Student Advisory Board Newsletter
Folsom Cordova Unified School District

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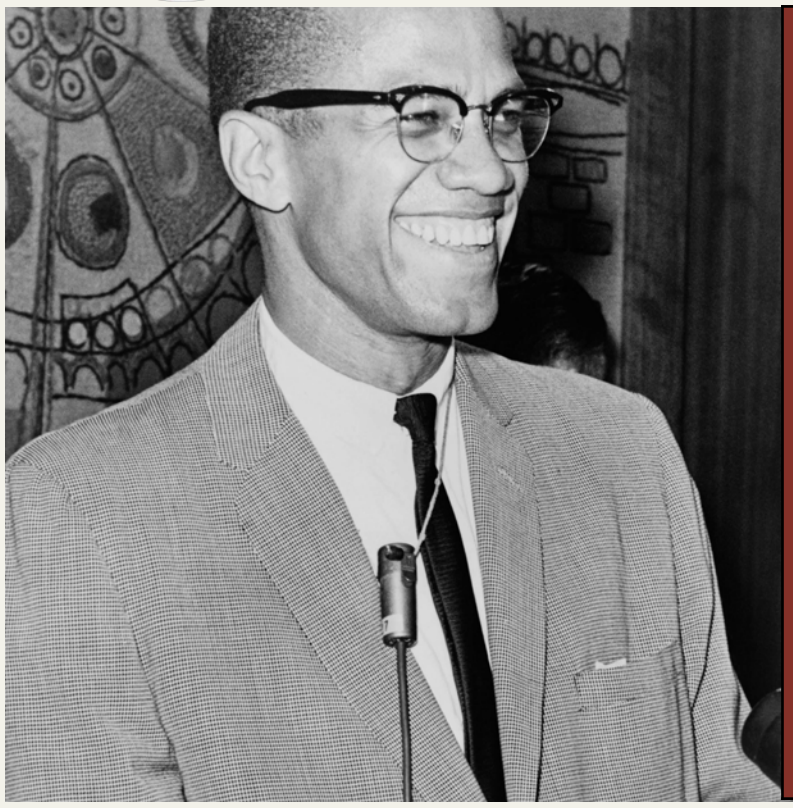

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."
- Malcolm X

Happy Black History Month! We are honoring the Black leaders who came before us through an unwavering commitment to fostering equity and inclusion through student-led advocacy in Folsom-Cordova.

Dates to Remember

February 1 - Next SAB Meeting at Cordova Lane Center
February 7 – Black Families United Community Schools Meeting 5:00 – 7:00 PM @ Cordova High
February 20-21 - Presidents' Day Weekend - No School

What's been happening at SAB?

California Civic Learning Summit

Several SAB reps represented FCUSD at the California Civic Learning Summit in mid-November. The summit was inspirational on the topic of increasing the prevalence of civic education in schools.

I was so glad to have SAB represent FCUSD at the Civic Learning Summit. It was so great to hear about the advocacy work of students across the state. I am so grateful for the opportunity to represent California students in our civic education. "
- Ria Srivastava, FCUSD Student Board Member 22-23

Ethnic Studies

In December, Ethnic Studies was approved thanks to several individuals who advocated for this curriculum at the Board Meetings, including SAB reps for the past three years. All of the district's high schools, Cordova High, Folsom High (Folsom Lake) , Vista del Lago, Innovations Academy, Walnutwood High, and Kinney High will be putting forward a version of the course for the 2023-2024 school year, and this course will be a state graduation requirement for seniors starting in 2029.

"I have had the privilege of leading a committee of teachers and other community members in the effort to get Ethnic Studies offered during the 2023-2024 school year. Although the Ethnic Studies committee played a significant role in guiding the formal process of this effort, I want to remind everyone that the movement for Ethnic Studies has always been a student-led movement." - Ms. Jackson, FCUSD TK-12 Curriculum Specialist

District-wide International Night

FCUSD's first ever district-wide International Night is planned to take place in Cordova High School's parking lot and Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, April 26, from 6 to 8 PM. It will be a great night rich in cultural diversity, food trucks, cultural performances, district-wide clubs, affinity groups, and much more. The Student Advisory Board will be hosting this event. We will release invites, flyers, and volunteer opportunities soon. Stay tuned to learn more!

"International Night is an exciting evening event that allows us to celebrate the cultural diversity among our students. It is student lead, student centered, and so much fun! From dance, to fashion, to food, to informative and engaging club booths, this is an event you won't want to miss!" - Mr. Schwan, Vista del Lago High School AP Human Geography Teacher