Principal’s Message

Dear Parents:

We have had a busy and rewarding fall at Farmington High School! Our students have accomplished much, both in and out of the classroom, and as I review these accomplishments, I am struck by how well they align to our Farmington Public Schools’ Vision of the Graduate.

Critical thinking and reasoning happen on the stage, on the field, in the gym, and out in the community as well as in our classrooms.

Our student athletes in every game or competition have to communicate and collaborate effectively in order to bring success to the team; the same is true of our student musicians, actors, and debaters.
In robotics, model United Nations, math club and multiple other clubs and activities, our students consistently show themselves to be thoughtful and creative problem solvers and innovators.

And in their commitment to community service, their ability to juggle the multiple responsibilities that claim their time and attention, and their resiliency in overcoming obstacles, our students demonstrate every day the qualities of self-direction and resourcefulness that are critical to their success now and in the future.

None of this happens by chance; it is the result of hard work, planning, and time and effort on the part of our students as well as their teachers, coaches, advisers, and other mentors. The support and guidance of you the parents is an especially critical factor—we are grateful for your support and your active participation in your children’s education, in school and out!

Best regards to you and your families for an enjoyable holiday season! May the end of 2015 be filled with the joys of family and friends, and my sincere wishes to all for a happy and healthy 2016!

Sincerely,

Bill Silva, Principal

Remember to follow FHS on Twitter: @1FarmingtonHS
School News:
Please go to our home page: wwwfpsct.org. If you look on the right hand side under News, you can click on the latest school news.

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**Important Dates for 2015-2016**

**To Remember Throughout the School Year**

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<td>Final Exams, 16 Make up Day (tentative)</td>
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<td>Science CAPT Testing for students in grade 10 and students in grade 11 that need to re-test will take place on <strong>Thursday, March 17, 2016</strong>. In the event of snow, the testing will move to Wednesday, March 23, 2016.</td>
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<td>District-wide Choral Festival</td>
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<td>Junior Prom</td>
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**Phone Numbers You Need to Know**

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<td>To report your child late to school or absent</td>
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**Reminder about Parking:**

If you have an appointment at Farmington High School, please park in the back in the staff parking lot and sign in at the door. For safety reasons, visitors must park and sign in at that entrance. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.
2016 Mid-Year Exam Schedule

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<td>12:00-1:30 Per. 3 exam</td>
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Make-Up Semester 2  
Exams only Begins

FHS Educational Forum  
FHS Auditorium  
7:00 – 8:00 pm  
Thursday, January 21, 2016  
SAT: Redesign and State Mastery Test

FROM FHS ATHLETICS:

Juliette Givens was awarded the CHSCA Assistant Coach of the Year award for the 2015 Girls Volleyball season. Juliette was hired as the Assistant Coach in the girls program in 2003 and for 13 seasons has been an invaluable source of support, knowledge, and professionalism for Head Coach Laura Arena. Congratulations to Juliette on this fine accomplishment!
News from the FHS Library Media Center!

FHS students CAN research effectively! Mrs. Carlson has been working hard with the following teams to help our students effectively complete tasks designed to develop critical thinking and communication skills:

**In US History** - Juniors are evaluating the role and impact that a significant individual (or group) has had on an historical event.

**In World History I** - Freshmen are using library databases to learn about Egyptian Polytheism.

**In World History II** - Sophomores are learning about primary and secondary sources as they study the meaning and impact of Nationalism in different countries around the world.

**In Contemporary Texts** - Seniors are conducting sophisticated searches to answer the question: *How do authors use the elements of literature to comment on the contemporary human experience?* in relation to the novel *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein.

FHS students CAN read independently!

**In English 200** - Students participated in Speed Dating which exposes students to a range of books before choosing the one they want to get to know better.

**Student Book Clubs** - So far this year students have three opportunities to discuss books informally in a book club setting (periods 1, 6 and after school). Students select the books. The library provides the books. All students are welcome to join the fun. Have your son/daughter contact Mrs. Carlson at carlsonn@fpsct.org if interested. FHS Book Lovers Committee has launched a Twitter Feed to celebrate students and faculty who are “caught” reading at FHS.

Follow us at @FHSbooklovers #FHScaughtreading

Thanks to the FHS Basketball Team for providing our first Tweet showcasing the book they read together last summer: *Toughness* by Jay Bilas.

