FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message ***January, 2017***

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are close to the midpoint of the school year, with mid-year exams starting in a few days, and the second semester beginning immediately thereafter. You will find in this newsletter information about the mid-year exam schedule; this is also available on our school website (http://www.fpsct.org/schools/fhs). Exams can be an important measure of students' mastery of skills and content in their courses, so it is important that students prepare thoroughly for their exams and do their best.

I would like to encourage you to stay informed about the work of the Farmington High School Building Committee—by the end of this month, the committee will have selected one design proposal to move forward in the process leading to a town-wide referendum in late April. A calendar of meetings of the building committee and public forums that have been scheduled can be found in this newsletter and on the committee's website (http://www.fhsbuildingproject.org/welcome), which is an excellent resource for detailed descriptions of the design proposals and other important information.

I hope you will find this newsletter to be both informative and enjoyable to read. Our newsletter is an important communication tool with parents and the community, and I welcome your comments and questions about anything you read in the pages that follow.

Best regards for a happy and healthy 2017! Thank you for your continued support of Farmington High School!

Sincerely,

Bill Silva, Principal

Important Dates for 2016-2017

To Remember Throughout the School Year

School Special Event Dates

February 2 — 8th Grade Parents Night
February 20-24 – No School (President's Day & Winter Recess)
April 10-14 — No School (Spring Recess & Good Friday)
May 15 — French/Spanish Honor Society Induction
May 16 — Book Awards
May 18 — Math Honor Society Induction
May 24 — NHS Induction
May 29 — No School (Memorial Day)
May 30 — Department/Athletic Awards
May 30 — Awards Night
June 1 — Capstone Exhibition
June 7 — Music Banquet
TBD — Art Reception
June 14 — Graduation (tentative)

Important Academic Dates

2nd Quarter Ends — January 24
*Report Cards Distributed — February 3**
3rd Quarter Ends — April 17
*Report Cards Distributed — April 26**
4th Quarter Ends — June 14
*Report Cards Distributed — June 30**

***approximate dates**

Important Testing Dates

January 19-23 — Mid-Term Exams, 24 Make up Day
January 21 — SAT I & II
March 11 — SAT
March 28 — Science CAPT Testing, March 31 Make up Day
April 5 – CT SAT for Grade 11, April 25,26 Make up Days
April 8 — ACT
May 1-12 — AP Testing
May 6 — SAT I & II *(FHS test center)*
May 22 – CTE Assessment
June 3 – SAT I & II
June 8-13— Final Exams, 14 Make up Day (tentative)

Student Activity Dates

February 3 – SpiriThon
February 10 — Broadway Showcase Dinner
March 9,10,11 — Musical Performances
TBD — Fashion Show
TBD — Baseball conditioning begins (pitchers/catchers)
March 14 — NHS Blood Drive
March 18 — Spring sports practices start
March 22,23 — Strings Concert
March 28,29 — District-wide Band Festival
March 30-April 1 — All-State Music Festival
April 22 — Junior Prom
April 26 – Choral Concert
May 5 — Talent Show
May 13 — Senior Prom
May 20 — Relay for Life
May 26 — Senior Picnic
May 26 — Student Council Speeches and Election
June 2 — Jazz, Acoustic & Strings Night
June 6 — World Language Showcase

Phone Numbers You Need to Know

Main Office ~ 673-2514 **Guidance Office ~ 673-4393**
Principal ~ 673-2514 **Nurse ~ 673-2514**
To report your child late to school or absent ~ 673-2514
(Before school hours, you may leave a message on voicemail box #1101)
Cafeteria Office ~ 673-6343

Science CAPT Testing:
Science CAPT Testing for students in grade 10 and students in grade 11 that need to re-test will take place on **Tuesday, March 28, 2017**. In the event of snow, the testing will move to Friday, March 31, 2017.

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.

2017 Mid-Year Exam Schedule

Thursday, January 19	Friday, January 20	Monday, January 23
Period 1 exam 8:00-9:30	Period 4 exam 8:00-9:30	Period 7 exam 8:00-9:30
Period 2 exam 10:00-11:30	Period 5 exam 10:00-11:30	Period 8 exam 10:00-11:30
Period 3 exam 12:00-1:30	Period 6 exam 12:00-1:30	Period 9 exam 12:00-1:30

Tuesday, January 24 is the make-up day.
Only students who missed an exam need to report to school on Tuesday.

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE:

Happy New Year from the Nurse's office!

