



# “The Foxworthy”

## Fall 2016



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### PARENT / TEACHER MEETING

Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>



Foxborough High School will hold an open house for parent/teacher conferences on November 21<sup>st</sup> and November 22<sup>nd</sup>

Parents may meet with teachers for five-minute conferences from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. School will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m. on both days.

Parents will be able to schedule 5 minute meetings with their student's teachers in their classrooms. After your conference, if you believe more time is needed with a particular teacher, please contact the teacher to set up an appointment. *(To be fair to all parents and teachers, please make every effort to keep to the time schedules of appointments.)*

Once again we will use an on-line scheduling in order to expedite the process of making appointments.

Beginning Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM, the following link will allow access to this scheduling program.

[https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Foxborough\\_High\\_School\\_1](https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Foxborough_High_School_1)

1. At the web address, you will be asked for your email address, and your name.
2. PTCFast will then send parents a confirmation email.
3. Click on the link in the email to see a screen showing all available teachers for your parent-teacher conferences.
4. Click on each teacher you wish to see and choose an unfilled time slot. The system will send you a confirmation email with the date and time you have reserved.

The email will include a link that allows you to change your appointment time later, if you so desire. The system will also send you a reminder a few days before your conference.

Ms. Diana Myers-Pachla, Principal, Mr. David D. Pierce, Ms. Beth A. Sylvia, Vice Principals, and guidance counselors will be available for parent conferences. If you desire a conference with your child's counselor or an administrator, drop in at the appropriate office during the conference hours.

Parents are encouraged to make every effort to attend and to confer with teachers about their children's progress.

*Ms. Diana Myers-Pachla.*

The Foxborough High  
School Store



The School Store (near the cafe) will be open during parent/teacher conferences. Stop by for some great holiday gifts. (We accept cash or check, sorry no credit cards)

*On behalf of our entire faculty and staff,  
we extend to you our wish for a Happy Thanksgiving!*

**GIVE  
THANKS**  
FAMILY • FRIENDS • GRATITUDE



## BAKE SALE

During Parent Conferences there will be a number of booster clubs and groups throughout the building selling baked goods and other goodies.



The GSA will be selling these beautiful snowmen for \$15.00. What a great gift for the upcoming holidays.



Tickets for the Thanksgiving Day Football game at Mansfield High School will also be on sale during the conferences as well.

Get your tickets early!!

### Foxboro WARRIORS



vs



### Mansfield HORNETS

#### TICKET PRICES

##### Presale Prices

\$6.00 Students & Senior Citizens

\$8.00 Adults

Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

During lunches and after school only.

Tickets will *not* be sold during the day.

Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

After school until 1:00 pm and

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm during Parent/ Teacher Conferences

Sold at Athletic Director's Table

**\$10.00 ALL TICKETS (GAME DAY)**



## Upcoming Events and Important Dates

DECA Advisor.....Mr. Jon McCabe

Online Testing - December 5-15

**Foxborough High School**

District Competition - January 12

**Stonehill College**

State Competition - March 9-11

**Boston, MA – (If qualified)**

International Competition ~ April 26-29

**(Anaheim, CA) (If qualified)**



## Transition Night

**Wednesday, November 9, 2016**

The Foxborough Public Schools will be hosting “Transition Night” in the High School Media Center from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

This program is for parents / guardians of young adults with special needs, ages 14-21, and focuses on their future after high school. Organizations represented will be on-site to explain their area of expertise and to answer questions on a wide-variety of topics. If you are interested, please plan on attending on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Ellen Pillsbury at 508-543-1616 x 55409 or [pillsburye@foxborough.k12.ma.us](mailto:pillsburye@foxborough.k12.ma.us).



## REMINDER! Attention Parents / Guardians



As a safety precaution, and to avoid interference with the students, and the school buses, **no automobiles** will be allowed directly in front of the main entrance for morning drop-offs or afternoon pickups.

## ***STUDENT STRONG*** **SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2016**

Congratulations to the following students who were nominated by their teachers for displaying a variety of characteristics that could include:

- Perfect attendance for the month,
- 100% homework completion, and
- For consistently working to the best of their ability.
- Showing good character.

### **Class of 2020 – START STRONG - SEPTEMBER**

Sara Addeche – English  
Alison Cassarino – Family Consumer  
Thalia McNutt – Social Studies  
Jackson Sylvestre – Technology

### **Class of 2020 – START STRONG - OCTOBER**

Anita Busznyak – Science  
Samantha Dindy – Art  
Ryenne McGowan – English  
Colby Scarborough – Science  
Maggie Stone – Science  
Amy Traianou – Science

### **Class of 2019 – BE STRONG- SEPTEMBER**

Christopher Aimable – World Language  
Ben Dorman – World Language  
Emma Kierce – Wellness

