

FENWICK FRESHMAN WELCOME COFFEE
Wednesday, August 21, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER at 10:45am

Jane Gaffigan, Mother's Club President, welcomed all parents of Fenwick High School Class of 2023. Format change from years past – Q&A session rather than speakers. Many teachers and administrators previously spoke in the Auditorium after the Prayer Service.

2. Father Peddicord, FHS President, was unable to attend today's Welcome Coffee due to Province meetings obligations. Father Peddicord is the Mothers' Club Moderator.

3. MOTHERS' CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD 2019-2020

Jane Gaffigan introduced each Executive Board Member:

President Elect - Debi Seligmann

Vice President – Jane Walsh (absent)

Treasurer – Maggie McGarel

Corresponding Secretary – Janet Waring (absent)

Recording Secretary – Jenny Prangle

4. FENWICK MOTHERS' CLUB

Jane Gaffigan encouraged all mothers to join the FMC. It is truly a wonderful way to get involved, and will certainly have a positive effect on your experience at FHS. The Board and its members are comprised of diverse individuals. FMC is always here for the parents and Fenwick community. Please register as a FMC member and receive a school directory. Jane also gave a plug for all fathers to join the Fenwick Fathers' Club. Both FMC and FFC are fantastic opportunities to get involved in FHS.

5. MONTHLY MOTHERS' CLUB MEETINGS

Jane Gaffigan encouraged all to attend the monthly luncheon/meetings, held in the school atrium. Meetings begin at noon. The first FMC meeting is September 10, Tuesday . One evening meeting will be held on October 15 at 7pm. A Moms Night Out is also planned for the Spring 2020. It will be held in Oak Park. More information to follow.

6. WELCOME COFFEE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Jane Gaffigan introduced and thanked the Committee Chairs: Michele Chudik, Laura Jachim, Joanne Scarlatis and Lina Velliotis, along with their committee for today's Freshman Coffee. She also thanked Angie Wilson from Quest Food and Jerry Ruffino for helping organize today's event.

7. FRESHMAN LIAISONS CHAIRS

Kerry Ward and Nancy McNamara are this year's Freshman Liaison Chairs. Along with their committee, Kerry and Nancy are great contacts for FHS and can assist in making the transition to Fenwick easier. Do not hesitate to contact the Freshman Liaisons with any questions.

8. INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Jane Gaffigan introduced the Committee Chairs:
Oktoberfest – Debbie Hultquist, Jenny Jones & Melanie Domke
Hospitality – Carol Fox, Merrilee Lepore & Connie Sullivan
Membership – Katie Filbin & Kerri Sedlacek
Black & White Shopping Night – Vicki Bennett, Laruen Kapusta, Amy Miller, Cara Panares Pietrzak & Dori Schleiter
Please stop by at the break, and introduce yourself. Joining a committee is a great way to get involved.

9. UPCOMING EVENTS

FRESHMAN FAMILY MASS & PICNIC – August 25. Mass will begin at 4pm with the picnic to follow. This event is held at the Pleasant House in Oak Park.

OKTOBERFEST – September 21 at 7pm at the Riverside Golf Club. Great event in collaboration with the FFC. German festive attire is encouraged. Bring out the Lederhosen!

BLACK & WHITE SHOPPING NIGHT – October 23 from 6-9pm. Held in the Field House. Multiple vendors and raffle prizes. Great fun with friends!

All events are wonderful ways to meet and socialize with other Fenwick parents.

10. PANEL DISCUSSION Q & A

Jane Gaffigan introduced the FHS Panel:
Nancy Brennan – Social Worker
Peter Durbin – Alumni Relations & FFC

Nancy Bufalino – Chief Operating Officer
Chris Ritten – VP of Institutional Advancement
Richard Borsch – Director of College Counseling
Eleanor Comiskey – Assistant Principal
Laura Pendleton – Assistant Principal
Ray Moland – Dean of Students
Charly Ieremia – Dean of Students
Kathleen O’Laughlin – Asst Director of Admissions
Jerry Ruffino – Director of Operations
Mickey Collins – Director of Scheduling/Student Data
Donna Pape – School Nurse
Ernesto Nieto – Director of Technology Services
Angie Wilson – Quest Food Services

11. ANGIE WILSON – QUEST

Lunch is available to all Freshman during their 2 day Orientation. Student ID # or name will be taken. No free or reduced lunch program is offered. Hot meals, pasta bar, salad bar and deli bar are available daily. Lunch is approximately \$4.50 + drink. Parents can create a meal plan through Quest to see what their student is spending. The cafeteria is not peanut free. Students can bring peanut butter sandwiches to school. Fenwick is a closed campus for lunch. Students may not place outside orders (No Jimmy Johns!).

12. ERNESTO NIETO – TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Frosh Ipad set up will take place during Orientation. Ebooks will also be downloaded. Students ID #s will be provided. If students need technical support, they should seek assistance at the Technology Resource Room.

13. RAY MOLAND – DEAN OF STUDENTS

-Review Parent-Student Handbook. Both parent and student must sign the acknowledgment form and return it to school.

- DRESS CODE:

- (1) No skirt rolling. Skirts are to be worn above the knee.
- (2) Quarter-zip sweaters and new Fenwick logo sweatshirts are Dress Code approved. Both are available in the Friar Shop.
- (3) Dress shoes are mandatory. No gym shoe/Steven Madden rubber soled shoes are allowed. Sperry dress school style is approved.

- Cell phones must be turned off in class. No game playing is allowed.
- Freshman received their class schedules, locker # and locker combination. Put locker # and combo in your phone. Print schedule and keep in locker. BLACKBAUD also contains locker # and combination information.
- Most students share lockers. Do not share your locker combination with other students. Some students have a single smaller locker, so no locker sharing.

14. BUS TRANSPORTATION/ACTIVITY BUSES

- Bus transportation begins after 10th period. After school bus times are 2:28pm and 3:18pm.
- Activity buses will operate on Thursday and Friday of Freshman Orientation. Activity bus times are 5:20pm and 5:50pm.
- All bus schedules remain the same regardless of a Late School Start because the train schedules do not change.
- On early dismissal days, transportation times will change to accommodate. More information can be found on the school website.
- Do not worry if the trains are down/late on a particular day. Your child will get to school.

15. DONNA PAPE – SCHOOL NURSE

Parents are to provide 3-4 emergency contacts per Magnus Health.

16. GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

All students will meet with their designated counselor at least once during the school year. Additional parent/student meetings can be requested.

17. CHRIS RITTEN – VP of INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Mr Ritten is responsible for raising money for FHS. Parents will learn more about fundraising opportunities at Mini Class Night.
- FRIARS CONNECT is Fenwick virtual network available to FHS graduates/alumni to assist in career building opportunities.

18. PROGRAM CONCLUSION

Jane Gaffigan thanked all for attending.
GO FRIARS!!!