



FRIENDS' CENTRAL SCHOOL

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JTF Message from the Upper School Office

We want to extend our gratitude to Dwight Dunston and [Hardwork Movement](#) who entertained a crowd of all ages with an incredible performance last Thursday that we didn't have a chance to celebrate in this space last week. A big shout out, too, to the students and teachers of the Humanities Core Team who have been studying hip hop this year and whose questions helped shape rapper Chill Moody's interview of some of the band's members. Thanks, too, for their expert distribution of the mic around the auditorium during the Q and A that followed the performance. We've finished the first of four five-day weeks before spring break and have been impressed by how much we can do when we come to school for so many days in a row. Thanks to the Blood Drive Committee for organizing the second blood drive of the year on Thursday; we're lucky that the trio of leaders (Benna Berger '19, Katie Leone '19, and Emma Malone '20) will be back next year to keep the good work going. Today, we showed the documentary [The Mask You Live In](#) to the Upper School, followed by discussion groups. Thanks to the Upper School Diversity Committee for this rich and thoughtful program. (The film is available on Netflix, for others who might like to view it.) Today also marks "99 Days to Graduation," and the Alumni/ae Office celebrated our graduating students with a lunch in their honor.

The cast and crew of [The Comedy of Errors](#), along with director Terry Guerin and technical theater director C J Keller, reaped the benefits of their hard work with a fabulous preview performance on Thursday evening. We *strongly* recommend that you make one of the remaining performances (tonight and Saturday at 7 pm in Shallcross Hall) part of your weekend plans. Congratulations to all involved!

Spring sports have begun, with athletes enjoying warm temperatures and some sunshine (though the fields can best be described as soggy), and the very successful winter season comes to a final celebratory end next week with the Varsity Athletic Awards, set for Thursday, March 8 at 7 pm in Shallcross Hall.

As we have moved forward from Valentine's Day, the date of the tragic school shootings in Florida, we have been inspired by the example of the students of Stoneman Douglas High School. At Meeting for Worship, in classes and in informal groups, our community is exploring how we might add our voices in support of the call for an end to gun violence. Led by students who attended the Quaker Youth Leadership Conference, we are working on ways to organize and possibly demonstrate on a local and national level. We will keep you posted as we work together to support our students and help make this a safer world for all.