

# Fairfield Warde High School

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## FWHS SUMMER NEWS BULLETIN

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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 2018-19 school year.

Grade 9 students are especially lucky; they will start with an orientation day on August 29. They will meet in the auditorium followed by homeroom and visit each class for a short period. There will be guides in the hallways to assist with the location of a room. Then students will be able to meet up with friends in the courtyard for a picnic at 11:15.

On August 30 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 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:

### Absence Reporting

Parents are expected to call or otherwise communicate with their child's house administrative office on each day their student is absent from school, tardy to school or to be dismissed from school. Communication from parents is required for absences to be recorded as excused. For your convenience, each house office has voice mail during non-school hours.

**Fitts: 255-8364      Townsend: 255-8362      Pequot: 255-8350**

It is essential that the school be informed when a student is absent from class(es) due to illness or other excusable reason so that the student's teachers can be properly informed. Failure to report absences to the school may cause a student to lose credit in accordance with the attendance policy.

**Athletics** Please be sure your child registered through our online registration that can be found on the athletic page of our school website. Also, student-athletes must have a current physical on file with Warde's school nurse prior to trying out. For coaches' contact information and updated tryout times and locations go to the team pages on our athletic webpage. Finally, our state-mandated preseason parent meeting for all fall sports will be on September 4 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium with team meetings to follow.

**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 the parking areas during the school day. Once students arrive at school they are required to stay until their dismissal time. Appointments that must be scheduled during the school day require an early dismissal pass. These are processed through the students' house office, the procedures for which can be found in the Student Parent Handbook that will be provided to the students during homeroom the first two days of school. All visitors to our building are required to enter through the main entrance near the flag pole, stop at the Security desk to show identification, and sign in.

**Chromebooks** As you are probably aware we will be distributing Chromebooks this year to all students during the first month of school. Please see the FPS website for additional information on Innovative Learning. All parents must be sure to sign the AUP before students can receive a Chromebook.

**Emergency Information** To assure that all students have accurate and up-to-date emergency information on file, parents are required to update the contact and demographic information in Infinite Campus. We will be using IC to contact families for school cancellations, delays and emergency notifications. IC is also your portal for attendance and grade information. Please confirm we have accurate telephone and email information by logging on and checking your entries on the tabs called "Family Members", "Contact Preferences", and "Household Information". Accurate telephone numbers are essential for our nurses and house offices and accurate emails ensure timely communication and important school updates from our staff. If there are no changes and you are actively using it, your information should carry over. For first-time users, please go to fairfieldschools.org and click on "Infinite Campus" under Parent Resources for a guide to get started.

**Entrances** We are continuing to improve security in our school. There will be three entrances to our school in the morning: Main Entrance, Bus Loop Entrance, and Rear Townsend Entrance. All other doors will be locked. We will no longer have the entrance to Pequot House open for students in the morning. Also, you will notice some large planters at the main entrance and Townsend entrance. These are security protection from vehicles.

**Open House September 6 @ 6:30 p.m.** Parents are cordially invited and strongly encouraged to attend our Annual Open House to be held September 6 from 6:30 to 9:15 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 student's homeroom before coming to school that evening.

**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. All obligations must be paid before purchasing a parking permit.

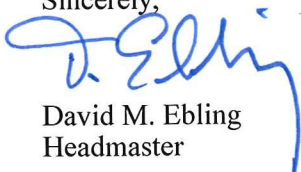
**Safety and Security** We continue to make improvements in our school protocols and physical plant. We ask that all students work with us in maintaining our safe environment. Do not open outside doors for anyone, politely direct them to the Main Office entrance. Students must present an ID and sign in with the security guard at the front entrance if they are arriving after our entrance doors have been closed.

**Summer Symposium** The Fairfield Warde High School Annual Summer Symposium Program (formerly Summer Reading) promotes reading for interest and enjoyment. We eagerly anticipate the school-wide Symposium on September 13. Students are reminded to have their works completed by the start of school. Instructions and additional information can be found on the Fairfield Public Schools, and the FWHS website. In order to assure that the groups are organized for the 13<sup>h</sup>, students must have informed us of the works they selected. Please see the FWHS website if you have not already submitted your choices.

**Traffic Patterns** The Fairfield Police Department and town engineering department help to determine the traffic patterns for our school. The drop off location for student is located in the circle near the front entrance of FWHS by the flag pole. Access to this area is from Melville Avenue. Parents dropping off should pull as far as possible into the circle before stopping to drop off students. Only faculty/staff should be using the back entrance behind Fitts House on Melville Avenue. Students driving to school should use one of the two Knapps Highway entrances to the student parking lots. All drivers are advised to comply with the established traffic pattern and regulations for the safety of pedestrians and drivers on and around school grounds. Please do not use the back entrance to drop off students. Students should also be picked up in the front of the building. Police will be taking enforcement action on violations such as speeding and/or reckless driving on and around school property.

The faculty, staff and administration look forward to welcoming everyone back on August 30 as we resume living our WARDE acronym. We wish you a fun, safe and relaxing remainder of the summer.

Sincerely,



David M. Ebling  
Headmaster

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

**August 22 and 23 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** 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, conducted by the Warde Student Advisors. The advisors will have a copy of the students' schedules. Pictures are taken for FWHS ID cards. These cards serve as library cards, bus passes, textbook checkout and student activity passes.

**August 29 7:30—11:45 Orientation Day for the 9<sup>th</sup> graders only.** The schedule for this day is printed below. It will begin with a class meeting in the Auditorium at 7:30, 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 Aug. 30. The day will conclude with a class picnic in the school courtyard from 11:15—11:45. *There is no school bus service on this day; students' families are responsible for transportation.*

### *August 29 – ORIENTATION DAY – Grade 9 Only*

7:30	Report to Auditorium
8:00—8:30	Homeroom
8:35—9:50	Day 1/3
9:55—11:15	Day 2/4
11:15—11:45	Class Picnic

## ALL STUDENTS Grades 9 - 12

### Schedules for the Opening of School 2018-19 August 30 and August 31 (9<sup>th</sup> Grade Only Orientation on Aug. 29)

**August 30, 2018—Full Day**

7:30 - 8:55 Homeroom

Day 1/3

Senior Class Meeting (Auditorium) 7:35

Junior Class Meeting (Auditorium) 8:15

**August 31, 2018—Full Day**

7:30 - 2:10

Day 2/4

Sophomore Class Meeting (Auditorium) HR

*Bus Transportation begins on August 30*