FHS students CAN be responsible digital citizens:

Think that keeping up with trends on social media is challenging?? You are not alone. We really like Common Sense Media’s page focused on informing parents about trends on social media. Here’s a [direct link](#). Have a daughter or son who loves technology. Have them come to an information session after school on January 6th to learn about a new student technology group forming this year.
Farmington High School Peer Leaders recently completed presentations in half of the Freshmen Wellness Classes during the substance education unit. The presentations included misconceptions and social norms as well as the importance of positive decision making. Peer Leaders will also be visiting other schools in the district to present on conflict resolution, positive decision making, communication, and bullying.

This year’s peer leaders are Patrick Arnold, Jack Beisel, Alec Bohlman, Jocelyn Bohlman, Daniel Caminiti, Dante Colagiovanni, Margaret Costello, Casey DeBiase, Anthony DiPaulo, Alexandra Dolmanisth, Halley Dopp, Kevin Dunst, Caroline Feinberg, Michael Giannone, Kate Gregory, Matthew Gregory, Taylor Hennig, Clayton Herr, Justin Isner, Akash Kumar, Daniel Lester, Michael Popolizio, Samuel Roy, Maxwell Ruh, Kysa Sager, Sandhya Sanapala, Emma Sherrill, Jordan Sicklick, Luke Steele, Mya Steir, Nicholas Vendetti, Gregory Welsh, Emily Williams, and Ryan Witter.

The co-advisors are Kelly Stokoe and Russ Crist.
Greetings from the Nurse’s office!

I hope that this message finds you all in good health and good cheer as we enter the “holiday season”. I often get calls from parents asking about illnesses that are “going around” the school. It is inevitable that we will see transmission of illness with close to 1,300 students in the building, but the news is not all bad. We have been blessed with warmer weather so far this season, and I believe that is helping to keep our illness numbers down. I have seen a drastic decrease in the numbers of reported flu cases so far this year, which I believe is in part due to students spending increased time outdoors, and in part due to the flu shot this year being more effective. I also administered over 100 flu shots to faculty and staff at FHS this year in 3 days! It is great to see that we are all doing our part to keep our community healthy.

I have noticed a few viruses “going around”, one of which seems to be more likely to develop into pneumonia. The best thing that we can do as a community to limit the spread of such viruses, is to keep significantly ill students at home. A big thank you to all parents who have followed the illness policy of keeping students home until they are fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication. In the nurse’s office we have clear standing orders that determine when we must send ill students home as well. I hope that all of our group efforts at FHS enable us to keep those illness numbers down throughout the season.

Finally a few housekeeping items:

- Parents of 10th grade students – if you have not done so already, please send in the state required 10th grade physical before the end of the year. Any physical that was completed in the year 2015 will meet this requirement. This requirement must be met for students to attend public school.
- Parents of 9th grade students – any physical done in 2016 will meet your child’s state mandated 10th grade physical. If your child has a physical any time in 2016 (starting Jan. 1), please be sure to get the state form filled out and send it to the nurse’s office at the school. This form is available at the doctor’s office, in my office, and on the FHS website under “forms for students”.
- We are no longer required by the state to perform scoliosis and vision screenings on 9th grade students. Under new state laws for mandated school based screenings, students will be screened for the last time in middle school. Please keep in mind that vision, hearing and scoliosis screening should be a part of the regular physical at your pediatrician’s office.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the school. I am available via phone Monday – Friday during school hours at 860-673-2514, x1122. You can also contact me via email at payebakerk@fpsct.org. Lastly, any forms can be faxed directly to my desk at 860-673-8028.

I wish you all the warmest of holidays and hope that you all enjoy the time off from school with your families.

Kristin Paye Baker, RN
FROM FHS COUNSELING DEPARTMENT:

EVENTS

ALL: Thank you to those parents who joined us for fall Counselor Coffee and Conversation. Please watch for our spring dates.

ALL: Please join us at the Educational Forum on January 21st from 7-8 pm in the FHS Auditorium to discuss the SAT: Redesign and State Mastery Test.

JUNIORS AND THEIR PARENTS: Please join us for Junior College Planning Night on January 7th at 6:30 pm in the FHS Auditorium.

SENIORS

College Applications- the Counseling Department is encouraging students to begin college applications if they have not already done so. If your senior is still uncertain on where to apply or in what direction to head next year, please advise him or her to:
1. Come to Workshop Wednesday during lunch periods in room 162 to meet with a counselor;
2. Make an appointment with his/her counselor through You Can Book Me;
3. Visit the Career Center;
4. Use Naviance as a research tool.

Some scholarship information is available on Naviance. It is updated regularly. From Naviance, students can access the link to the website and/or the application. The local scholarships will be available in February or March.