I receive regular inquiries about "what is going around" in terms of illness in the school. I am happy to say, this year we have not had reports of any one illness to levels that would be concerning. In a building with close to 1,400 people, it is imperative that we all do our part to keep the transmission of illness at a minimum. As we all know good hand washing is the best defense to keep us all healthy during the winter months. Also, I ask that parents keep ill students home. Per district policy, you must keep your child home if they have had a fever of over 100°F, or more than one episode of vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours. They must stay home until they are free of any of these symptoms, without medication to alleviate them, for at least 24 hours. If we all work together it is my hope that we can keep our illness numbers low!

Attention Parents of 9th Grade Students: Your student will be required to provide a physical that is performed in 2017 to the school to meet the State of CT mandate. A letter will go home in the next month or so explaining this further. Please do know that if your 9th grader has a physical done at any time in 2017, you should provide the completed state health assessment form to the school. This would include the front page (that the parent fills out) and a complete and current list of immunizations. A copy of the health assessment form is on the FHS website under "Student Forms." Most local pediatrician's offices also have copies of this form and will provide you with one at the time of the exam if you ask.

As always, if you have any concerns specific to your child that you would like to discuss, please feel free to call me at 860-673-2514 x6122, or email me at payebakerk@fpsct.org . If I am working with a student and you get my voicemail, please leave me a message and I will return it within the same school day. I check my email regularly throughout the day for any routine matters. Any medical notes or documents can be faxed to me directly at 860-673-8028.

Healthy Regards,
Kristin Paye Baker, RN

FHS is proud to be hosting the

SpiriThon

on February 3rd, 2017

SpiriThon is an organization that partners with UConn's HuskyTHON, an annual 18 hour Dance-Marathon to raise money for Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Last year, UConn, along with its partner schools such as FHS, was able to raise over $700,000 for the hospital. This tremendous charitable effort improves every year, and FHS is happy to be a part of its growth. Last year, Farmington students raised over $2,100. The goal is $3,500 this year. The event at FHS features a whole host of fun activities and food, but most notably welcomes a current/recent patient of CCMC and his/her family, who will share the story of battling a tough illness with the help of Connecticut Children's. It is a humbling experience, and a great lesson in privilege and caring about the community for FHS students. Email Mr. Mulcahy at mulcahyp@fpsct.org with any questions!

If you are interested in supporting the cause, please see the following link! Every dollar counts! Thank you!

http://events.dancemarathon.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=20995

FROM FHS LIBRARY:

Nicola Yoon, *The New York Times* bestselling author of
***The Star is Also a Sun* and *Everything, Everything*.**
visited FHS Library on
December 1st

To see the article published in The Voice click here.

Skyping with Lance Rubin, the author of *Denton Little's Death Note*

Mrs. Lauren Luciani's book group had the opportunity to skype with author, Lance Rubin, on January 12th thanks to Amy Miller, the English department leader, who arranged the conversation. Prior to skyping with Rubin, we read his book, *Denton Little's Deathdate*. The students came with questions ranging from his reasons for writing his book to his writing process. After the skype session, students decided to read his next book, *Denton Little's Still Not Dead,* which is set for release this spring.

FHS Library Book Clubs

Here are our upcoming book club opportunities. Students are always welcome to join.
Encourage your son or daughter to contact Nancy Carlson if interested in participating.
We look forward to seeing our students for a lively discussion.

Book Group:	Mrs. Tolles	Mrs. Luciani
Discussing:	*Where They Found Her* By Kimberly McCreight	*Denton Little's Still Not Dead* By Lance Rubin
When:	March 1st 2:30-3:00	TBD
Where:	Back of the library	Back of the library

Whatcha' Reading

Whatcha' Reading is a new feature of the the 9:05 News.
Check out the list of book recommendations made by faculty and students over the past few weeks:

Bill Silva: *The Underground Railroad*
James Compton: *Star Trek: The Valiant*
Abby Stepka: *Reconstructing Amelia*
Michele Hall: *Furiously Happy*
James Dinnan: *The Last Centurion*
Haik Semerdjian: *The Art of the Deal*
Sarah Luppino: *Thirteen Reasons Why*
Jeff Gawle: *Lincoln's Gamble*
Nichole Maisto: *Milk and Honey*
Arianna Canny: *Ready Player One*

FHS Students Record Books for East Farms School

Six FHS students recently volunteered to record picture books for students and their families at East Farms School at the request of the East Farms school librarian, Mrs. Jessica Johnson, who was looking for ways to support the English language learners among her students. With the help of Mr. Andy Marshall, the FHS Technology Specialist, students recorded their chosen books and shared them with East Farms students. In her note of thanks, Mrs. Johnson wrote, "My hope is that having accessible texts to enjoy will help our readers at East Farms School grow to be 'booklovers' too." Thanks to all who helped.

