

**“If Students Only Knew...” - Thoughts from Teachers:** We gave some teachers an opportunity to share what they wish their students knew – about their hopes for their students, what they are thinking, feeling, worried about, dealing with, etc. Some of their responses are shown below.

“The struggle is worth it! You may think no one cares but they do. We see the possibilities in our students.”

“We don’t push you to complete assignments to stress you out – we really want to see you succeed! Teachers deal with stress, juggling many responsibilities, and break-ups too. We’re not indifferent!”

“We know what it takes to be successful at secondary and post-secondary education.”

“I’d like students to know that I’m doing all I can for them and to help them achieve success, in and out of school. Getting them to be successful is my main goal, even if sometimes it’s not theirs.”

“I care! I worry about you on the weekend when I can’t check in to make sure you are ok. I also have a family and additional responsibilities so I may not have your work ready for the next day. Please bear with me, I’m human too! I like fun days too and summer holidays. 😊”

“I wake up in the middle of the night thinking how I can be a better teacher and how I can make a positive difference in their lives.”

“...how much teachers learn from them. No amount of university education could show me the practical aspects of teaching like the students themselves did. I am grateful for the lessons my students have taught me over the years.”

“We work much more than just the teaching day - marking, planning and supervising field trips, and preparing interesting lessons. We do these things for you.”

“I really care about you as a person and wish there was more time for me to really get to know you. I am here for you if you need someone to listen and will help you when you need help. I will also challenge you because I see the potential in you and the great qualities that you have and want you to see them too.”

“Learning is a lifelong skill. We want you to reach your potential.”

“I want students to experience more success and happiness in the world than what we have enjoyed. Doing so means we have done our jobs well!”

“Teaching is incredibly challenging and incredibly rewarding. If given another choice, I would still choose to teach and I would still choose to teach the amazing teenagers I see at FFHS.”

