

# Fairfield Warde High School

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## FWHS SUMMER NEWS BULLETIN

Welcoming Academic Respectful Dynamic Ethical

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Greetings FWHS Students and Parents:

We're sending along this brief newsletter to provide you with some important information to assure a smooth start to the 2014-15 school year.

Please note that the first day for 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students will be on Thursday August 28th. 9th graders are especially lucky; they will start with an orientation day on August 27th. On the 28th all students will begin the day in homeroom where final schedules, lockers, and handbooks will be distributed. We will also meet with each class during the first two days of school to introduce important people, to make students aware of key policies and procedures, and to provide some insight into ways to help assure a successful school year.

Our expectation for everyone in the Fairfield Warde High School community is that each person feels valued, safe, respected, and challenged to be the best he or she can be. Therefore, for everyone's benefit, we ask that you pay particular attention to the following:

**Cell Phones** Our goal in the 2014-15 school year is to foster a learning environment that is free of disruption while permitting the responsible and constructive use of modern technology such as cell phones and smart phones. Key aspects of the policy will be reviewed with the students when school begins. Please note that photographic and recording functions of phones may only be used with the expressed permission of a teacher or administrator.

**FWHS Campus and School Grounds Regulations** We want our students to take full advantage of the many resources for learning here at FWHS and to remain safe throughout the school day. These are the major reasons we have a "closed campus." Students are not permitted to leave school grounds or to be in any parking areas during the school day. Once students arrive at school they are required to stay until their dismissal time. Doctors' appointments and the like should be scheduled outside of school hours whenever possible. Appointments that must be scheduled during the school day require an early dismissal pass. These are processed through the students' house offices, the procedures for which can be found in the Student Parent Handbook, included in this mailing. All visitors to our building are required to enter through the main entrance near the flag pole and to obtain a visitor's pass in the Main Office.

**Dress Standards** The goal of our dress standard is to foster an environment that is respectful, studious, and comfortable. Some modern fashion trends have made the atmosphere at school less than studious and respectful, and uncomfortable for some students and staff. In simple terms, we want girls' skirts and shorts to be of modest length (mid-thigh). Tops must have wide enough straps to cover undergarments, necklines that do not reveal excessive cleavage, and must be long enough to cover the midriff. Strapless tops are not permitted. Boys' pants must be worn high enough so that underwear is not visible. No clothing may have obscene, violent, vulgar, or sexually suggestive expressions, promote the use of drugs and/or alcohol, or bear the logo of alcohol or beer companies. Students who violate the established dress standards will be given the opportunity to immediately rectify the situation with other clothing but they will not be allowed to attend classes until they have done so.

**Reporting Bullying** The FWHS Student Parent Handbook (pgs. 8 & 9) provides details on the anti-bullying policies and the procedures for the reporting and investigation of behavior that may constitute bullying. Students and parents are reminded that there are boxes located in each house office, the Counseling Center (T-32) and the Nurses' Office for anonymous written reports to be submitted. In all instances we encourage students and parents to discuss all concerns with a member of the school staff.

**Allergies** There are students in our school who live with severe food allergies and we must take all possible precautions to assure that they are not exposed to unnecessary risks. There are also some students who have an allergy to latex. Latex balloons cannot be brought into the building. Please note the “nut free” areas posted in the building. Please refer to the health alert information notice included in this mailing.

**Summer Reading** The Fairfield Warde High School Annual Summer Reading Program promotes reading for interest and enjoyment. We eagerly anticipate the school-wide book chats on September 18. Students are reminded to have their books read by the start of school. Instructions and additional information can be found on the Fairfield Public Schools website. In order to assure that the book chat groups are organized for the 18<sup>th</sup>, students must have informed us of the books they selected. Please see the FPS website if you have not already submitted your book choices.

**Homeroom** Homeroom is an important time of day at FWHS. It is during this period that we pause to reflect on the day, to communicate information about school events and student accomplishments, and take school-wide attendance. Laxness regarding homeroom promptness and attendance has caused numerous problems for students regarding the attendance policy and often causes unnecessary anxiety in families when students are mistakenly marked absent simply because they missed homeroom.

