

August 2016 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. 31 and hosting the Staff Welcome Back luncheon on Sept. 2. 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 new premium levels of Falcon (\$50), Silver (\$100) or Gold (\$250). These were created for families wishing to make a stronger statement about their support for 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 8 at 7 PM. Come see Headmaster Greg Hatzis from 7-7:30 PM and then hear about what our PTA has planned, and how you can benefit and play a part. In fact, go to your smart phone and text **81010** with the message **@flhspta**, and we will text you a reminder to join us.

Wishing you a great school year,

Alison Jones Allen President, FLHS PTA flhsptapresident@gmail.com

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".

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, 2016-17

Date	Time	Event
9/8/16	7:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
9/15/16	7:00 PM	FLHS Open House Night
9/29/16	9:15 AM	Headmaster Coffee, Freshmen
10/6/16	7:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
10/20/16	9:15 AM	Headmaster Coffee, Juniors
11/3/16	7:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
11/17/16	9:15 AM	Headmaster Coffee, Sophomores
12/8/16	7:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
1/5/17	7:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
1/26/17	9:15 AM	Headmaster Coffee, Seniors
2/9/17	7:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
3/16/17	7:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
4/6/17	7:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
5/11/17	7:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
6/8/17	7:00 PM	Regular PTA meeting
6/13/17	11:55 AM	Last day of school
6/14/17	tbd	Graduation

See something you like? Email <u>flhsptapresident@gmail.com</u> to volunteer (dates tbd).

Staff Luncheon on Friday, Sept. 2, 2016 Donate refreshments for event.

Plan, Set up, Serve and/or Clean up for the event.

Freshman Forum-Alcohol Use Prevention (November)

Assist committee chairs in organizing before and/or during the event.

Alumni Homecoming Breakfast on Friday (November)

Donate refreshments for event. Set up serve and/or clean up for the event for the Class of 2016 Alumni.

Project Runway – Ludlowe Edition Spend Jan.

To March Planning, Sunday event Assist committee chairs in organizing before and/or during the event.

Junior Prom Post Party (Spring)

Assist committee chairs in organizing before and/or during the event.

Senior Prom Post Party (Spring)

Assist committee chairs in organizing before and/or during the event.

Senior Internship Reception (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.

Graduation Volunteers (June)

Take tickets and assist in seating at graduation.

End of Year Teacher Appreciation Breakfast (June)

Help set up, serve and clean up to say thanks to our amazing teachers. Great way to meet your child's teachers.

The Done In a Day List

Want to pitch in and help but pressed for time? Done in a Day is a great way to be involved at FLHS on an ad hoc, "as needed" basis – from handing out bagels during mid terms to watering the flowers. Light lifting without the heavy commitment. Email <u>flhsptapresident@gmail.com</u> to be added to this list.

Keep checking the email newsletter as these dates are finalized.