FHS Capstone Update

As part of their Capstone project, students have been reaching out to professionals in the community. Mrs. Maria Giarratana, the e-Commerce Entrepreneurship teacher, invited three associates from Primacy, a local digital marketing company, to visit with her class. Jeremy Walker, VP of Search Marketing, Mike Stutman, SVP of Strategy and Pat Phalon, SVP Creative Director introduced students to their company and walked them through a case study. During this two hour visit students had an opportunity to present their one minute elevator pitch regarding their business idea and broke out into small groups where the associates provided feedback on their business plans.

FROM FHS WORLD LANGUAGES:

SPANISH AND FRENCH STUDENTS STUDY ART AT THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART

On December 6th and 7th students in Spanish IV, French VH, and French VIH went to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City to explore, analyze, and compare works of cubist, impressionist, and surrealist art. French students had previously researched the historical significance of these works and styles and presented information in class. When Spanish students returned to Farmington High School, they created their own work of art based on one style that they explored at the museum. They explained in Spanish their creation as part of a cultural exhibition in class.

WORLD LANGUAGE TEACHERS PRESENT AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Mr. Drew Warchut (Latin), Mr. Fabricio Suárez (Spanish), and Mr. Tom McGinnis (French and Spanish) had the opportunity to showcase student work at the Connecticut Council of Language Teachers Fall Conference in October. Their presentation was well received by colleagues throughout the state who are aiming to design activities to purposefully engage their own students.

SPANISH V: COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT BRINGS STUDENTS TO THE WORLD

Students in Spanish V have been working diligently on their Summative Assessment which is to complete a Community Service Project using Spanish. Students have chosen many different programs from the community, including the Wadsworth Atheneum, a soup kitchen in New Britain, a hospital in Florida, the YMCA, Department of Family Services (DCF), Farmington's EXCL program, West Woods Upper Elementary School, IAR, and the four elementary schools in Farmington.

Students set up a Google.site to document their experience with journal entries, pictures, and videos that showed them using Spanish in the community as they helped others. Students then shared their experience with their peers through oral presentations in class.

FRENCH VIH: STUDENTS USE WRITING SKILLS TO PUBLISH FRENCH NEWSPAPERS

Students in French VIH have had two opportunities to showcase their writing skills this quarter. As part of their Summative Assessment students created both a digital and print copy of their own newspaper in French. Students collaborated with the editors of *The Voice* (the FHS Newspaper) in order to gain skills needed on formatting and differences in digital *vs* print media. The class appreciated the input from Mrs. Valenzuela's journalism students as they embarked on their own project.

Later, students from Mr. Warchut's Latin classes also collaborated with students in French VIH to discuss how to publish a book. Last year, Latin students successfully wrote and published a text that was distributed to students at FHS and showcased at the Connecticut Council of Language Teachers Fall Conference. The French VIH class decided to create its own book based on original fairy tales, fables, or legends that they created during the first quarter. Students formed teams based on their individual talents to create the book (artists, format specialists, fundraising committee, and editors) and will complete a first draft by the end of Mid-Term Examinations. It is expected that the final product will be available to FHS French students, teachers, and the library in April of 2017.

Coming soon…
French Movie Night - February 16
Spanish Movie Night - March 1

FROM FHS MUSIC:

Winter Concert Series

The annual FHS Winter Concerts involved over 500 musicians performing in two evenings on December 20 and 21. Each school ensemble performed one night with combined instrumental and choral selections at the end of each program. FHS Alumni return each year to perform with their past teachers and friends. This year over 25 returned to join us and visit after the concerts.

Community Connections and Service

In addition to the two winter concerts featuring all of our high school musicians, the FHS music department performed in the community sharing their talents with others in service.

- A string ensemble performed at the Robotics annual pasta dinner.
- A woodwind ensemble performed with a pianist a Middlewoods.
- The Oriana Singers performed at the Hillstead Museum for their volunteer reception.

