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PTA WARDE Blast

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**FWHS PTA Blast
December 4, 2016****CALENDAR & IMPORTANT UPDATES:****Ongoing through Dec 16 - "Caring from the Heart" Gift Card Collection****Mon, Dec 5 - Fairfield PTA Book Group - 6:30 PM - Memorial Room of Main Library****Wed, Dec. 7 - PTA Meeting - 7:00 PM - "Relieve stress with Lauren Lanham"****Sat, Dec 10 - Holiday Extravaganza and Concert to benefit FWHS Choir - 11-3:30 - FWHS****Mon, Dec 12 - Fri, Dec. 16 - Warde Spirit Wear Holiday Sale during all lunch waves all week long****Tues, Dec 13 - BOE Meeting - 501 Kings Highway E. - 7:30 PM****Wed, Dec. 14 - Operation Hope Dinner****Fri, Dec. 23 - **Early Dismissal** - Holiday Recess Begins****Mon, Dec. 26 thru Mon, Jan. 2 - Holiday Recess - **No School****



FWHS PTA MEETINGS

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

PTA Evening "Relieve Stress" Yoga and Meditation Workshop

Lauren Lanham, Yoga & Meditation Teacher & Halley Ceglia, Social Worker FPS, Yoga Teacher

7:00pm at FWHS in the Lecture Rooms

Join us for an evening of yoga/meditation techniques, chair yoga and guided meditation to relieve stress and increase energy, focus and balance. These skills can be used at home following this workshop. Information is available upon request.



Caring from the Heart - Each year, the PTA and Warde family community come together to help support the many families within our school who are finding it increasingly harder to purchase gifts, provide new clothing for their children, and even serve three meals each day. PTA is reaching out once again to our incredibly generous and thoughtful WARDE community that would like to help and assist these families in any way possible.

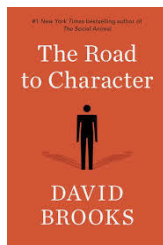
With this in mind, we are asking for donations of gift cards of any denomination. Cards from stores such as Target, Wal-Mart, Kohl's, Old Navy, Gap, TJMaxx, Marshalls, CVS, Walgreens, Rite-Aid, Bob's Stores, as well as from Stop & Shop, ShopRite, and Trader Joes would be best. There are many worthy causes throughout the year but the best one of all is to help out a member of the family.....especially our Warde family!

Last year's response was so overwhelming, the families were so very grateful. We are starting the collection now and earlier, for the immediate Thanksgiving holiday and then the holidays in December. If you can help and contribute with a gift card or two, please contact Gift Card Chairperson, [Suzanne Francis](#), so she knows it is coming. Please place your gift card donation(s) in an envelope with your name (if you so choose) on it and write "WARDE PTA - Caring from the Heart" on the front of the envelope, and drop it off at Warde's main office.

We will collect gift cards through Friday, December 16th.

Thank you so very much for your support and your kind gestures will and have not gone unnoticed for our Warde families in need or by the Warde staff, teachers and administrators.

Please feel free to share with, Alumni of Warde or other members of the community who may want to help out with any gift card donations as well.



The Fairfield PTA Book Group announces the selection of [The Road to Character](#) by David Brooks for Thanksgiving Break. [David Brooks](#) is an op-ed columnist for The New York Times and appears regularly on "PBS NewsHour," NPR's "All Things Considered" and NBC's "Meet the Press." He teaches at Yale University and is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is the bestselling author of *The Social Animal: The Hidden Sources of Love, Character, and Achievement*; *Bobos in Paradise: The New Upper Class and How They Got There*; and *On Paradise Drive: How We Live Now (And Always Have) in the Future Tense*. He has three children and lives in Maryland.

The [Brookings Institution](#) review of the Book states: "Being an 'honor roll' student or joining the 'honor society' is

now a matter of Maths, not morals: 'In today's schools, the word "honor" means earning top grades.' Brooks is right: we do need to broaden our definition of merit, provide alternative sources of status and a greater plurality of paths towards them. Merit is not only a market good."

The [New York Times Sunday Book Review](#) on "The Road to Character" was published on April 20th, 2015.

A few copies of the book are available at the Fairfield Library, and it is available as hard cover, paper back or e-book online and in bookstores.

Please join us for a book discussion on Monday, December 5, 2016 from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Memorial Room of the Fairfield Main Library.

[Click here to Rsvp](#). Questions? Contact [Laura Lawlor](#).



CLIMATE SURVEY

Welcoming Academic Respectful Dynamic Ethical

This is the environment, also known as school climate that we strive to achieve for every student, every parent or guardian and every member of our faculty and staff every day. Each of us plays a part in creating this school climate.

We want to learn what you know about our school and to help us learn we are conducting our School Climate Survey. It is a completely anonymous survey. Our goal is to have every parent/guardian at Fairfield Warde to complete the survey.

We are interested in what our parents think about our school climate and we want your thoughtful participation in the survey next week. We often use this information in determining our goals and areas of improvement.