SENIORS AND JUNIORS

COLLEGE TESTING

- ACT www.actstudent.org
- SAT or SAT subject tests www.collegeboard.org
- The SATs will be offered at FHS in May, but at other local high schools before then.
- SAT/ACT prep courses and practice tests are hosted my Farmington Continuing Education: http://www.fpsct.org/page.cfm?p=6
MILITARY
- The **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)** test was administered at FHS in December. Please call the Career Center if your student is interested in the military.

TECHNICAL SCHOOL
- **Bristol Tec** ([http://www.cttech.org/bristol/](http://www.cttech.org/bristol/)) offers free or low cost post-graduate programs in such areas as auto technology, culinary arts, electronics technology, HVAC, manufacturing technology and welding and metal fabrication. If your son or daughter is interested, please have them contact their counselor and/or look at the website.

JUNIORS
PSATs were administered in school for 11th graders on Wednesday October 14th. The students received a PSAT information and practice booklet in homeroom about 4 weeks before the test. The results will be reviewed in a classroom lesson with school counselors. The school counselors will meet with them to review and interpret their individual results and introduce them to Khan Academy on the College Board website. The College Board provides access to your PSAT scores on-line to get personalized feedback, practice for SAT and college planning information.
Junior College Planning Night for all Junior Parents and Students will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 7th in the FHS Auditorium. The emphasis will be on the college admissions process. This is an essential presentation for any college-bound junior and his/her parents in order to fully understand the nuts and bolts of college planning. Good preparation leads to wise choices. Prior to this evening program, counselors will make three classroom visits to English classes to help juniors develop an activities resume, conduct a post-secondary school search, and learn about the college admissions process.

The Junior Parent/Student Conferences will begin in January and continue into February with their school counselors. The individual conference will center on academic performance, course selection, and post-secondary planning. Parents are encouraged to accompany their son or daughter to this important meeting with their counselor. Families will receive a letter with the appointment date and time.

SOPHOMORES
PSATs were also administered in school for 10th graders on Wednesday October 14th. The students received a PSAT information and practice booklet in homeroom about 4 weeks before the test. The results will be reviewed in a classroom lesson with school counselors. The school counselors will meet with them to review and interpret their individual results and introduce them to Khan Academy on the College Board website. The College Board provides access to your PSAT scores on-line to get personalized feedback, practice for SAT and college planning information.

Sophomore Conferences: All sophomores and their parents will be invited to an individual meeting with their school counselor during second semester. Please join us to talk about academic progress and course selection.

FRESHMEN
All 9th graders began the school year with 5 weeks of freshman seminar with their school counselor. The students have a set time in their schedule to meet with their counselor in small groups. This is a great opportunity to build relationships and a successful transition to FHS. The groups will reconvene in December and January to discuss mid-terms, course selection and more.

NAVIANCE- a Tool for ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (and grades 6-8)
All students have been given a username (their email) and password (pin + fps) to use a computer internet system called Naviance. This web site provides students access to college searches, learning style and personality type inventories as well as links to other web resources. Many of these resources will be used by students during developmental counseling lessons with their school counselors. If your student has trouble logging in, please have them contact Mrs. Fraley in the Career Center located in room 161. There is a link to Naviance on the Farmington High website (www.fpsct.org).

POWERSCHOOL- a Tool for all High School Students and their Parents to keep track of attendance and grades
There is a link to PowerSchool on the Farmington High website (www.fpsct.org). FHS students and parents have individual log-ins for PowerSchool.
The SAT Redesign: Meet the New SAT
Coming in March 2016

Free world-class practice through Khan Academy • Optional essay • No penalty for guessing • Vocabulary you’ll use long after test day

The SAT is aligned with the content and skills that are taught in schools.

- The new SAT includes a Reading Test, Writing and Language Test, and a Math Test. The SAT has an optional essay component, which some colleges will require. SAT questions focus on skills that matter most for college readiness and success, according to the latest research.
- The total score will be on a 1600 scale – Evidence Based Reading and Writing, and Math (each on a 200-800 scale). The essay is optional and will be scored on a separate scale (2-8).
- The PSAT that was administered in October 2015 aligns with the redesigned SAT.

See the Official SAT Study Guide for details on the Content Changes & Tips for Success.


8 Key Content Changes in the SAT

- command of evidence
- words in context
- essay analyzing a source
- math that matters most
- problems grounded in real-world contexts
- analysis in science and in history/social studies
- U.S. founding document and the greater global conversation
- no penalty for guessing

For more information and practice: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/

- Sign up for SAT practice app and learn more about the new SAT
- Use the free personalized practice with Khan Academy

Please visit our website for helpful information and resources.
www.fpsct.org to Schools to Farmington High School to School Counseling

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER TO CHECK EMAIL REGULARLY FOR INFORMATION AND OPPORTUNITIES. THANK YOU.