- The Madrigal Singers performed at the annual Rotary Club's Senior Holiday Luncheon and at the Wadsworth Atheneum's Festival of the Trees in Hartford.

- FHS Saxophone Trio performed carols at Middlewoods for the residents.
- Caroling groups performed at the St. Patrick's Church tree lighting, the Landing, and the West Hartford Stroll. One ensemble performed at the Landing and led a sing-along of popular tunes.

Upcoming Dates:

January 28	All State Auditions at North Haven High School
February 8	TRI M Music Honor Society Meeting
	Broadway Dinner Dress Rehearsal in Café 7:00 to 8:30 pm
February 10	Broadway Dinner in Café 6:30 pm
February 14	Friends of Music Meeting

Visit our Facebook page for more information: fb.me/FarmingtonMUSIC

The FHS Music Department faculty
Leslie Imse, Katie Carlson, Louise Carrozza and Tom Johnston

FROM FHS FINE & APPLIED ARTS:

Scholastic Art Awards

FHS art teachers and art students are once again well represented in the prestigious CT Scholastic Art Awards competition. The work our students produce competes with high school programs all across the state and is honored at this competition.

Students' work is entered in a variety of categories and the judges choose which work will be shown by awarding 1st place Gold Key awards, 2nd place Silver Key awards and Honorable Mention awards.

All artwork with the Gold Key award distinction go on to compete for a spot in the National exhibit that is held in New York City in May. Gold key award recipients compete against each other from all 50 states.

Artists and writers such as Truman Capote, Maya Angelou, Sylvia Plath, Joyce Carol Oats, Richard Avedon, Andy Warhol, Robert Redford, and CT Senator Kevin Sullivan were all Scholastic Art and Writing Awards recipients.

Congratulations to our art teachers and their students!

Kiersten Brown, *The Questions in Life*, Digital Art, Honorable Mention
Ms. French

Isabella Abreu, *Simpli(city),* Fashion Design, Gold Key
Ms. McKinney

Maya Habecker, *Atlantis*, Fashion Design, Silver Key
Ms. McKinney

Amy Jia, *Let it Snow!*, Fashion Design, Silver Key
Ms. McKinney

Erin Wang, *World of Phub*, Digital Graphics, Silver Key
Mr. Procko

Huaxman Chen, *Eye of Truth Logo*, Digital Branding, Honorable Mention
Mr. Procko

Julia Furmanek, *Self-Portrait*, Mixed Media, Silver Key
Ms. McKinney

Olivia Tencer, *Unified*, Mixed Media, Honorable Mention
Mr. Minor

Kailey Moon, *Save the Environment*, Laser Cut Digital Design, Honorable Mention
Ms. Sawyer

FHS Student artwork can also be seen at the Farmington Library now at the K-12 Student Select Art Exhibit, through February 6.

Graduates of the FHS art program are invited each year to participate in our Faculty & Alumni Exhibit, which is held at Tunxis Community College, in the beautiful Barnes-Franklin Gallery – this year the exhibit is on display until January 18.

During this exhibit, current students can see the work former students are creating in college and university programs. They can also see former graduates who are currently working the art world in various professions. In addition, this exhibit and opening reception allows us all to have a nice opportunity to stay connected.

We were very pleased to have Mr. Foreman and the Crop Circles play at our Opening Reception! If you missed this performance, you will have another opportunity to hear them on January 24th at the closing reception of our semester-long FHS exhibit in the FHS library.

FROM FHS CAREER CENTER:

Jackson Laboratories Open House for Teachers, Students and Parents

The Jackson Laboratory for Genomic Medicine (JAX-GM) will be hosting an Open House on **Wednesday, March 29th from 3:00 – 5:00PM** at the Farmington campus for all teachers, students and parents. We encourage you to attend to inspire your students and expose them world-class scientists located in their backyard.

JAX scientists will give engaging presentations about the newest breakthroughs in genomics research and personalized medicine. Students will also learn how they can best prepare themselves to pursue careers in this rapidly growing and fascinating field. Below are the sessions that will be held during the open house:

- Microbiome: The Hidden World Inside Our Bodies
- Cancer: Your Genes and Cancer Progression
- Genome Editing Technologies: CRISPR: The Photoshop for DNA
- Computational Biology: Decoding the Human Genome
- Nucleosome: 4D Gemonics: How Do Chromosomes Interact in Space & Time

The registration deadline is Friday, March 24th. If event registration is full, your name will be placed on a waiting list. For further details and to register, go to Register Today. Each student must be registered by a legal guardian.

