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Mr. Greg C. Hatzis, Headmaster

Headmaster's Report

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Dear parents/guardians of FLHS,

Student Progress

As we enter the second half of the first marking period, teachers have been updating student scores through Infinite Campus. You can track your child's progress by clicking on the "Grades" tab in the parent portal. Please direct any questions you may have regarding grades to your child's teacher. If you haven't already, please make sure you update your email address in Infinite Campus as this is our primary way to communicate with you.

Increased Security at Home Athletic Contests

Starting Friday, October 10, at our home football game, we will be instituting some new security and safety measures. A detail of security guards will be inspecting all bags as fans enter the gates, and beverages will not be allowed into the stadium. We encourage our fans to cheer loudly for our teams, but inappropriate or derogatory language will not be tolerated from our students, and we know we can count on parents to be good role models. Poor language or behavior choices could result in removal from the stadium. Police will also be monitoring the campus since no alcoholic beverages are allowed anywhere on school grounds (including parking lots) by anyone of any age. We have great sports teams this year and we want to honor their efforts and sportsmanship with a safe and spirited environment.

RYASAP Survey Results

Please join us at the next PTA meeting on October 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the lecture hall for a presentation on the findings of the survey administered by the Regional Youth-Adult Social Action Partnership. You will learn a tremendous amount about the "Fairfield Teen" and his/her perception of alcohol, drugs, risky behavior and what developmental assets mean the most.

Freshmen Parents: Upcoming Opportunities

On **Thursday, October 16, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.**, please join Headmaster Greg Hatzis for a Freshmen Parent Coffee. The PTA will sponsor the event which will be located in the Falcon's Nest, our student restaurant. Bring your appetite as the students will be preparing breakfast treats. Mr. Hatzis will share recent news from FLHS and take questions from those in attendance.

Also, on **Tuesday, October 21, 7-9 p.m.**, Mr. Bob Esposito (Director of Pupil Services and Counseling) will present "High School 101" in the auditorium. High School 101 provides parents of freshmen an overview of what they can expect in the coming four years and tips on navigating the high school experience.

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National Drug and Alcohol Awareness Month and Distracted Driving Assembly

On Friday, October 10, we will be hosting an assembly for all juniors and seniors about Distracted Driving by the Save a Life Foundation during Period 2. This presentation addresses the very real and sometimes fatal consequences of poor choices that are made while driving distracted.

Also, the month of October is National Drug and Alcohol Awareness month, or “Red Ribbon Month.” Over the course of the month, we will be hosting various prevention programs for our students relating to this topic as well as other risky behaviors. Teachers will have an opportunity to bring their classes to presentations where students can receive information and engage in conversation around many topics. Presenters include:

- Mothers Against Drunk Driving will be talking about how the media influences teens as well as short-and long-term effects of drinking;
- The Governor’s Partnership will be presenting on the effects of drugs (including caffeine) on the brain;
- The Interactive Theater Group sends strong messages and informs about date rape, social media, and smart decision making;
- Chief Tracy of the Fairfield Fire Department will discussing Texting and Driving drawing from his experiences from many accident scenes;

We also address many of these topics throughout the year through various programs and curricula.

School Climate Survey Coming

The Fairfield Public Schools will once again be conducting its School Climate Survey for students, parents and staff. Students will be taking the survey at school and parents will be taking the survey through a link posted in Infinite Campus. All responses are completely confidential and we are urging all families to take part. The results will be used to drive reforms at FLHS and to celebrate areas of success. The survey window will open on October 20 and last for several weeks. Stay tuned for details.

As a reminder, you can get the latest copy of the *Falcon Flyer*, our daily newsletter that goes to homeroom teachers to share to students. Many parents find this a great resource for what is happening at FLHS. The website is at: <http://fairfieldschools.org/schools/flhs/>

Thank you for your continued support of FLHS. I look forward to seeing you at school events throughout the year.



Greg C. Hatzis
Headmaster