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On December 7, fifty students in Sra. Acosta’s and Sr. Suárez’s Spanish IV classes travelled to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City as a culmination of their unit on 20th century Spanish art. Students experienced a personalized guided tour of art by world famous masters Joan Miró, Salvador Dalí, Pablo Picasso, Diego Rivera, Velázquez and El Greco. They then engaged in a quest to learn more about 20th century art, including Cubism, Realism, and Abstract Art.

On November, students from Mr. McGinnis’s French VI H class visited their younger counterparts at IAR and WWUES. While there, they presented their original French fairy tales, many in full costumes, as seen below.
Greetings! On Saturday, November 14th forty students and several parents from Farmington High School attended the second Connecticut Debate Association’s tournament at Housatonic Valley High School. Five-hundred two debaters—CDA’s second highest total ever!--from 42 schools attended the November tournaments at Amity High School, Housatonic Valley Regional High School and New Canaan High School.

The topic was:
Resolved: The US should approve the Trans-Pacific Partnership treaty.

Congratulations to Varsity debaters Allen Haugh and Smrithi Raman for earning third place and automatically qualifying for the state tournament. Nandan Tumu won Second Best Speaker in the Varsity division therefore automatically qualifies for the State Tournament April 2, 2016 as well. Congratulations also to our Varsity teams that won all three of their matches; Ashish John and Jash Mirani, Prashant Swami and Chris Ware, and Nandan Tumu and Shankara Narayanan. Congratulations to all other students on their performances.

On Saturday, December 12th twenty-six students and two parents from Farmington High School attended the third Connecticut Debate Association tournament of the season at Shepaug Valley High School. The total number of debaters at three sites (Shepaug, Masuk Warde) was 431.

The debate topic was:
Resolved: Parents should have the right to "opt out" of standardized tests for their children.

There were forty-one Varsity teams representing twelve schools at Shepaug and the Farmington team of Jash Mirani and Allen Haugh made the final round and took second place in the tournament. This is no small task as Allen and Jash won their first three debates that day AND scored well enough to make the final round (ahead of thirty-nine other teams). This is the first time a Farmington team has made it to “the stage.” The Farmington Varsity team of Sahiti Alavala and Annabelle Lee also won all three of their matches and were close to making it to the finals. Congratulations to all these students on their outstanding performance.

Farmington’s debaters have had strong performances all year. Currently Five Farmington debaters have earned an invitation to the Connecticut Debate Association’s State Tournament in April of 2016. We expect more to follow.

THANK YOU to my leadership team of Allen Haugh, Sahiti Alavala, and Annabelle Lee. They are amazing.

Our next tournament is Saturday, January 9th likely at E.O. Smith High School. We will again need the help of parent judges. Remember that teams must have enough judges to allow our students to debate----not enough judges may force us to not allow students to debate. If you can judge or want to know more please contact me at my email address below or contact Allen, Annabelle, or Sahati. Also, please consider assisting the team when Farmington High School hosts a CDA tournament on Saturday, March 12, 2016. Thank you!
FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT:

Visit from Dr. Jimenez
On Friday, November 6 Dr. Jimenez from Western Connecticut State University directed the FHS orchestras and Wind Ensemble. He is the conductor of the Wind Ensemble and orchestras at the University. Katie Carlson, FHS Orchestra Director invited Dr. Jimenez as an expert in the field to work with FHS instrumentalists and also to create college connections for our students. Pictured below with Ms. Carlson and Dr. Jimenez is Katie Byrne, a senior who will major in music education next year in college.

Senior Café
The annual Senior Café was a huge success with over 80 senior citizens attending this fall. Students and parents provided the Farmington residents with a dinner and entertainment. The Farmington High School Music Department's commitment to service in the community is evident in this annual event. Collaboration with the Farmington Friends of Music, Social Services and the Senior Center make for a successful gathering each year. Students prepare music as soloists, duets and small groups with popular music and selections of their choice. Parents make dinner while students service the residents in the high school cafeteria.
Sarah Kohl Master Class
Prior to the Northern Regional Music Festival, the FHS choirs benefited from a Vocal Masterclass given by Sarah Kohl, a seasoned performer and private vocal teacher. Sarah listened to vocalists from the Treble Choir, Women's Ensemble and Chamber Singers and presented them with new methods to improve their performance as soloists. Ms. Kohl is a respected performer and master teacher of voice.

