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The Falcon Flyer

November 14, 2013

**I love the man that can smile in trouble, that can gather strength from distress,**

**and grow brave by reflection.**

Thomas Paine (1737-1809) British-American Writer

STUDENT NEWS

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| Date | Time | Event | Location |
| Monday, 11/11 | Veterans’ Day | Schools not in session |  |
| Tuesday, 11/12 | 7:30 a.m. | Bus evacuation practice |  |
|  | 9:14 a.m. | Activity Period—B week |  |
| Wednesday, 11/13 |  | Character Day for seniors |  |
| Thursday, 11/14 |  | Decades Day for seniors |  |
|  | 9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. | Sophomore Parent Coffee | Falcon’s Nest |
|  | 7:00 p.m. | Freshman Forum: freshman parents and freshman students | Auditorium |
| Friday, 11/15 |  | Career Day for seniors |  |

**NEW**

* **PTA DIRECTORIES**: PTA family directories will be distributed to students in homeroom on Wednesday, November 13. Directories are provided to PTA members.
* **SENIOR QUOTES AND WILLS:** For the yearbook….seniors need to submit their quotes and wills by Friday! All information must be clean and publishable. It will be reviewed by the yearbook advisors as well as administration, so any information deemed inappropriate will be unpublished and referred to your dean. **Quotes**: Must be less than 350 characters (not words!) WITH SPACES!!! All quotes must have original author(s) listed or we cannot publish your quote. **Wills**: Seniors can “leave” something special to underclassmen siblings or friends, team mates, or teachers. Wills MUST BE SCHOOL APPROPRIATE!!! They need to be less than 200 characters WITH SPACES!!! All senior quotes and senior wills must be emailed to flhscaelum@gmail.com

***BY NOVEMBER 15--NO EXCEPTIONS***…If your material isn’t in on time, it is not going in the yearbook! See Ms. Caserta (Webster Counseling Office) or Mrs. Viglione (room 269) with questions

* **Sr. Internship Program—Parent Information Meeting: Thursday, December 5 @ 7:00 PM in the LMC Lecture Hall *(Please note date change!)***

**WELCOME TO THE SENIOR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM!**

Last year 220 seniors had the opportunity to sample the “real world” and gain valuable experience and skills by spending the last few weeks of their senior year out in the workplace. On Thursday, December 5 at 7:00 PM in the LMC Lecture Hall, there will be an information meeting for parents about the program; details about the program, eligibility requirements, application procedures and timelines for the program will be presented.  ***Parents of seniors who plan to participate are strongly encouraged to attend***.  Questions?  Contact Alice Gorman, College & Career Center, 203-255-7230, or agorman@fairfieldschools.org

* **THE FRESHMAN FORUM ON UNDERAGE DRINKING**

Date:  Thursday, November 14, 2013

Time:  7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location:  FLHS auditorium

Audience:  All 9th grade students **and** parents (both are required)

This important night will provide critical information for both parents and students that can hopefully lead to healthy conversations and good decisions when students are faced with a barrage of peer pressure and other negative influences.  Our teens are frequently faced with the temptation and opportunity to engage in underage drinking.  We all know the negative effects that can result from students engaging in this behavior, and we cannot ignore our duty to help the children of Fairfield understand the impact of risky behavior and drinking.  We strongly encourage you to attend the Freshman Forum with your child on November 14.  In the spring of 2012, the Regional Youth Adult Social Action Partnership (RYASAP) conducted a major survey of teens in Fairfield.  While only 19% of 9th graders reported having consumed alcohol in the last thirty days, 59% of seniors reported they had.  Early intervention is crucial

* **FRESHMAN DANCE:** The freshman dance will take place on Friday, November 22, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold in room 325 after school starting Tuesday, November 12 through Tuesday, November 19. Tickets cost $10 and require a signed dance agreement.
* **RUGBY:** The Fairfield Rugby Club is a combined team of Warde and Ludlow High School students.  We are holding our parents meeting Wednesday, November 13, at 7p.m. in the **WARDE** cafeteria.  . If you want to play rugby, your parents should attend this meeting.  For more information see "Fairfield Rugby Club" on Facebook or FairfieldRugbyClub@gmail.com"

**REMINDERS**

* **FLHS CALENDAR** **UPDATE**: See the calendar posted on the front page of our website to see dates for activities, concerts, special evening events, marking periods, exams, and more. (<http://fairfieldschools.org/schools/flhs/>)
* **REFLECTIONS CONTEST**: The theme for the Reflections contest is *“Believe, Dream, Inspire*.” Categories include dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts. Entry forms are in the Main Office. Submissions are due by Friday, January 3, 2014.
* **TUTORING TUESDAYS**: National Honor Society members provide Tutoring Tuesdays every Tuesday after school in the FLHS library from 2:30-3:30.
* **LOST AND FOUND:** Students missing lunch bags, note books, bags of clothing, and water bottles should check the lost and found table in the Main Office.
* **YEARBOOK**: Greetings from ***Caelum***, the FLHS yearbook! All yearbooks must be pre-purchased this year. Yearbooks are on sale for $70 until December 2. On December 3the price increases to $80 and can be purchased until January 24. Visit  [http://jostensyearbooks.com/](http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01081768).

