

# FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE HIGH SCHOOL

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Mr. Greg C. Hatzis, Headmaster

## Headmaster's Report for September

Dear parents/guardians of FLHS,

We are off to an excellent start of the school year. It is great to see the students back in school, and we hope that everyone has an enriching and exciting year. Here is some news of upcoming events in the coming weeks.

### Activity Fair

On Tuesday, September 10, we will be inviting our freshmen and sophomores to the tennis courts (weather permitting) after homeroom for an activity fair. Our upperclassmen volunteers and advisors of many of our clubs and activities will be hosting informational booths and taking sign-ups. We encourage all our students to get involved with all the great student clubs that we offer at FLHS.

### 9/11 Observance and Spirit Day

On Wednesday, September 11, we will gather as a whole school to honor and pay tribute to the victims of the 9/11 attacks and first responders. We will discuss why it is so important to recognize this day. Then, in an effort to show the lessons we have all learned about fellowship and supporting one another in both times of crisis and celebration, we will conduct our time honored tradition of showing our school spirit in support of our athletes and performers who are about to begin their fall seasons. We have been through a lot at FLHS over the past few years, and we wanted to start this year by gathering early as a whole school to honor our heroes, collectively cheer one another on, and start on a positive note.

### PTA

The PTA graciously greeted the school staff on their first day back with some breakfast treats and a wonderful lunch. It really helped sustain our teachers as we began to dive into the work of the new school year. Please join us for our first PTA meeting Thursday evening, September 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the library lecture hall.

### Senior Parent Coffee: The Post-High School Process

We invite all parents of seniors on the morning of Thursday, September 12, from 7:45-8:45 a.m. to hear a presentation from Mr. Robert Esposito, Director of Pupil Services and Counseling, and the school counselor staff regarding the college application process and what to expect during and after senior year. Later that day, the counselors will be meeting with all seniors to give them a road map of how to navigate this process.

### **Safety**

The district is continuing in its efforts to provide a safe atmosphere for our students and employees. Some physical upgrades have taken place. We have been asked by emergency and district personnel not to share all the details of these projects, but we want you to be aware that there are ongoing reviews and changes to improve our security efforts. We will be conducting a lockdown drill in the near future, and I will be reviewing the protocols with all students at upcoming class assemblies.

### **Student Parking**

We recently had the student parking lot painted with numbers in all of the spaces. Student parking decals will be going on sale for \$150 in the near future – first to eligible seniors, then to juniors. Our deans will be visiting senior homerooms over the next few weeks to explain the parking decal applications and parking rules. Once the parking rules are in effect, student drivers without decals are subject to have their vehicles “booted” with a \$75 charge for removing the boot. We are enacting these new practices after many students and parents expressed concern last year that students who did not purchase decals were taking spots away from those who did.

### **Building Project**

The RTM recently approved the membership of the FLHS Building Committee, which will be overseeing the building project that consists of installing new windows, a new roof, some new classrooms, and expanding the cafeteria. Over the next few months, the committee will be reviewing applications and choosing an architect. As the project develops I will share updates throughout the year.

### **Class Assemblies**

I will be meeting with all students soon in class assemblies to go over key policies and to remind them about some important aspects of our school climate. If a student ever encounters an act of bullying or mean spirited behavior toward him or herself – or toward anyone else – we want them to report that incident to a dean or any adult. We want all students to feel safe and happy in school to learn in the best environment possible.

Thank you for your continued support of FLHS and I look forward to seeing you at our **Open House** on September 19 at 7:00 pm as well as other school events throughout the year.



Greg C. Hatzis  
Headmaster