Sarah Kohl Vocal Master Class

The FHS Chamber Singers performed at a New England Choral Invitational at Western Connecticut State University in November. College professors from the university provided a clinic for each choir and students listened to choirs from across the state. Learning from mentors and their peers about performance technique and new choral literature was enlightening for the members of the FHS choir.
Recently the FHS Color Guard secured new flags! The members of the color guard raised some funds from a bake sale before school and the rest was paid by the music department. The flags were used at one of their fall football shows and embellished the marching band show. They will be seen next at the Memorial Day Parade.
Upcoming Dates:

January 13  TRI M Honor Society Meeting, 7am
February 5  Broadway Showcase, 6pm
February 24  TRI M Honor Society Meeting, 7am
March 8  Friends of Music, 7pm
March 15, 16  Strings Concert, 7pm
March 16  TRI M Honor Society Meeting, 7am
March 22  Band Concert, 7pm
April 6,7  Districtwide Choral Concert, 7pm
April 12  Friends of Music, 7pm

The FHS Music Department faculty  
Leslie Imse, Katie Carlson, Tom Johnston, and Dylan Pedersen

Unified Theater’s mission is to foster meaningful inclusion and develop student leaders through the arts. At Unified Theater, young people with and without disabilities, of all backgrounds, come together as equals to put on a production. The production is entirely organized, written and directed by the students themselves. In fifty schools across the country, 5,000 students with and with without disabilities have performed to almost 10,000 audience members. Our vision is a world in which inclusion is real, creativity is celebrated, you are empowered, and differences no longer define us. Farmington High School is in the beginning stages of creating a Unified Theater group. If your child is interested, please have them see Mrs. Barlow in the English department. She can also be reached at 860-673-2514 (voice mail 2009) or by email at barlowt@fpsct.org.
FROM THE FINE AND APPLIED ARTS DEPARTMENT:

Faculty and Alumni Exhibit at the Barnes-Franklin Gallery, Tunxis Community College: 12/23-1/20/16 – Opening Reception, 1/7/16, 5:00-8:00 pm

K-12 Select Landscape Art Exhibit, Farmington Library, 1/12-2/26/16 – Opening Reception, 1/14, 5:30-7:30.

Students in Digital Photo created Surreal Landscape Photomontages inspired by the work of photographer Jerry Uelsmann. Although you might recognize some of the places they photographed around Farmington, you’ve never seen landscapes quite like these! Look for their work at the K-12 Landscape show this January at the Farmington Public Library.

First Annual FHS Fashion Show: FHS Auditorium, 3/10/16 – this show will be a collaboration between the Farmington community, FHS, and other CT high schools.
FHS students enjoyed two educational art field trips this fall. The first trip was to the Museum of Fine Arts and the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston.

Later in November, students also visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Cooper Hewitt Design Museum in New York City where they participated in a “Problem-Solving Through Design” workshop.

Yessenia Manrique, our CCSU student teacher, has been working with students in Unified Art, Crafts, Digital Photography and Art Seminar.
FARMINGTON CONTINUING EDUCATION
OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Register online at www.fpsct.org/fee or call 860.404.0290

Driver Education by AAA
AAA, in association with Farmington Continuing Education, will offer driver education classroom instruction. The cost of the 30 hour classroom training is $250, which includes textbook materials. Eight (8) hours of car instructions are also available from AAA for a fee of $345. A package rate for both programs is $595. Students enrolling must be 16 years of age prior to the start of class. A certificate will be awarded upon successful completion of the classroom training, which may be accepted for insurance premium reductions. The first class requires the attendance of a parent and will be held in room 903 at Farmington High School. To register, or for more information, call AAA at 860-570-4235 or visit www.AAA.com/drivingschool.

A) February 24 - April 13, 2016, 6:15 PM to 8:15 PM, 15 sessions (WM)
B) March 15 - May 10, 2016, 6:15 PM to 8:15 PM, 15 sessions (TTh)
C) April 25 - June 15, 2016, 6:15 PM to 8:15 PM, 15 sessions (WM)
Farmington High School - Room 903

Teen Chef (Grades 9-12)
Whether you're a passionate cook or just starting to learn the basics, join the Farmington High School Teen Chef program for some fun food journeys. Learn to cook new, healthy and yummy meals for yourself, your family, or even for a crowd!