**Schedule Changes** Much time and effort has gone into the development of the school’s master schedule. Each year our goal is to offer an adequate number of sections of the courses requested and to place the classes at the time of day to allow the greatest number of students to actually fit them in their schedules. Therefore, we honor requests for changes only for the following reasons:

- Incomplete schedule or insufficient credits
- A course scheduled in error by the school
- A change in level of a course, approved by teacher and curriculum leader
- Changes needed as a result of courses failed or as a result of summer school work

**Parking** Students who plan to drive to school must register their vehicle, obtain a parking sticker and pay the fee of \$150.00. They will then be assigned a specific space. This process will be handled through the Dean’s office in each house.


**FWHS Open House – September 11 – 7:00 p.m.**

Parents are cordially invited and strongly encouraged to attend our annual Open House to be held September 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:40 p.m. The program will begin in the auditorium with welcoming remarks and an overview of the school year by school administrators and PTA representatives. Parents will then follow their students’ schedules, meet the faculty, and learn about course content and expectations in abbreviated class periods. Schedules and other information will be distributed in homerooms. Parents can avoid being late to first period if they know their students’ homeroom before coming to school that evening.

**In Case of Emergency** To assure that all students have accurate and up-to-date emergency information on file, we require that new emergency cards are completed each year. Blank cards are included in this mailing. Students should submit the completed emergency cards to their homeroom teachers no later than September 10<sup>th</sup>. Also be sure that contact and demographic information is up to date on Infinite Campus. We will be using IC to contact families for school cancellations, delays and emergency notifications. Please contact our Main Office with any questions about Infinite Campus.

The faculty, staff, and administration look forward to welcoming everyone back on August 28th as we resume the “Battle Against Ignorance.” We wish you a fun, safe, and relaxing remainder of the summer.

Sincerely,

  
James J. Coyne  
Headmaster

### Key Dates

August 18	School Counselors return
August 19-21	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Tours by Warde Student Advisors –no appointments needed 8:30 am to 12:00 pm
August 27	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation (see attached schedule)
August 28	First day of school for all students (see attached schedule)
September 1	Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
September 11	Open House – 7:00 p.m.
September 17	First PTA meeting 7:30 - Library Lecture rooms
September 18	Summer Reading Book Chats
September 25	Rosh Hashanah—NO SCHOOL

### Testing Dates

At Fairfield Warde High School

<i>Saturdays:</i>	<i>Tests begin at 8:00 a.m.—Please arrive by 7:50 a.m</i>
<i>SAT I &amp; II</i> --	<i>December 6, March 14</i>
<i>SAT I</i> --	<i>June 6</i>
<i>PSAT</i> --	<i>October 18</i>
<i>ACT</i> --	<i>October 25, April 18</i>
<i>AP Testing</i>	<i>May 4-15</i>

## Annual Used Instrument Consignment Sale Buy or Sell Musical Instruments!

**Consign:** Friday, Sept 12 4:00-7:00 pm  
**Buy:** Saturday, Sept 13, 8:30 am - Noon  
**Location:** Fairfield Warde High School

The Fairfield Music Parents Association (MPA) will conduct its annual **Used Musical Instrument Sale** on **Saturday, September 13, 8:30 am – Noon**. Bring in your musical instruments to sell and set your price on **Friday, September 12, 4:00-7:00 PM**. Consignee receives 70% of the sale price; the remaining proceeds will benefit the Fairfield Public Schools music programs.

This event takes place at **Fairfield Warde High School on Melville Avenue** at Knapps Highway in the small gym. Consignees need not be present at the sale; MPA handles transactions.

Orchestra and Band instructors will be on hand at the sale to help buyers make appropriate selections. Upgrade or find a first-time instrument. Cash and checks accepted; no credit cards please. Instrument donations are welcome.

The Music Parents Association is a not-for-profit organization that fosters the love of music in the Fairfield schools and community.

