



Fairfield Ludlowe High School Counseling Newsletter

[Check out our department's website here!](#)

Happy February FLHS! We hope everyone had a great start to the New Year! Our students have successfully completed the first semester and survived midterms! As February approaches, we are diving head first into course selection. Every counselor will meet with each student in grades 9-11 to discuss courses for next year after students have spoken with teachers and parents have signed off on the course selection worksheet.

Attention 9th-11th Graders – Course Selection is HERE!

On Monday 1/29/18, all students attended a course selection assembly explaining the process and all of our new courses. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- All students will speak with your teachers about courses and levels
- Students/parents can find the [Program of Studies here](#).
- Look at your course load as a whole...will a free period benefit you?
- Parents: make sure you agree with your child's courses before signing off on them
- Only sign up for classes that you would like to take, we do not drop/change classes (even electives)
- In February, school counselors will meet with every student to review course selection sheets

Senior Info – All seniors' mid-year grades will be sent automatically to all schools they applied to. See your counselor if you have questions.

Looking for scholarships?

Naviance houses a wealth of scholarship opportunities...you just have to look!

- Under the Colleges tab, scroll down to the Scholarship box at the bottom of the site and click Scholarship List.
- Each scholarship has a unique link with application information and deadlines.

A Google search can also uncover thousands of scholarship opportunities around the world. Search websites like www.FastWeb.com or www.collegescholarships.org to see what's out there!

Important Info for Juniors!

Here's a timeline of what to expect in the upcoming months!

- February
 - Course selection – speak with each of your teachers about options for courses & meet your counselor
 - After winter break, juniors & families will set up post high school planning meetings with counselors
- March – April
 - Family meetings continue to meet with counselors
 - Attend college fairs
 - Take SAT/ACT – SAT is in school on March 21
 - Continue visiting schools

Reminder! – your junior year grades are the final full year colleges will see. **WORK HARD** this last semester to earn the best grades you can!!!

Dates to Remember

- Course selection –
- Teacher signature dates – 1/31-2/8
- Meet with Counselors – 2/7-23
- Winter Break – 2/16 & 2/17
- SAT @ Ludlowe – 3/10
- Community College Fair – 3/15 @ HCC
- Junior in-school SAT – 3/21
- College Fair @ Harbor Yard Arena – 4/4

AP Exam Registration

Students who are currently enrolled in at least one Advanced Placement course may register for the College Board AP Exam(s). Each AP exam costs \$103. AP exam registration opens on February 5th.

Click [here](#) to register!

“You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.” Zig Ziglar



Sign up [HERE!](#)

“Connecticut Community College”

College Fair

March 15, 2018 6pm – 7:30 pm

@ Housatonic Community College
Beacon Hall-Events Center 2nd Floor
900 Lafayette Blvd. Bridgeport, CT

Meet with Norwalk CC, Gateway CC, Naugatuck Valley CC and Housatonic CC.

Free Parking in Lafayette Garage

Questions: 203-332-8513/bshea@housatonic.edu
Bernie Shea, Admissions Housatonic CC

Scholarship

Opportunity

The Susan Fund is dedicated to assisting Fairfield County residents, who have been diagnosed with cancer, to pursue their educational goals through scholarship grants. Scholarships are awarded based on the following eligibility guidelines:

- Be a current resident of Fairfield County, Connecticut
- Have been diagnosed with cancer at some time in one's life
- Be planning/attending an accredited post high school institution of higher learning

Students may visit the website for the application process and other information about the fund.

www.thesusanfund.org/

100 Years of Women Scholarship



The University of Connecticut's Women's Center is pleased to announce the granting of the **100 Years of Women Scholarship Award**. The 100 Years of Women Scholarship Fund was established in 1992 to honor a **high school senior planning to enroll in the University of Connecticut**.

The scholarship award ranges from \$750 – \$1,000.

The following eligibility criteria have been established as guidelines in the selection process.

The applicant must:

1. demonstrate a commitment to women's issues through service to their community or school;
2. be a high school senior planning to enroll at UConn;
3. be in need of financial assistance; and
4. demonstrate high academic performance.

To apply, the applicant must:

1. complete all items in the application form;
2. enclose two letters of recommendation from individuals who can comment on their commitment and service to women's issues;
3. enclose a Resume; and
4. enclose an unofficial transcript.

These documents must be turned in or forwarded to the UConn Women's Center, 2110 Hillside Road, Unit 3118, Student Union, Room 421, Storrs, CT 06269-3118. **The application deadline is February 28, 2018. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

For more information, please call the Women's Center at (860) 486-4738, or the Office of Student Financial Aid Services at (860) 486-2819. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Click [here](#) for the application!

Taking a Gap Year

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 • 7:00 pm

Rotary Room, Main Library 1080 Old Post Road

Explore the possibilities and benefits of taking a Gap Year before entering college and find out why the Gap Year is growing in popularity. Each experience is unique—some teens stay close to home, some travel the world. Some combine work, service and travel, often funding travel with their earnings. Advantages often include: improved self-confidence; an opportunity to discover new interests and develop new skills; and a better understanding of yourself and the world around you. Gap Year advisor Katherine Stievater will discuss different Gap Year options and the planning process, including how it relates to college planning.

All programs are free and open to the public. Limited seating. **Register online at fairfieldpubliclibrary.org**, or call 203-256-3160.



Greetings from the University of Vermont!

The University of Vermont is pleased to offer academically challenging experiences designed to bring out the best in high school students.

We are now accepting applications for our summer [pre-college courses](#), providing motivated high school students **100+** opportunities to:

- Earn college credits
- Experience campus life (or learn online)
- Discover a new interest and potential career paths
- Explore a subject that isn't offered at their high school
- Gain a competitive advantage when applying to college

Additionally, UVM's [Summer Academy](#) program is **open for enrollment for 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students**, providing them with the unique opportunity to *earn 3 college credits* through intensive 4-week courses (2 weeks on-campus followed by 2 weeks online).

This year's Summer Academy course offerings include:

- **Health and Medicine:** Students can discover their interests, learn about the latest advances in bioscience and molecular medicine, and develop an understanding of diverse medical and health science career paths that might be right for them.
- **Biomedical Science and Human Disease:** In this introductory course, students will expand on the knowledge learned in high school biology and chemistry to explore the biomedical sciences including Microbiology, Immunology, Molecular Genetics, Clinical Biochemistry, and Hematology.
- **Using Drones to Map, Monitor, and Measure Our Changing Landscape:** UAS or drones, have provided us with new ways to map, monitor, and measure our changing landscape. In this course, students will learn how to operate drones and process drone data to in support of environmental mapping and monitoring.
- **Shakespeare in Practice:** In this creative course, students will train with teaching artists of The Vermont Shakespeare Festival, a professional theater that works in collaboration with the Department of Theatre at UVM. This course utilizes Shakespeare's *MACBETH* as a framework for full-bodied actor training including Technique, Movement, Voice and Speech, and Intro to Theatre Production/Design.

[Click here to learn more!](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach us at 800-639-3210.

Kind Regards, The UVM PreCollege Team

