

Fairfield Falcons Spreading Their Wings

Shelby Halliday reported:

On May 31st, students from the fall and spring semester Astronomy classes went into NYC and attended the show “Dark Universe” at the Hayden Planetarium and spent the remainder of the day at the American Museum of Natural History.

Donna Huber shared: The FCS Department had their annual FCS night on May 17, showcasing their departments with the bake shops, foods given to guests, preschoolers modeling in the fashion show and the Fashion students modeling the self-made and self-designed creations. We raised over \$600 to go to the Yale Children’s Hospital. clips in this folder. P:\FLHS\HUBER\Fashion Show\Raw Footage 2018

The first Ludlowe/Warde trip to Madrid and Talavera, Spain occurred during April break. Since students stayed in the homes of Spanish families for 5 days, they were able to experience the culture first hand and interact with their peers and family in Spanish. We also spent 4 days in Madrid visiting museums, the Soccer Stadium, and attending a Flamenco show. The following week the Spanish students came to Fairfield to learn about American culture.

Eileen D. Frankel

Forensics classes took their annual trip to the Fairfield Police Department. Senior interns went on 5/17 and all other forensics students went on 5/31. 2 detectives gave us a tour of the department and a presentation about fingerprint and DNA collection techniques.

Best comment of the trip: “I am so happy to see that the jail cell really does make that satisfying clank when it closes. It’s just like I’d always imagined it would be!”

Kelly Smigala

In May, Greg Superty and Karen Seltenrich took about 80 juniors on a guided field trip through Salem, MA as a supplement to teaching of “The Crucible.”

Katie Poole reported:

The class of 2019 hosted the junior prom at Vazzano's on May 19th. The evening was well-attended and everyone had a blast! Students enjoyed a nice buffet dinner and then danced the night away to their favorite music! 😊

-Megan Laney Reported:

The International Day Club held the 2018 International Day on May 24, 2018! We had presenters from around the school and community talk to students about their different international experiences and how it has shaped their identities 😊 Feedback from students and teachers was very positive 😊

For International Day, Fran Kondziela's Acting class presented a student-written, directed and performed one-act play (specifically written for the Acting class to present on International Day, with an important message of acceptance). The play was presented 3 times that day to different classes.

Information on behalf of the Art Department.

1. The Art Department took 40 FLHS students and 40 FWHS students to Arthur Avenue and the Botanical Gardens, Bronx NY. The students photographed and sketched their surroundings while enjoying some authentic Italian snacks!

2. Wednesday, the Art Department held the Annual District wide show at the Pequot Library. This may have been the most successful event ever with 5 food trucks, 1500 pieces of artwork and an estimated 1500 people in attendance. The talent in our town was clearly evident!

3. The Art Department has received an incredibly generous grant from the FFE to purchase one Drone for each High School. This drone will be used to teach students how to document our surroundings using a Birds Eye Perspective. Students will learn to use this cutting edge technology during the advanced art and photography classes. They are still waiting for the funds ...

4. The FLHS and FWHS Digital Illustration (Art Department) students have created banners which you will see at the train stations and lining the Post Road. These banners have been supported by the Parking Authority and the Economic Development Director of the Town of Fairfield. The work is of professional quality and each banner showcases a different characteristic of our wonderful

town. These banners were hung yesterday. Down came the Fairfield University dark red banners and up went amazing pieces from the town's students.

Michele Hermsen

We did take a wonderful field trip in Photo to the Botanical Gardens and Arthur Avenue. Also, we walked into town to take photos which can be seen right outside the library.

Monica Cimina

Karl Soderlund is a well-established, well know artist here in Fairfield. His son and daughter attend our school.

He was gracious enough to come in and do an hour long demonstration on how to approach a portrait painting.

It was extremely well done and, thankfully, well attended by our advanced level students. I learned a new approach from him that I'm sure I will use in the future and that future AP students my attempt as well.

Mary Calkins

FLHS ART DEPARTMENT

Regina Krieger's video production classes just went on a field to the Museum of the Moving Image in Queens, NY to participate in a Behind the Scenes Tour where they learned about sound editing, special effects, stop motion photography and were able to view a special exhibit on Jim Henson and his Muppets. They also had lunch at the Socrates Sculpture Park on the East River.

FLHS hosted the Unified Sports track meet. 7 schools attended and hundreds of people enjoyed the events. Student athletes participated in running events, jumping events and throwing events. Many Parents and friends cheered on the athletes as they raced, jumped and threw.

Thursday was the Unified Sports Banquet which was another joyous occasion for our athletes. They are looking forward to their trip to the bowling lanes using is a grant from the PTA on June 18th.

200 seniors are on Internships currently. We have a few students here at FLHS experiencing a day in the life of ... teachers. A comment reported was "I can't believe you put so much time and thought into each and every grade and comment and we (students) just glance at the mark and throw the paper into our

backpack.” Students are experiencing jobs ranging from the medical field to schools to realty offices to law offices ... just to name a few.

From Julie Delmonico: Seniors served the seniors last Friday at the Breakfast for local senior citizens. It was a nice gathering. I (Julie) want to thank everyone who so graciously donated items to give to the senior citizens at the breakfast this year. We had a smaller turnout than usual so we were able to give each senior an FLHS item to wear! They were so happy.

Also, a big than you to Rachel Keleher and the Falcon’s Nest for feeding the seniors and Sam Eckhardt and the Jazz Ensemble for entertaining the group. They were the real stars.

More music news: This April the FLHS Chamber Orchestra performed at the CMEA (CT Music Educators Association) In- Service Conference. We were the only orchestra in the state selected to perform.

Lynda Smith

Our a cappella groups, Close Harmony and Aria had a very successful fundraising concert at the Fairfield Theatre Company on Wed, May 23rd. We had a sold out show and raised \$1700.

Other music related events:

*Jazz/Dinner Dance – Fri, May 18th

*Spring Concert (for Concert Level Strands)– Thurs., May 31st

Future:

*Jazz A Cappella night – this Fri, June 8th

*Relay for Life – Sat, June 9th

*Chamber Singers @ Greenfield Hill Congregational – Tues, June 12th

There are others, but these are the mainstage events we’ve had these past few weeks.

Lauren Pine

The AP American Studies courses (AP Lang/AP American History) took a field trip to the 911 Museum, Native American Burial Ground, and took a tour of the Brooklyn Bridge. Dave Nulf, Chris Parisi, Kim Hilton, Katy Moir

The wood shop is finishing projects and Mr. Robinson shared an amazing project that one of his student's made. It is an Awesome Mortis chair from the 18th Century made by our weatherman Ezra Pyle!!!! He is so proud of it!!



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