



# Raccoon Rambler

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## Independent Study and Mentorship Program:

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The Independent Study and Mentorship Program at Frisco High School has already taken off for the school year. This program, commonly referred to as ISM, is well-loved by ambitious juniors and seniors, who are given the opportunity to choose a career field to study throughout the school year. Students are able to investigate any field in which they are passionate, ranging from engineering to law, music production to forensic science, and endless other opportunities. Students conduct interviews with professionals in the field of their choice throughout the first semester and choose a mentor for the second semester. Students meet with their mentor once a week in order to create a product

and learn more about the field. The course also teaches students professional skills as they conduct cold calls, schedule professional interviews in the business setting, and learn to give 30 to 45 minute presentations in an engaging and professional manner. Students are currently beginning the process of contacting professionals to set up interviews. They have also created professional resumes, as well as blogs with which to record their progress, discoveries and journey. ISM is unlike any course at FHS, or at any high school in the United States, as it enables students to truly make a difference in the world. Final products for the course can range from film scores for actual movies, functional prosthetic limbs,

research on cures for cancer, and endless other possibilities. ISM also enables students to make valuable connections for their futures and to decide if the area they decided to study is what they want to pursue in college. This course builds confidence, professionalism and valuable connections in the upcoming generation, making it an unforgettable and invaluable experience.

Don't miss the ISM Winter Showcase at Heritage High School on December 16th at 6:30 p.m.! Students from all seven high schools will be presenting their research and exhibiting their first semester accomplishments. See you there!



**Oct. 3: FHS vs. HHS**

### Author Ellen Hopkins:

Author Ellen Hopkins will be visiting the library on Monday, September 29th at 2:45 (4th period). She will be sharing her newest book *Rumble* and answering student questions. She will have her books available for sale (cash or credit card) on site and will provide autographs. She will also be speaking at Barnes & Noble Stonebriar at 7:00 that evening as well, and a percentage of your sale that night benefits all our Frisco ISD libraries!

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as the Week 4 Dallas Cowboys Whatabout  
High School Coach of the Week!



### Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>: CTE Center HUB Night
- Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>: Varsity Volleyball @ Little Elm 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>: Last day of Sr Pictures in FHS Library 9- Noon
- Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Varsity Tennis vs. HHS 4:00 p.m.
- Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Pink Out The Park, Varsity Volleyball @ Little Elm 6:30 p.m.  
Football vs. HHS 7:00 p.m. & **Last Day of the Six Weeks**
- Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Varsity Tennis vs. HHS 4:00 p.m.
- Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>: First Six Weeks Grades on HAC @ 4:00 p.m.
- Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>: ~~No School~~ Parent Teacher Conference Day
- Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>: Homecoming Dress Up: Twin Day
- Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>: Homecoming Dress Up: Where will you go? [College Shirts]
- Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>: Homecoming Dress Up: True Blue Thursday [Blue and Gold]
- Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>: Homecoming Dress Up: Formal Friday [Dress Up]