



Fenwick Freshman Welcome Coffee Agenda
Wednesday, August 22, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER at 9:25am
Jodi Darrow, Mothers' Club President
Welcomed all parents of Fenwick High School Class of 2022
2. OPENING PRAYER AND BLESSING
Father Richard Peddicord, O.P. President of Fenwick High School, led the blessing
3. INTRODUCTION OF MOTHERS' CLUB MODERATOR, Father Dennis Woerter O.P
Father Dennis is also the Director of Campus Ministry and a boys & girls soccer coach
He announced this Sunday's (9/26) Freshman Retreat from 11:30-3:30, clarifying that it was not a mandatory event for the Freshmen.
4. INTRODUCTION OF MOTHERS' CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD
Jodi Darrow introduced each Executive Board Member
Jane Gaffigan, President Elect
Elly Frymire Cone, Vice President
Laura Jachim, Treasurer
Caroline Prabhu, Corresponding Secretary
Lisa Henige, Recording Secretary
5. INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS
Introduced the committee chairs in attendance. Please stop by at break and introduce yourself. Joining a committee is a great way to get involved.

Oktoberfest – Jenny Jones & Debbie Hultquist
Black & White Shopping Night – Dori Schleiter & Tracy Welsh
Giftware – Tina Youngerman & Tina Hutchinson
Uniform Resale – Heather O'Bryan & Deidre Kassay
Fashion Show – Tina Dillon & Susan Haeflinger
Hospitality – Carol Fox & Diana Baerhand
Membership – Kerri Sedlacek & Katie Filbin
Faculty Christmas Lunch – Sue Gurgone
Post Prom – Janet Waring
Liason – Kerry Ward & Nancy McNamara

6. WELCOME COFFEE COMMITTEE CHAIRS INTRODUCTIONS

Jodi thanked today's committee co-chairs, Beth Jensen, Lina Velliotis and Maria Belltram along with their committee. She also thanked Angie Wilson from Quest Food, Jerry Ruffino & Joe Ori for helping organize and plan today's event.

7. MONTHLY MOTHERS' CLUB MEETING

The Mothers' Club hosts monthly meetings. Two of them are evening meetings and the remaining meetings take place at noon. Our first meeting is Tuesday, September 11th, at 12 noon in the Atrium. All are welcome. They are a great way to meet other parents and stay informed about the events and happenings at Fenwick

8. UPCOMING EVENTS

We have 2 events coming up. On Saturday, September, 15th, we co-host Oktoberfest with the Fathers' Club and our annual Black & White Shopping night is on Wednesday, October 24th. Both are great ways to meet other Fenwick parents.

9. Mr. PETER GROOM, Principal of Fenwick

Mr. Groom spoke with the students after the Freshman Blessing about 3 main objectives.

The first objective was to be their own self-advocate. This means they need to talk with teachers, deans and coaches if they have questions or concerns. They need to learn to speak up for themselves and develop strong relationships with teachers. He would like the parents to encourage this behavior. The second is that they get involved in what Fenwick has to offer (sports, clubs, etc). The more involved they get, the greater the Fenwick experience.

The final objective is to respect each other, themselves and teachers. He would like them to be honest with each other and their work.

He would like the parents to listen to their kids and what they want rather than what you want for them.

10. Dr. JAMES QUAID, Director of Student Services & Enrollment Management

Dr. Quaid talked about 3 things to the freshman, listening, being focused and communicating. He told them that they have a fresh start, which is nice in a lot of different ways.

He talked about school safety and said that the most important factor in school safety is school culture where the students and teachers are engaged.

11. MS. MARY VISTEEN, Counselor for the Class of 2022

Ms. Vistein will work with the students in the class of 2022 for all 4 years. There are 299 freshmen and her goal is to get to know all of them. She would like the parents to encourage their kids to get involved and meet kids. Also, parents should encourage their kids to be advocates for themselves and ask for help when they need it. Friar Mentors is available for students to get help in all subjects both before and after school. Ms. Vistein also mentioned to the kids that they should turn notifications off on their iPads during class and be engaged. She stressed that kids who take hand written notes are more successful.

12. MS. NANCY BUFALINO, Chief Operating Officer

Ms Buffalo is in charge of Finance and Operations. She is responsible for a safe learning environment for the students. She is responsible for Technology, Operations/Transportation and the Business Office. The student handbook has a lot of valuable information including information of tuition. Please take the time to review the rules to avoid surprises. Security is very important. Hired a retired police officer this year.