For further info inquire:  
MPAsale@aol.com 203 332-0119

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation

Our school counselors and student volunteers, known as Warde Student Advisors, have planned a fine orientation program intended to be informative, welcoming, and on-going throughout the early part of this school year. Many 9<sup>th</sup> grade families will participate in the tours of the building to take place during August 19-21, conducted by the Warde Student Advisors. 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive final schedules on the day of the tour and also will have pictures taken for FWHS ID cards. These cards serve as library cards, bus passes and student activity passes. Orientation Day for the 9<sup>th</sup> graders will be held on August 27<sup>th</sup>. The schedule for this day is printed below. It will begin with a class meeting in the Auditorium at 8:15, followed by an extended homeroom period to help everyone get organized, and then a shortened schedule so that the 9<sup>th</sup> grade students can meet all their teachers and find all their classrooms before the upper class students arrive on August 28<sup>th</sup>. The day will conclude with a class picnic in the school courtyard from 12:00 – 12:30. *There is no school bus service on this day; students' families are responsible for transportation.*

### August 27 – ORIENTATION DAY – Grade 9 Only

8:15	All 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students Report to Auditorium
8:45 – 9:20	Homeroom Period 3
9:25 – 9:40	Period 1
9:45 – 10:00	Period 2
10:05 – 10:20	Period 4
10:25 – 10:40	Period 5
10:45 – 11:00	Period 6
11:05 – 11:20	Period 7
11:25 – 11:40	Period 8
11:45 – 12:00	Period 9
12:00 - 12:30	Class Cookout

### Schedules for the Opening of School 2014-15

August 27, August 28, August 29

August 27, 2014 Grade 9 Only 8:15 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

#### ALL STUDENTS

##### August 28, 2014

* 7:30 - 9:00	Homeroom (3)
9:05 – 9:39	Period 1
9:44 – 10:18	Period 2
10:23 – 10:57	Period 4
11:02 – 11:36	Period 5
11:41 – 12:15	Period 6
12:20 – 12:54	Period 7
12:59 – 1:33	Period 8
1:38 – 2:10	Period 9

##### August 29, 2014

7:30 – 8:12	Period 1
8:17 – 8:59	Period 2
9:04 – 9:29	Extended HR (3) Soph. Class Meeting
9:34 – 10:16	Period 4
10:21 – 11:03	Period 8
11:08 – 11:50	Period 7
11:55 – 12:37	Period 6
12:42 – 1:24	Period 5
1:29 – 2:10	Period 9

*\*Senior Class Meeting 8:00 – 8:25 (Auditorium)*

*\*Junior Class Meeting 8:35 – 9:00 (Auditorium)*

*Bus Transportation begins on August 28<sup>th</sup>.*

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Each school building's asbestos containing materials management plan is available for review at the school office.

# School Schedule

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:30-8:15	1	2 7:30-8:11	1	2	1
8:20-9:04	2	1 8:16-8:57	2	1	2
9:09-9:16	3 HOMEROOM	3 HOMEROOM 9:02-9:09	3 HOMEROOM	3 HOMEROOM	3 HOMEROOM
9:21-10:05	4	Activity/Advisory Period 9:14-9:34	4	4	4
10:10-10:54	5	4 9:39-10:20	6	8	8
10:59-11:43	6	7 10:25-11:06	5	7	7
11:48-12:32	7	8 11:11-11:52	7	5	6
* 12:37-1:21	8	5 11:57-12:38	8	6	5
		6 12:43-1:24			
1:26-2:10	9	9 1:29-2:10	9	9	9

## **WELCOMING ACADEMIC RESPECTFUL DYNAMIC ETHICAL**

Fairfield Warde High School provides a safe learning environment that is welcoming, academic, respectful, dynamic, and ethical.

Our school community, in collaboration with parents and other townspeople, fosters a democratic society that recognizes and promotes the dignity and worth of the individual.

We believe that meeting the diverse needs of all students will encourage lifelong learning and responsible citizenship.