A) January 27 - March 2, 2016, 2:45 PM to 5:15 PM, 5 sessions (W)
B) March 16 - April 13, 2016, 2:45 PM to 5:15 PM, 5 sessions (W)
Farmington High School - Room 518
Course Fee: $89

Princeton Review: ACT Fundamentals Course (April 2016)
How do you score higher on the ACT? By learning how to take the test. Our experts have spent endless hours researching the ACT so that we can teach you the test-taking and pacing strategies needed in order for you to beat this test. In this course you will receive the study tools and guidance you'll need to master the techniques both in and out of the classroom. The ACT Fundamentals Course is 18 hours of classroom instruction plus 4 full-length practice exams. For more information or to enroll, call The Princeton Review at 1-800-2-REVIEW or visit www.princetonreview.com! Fundamentals Registration fee: $699 (Use promo code SCORE200 to receive a $200 discount)

SCHEDULE: Thursday: January 21 - April 7, 2016 Tests: Jan 21, Feb 11, Mar 10, 31 (5:30 - 9:30 p.m.)
Classes: Jan 28, Feb 4, 25, Mar 3, 24, Apr 7 (6-9 p.m.)

January 21 - April 7, 2016, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, 11 sessions (Th) Farmington High School - Room 812

Kaplan: New SAT and ACT Combo Test XTrueX
Are you deciding between the SAT or ACT test? This combo test will give you the exposure and experience to each section of the NEW SAT and ACT tests. You will receive a comprehensive analysis of your performance on both tests and determine which exam is right for you. Register at kaptest.com/class/SKKA160024 or call 1-800-527-8378.

February 6, 2016, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, 1 session (Sa) Farmington High School - Room 701 Course Fee: $10

Catalyst SAT Bootcamp (for March 5th test)
The new "redesigned" SAT will be the most significant overhaul of the SAT in the test's 90 year history. At Catalyst, we've dissected advance copies of the new SAT and have formulated a game plan that guarantees there are no surprises for students taking the redesigned PSAT/SAT. Our New SAT Bootcamp guarantees you march into the new PSAT and SAT knowing how to outsmart every type of question you'll encounter. Members of the class of 2017, 2018, and 2019 will learn:

-- Critical aspects of the new PSAT/SAT, including test format, scoring, calculator use, process of elimination strategies, and time management
-- How to crack the new SAT's tricky "textual evidence" Reading Comprehension questions
-- How to shortcut the new SAT's most challenging "heart of algebra" and "data analysis" math problems
-- The 16 types of English questions students guaranteed to appear on the redesigned test's Writing and Language sections

February 27-28, 2016, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, 2 sessions (SaSu) Farmington High School - Room 901
CALL CATALYST 800-235-0056, Course fee: $175

NEW SAT Preparation: Math Review (for May 7th test)
The NEW SAT Math test covers a range of math practices, with an emphasis on problem solving, modeling, using tools strategically, and using algebraic structure. The three areas of in depth focus are Algebra, which focuses on the mastery of linear equations and systems, problem solving and data analysis, which is about being quantitatively literate, and passport to advanced math, which features questions that require the manipulation of complex equations. Additional topics include geometry and trigonometry. This preparation class will be more individualized and student driven. Bring a laptop or iPad and graphing calculator to class. A textbook will be provided. Come prepared to explore and learn!

A) For May 7th Test: March 8 - April 12, 2016, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, 6 sessions (T)
B) For the June 4th Test: April 26 - May 31, 2016, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, 6 sessions (T)
Farmington High School - Room 903
Course Fee: $115
NEW SAT Preparation: Verbal Review (for May 7th test)
The NEW SAT Reading, Writing and Language tests measure a range of skills such as command in evidence, words in context, analysis in History/Social Studies and Science, expression of ideas, and standard English conventions. Students will be provided with a copy of a SAT practice book and guided through practice questions in the verbal section.

A) For May 7th Test: March 9 - April 13, 2016, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, 6 sessions (W)
B) For the June 4th: April 27 - June 1, 2016, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, 6 sessions (W)
Farmington High School - Room 911
Course Fee: $115

Looking for College Financial Aid?
Why do families with seemingly high income and wealth qualify for college financial aid while others, with far less, fail to get the needed help? Learn about the process, the truths, and the myths that will put you in the best position to maximize your eligibility for financial assistance. This class covers the components of financial aid, factors that influence the "Expected Family Contribution" and how one might reduce it, the necessary forms with instruction on how to complete them, what to do about unsatisfactory awards, and a review of the entire process. Class is specific to parents of Junior and Senior High School students.

March 10, 2016, 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM, 1 session (Th)
Farmington High School - Room 808
Course Fee: $19

Catalyst ACT Bootcamp (for April 9th test)
Learn everything you need to know to outsmart the ACT with Catalyst's veteran test-prep instructors. After Catalyst's ACT Bootcamp, you'll know how to crack the 10 types of English questions, quickly decipher confusing Science passages, shortcut long Reading Comprehension passages, and tackle every type of Math question that's guaranteed to be on the test! Cost is $175. Sign up at www.CatalystPrep.com or call 1-800-235-0056 with any questions.