Congratulations senior parents! Your Falcon has entered their final year of high school. ***Caelum*,** the Fairfield Ludlowe High School yearbook, is now accepting congratulatory ads. Congratulate and send personalized wishes to your senior in the ad section of the yearbook. Please visit <http://www.gradad.com> for information, pricing, and assistance.

* **FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE**: The health office is closed from 9:05 to 10:00 until further notice due to screenings. Students who don’t feel well should report to their house office.
* **AGENDAS:** FLHS Agendas can be purchased in the Main Office. The cost is $5, cash.
* **CLASS OF 2014:** Many of you have already taken your senior photos...some have not and some would like them re-shot. Appointments can be set up at the Photography by Roman studio. The studio is on Howe Avenue in Shelton. An appointment at the studio can accommodate more poses and outfits, and can be an easy way to have extra pictures for senior yearbook ads, scrapbooks, and your mantle at home. To schedule an appointment at the studio please call (203) 922-8040 and mention that you are a FLHS senior. See Ms. Caserta with questions or email her at jcaserta2@fairfieldschools.org.
* **EXTENDED LIBRARY HOURS**: Monday—Thursday: 7:30--4:00; Fridays: 7:30--3:30.
* ATTENDANCE: Parents must communicate with their HOUSE secretary when the student will be coming to school after 7:30 or leaving before 2:10.
* **LEAVING SCHOOL BEFORE 2:30:** It is expected that students leaving school before 2:30 will leave class at the appropriate time and sign out in their house office ***without being paged***. If getting picked up, students should wait on the front porch of the building.
* **DRIVING SCHOOL:** Contact the PTA-sponsored driving school, All-Star Driver, at [www.all-stardriver.com](http://www.all-stardriver.com) or at 800-732-8090 for information on summer classes.

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***For more information please contact: Alice Gorman***

***Room 360, 203-255-7230,*** ***agorman@fairfieldschools.org***

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* **COLLEGE VISITS:  College visits have begun!** Representatives from approximately 200 colleges, universities, technical/career schools and gap programs will visit the College & Career Center this year to talk with students about their programs.  **Please check Naviance for the list of schools** (*under Colleges, click ‘Upcoming College Visits’ on the right side of the page*).  Juniors and seniors may attend the visits at their classroom teacher’s discretion and should sign up at least one day in advance.  Please sign up on Naviance (*on the ‘Upcoming College Visit’ page, click ‘Sign Up’; then ‘Sign Me Up*’), print the page as your pass, have your classroom teacher sign it and bring it to the info session.  You need to sign the attendance sheet in the C&CC during the session.  Failure to do so will result in a cut for your missed class.

**UPCOMING COLLEGE VISITS:**

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| [**College**](https://succeed.naviance.com/collegesmain/visits/visits.php?sort=1) | [**Date**](https://succeed.naviance.com/collegesmain/visits/visits.php) | **Time** |
| [College of New Rochelle](https://succeed.naviance.com/collegesmain/viewcollege.php?cid=2089&section=1) | Fri November 15, 2013 | 10:59 AM |
| [United States Naval Academy](https://succeed.naviance.com/collegesmain/viewcollege.php?cid=5809&section=1) | Mon November 25, 2013 | 8:20 AM |
| [Alderson-Broaddus College](https://succeed.naviance.com/collegesmain/viewcollege.php?cid=5005&section=1) | Mon November 25, 2013 | 10:10 AM |

* **PART TIME JOBS**: Looking for a job? There are lots of jobs coming in to the C&CC! Students interested in signing up to receive the job announcements should see Mrs. Gorman to sign up.

***ATHLETICS***

* **SOFTBALL MEETING**: An information meeting for new and returning softball players will take place on Wednesday, November 13, in the cafeteria. Players meet at 6:00 p.m. (pizza will be served). Parent meeting is at 7:00 p.m. RSVP to sharipaci@yahoo.com. See Ms. Newberg in room 225 with questions.
* **INFORMATION:** Go to the CIAC website for conference schedules and locations. Call 203-255-7247, the FLHS Athletics Information Line, for updates on FLHS events.

Go Falcons!