13. MR. CHRIS RITTEN, Vice President of Institutional Advancement

Mr. Ritten is responsible for all things external that need to happen for Fenwick to survive. Things like alumni relations, marketing, fund raising and events. He spoke about the new and upcoming launch of a Fenwick virtual network, Friars Connect. The ultimate goal of this network is to help alumni with their career journey - job opportunities and internships.

14. MR. STAUNTON PECK, Assistant Director of Athletics

Mr. Peck said that with 34 boys and girls sports at Fenwick, there is enough for your kids to get involved. He spoke of sports building skills more important than wins & losses. Things like leadership skills, teamwork, work ethic and overcoming adversities. He would like the parents to encourage their kids to be self-advocates. He said it is good to work out of your comfort zone and not be afraid to fail. He said the biggest thing you can do for your kid is to support them with love.

BREAK

STAFF PANEL

15. MS. ANGIE WILSON, Quest Food Service

She advised parents to put some money on their student's accounts. Money can be added online at mymealtime.com or by sending in cash or a check to the front desk. New this year, the students' accounts will no longer be allowed to go negative. Angie also mentioned that food service starts Thursday this week and that the menu is posted online.

16. MR. JERRY RUFFINO, Director of Operations (safety, parking, bus service)

Bus service starts Thursday.

He told students that buses leave school for their routes on time and cannot wait for students. They leave when they need to because they can't hold the trains.

17. MS. LAURA PENDLETON, Assistant Principal

18. MS. ELEANOR COMISKEY, Assistant Principal

She indicated that she doesn't work directly with the students. She works on curriculum and books and helps with Graduation.

19. MR. RAY MOLAND, Dean of Students

Mr. Moland said he is the staff member that you probably don't want to get to know because he is responsible for discipline. All parents need to review the Fenwick Handbook with their student and fill out the form and turn it in. He would like the parents to help make sure their kids get out the door in dress code. Mr. Moland also mentioned that new this year, every student will be given a lanyard that will hold their student id. Students will need to wear this lanyard in the building. This procedure will help with safety as well as with bus routes and lunch time.

20. MS. DONNA PAPE, School Nurse

Her office is in the basement near the pool. She is there from 8 – 3:10pm daily. The athletic trainers are Tony & Arielle and they arrive daily at 2:30pm. She is responsible for Magnus, the health reporting system. Call her with any questions.

21. MS. KATHLEEN O'LAUGHLIN, Assistant Admissions Director

Main responsibilities are in admissions working with Joe Ori.

22. MS. NANCY DRENNAN, Social Worker

Ms Drennan is available to students for any issues that may arise. She works with the guidance counselors and recognizes that students have many pressures and is available to work thru any issues with them. She is another resource to use along with the counselor if your child is having transition difficulties.

23. MR. RICHARD BORSCH, College Counseling

Mr. Borsch said that college is the next step. He wants parents to be aware that the student's academic record is the single most important item in helping them get there and that record starts Thursday.

24. MR. MICKEY COLLINS, Director of Scheduling/Student Data

He is responsible for scheduling and grades. He needs to be made aware of any address or phone number changes ASAP. He wanted to make sure parents use their name and not their student's name when accessing Schoology.

25. MR. ERNESTO NIETO, Director of Technology Services

He handles anything having to do with iPads, printer, laptops, wifi, email and student ids. If your child needs any tech support, they should contact him. If your student loses his/her student id, they should go to him. On Friday, the freshman will be taking their student id photos. Please remember sport coats for the id pictures.

Q & A SESSION

- Does the bus schedule change for late start days?
The bus schedule does NOT change for late start days because the train schedules don't change. However, if it is an early release day, the bus schedule for that afternoon will change to accommodate. Do not worry if the trains are down on a particular day, your child will get to school.
- What are the times that the bus shuttle returns to the train station?
2:28pm, 3:18pm, 5:20pm and 5:50pm. There are 4 ways home but only 1 way to school.
- If your child has a study hall for 11th period, do they need to stay at school?
Yes.
- When is the next time to set up iPad?
Today from 12 – 2pm is the last time for iPad setup.
- Is there daily Mass at Fenwick?
Yes. Mass is celebrated daily at 7:30am in the chapel.

12:00 pm

Conclusion of Program. Thank you for attending 😊

GO FRIARS!