



FLHS PTA

August 2017

Dear, Fairfield Ludlowe Families,

We hope everyone is enjoying these last days of summer and is ready for the exciting school year ahead. Your FLHS Parent Teacher Association has been hard at work planning a school year that promises to enhance the educational experience of every FLHS student and strengthen the connection between school and home. We are behind two very special events before the first short week of school is even over – underwriting the Freshmen Picnic on Aug. 30 and hosting the Staff Welcome Back luncheon on Sept. 1. There are many more events, programs and workshops to come. While we know from our recent survey that many of you are not able to participate as much as you'd like in PTA, we do hope that every family will purchase a PTA membership this year. If you've already joined, THANK YOU. 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**

Membership is our most important fundraiser of the year, it pays for these events and programs, and it is essential that every FLHS family join. How much you give or participate after that is up to you. There is no time commitment attached to joining.

For those who would like to make an even bigger impact, consider giving at one of our premium levels of Gold (\$250), Silver (\$100) or Falcon (\$50), or simply give a tax deductible donation in any amount of your choosing. These were created for families wishing to make a stronger statement about their support of our PTA mission -- or simply to celebrate a graduating senior or other milestone.

We sincerely hope you enjoy the rest of the summer and find time to relax before the beginning of school. Our first PTA meeting will be on Thursday, September 7th at 6 PM. That night, Headmaster Greg Hatzis will speak about how FLHS is about to undergo its school accreditation process with the New England Association of Schools & Colleges, a process that occurs only every 10 years and with which we will be looking to YOU, our parents & guardians, for volunteer help. We'll also discuss other initiatives our PTA has planned, and how you can benefit and play a part. In fact, go to your smart phone now and text the number **81010** with the message **@flhspta**, and we will text you a reminder to join us at that meeting. You'll be glad you did!

Wishing you a great 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.

Just some of what your PTA membership 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
- Senior 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

PTA Meeting & Headmaster's Coffees, 2017-18 (all dates subject to change)

Date	Time	Event
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 only 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 the email newsletter as dates are finalized.