April 2-3, 2016, 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM, 2 sessions (SaSu)
Farmington High School - Room 903
CALL CATALYST 800-235-0056
Course Fee: $175

Kaplan SAT Prep Course (for the June SAT)
Students get prepped with Kaplan's SAT prep course which includes a 8-session course, including 18 hours of instruction, 4 full-length practice tests (two live in class, two flexible online), and Kaplan's print and online study materials. Tests are 4 hours long and instructional sessions are 3 hours long. Classes are held at Farmington High School. To enroll, visit Kaptest.com or call 1-800-KAP-TEST (1-800-527-8378). Course Fee: $749 (at least 14 days before class start); $849 (within 14 days of class start). Class code SMKS16110.

April 4 - May 4, 2016, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, 8 sessions (MW)
Farmington High School - Room 613

College Planning & Funding - A to Z
Planning for college can be difficult, confusing and costly. Don't go it alone! This is a great opportunity to learn how to make the right college choices and maximize your funding and financial aid results, as well as how to better prepare for SAT and ACT exams and achieve higher scores. Discussions will include SAT/ACT prep, college profile reports, merit based scholarship eligibility, FASAF/CCS profile form completion, and college funding analysis. Refreshments will be provided.

April 25, 2016, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, 1 session (M)
Lewis Mills High School - Room A124
Course Fee: $19

Essay Writing for the SAT's
Are you a current High School student with plans to take the SAT's in 2016? This course will help you write an effective SAT essay for the College Board's newly designed 2016 SAT essay. The class offers an interactive experience in which we will read and critique sample SAT essays and responses written by College Board experts for the 2016 SAT Tests. We will also learn about sites which facilitate writing, including Purdue University's Online Writing Lab and Capital's Online Guide to Grammar and Writing. The course will provide you with several suggestions and strategies offered by The College Board for composing excellent SAT essays. There will also be an opportunity for you to edit writing and to draft responses to sample essays as practice for the current SAT test. The instructor, a tutor liaison and workshop leader of English at Capital Community College and a University Supervisor for the NEAG School of Education, is a former scorer of SAT and standardized state essays for the College Board. She has several years of experience as a high school counselor and English teacher and welcomes students of varied abilities and interests to this course. All materials, including a packet of handouts, will be provided by the instructor. Feel confident and prepared as you take the SAT's!

May 18-25, 2016, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, 2 sessions (W)
Farmington High School - Room 901
Course Fee: $99
LOVE 4 LACROSSE
DINNER AND
SILENT AUCTION!

Please join us for an evening of fun at the Farmington High School Boys Lacrosse Booster Club’s first annual fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction!

Farmington Gardens
Route 4, Farmington
Saturday, February 6, 2016
Cocktails at 6pm
Dinner at 7:30pm

Admission – $50.00 per person (advance reservations only)

Please return the attached reservation form with your payment by: January 17, 2016

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
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FHS BOYS LACROSSE BOOSTER CLUB

RESERVATION FORM

Name:_________________________ Phone:_________________________

e-mail:________________________ Number Attending:_____

Total $ amount included:_________ check ( ) cash ( )

Please make checks payable to:
FHS Boys Lacrosse Booster Club
Mail to: Pam Kowal-Swartout
37 Fairview Drive
Farmington, CT 06032
by January 17, 2016

*Your name will be on a list at the check-in table that night!
*Silent Auction and Raffle items will be distributed to email addresses in advance. Thanks for your support!

Any questions, feel free to call Pam:
(860) 677-9194 or email: hockeymeat@hotmail.com
Project Graduation is an all-night, drug & alcohol-free party that takes place after graduation ceremonies at Farmington Farms Tennis Club. This 31st annual FHS tradition provides a safe place for seniors to relax & celebrate with their classmates on graduation night - tentatively set for June 16, 2016 from 10:00 PM - 4:00 AM.

A committee of senior parent volunteers will organize an evening of professional entertainers, fun activities, contests, lots of food, hundreds of amazing prizes & several GRAND prize gifts. Six hours of great fun & memories will be chaperoned by parents of FHS underclassmen & every student who attends & stays until the end of the party receives an amazing gift bag. Whether you can volunteer on a committee or attend a fundraiser, all efforts are needed & greatly appreciated.