For more information on this event, contact:
Walter Nakonechny
Associate Director of Education
The Jackson Laboratory for Genomic Medicine
860.678.6932 walter.nakonechny@jax.org

Summer Opportunities

On January 12, the Career Center and School Counseling department hosted a Summer Opportunities Workshop during all lunch waves. Information on a variety of volunteer, employment and enrichment opportunities are available on the School Counseling website and in the Career Center – rm. 161.
It's not too early to start thinking about summer programs as many have early deadlines!

Tutoring Program Moves to New Britain

Due to a change in Hartford's school schedule we are moving our tutoring program from Burns Latino Studies Academy to the Vance Village Elementary School in New Britain. Starting on January 12, 50+ FHS juniors and seniors will be working one-on-one with 2nd – 5th graders, helping them with reading, writing and math.

Many thanks to Jill Pilon, Mike Buccetti and Christina Garrity , our literacy and math experts, who help prepare tutoring materials and train our students for this program.

Save the Date – April 5

The annual Chamber of Commerce Pizza Night will be held on April 5 from 5 to 7 PM at Farmington Gardens. This event provides food and fun for the whole family and is a fundraiser for FHS – Chamber initiatives. Proceeds from the event will support scholarships for FHS students and a job shadow day to be held in the spring.

FROM FHS PROJECT GRADUATION 2017:

******* **Reminder** *******

The first Project Graduation 2017 Meeting will be held on January 18
at 7:00 pm in the Farmington High School Library

Please Join Us
If you are unable to attend Tuesday's meeting,
upcoming meetings are on February 14 and March 14

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SAVE THE DATE
(for a FUN parent's night out!!!)
Comedy Night Fundraiser to Support Project Graduation
Friday, March 10th 6:30pm
Details to follow

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Project Graduation 2017 planning has started and we need all the help we can get!!

Since 1984, Farmington High School parent volunteers and community supporters have organized an all-night, safe, party for graduates called Project Graduation. Every year, the celebration is scheduled for the night of graduation. This event provides the graduates with numerous activities, entertainment, food, contests, prizes, great times and wonderful memories.

Project Graduation takes months of planning and involves hundreds of volunteers.

Below is a list of committees and parents that have volunteered to make the night a success. If you are interested in volunteering for this very special night please reach out to any of the parent volunteers you see listed below. If you aren't sure about a committee but want to volunteer please join us at the FIRST meeting on Tuesday, January 17th in the High School Library where you can learn more about the party, hear about the committees, and meet other volunteers.

Co Chairs - Kim Tuttle, Erin Tragash, and Stephanie Caminiti
(georgetuttle@sbcglobal.net, erintragash@hotmail.com, scaminiti@comcast.net)
Treasurer - Wendy Ives (ivesfamily@gmail.com)
Secretary - Vince Cunningham and Barb Cunningham ***barb.cunningham@yahoo.com***

VOLUNTEER/CHAPERONE COMMITTEE:
Cathie Martin
jrscbw@gmail.com
Responsible for recruiting and organizing all parent volunteers for the night of the party (primarily Junior parents) including Party Managers, Chaperones, Set-Up and Clean-Up

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE:
Crissy Rebillard, Andrea Buono
andyex@comcast.net
Responsible for hiring company for the entertainment the night of the party including DJ, hypnotist, etc.

FOOD COMMITTEE:
Laura Quigley, Kathy Leary and Janis LaFrance
kevin.quigley@sbcglobal.net, ckl97@comcast.net, janislafrance@comcast.net
Responsible for obtaining donations for all food/drink at the party and coordination of delivery, necessary equipment, set-up and clean-up

PUBLICITY:
Vince and Barb Cunningham
barb.cunningham@yahoo.com
Includes various ads in local papers requesting donations prior to the event as well as after the party thanking businesses that donated.

FUNDRAISING:
Needs Chairpeople
Responsible for fundraising activities for the event such as selling items, places donation containers at local businesses, flocking, sale of lawn graduation signs. A large committee with sub committees - this group will need several co-chairs and volunteers.
***Some* Sub Committees include:**
Flamingo Flocking:
Flock 1 -
Flock 2 -
Flock 3 -
Flock 4 -
Comedy Night Fundraiser – March 10th - SAVE THE DATE !!!!
Donation Buckets –

GIFTS/PRIZES:
Lisa Thiesfeldt, Tori Sager
ltthies@comcast.net
Responsible for buying and soliciting prizes and gift bags for the party, including a 'goodie bag' for each student and the raffle items.

