Road (Eagles), Sophomores- True Value (Pirates), Juniors- Rowell's bus garage (Tigers), and Seniors- A.E. Robinson at the bottom of Pine Street (Minutemen). The dress-up day schedule is as follows: Monday- Pajama/Sweats Day, Tuesday- Twin Day, Wednesday- Sports Day, Thursday- Patriotic Day, Friday- Maroon & White Day. Each class is also encouraged to bring food drive items and please make sure that the items have not expired. On Thursday, October 4th the parade will begin behind Pat's Pizza at 7:00 p.m. and the pep rally in the gym will begin at 7:30 p.m., followed by the bonfire. At halftime of the football game on October 5th, the Class of the 2018 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees will be honored. Homecoming will end on Friday night with the dance from 9-11 p.m. (**Please pick up your child at 11 pm!**) Homecoming is a great time that generates a lot of school spirit and we encourage everyone to participate in a safe way.

#### October 10th is PSAT Testing Day

Wednesday, October 10th is PSAT testing day for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. The students will be participating in the practice SAT test from 8:20 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. This provides important practice as all FA students will take the SAT in April of their junior year. The PSATs also provide valuable data for the student, parents, and teachers on areas of strengths and areas that need to be improved upon. The seniors are allowed to stay home and work on the many projects that seniors need to work on, such as community service, senior portfolios, college essays, college visits, job shadowing, etc.