Here’s an early list of activities, fundraisers & needs you’ll hear about over the course of the school year:

- **Comedy Night Fundraiser & Silent Auction** – This second annual fundraiser will be held on **March 19th, 2016** at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Unionville. Consider putting together a gift basket for the silent auction &/or getting a table of 10 together for a great night out with friends. This is an event for parents of ALL grades! **SAVE THE DATE!**

- **FHS “Spirit Wear” Clothing Sale** – JB Sports Gear (a local company) is partnering with Project Graduation once again to offer some really cool sweats, hoodies, flip-flops, pom-pom hats, lounge pants, blankets & more this holiday season & throughout the year. JB Sports Gear will generously donate a portion of the sales to FHS Project Graduation 2016!

- **The Taste & Dining Activity Book Sale** - We are currently selling a dining card/coupon book featuring offers for hundreds of restaurants & merchants in the Greater Hartford area & grocery stores - Highland Park Market, ShopRite, Big Y.

- **Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser** – You’ve seen them around town! We will have four flocks “flying” next spring & need volunteers to assist, as well as names of families to flock for donations.

- **$75 Parent / Guardian Contribution** - To help fund this event, (which costs approx. $38,000); we need each family of a senior to contribute $75 per student. All money collected goes directly to the party & will be used to cover expenses. Over 90% of the senior class attends the party so every parent’s contribution is important. **ALL seniors are welcome & encouraged to attend regardless of a family’s ability to contribute!**

- **“Home of FHS Graduate” Sign** - For $15, senior parents/guardians can have a sign to place on their front lawn to show pride for their FHS senior! Lawn signs will be available for pick-up May, 2016.

- **Childhood photos** - Photos of graduates during their younger years will be used to decorate the walls of Farmington Farms the night of the party. The Decorations Committee needs 2-3 photos enlarged to 11x17 & printed on cardstock matte-finish. Senior families should start combing through those old boxes & files. Time flies!

- **Networking** – We’d like to appeal to your “network” of connections. If you know a person or business willing to donate cash, food, or prizes, please let us know. All donations are **tax-deductible** & we publicly recognize all donors for their contributions.

For information, questions, suggestions - or to help - please call or text
Pam Sucato, Project Graduation 2016 Chair, at 860.992.8387.

Facebook link: [https://www.facebook.com/FHS-Project-Graduation-2016-542337342583180/](https://www.facebook.com/FHS-Project-Graduation-2016-542337342583180/).
Get a jump start on your holiday shopping with a “Farmington Spirit Wear” purchase from JB Sports Gear! The items pictured below and many others are available for order and delivery before the holidays at:

http://jbsportsgear.com/Farmington_Spirit

A portion of your purchase will benefit FHS Project Graduation 2016!
Great stocking stuffer or grab bag gift! Get the 2016 Edition of “The Taste Dining & Activity Book” and a portion of your purchase will support FHS Project Graduation 2016!

To purchase, contact Nancy Duffy:
Email: ripduf1@sbcglobal.net
Call/text: 860.558.8611

Over $500 in Supermarket Savings!

The Taste Book includes valuable savings at your favorite local food stores, including:
ShopRite, Big Y, Highland Park Market, Geissler’s, plus many more!

• Save Every Time You Go Grocery Shopping!
• Over 40 great offers from your favorite grocery stores, markets and specialty food stores!
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Farmington High School

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Yearbook recognition ads are a great way for parents, families and friends to commemorate student achievements and important milestones. In addition, revenues from recognition ads help our school to create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions on the form below. Jostens is managing your school's yearbook ad sales so please do not contact or send materials to the school. Please take into account our school's ad content guidelines on the bottom of this form during the creation of your ad online. All ad orders must be placed online by 1/8/2016.

Sincerely,
Yearbook Staff

Celebrate your student’s milestone.

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Ad prices are determined by our school. The revenue from Recognition Ads helps support our yearbook and keep it affordable for everyone.

How is the ad deadline determined?
The ad deadline is set by our school based on the production schedule for the yearbook.

What should I say in my ad?
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Can I send my materials to the school?
No, please do not send your materials to our school. Our school has selected Jostens to assist with our ad program. Please call our customer service number (800-358-0800) if you have questions or need assistance in creating your ad.

More questions? Call Jostens at (800) 358-0800.

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- Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines.
- We retain the right to remove any explicit text, graphic photos or copyright-protected imagery or photos.
- For the ad to appear in the yearbook, your ad must be purchased by the order deadline.
- Color photographs uploaded for black-and-white ads will appear in black and white.
- We will make every effort to use your layout and text as indicated. A proof will not be provided and no changes can be made after purchase.

Your school has issued the following guidelines surrounding recognition ad content:

Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines. Please make sure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication.
FARMINGTON DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS

LITTLE SHOP OF HORDORS

March 3rd, 4th and 5th at 7:00 PM
FHS Auditorium
Tickets will be sold online at showtix4u.com in January