DECORATIONS:
Patti Lux and Martha Weinmann
pbradylux@gmail.com
Responsible for all decorations at Farmington Farms the night of the party including getting pictures of the students from their parents to hang prior to the party.

EQUIPMENT:

Needs a chairperson

Responsible for organizing and obtaining all necessary equipment for the night of the party (tables, chairs, fridge, warming trays, etc), including p/u, set-up, take down and return of the equipment. Some of the items need to be picked up from buildings or schools.

PARKING:

Celia Brown, Maureen Messier, Julie Witter

celbrown@sbcglobal.net, witters4@comcast.net

Responsible for parking the cars the night of the party. Parking ends when all the students have arrived for the evening.

FARMINGTON CONTINUING EDUCATION

Visit us at our new location - "Farmington at the Depot"
1 Depot Place in Unionville

View our complete catalog of youth and adult enrichment classes and register online at www.fpsct.org/fce 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 860-570-4239 or visit www.AAA.com/drivingschool.

- **February 28 - April 25, 2017, 3 PM to 5 PM, 15 sessions (TTh)**
- **March 13 - May 8, 6:15 PM to 8:15 PM, 15 sessions (MW)**

Catalyst SAT Bootcamp for April 5 Test *(COL 120)*

In just one weekend, come learn everything you need to know to outsmart the Redesigned SAT with Catalyst's Weekend Bootcamp. You'll learn critical aspects of the new test, including how to crack the tricky textual evidence questions, how to shortcut the new "heart of algebra" and "data analysis" math problems, and the 16 types of English questions guaranteed to appear on the redesigned test. The Bootcamp is a momentum-building two-day seminar that gives students not only the insights and confidence they need the day of the test, but also Catalyst's self-study materials for sustained practice right up to the SAT itself. Cost is $175. Bootcamp runs Saturday and Sunday. Students attend both days. To enroll visit www.catalystprep.com and click on Bootcamp Sign-up. For more information, email info@CatalystPrep.com or call 800-235-0056.

- **Prep for statewide SAT Test to be held April 5**
  April 1-2, 9 AM to 1 PM, 2 sessions (SaSu); FHS Room 901

Princeton Review: SAT Ultimate Course For June Test *(COL 155)*

Targeted prep to help you achieve your best score! Improving a student's performance on the SAT or ACT comes down to one thing: becoming a better test taker. Our experts have spent countless hours thoroughly researching the tests so that we can teach students how to crack it. In this course, we'll show students our exclusive strategies and give them the study tools they need to practice on their own and master what we cover in class. The Fundamentals Course offers 15 hours of live classroom instruction plus 4 full-length proctored practice exams. Please visit www.princetonreview.com or call 800-2REVIEW if you have questions or would like to enroll in a course! Tuition: $699 $599 with promo code FHSFUN100. Are you looking for a more individualized preparation option? The Princeton Review Private Tutoring programs offer flexibility combined with expert instruction to formulate a learning plan that's customized for every individual student. We offer face-to-face or live online, personalized tutoring at a convenient location that works for you. Call 800-2REVIEW for information. For more information or to enroll, call The Princeton Review at 800-2REVIEW or visit www.princetonreview.com!

- **April 8 - May 30, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM, 14 Sessions (SaT); FHS Room 905**

SAT Preparation: Math Review *(COL 150)*

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 graphing calculator to class. Go to www.khanacademy.org/SAT to set-up an account prior to the first class. A textbook will be provided. Come prepared to explore and learn! At Farmington High School Room 904. Course Fee $119

A) For April 5 test: Feb. 6 – Mar. 20, 6 PM to 8 PM, 6 sessions (M)
B) For June 3 test: Apr. 17 – May 22, 6 PM to 8 PM, 6 sessions (M)

SAT Preparation: Verbal Review *(COL 102)*

The 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. At Farmington High School Room 905. Course Fee $119

A) For April 5 test: Feb. 8 – Mar. 22, 6 PM to 8 PM, 6 sessions (W)
B) For June 3 test: Apr. 19 – May 24, 6 PM to 8 PM, 6 sessions (W)

Essay Writing for the SAT's *(COL 139A)*

Are you a current high school student with plans to take the SAT's in 2017 or in 2018? This course will help you write an effective SAT essay for the College Board's 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 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, 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 10-17, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, 2 sessions (W)
Farmington High School - Room 903
Course Fee: $39

