



## FLHS PTA

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August 24, 2016

Dear Freshmen and New Fairfield Ludlowe High School Families,

Today, we warmly welcome all Freshmen and new families to Fairfield Ludlowe High School for a special preview of what life is like at FLHS. Enjoy the day! Then, on Wednesday, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> graders have their very own orientation day, which will conclude with the "Freshmen Picnic" -- a fun first day tradition designed to welcome Freshmen with lunch and relaxation on the front lawn. Our FLHS PTA is so proud to provide the funding for the Freshmen Picnic and be a part of your child's first memories as they settle in at FLHS. With this event and many more like it, our PTA will be there throughout the school year, enhancing your child's educational experience, supporting our teachers, and strengthening the connection between school and home.

But our PTA is only as strong as our membership, and that's where you come in. Membership is our most important fundraiser of the year, it pays for these events and programs, and it is essential that every FLHS family purchase a PTA membership. How much you give or participate after that is up to you. There is no time commitment attached to joining. If you've already joined, THANK YOU for supporting us. If not, we strongly encourage you to go online NOW to join at:

**[flhspta.org](http://flhspta.org)**

or go to [join.myschoolanywhere.com](http://join.myschoolanywhere.com) and type in the invitation code: **flhspta**

Joining online and as early in the year as possible is crucial to making this year's PTA events and programs a success. In addition to the Freshmen Picnic, your financial support pays for:

- Headmaster's Coffees
- Freshmen Forum on Underage Drinking
- Student Mid-terms/Final Exam Breakfasts
- Junior and Senior Post Prom Parties
- Staff Appreciation Events
- College planning programs
- Sr. Awards, Scholarships, Graduation help
- Spirit Day/Battle of the Houses
- School Beautification
- Teaching and Learning Grants
- Project Runway Fashion Show
- Speaker series & programs for parents

We sincerely hope you enjoy the rest of the summer and find time to relax before the beginning of school. Please join us at our first PTA meeting of the year on Thursday, September 8, at 7 PM in the FLHS Library Lecture Hall. In fact, go to your smart phone now and text **81010** with the message **@flhspta**, and we will text you meeting reminders. Also, don't miss Mr. Hatzis' first Headmaster's Coffee for Freshman parents & guardians on Sept. 29th at 9:15 AM in the Falcon's Nest.

Wishing you all a great start to the new school year --

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*P.S. Prefer joining by paper? A membership application is enclosed. Please complete and return with payment to FLHS PTA, 785 Unquowa Road, Fairfield, CT 06824 ATTN: Membership. Check made payable to "FLHS PTA".*

## Important Dates for Freshmen & New Students, 2016-17

Date	Time	Event
8/24/16	by house *	Freshmen/New Student Preview Day *
8/31/16	7:30 AM	Freshmen Orientation (9 <sup>th</sup> graders only)
9/1/16	7:30 AM	First day of school! All grades!!
9/8/16	7:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
9/15/16	7:00 PM	FLHS Open House Night
9/29/16	9:15 AM	Headmaster Coffee, <b>Freshmen</b>
10/6/16	7:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
10/20/16	9:15 AM	Headmaster Coffee, <b>Juniors</b>
11/3/16	7:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
11/17/16	9:15 AM	Headmaster Coffee, <b>Sophomores</b>
11/17/16	7:00 PM	Freshman Forum on Underage Drinking
12/8/16	7:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
1/5/17	7:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
1/26/17	9:15 AM	Headmaster Coffee, <b>Seniors</b>
2/9/17	7:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
3/16/17	7:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
4/6/17	7:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
5/11/17	7:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
6/8/17	7:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
6/13/17	11:55 AM	Last day of school
6/14/17	tbd	Graduation

\* 8:30 (Warner House); 9:45 (Webster); 11:00 (Wright) \*

All dates subject to change

See something you like?  
Email [flhsptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:flhsptapresident@gmail.com)  
to volunteer (dates tbd)

### **Staff Luncheon on Friday, Sept. 2, 2016**

Donate refreshments for event.

Plan, Set up, Serve and/or Clean up for the event.

### **Freshman Forum-Alcohol Use Prevention (November)**

Assist committee chairs in organizing before and/or during the event.

### **Alumni Homecoming Breakfast on Friday (November)**

Donate refreshments for event. Set up serve and/or clean up for the event for the Class of 2016 Alumni.

### **Project Runway – Ludlowe Edition** Spend Jan.

To March Planning, Sunday event

Assist committee chairs in organizing before and/or during the event.

### **Junior Prom Post Party (Spring)**

Assist committee chairs in organizing before and/or during the event.

### **Senior Prom Post Party (Spring)**

Assist committee chairs in organizing before and/or during the event.

### **Senior Internship Reception (June)**

Assist Alice Gorman of FLHS College/Career Center in event prep. Donate refreshments for event

### **Graduation Balloon Fundraiser (June)**

Deliver balloons to graduating senior homes.

### **Graduation Volunteers (June)**

Take tickets and assist in seating at graduation.

### **End of Year Teacher Appreciation Breakfast (June)**

Help set up, serve and clean up to say thanks to our amazing teachers. Great way to meet your child's teachers.

### **The Done In a Day List**

Want to pitch in and help but pressed for time? Done in a Day is a great way to be involved at FLHS on an ad hoc, "as needed" basis – from handing out bagels during mid terms to watering the flowers. Light lifting without the heavy commitment. Email [flhsptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:flhsptapresident@gmail.com) to be added to this list.

Keep checking the email newsletter as these dates are finalized.