Fairfield Warde High School

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Dear Class of 2023,

I would like to officially welcome you to Fairfield Warde High School, the home of the Mustangs. You are becoming a member of an exceptional school that has a rich tradition of excellence that is evident both inside and outside of the classroom.

As you become immersed in our school community, you will be introduced to the "Warde Way" of being Welcoming, Academic, Respectful, Dynamic and Ethical. These principals are the core values that guide our daily interactions. You will work hard, be challenged and be given an array of opportunities to explore new interests. Your dedication and commitment to your studies and school activities will prepare you for a successful journey through high school, college and beyond.

As you enter high school, please know that Warde is comprised of caring educators who are here to support you through this exciting endeavor. We are going to have a remarkable year! I am looking forward to working with you and your families to ensure a wonderful high school experience. Eleanor Roosevelt, illustrates the exciting journey that lies ahead when she stated, "The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience."

As we prepare for the up and coming year, please see the following page highlighting critical information to keep in mind.

Sincerely,

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First Day of School

The first day of school, solely for grade 9 students, is **Wednesday, August 28, 2019** from 7:30 a.m. to 11: 45 a.m. Upon arrival, please report directly to the auditorium. Afterwards, you will follow your schedule, meet all of your teachers and classmates, and close the day with a PTA-sponsored picnic in the courtyard. Please note that there is no bus service provided on this day; therefore, you must arrange for transportation to and from school. The picnic will end at 11:45 am.

House System

Fairfield Public Schools utilizes a house system to organize their high schools. You are assigned the same house and homeroom for all four years. Each house is led by the Housemaster and is supported by the Dean of Students, School Counselors, and the Homeroom Teacher.

Student Schedules

On Wednesday, August 21, 2019, students can access their schedule via the Infinite Campus Portal. Additionally, to ensure 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

Student Tour

Wednesday August 21 and Thursday August 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Warde Student Advisors will officially welcome you to our school by offering guided tours of your scheduled classes.

The tours generally run for 30 minutes, and parents are welcome to attend.

Our student representatives will be available in the main lobby whenever you arrive, so no appointments are necessary.

Additionally, your picture will be taken for the FWHS ID, which serve as your library cards, bus passes, textbook checkout, and student activity passes.

Campus. Please click <u>here</u> for access. Unlike middle school schedules, ours run across a four-day cycle with 85-minute blocks and classes that meet every other day. As we know this will be new for you, please review your schedule carefully. Please click <u>here</u> for access. Should you have any questions, or if there is an error, please contact your school counselor as soon as possible.

Chromebooks

Grade 9 students will be provided information on receiving their Chromebook once school starts.