Summit Educational Group SAT Preparation (For April Test) *(COL 154)*

Chances are, you have questions about the upcoming standardized tests. You've heard rumors. You know that hard work pays off, but where do you go for your best chance of success? To reach your highest potential on college admissions tests, you need to partner with someone who relieves your stress and gives you real answers to your questions. For 28 years, Summit Educational Group has been preparing students to maximize their scores on standardized tests. By enrolling in Summit's SAT Preparation Class, you are taking the first step down the road to achieving success in the competitive world of higher education. Our 6 Session Course includes 4 Instructional Sessions and 2 Proctored Practice Tests. This class has been specifically designed to give you all the academic skills and strategies needed on test day. Cost is $775. For more information or to register, visit http://mytutor.com/product/fce-april17sat/ or call 1-800-MY-TUTOR.

Feb 12 – Mar. 26, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, 6 sessions (Su)
Farmington High School - Room 901

Ivy Bound ACT Preparation Classes *(COL 156)*

Raise your score with solid prep for all multiple choice sections! Ivy Bound guarantees 12 section-point improvements to diligent students or half the money is returned. Students have access to Tuesday and Thursday night "Hotline" for phone reinforcement and are offered practice tests on Saturday mornings or Sunday afternoons online and in Newington. All Ivy Bound tutors are Top 1% scorers. They know the ACT; they know teenagers! Cost $750. To register call 860-666-5550 or www.ivybound.net.

Apr. 24 - May 24, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, 10 sessions (MW)
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Ivy Bound SAT Subject Test Classes *(COL 157)*

These eight-hour courses will prepare you for the U.S. History and English Literature SAT subject test for the May 5 and June 2 tests. These prep classes also help students who are taking AP tests in those subjects. Cost: $350 ($280 for a second child in the same class). To register call 860-666-5550 or www.ivybound.net.

Apr. 12 - May 3, 6:45 PM to 9:15 PM, 4 sessions (W)
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Looking for College Financial Aid? *(COL 104)*

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. The Federal Application For Student Aid will be available early this year, on October 1st. Class is specific to parents of Junior and Senior High School students.

Mar. 14, 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM, 1 session (T)
Farmington High School - Room 812
Course Fee: $19

Winter/Spring Registration for...

ESL, Citizenship, Adult Basic Education and High School Completion (GED,CDP, NEDP)

Daytime: January 17, 19, 24 and 31 at 10 AM
Farmington Library - upstairs

Evening: January 18, 23 and 30 at 6 PM
Farmington High School - Room 610

ESL
ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

CITIZENSHIP

GED

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT
IMPORTANT DATES

April 17, 2016	Special Town Meeting (after Town Meeting on Budget)
April 27, 2016	Referendum Vote

FHS Building Committee Meetings
All Meetings held in the **Farmington High School Library from 4:30 – 6:00pm**
December 7, 2016
December 15, 2016
December 28, 2016
January 4, 2017
*January 25, 2017
*January 26, 2017
*January 27, 2017
February 8, 2017
February 22, 2017
March 8, 2017
March 22, 2017
April 4, 2017
April 5, 2017
April 19, 2017

*Building Committee will select final design recommendation to go to Town Council. January 26 and 27 are if needed.

Community Information Meetings
February 9, 2017
More to come

Board of Education Meeting Dates on Building Project
December 12, 2016 @ 6:00pm- FHS Library (present preliminary concepts)
December 19, 2016 @ 7:00pm – FHS Library
January 30, 2017 @ 6:00pm – FHS Library – Review final design
January 31, 2017 (if needed)
February 1, 2017 (if needed)
April 6, 2017 @ 6:00pm – FHS Library (final review of referendum question)

Town Council Action Items
December 13, 2016 @ 6:00pm (Special Meeting) (present preliminary concepts)
February 1, 2017 @ 7:00pm (review final design)
February 2, 2017 @ 7:00pm (if needed)
February 3, 2017 @ 7:00pm (if needed)
April 6, 2017 @ 7:00pm (final approval & resolution of referendum question)
April 7, 2017 @ 7:00pm (final approval & resolution of referendum question)

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Farmington High School

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Sincerely,
Yearbook Staff

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Farmington High school
Drama Presents

Beauty and the Beast

Music Theatre International
March 9th, 10th, and 11th
Ticket Information Coming Soon