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Mid year exams have concluded and second semester is in full swing. Here are a few highlights from the first semester and some news about upcoming events.

Mustang Salutes

- The **FWHS Dance Team** danced their way to 1st place at the Oxford High School Dance Competition and were named Grand Champions of Woodland High School Dance Team Competition. In addition they teamed with the FLHS Dance Team to present an outstanding half time show at the annual Thanksgiving Football game this year.
- **1st Semester MVPs.** The students listed below were nominated by faculty members as students who embody the core values of Fairfield Warde – welcoming, academic, respectful, dynamic, ethical.
- **Andie Altchiler, Mary Ball, Andrew Baratz, Nicholas Bloch, Ted Carbin, Charlotte Choinski, Victoria Gallati, Carson Greene, Kathleena Inchoco, Cozette More, Joseph Potenza, Thomas Quinn, Melanie Rodriguez, Rebecca Roos, Alex Werner.** A group photo of the MVPs (Mustang Values Personified) is on display on our Honor Flag bulletin Board outside the Main Office.
- A number of our Fall Student Athletes were named to all FCIAC teams. They are: **Chelsea Pond (swimming) Katie Brennan and Julia Delaney (girls soccer) Sofiene Afif, Mike Foley, Jack Mappa, and Kyle Millington (boys soccer) Kaitlin McKenna, Kenzie Burns (volleyball), Aidan Fiol, Nick Gans, Cate Allen, Hannah Dougherty, Molly Davidon, Amanda Kuczo, Kelly Powlisken (cross country) Go Mustangs!**
- **Abby Ulman** participated in the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute with students from 26 states and 6 countries to address the many issues related to world hunger. Abby presented her research paper "Ending Hunger in Our Lifetime: A Call to Action."
- The **FBLA** (Future Business Leaders of America) conducted a drive during the holidays to send goodies to American service people stationed overseas. They collected over 70 pounds of goodies to be shipped to the troops.
- **The FWHS Debate Team** hosted a competition featuring debate teams from 16 Connecticut high school. The team of **Brandon Campbell** and **Sarah Gleysteen** placed 2nd overall and Sarah won 1st place in the Individual Speakers competition.
- The **FWHS Cheerleaders** were named FCIAC Champions at the annual competition held at Fairfield Warde on February 2nd.

Notable Dates & Events

January 31		Report Cards distributed to students.
February 5	7:00 PM	Life After Warde- for seniors and their parents
February 10 – 28		Students meet with counselors for course selection
February 11	6:00 PM	Boys and Girls Basketball vs. FLHS at Warde
February 14		No School For Students Professional Development
February 17		Schools Closed – Presidents' Day
March 5	7:00 PM	9 th Grade Forum on Underage Drinking- parents and students

School Attendance Parents are reminded to call their students' house office to report absences no later than 10:00AM each day the student is out of school. We emphasize the importance of regular attendance as a key to success in school. Please note the revised attendance policy that can be found on the FWHS Website.

Creating Connections We have established a goal this year of building stronger connections between our students and their school. Two key components of this effort are our Club & Activity and our Advisory Programs. Our Tuesday schedule was adjusted to provide greater access to clubs and activities. Student enrollment in clubs & activities has significantly increased and advisors are now working to develop ways to engage the larger number of students in meaningful ways. The advisories meet approximately once each month, facilitated by two staff members. Thus far, topics addressed in advisory have included the club and activity program, setting goals, dealing with stress, preparing for exams, and planning for next year. The advisory program aims to foster relationships between students and adults and to promote an environment of mutual support among Warde students. We are encouraged by the early response by students and staff to this program. Students with questions about the activity program should see Seth Fry, Director of Student Activities in T-29; questions about the Advisory program should be directed to Caryn Campbell, Director of Student Services and Counseling.

Warde Rush Hour Traffic Tips Parents dropping off students at school in the morning are asked to avoid discharging their passengers in front of Fitts House. This causes backups on Melville Ave. and Cornell. Please drive up fully into the traffic circle. Cars that arrive by 7:15 rarely experience delays. "Rush Hour" is from 7:20 – 7:29. First class begins at 7:30 ☺ Do not to drop off and turn around in the rear of Fitts House near the James Blake Tennis Courts.

Lockdown Drills A standard aspect of our school security plan is to hold periodic lockdown drills. There are several common reasons for lockdowns: to prevent student traffic in the hallways during a medical emergency in the building, an hazardous or potentially dangerous situation in the neighborhood or on school grounds, an intruder in the building. Staff will review the lockdown information providing them with instructions and procedures to follow when a lockdown is called.

Course Selection The process for selecting courses for the 2014-15 school year has begun. Please be sure to review the Program of Studies with your sons and daughters and pay close attention to the deadlines. Contact your son's or daughter's school counselors with any questions.

Library Hours The Library Media Center is open after school until 4:00 Monday through Thursday

Math Center FWHS Math teachers are available most periods throughout the day to provide assistance to students. The Math Center is located in the Library Media Center.

2013-14 School Calendar As of February 3rd we have had two school days cancelled due to snow. This means that the official last day of school will be June 13. Any additional cancellations will lengthen the school year accordingly.