



FLHS PTA

August 23, 2017

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. 30th, 9th 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

or go to join.myschoolanywhere.com and type in the invitation code: **flhspta**

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

- Informative Headmaster's Coffees
- Freshmen Forum on Underage Drinking
- Student Mid-terms/Final Exams Breakfasts
- Junior and Senior Post Prom Parties
- Staff Appreciation Events
- College planning programs
- College Scholarships, Grad. ceremony help
- Spirit Day/Battle of the Houses
- School Beautification
- Teaching and Learning Grants
- Project Runway Fashion Show
- Family communications workshops 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 7, at 6 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. 28th at 9:15 AM in the Falcon's Nest.

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

Alison Jones Allen
FLHS PTA President, 2016-17
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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".

Turn over for more information about the FLHS PTA.

Important Dates for Freshmen & New Students, 2017-18

(all dates subject to change)

Date	Time	Event
8/23/17	by house	Freshmen/New Student Preview Day
8/30/17	8:00 AM	Freshmen Orientation (9 th graders only)
8/31/17	7:30 AM	First day of school! All grades, full day
9/1/17	9:45 AM	Welcome Back Staff Luncheon
9/7/17	6:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
9/14/17	7:00 PM	FLHS Open House Night
9/28/17	9:15 AM	Headmaster Coffee, Freshmen
10/12/17	6:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
10/19/17	9:15 AM	Headmaster Coffee, Juniors
11/9/17	6:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
11/16/17	9:15 AM	Headmaster Coffee, Sophomores
11/16/17	7:00 PM	Freshman Forum on Underage Drinking
12/6/17	6:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
1/11/18	6:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
2/15/18	9:15 AM	Headmaster Coffee, Seniors
2/8/18	6:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
3/7/18	6:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
4/5/18	6:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
5/10/18	6:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
6/7/18	6:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
6/12/18	11:55 AM	Last day of school*
6/11/18	tbd	Graduation*

* The first 8 snow days will extend the length of the school year and the date of High School Graduation. Additional snow days will reduce the April vacation, starting with the first day, April 9. *

See something you like?
Email svoltz@aol.com & chrisiancale@aol.com,
or email Chair contact to **VOLUNTEER**

Staff Luncheon on Friday, Sept. 1, 2017

Donate refreshments for event. Plan, Set up, Serve, Clean up. Chair Marcia Tenriero: marciagalindo200@yahoo.com

Accreditation Committee: Meeting very soon, sign up asap. Assist Headmaster Greg Hatzis with our high school accreditation process, conducted once every 10 yrs. by the New England Association of Schools & Colleges – integral to how colleges view FLHS. Chair Alison Jones Allen: alisonjonesallen@yahoo.com

Freshman Forum-Substance Abuse Prevention Thurs., November 16, 2017 Assist committee chairs in organizing before and/or during the event. Chair Stephanie Mastino: smastino@optonline.net

Special Events Alumni reception on Nov. 22 and hand out student brkfst on first days of mid-terms (Jan.) & finals (June). Important FLHS traditions! Chair Katie Holmberg: katiemholmberg@gmail.com

Project Runway Sr. Fashion Show & Achievement Showcase Sun. March 11 (tentative), Assist committee chairs leading up to/during event. Chair Debra O'Keefe: debraokeefe@optonline.net

Junior Prom Post Party (May 19)

Assist committee chairs in organizing before and/or during the event. Chair needed! Easy, fun job!!

Senior Prom Post Party (May 12)

Assist committee chairs in organizing before and/or during the event. Chair needed! Easy, fun job!!

Senior Internship Reception (May or 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. Chair Alicia Casucci: seniorballoons2017@gmail.com

Graduation Volunteers (Grad Ceremony day)

Grad. Ceremony day (June 11?) Take tickets, assist in seating at graduation. Chair needed!

End of Year Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, June

– official last day/final exams make up day (June 12th?) Help set, serve and/or clean up to say thanks to our amazing teachers. Great way to meet your child's teachers.

The Done In a Day List

Not sure of your own schedule enough to commit? Email chrisiancale@aol.com to be added to our DIAD list and we'll email you for help in real time as needs arise. You never know, we could reach out right when you are available.

Keep checking email newsletter
as these dates are finalized.