We take the issue of our school environment very seriously and ask that you do the same when completing the survey

Directions: Open Infinite Campus and Log In

Under Family- open Messages

Open In-box

Click on: 2016 Climate Survey FWHS-Parent/Guardian



INTRODUCING NEW WARDE SPIRIT WEAR JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS DURING OUR WEEKLONG DECEMBER SALE – DEC 12-16

Warde Spirit Wear is introducing two new wintry Spirit Wear items just in time for the holidays– a red long sleeved Warde Dri-fit Shirt and our redesigned winter knit hat – complete with pom pom!! You can find these new favorites along with all regular Spirit Wear at our December week-long sale - December 12th -16th. We will be selling out of the School Store during all three lunch waves the entire week! Remember, we now accept credit card payments, along with checks and cash. [Gift certificates are available for purchase and orders can also be submitted by using the [Spirit Wear Order Form](#) found here or on the PTA website]. If you have any questions, please contact [Cheryl Eustace](#) or [Kate Meyer](#).



WARDE CHOIR TRIP TO CALIFORNIA - FUNDRAISERS

Holiday Extravaganza to benefit FWHS Choir's trip to San Diego and Los Angeles. This is a great opportunity for holiday shopping and to help offset costs for the Choir's trip to California. Free admission, raffles and over 50 vendors. December 10, 11-3:30 at FWHS. [Click here to see flier.](#)



OPERATION HOPE Volunteers Needed

Calling all Cooks!! - Fairfield Warde High School supports Operation Hope by providing dinner on the **second Wednesday** of each month. The date of the next meal is **December 14th!** This meal feeds 50 needy people in our community and includes a main dish, vegetables, rice/pasta, salad, dessert, and drinks. Please contact [Madelyn Pesci](#) if you would like to participate.

FWHS DAILY BULLETIN:

Please see the [FWHS website](#) or like the [FACEBOOK page for the FWHS PTA](#). Links to the the Daily Bulletin are being provided on these locations daily.



EXCITING NEW PROGRAM - Are you ready to get your license?

“The Next Street, The Best Driving School in Connecticut, will now be holding driver’s education classes right at WARDE high school! The next class starts Tuesday, Jan. 17th and runs through Thursday, March 9th from 2:30 - 4:30 PM. To enroll visit thenextstreet.com/warde or call [800.732.8090](tel:800.732.8090).” [Click here](#) for more information or [download the flyer here](#).

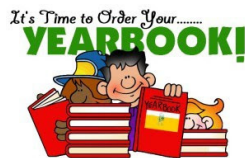


SAT and ACT PREP COURSE REGISTRATION

Prep Classes for the SAT and ACT!

Sign up now for the ACT prep class beginning December 8th and runs through February 2. This class will prepare your child for the ACT test date on February 11, 2017. The class will meet Thursday's from 3:00pm-5:00pm in Room T34 at Warde. The class will not meet on December 29th during the winter break. Please sign onto AlphaPrep.com and use the password **FPHS** to enroll. Also, if you are interested in your son or daughter taking a practice SAT test, AlphaPrep is offering a sitting on Saturday December 10th at Ludlowe.

To learn more, visit the AlphaPrep website and select the "Services" tab. Enter Course Code **FPHS** and select the class that best fits your needs. Or call AlphaPrep at [1-888-842-5742](tel:1-888-842-5742).



FWHS Year Book Info

2017 YEARBOOK ORDER

CELEBRATING MOMENTS THAT MATTER - Fairfield WARDE High School - ORDER BY 2/20/2017

Please submit the completed form and payment before 2/20/2017 to Mr. Zhitomi (FWHS- Townsend 8).

Download the [PAPER ORDER FORM HERE](#). Checks must be made payable to Fairfield Warde High School. Or reserve your FWHS 2017 yearbook [ONLINE HERE](#) The cost for the YEARBOOK is \$125.00. Thank you for your order and support of the 2017 FWHS Yearbook.

2017 GRADUATING CLASS YEARBOOK AD - FOR SENIORS ONLY

From the Yearbook Staff:

Dear Parents, Family and Friends,

This is your chance to put your thoughts, well wishes and feelings into words and pictures. Yearbook recognition ads are a great way to commemorate student achievements and important milestones. **We are offering this opportunity only to parents, family and friends of the graduating class of 2017.** The fundraising revenue from the recognition ads helps us to create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad and help with our goal please follow the instructions below. GradAd is managing our yearbook campaign so please be sure to send all materials to their attention; in addition all questions should be directed to GradAd at [\(866\) 394-9729](tel:866-394-9729). **Your order for the senior ad must be received no later than 12/5/16.** Please order on-line at www.gradad.com with our school name Fairfield Warde High, CT or mail in your completed order form along with your ad materials by your deadline date.



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BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next Board of Education Regular Meeting:

Tuesday, Dec. 13th

7:30 pm Board of Education Office, 501 Kings Highway East, 2nd Floor

A copy of the agenda can be found [here](#). A copy of the 2016 meeting schedule can be found [here](#).

If you are unable to attend BoE and other Town meetings please watch on [FairTv](#)



COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Fairfield Warde Seniors...Now is the time to register for The Red & White Charity Ball! Online registration will close on Monday, December 5th! All escorts must also go online and register by Monday, December 5th in order to make all registrations complete! Please go to the website: www.thecountyassemblies.org to register ASAP, so don't delay! If you have any questions or need additional info, please email the County Assemblies Board of Directors at: countyassembliesinfo@gmail.com

Check [Peach Jar](#) for current Community Flyers featured there.

*We invite PTA volunteers, members, teachers, staff and parents to submit FWHS newsworthy items to be included in future blasts. Each announcement **should be received no later than Friday** to be printed in the Sunday edition. Submissions for this newsletter should be: E-mailed to [Kathy Dittrich](#).*

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