

Fairfield Ludlowe High School Counseling Newsletter

Check out our department's website here!

Welcome back, Falcon families!

We hope everyone's summer was restful and relaxing. This newsletter will serve as a platform for us to communicate up-andcoming meetings, events, opportunities, and important reminders. Please email your child's school counselor with specific questions.

We look forward to working with you this school year!



Meet Your School Counseling House

<u>Warner</u>: Danielle Marseglia, Courtenay Trahan, Mary Ann Kovavic & Paula Kotara



<u>Webster</u>: Brian Sutcliffe, Joanna Caserta, Janice Bock & Christina Caron



<u>Wright</u>: Bridget McHugh, Matt Sutton, Karen Tierno & Allison Ofir

Meet the Counseling Center Staff



Top row (Left to Right): Emily Gonzalez, Tim Morris, Carrie Holskin, Michael Crane

Bottom row (Left to Right): Anna Martin, Deb Deren, Sarah Huleatt, Vanessa Montorsi

Dates to Remember	
NOW	College Webinar Series (virtually; link on page 2)
NOW	Senior Parent Chat (virtually; link on page 3)
9.16	Senior Meetings by School Counselor at 8:30 am
	(Google Meet Codes posted in Class of 2021
	Google Classroom)
9.23	In-School SAT for Grade 12 Students
10.1	Financial Aid Night (virtually)- 6:00 PM
10.14	PSAT's for Grade 10 & 11 Students

Meeting Sign-up for Students

Due to social distancing guidelines, we need to limit the amount of students in the Counseling Houses and Counseling Center. If a student needs to meet their school counselor, a social worker, a school psychologist, or student assistance counselor, they may complete a <u>brief Google Form</u> to receive an appointment.

Students may also use a QR code to register. QR codes have been placed outside each Counseling House, Pupil Services, and the Counselor Center.



Virtual College Rep Visits

Interested in meeting college reps from all over the country? Follow these easy steps!

NAVIANCE

- Log-in to Naviance
- From the College Visits page, you can attend virtual visits for colleges
 - (Colleges > Research Colleges > College Visits)
- Click "Register Now"
- Virtual visits are visits that will be done remotely and accessed via a link shared in Naviance.

The virtual event *link will be active 15 minutes prior to the start of the event*.

Attention Freshmen!



During the months of September and October, you will receive an invite to a virtual small group meeting with your counselor. In these meetings, we will review credits for graduation, school policies, extracurriculars and how to join clubs, IC, and options for extra help. This is a great time for counselors to meet their new students and kick off the school year!



You submitted questions, now get your answers from college admissions representatives from UConn, Fordham, the University of Delaware, Southern Connecticut State University, Endicott College, and the University of Rhode Island. The college admissions representatives presented in this webinar are assigned to read applications from Fairfield County students. For up-to-date information, please be sure to check each individual college's website.

Watch <u>HERE</u>





This online event will post information about each College/University/Gap Year Program and the contact name and e-mail of the representative for our region. The site will be live 9/1/20-10/18/20 at <u>www.ctcollegefair.com</u>.



Senior Parent College Chat

Watch <u>HERE</u>

Overview of Meeting

- Choosing the right college
- Application Checklist
- Naviance Overview
- Roles in applying to college
- Deadlines
- College & Career Center



NACAC Virtual College Fair

Sunday, Sept. 13 | 12 - 8 p.m. ET

On this day, students will have an unparalleled chance to explore their options. More than 600 colleges and universities will be accessible that day at <u>virtualcollegefairs.org</u> to offer live and interactive Zoom sessions and more. Students everywhere can log in, drop in, and ask questions.

NEW! How-to Video and Guide

Now available is a new <u>short video</u>* that provides an overview of what students can find and do on virtualcollegefairs.org. Also newly available is a <u>Quick Start Guide for Students</u> PDF.

Bottom line: We encourage students to sign up and look around several days *before* the fair date. There are so many colleges and Zoom sessions to choose from. "My Schedule" (and the reminders that students add there ahead of time) is a great way to organize their fair experience.

List of Exhibiting Colleges

Handouts are available that list the colleges that will be exhibiting at each of NACAC's fall virtual college fairs. Click to download the list for <u>Sept. 13</u>, <u>Oct. 12</u>, <u>Oct. 18</u>, and <u>Nov. 8</u>.

These college lists are also available online — students can search by

college name; sort by A-Z or Z-A; and filter by location, majors, and other criteria.

Student Support

During each fair, students and families can attend a 30-minute <u>NACAC Meet-Up</u> to learn about financial aid, applying to college, and more. In addition, a chat button will connect students to volunteers from among the association's dedicated members who are available to offer college search advice.