### **Class of 2019 – BE STRONG - OCTOBER**

James Harding – World Language  
Michael Hauber – World Language  
Sara Kassir – Family Consumer  
Jennifer Kenney – Science  
Emma Kierce – History  
Trey Lawson – Science  
Shaelyn McCarthy – Science  
Emma Rohan – Art  
Alexandra Stamatou – Math  
Ryan Watson – Science

### **Class of 2018 – STAY STRONG - SEPTEMBER**

Caitlin Brightman – English  
Michael Costa – Social Studies  
Gianni Crewe – Art  
Christopher Knight – Science

### **Class of 2018 – STAY STRONG - OCTOBER**

Sarah Cousineau – Math  
Nicholas Esposito – Art  
Matthew Juergens – Science

Christopher Knight – History

Breno Silva – Math

### **Class of 2017 – FINISH STRONG- SEPTEMBER**

Molly Crocker – Music

Ally Sheehan – Math

Emily Sullivan – Guidance

### **Class of 2017 – FINISH STRONG - OCTOBER**

Mark Clagg – Math

Lindsay Gibbons – Science

Rose Morrison – Music

Emma Pugatch – Music

Alex Shilcusk – Math

**Congratulations to all of the students for their hard work!**



## ***Absentee Line***

If your student is going to be absent, please contact the **School Absentee Line at 508-543-1626 before 6:45 a.m.**

This will prevent Mrs. Johns, the Attendance Monitor, from calling your home to verify your child's absence.

Upon your child's return to school, he/she should also bring a note signed by the parent / guardian to explain their absence.

## ***Early Dismissal***

Dismissal notes must be brought to the office before the beginning of the school day, otherwise a parent will be contacted.

Dismissal notes must indicate the date, the reason for the dismissal, the time of dismissal, the parent's signature, and a telephone number a parent may be reached to confirm the request for dismissal. All students being dismissed must first report to the main office and sign out at the time of the dismissal. **Dismissal by telephone cannot be honored unless the parent is willing to come to the school office at the time the student is to be dismissed. This is for the protection of the parent and student.**

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## Coffee with the Principal



Dear parents and guardian,  
Please join us at the monthly coffee held in the high school media center on the first Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. The meetings are an open discussion of topics of interest with Principal, Diana Myers-Pachla and guest speakers. The schedule could change, so please be sure to confirm the meeting dates on the school calendar. Please join us!

### Meeting Schedule

Monday, November 7, 2016  
Monday, December 5, 2016  
Monday, January 9, 2017  
Monday, February 6, 2017  
Monday, March 6, 2017  
Monday, April 3, 2017  
Monday, May 1, 2017

## All Night Graduation Party

Planning has begun for the All Night Graduation Party. The party is held graduation night, June 4, 2017 at

### Showcase Live at Patriots Place

If you haven't been receiving emails about the party, please email [fhsangp@gmail.com](mailto:fhsangp@gmail.com) to be placed on the email distribution list.

All seniors need to pre-register for the party. No one is allowed into the party if they have not pre-registered. We have need-based scholarships if needed. Remember that admittance is from 10pm – 11pm. No one is allowed to enter or leave Showcase Live after 11pm. Please do not bring bags to the event. All items must be checked at the door and will be held until the end of the event.

Registration forms will go out in January. Please read the contract over carefully and fill in the registration completely. Incomplete registrations will be returned.

We are in need of volunteers. If you can donate some time to planning the party or volunteering at the party, please contact Laurie Bubencik at 543-0528 or email at [fhsangp@gmail.com](mailto:fhsangp@gmail.com).



## WINTER SPORTS NIGHT DECEMBER 6TH – 7:00 P.M.

### BASKETBALL, HOCKEY, IN-DOOR TRACK, SWIMMING AND WRESTLING

The winter sports night is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 6th, beginning at 7:00p.m., in the high school auditorium.

This is a mandatory meeting for all winter athletes, and at least **one parent(s)**, and coaches.

Athletic Director, Rich Cormier will begin the night with important information for all of the athletes and parents. Athletic teams will then break out into individual meetings where coaches will review expectations. The night will conclude with a speaker/video sponsored by the Foxborough Police Department.

If you need further information you may contact the Athletic Director (Rich Cormier) at [cormierr@foxborough.k12.ma.us](mailto:cormierr@foxborough.k12.ma.us).



.....Mrs. Marla Lonergan

The juniors taking AP US History with Mrs. Lonergan travelled to New York City during the last week of September to see the Tony award winning musical "Hamilton." Students raised their own funds to cover the costs of tickets and the bus ride. It was a fantastic time and seeing Hamilton on Broadway was for some a once in a lifetime experience.



# Guidance News

.....Ms. Lauren White, Department Head

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**FoxHSguidance**

## PARENTS AND THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

**Coach not Quarterback.** That, in a nutshell should be the role of parents in the college search and selection process. As parents get caught up in the hype about how hard it is to get into colleges, many become more and more anxious about the process, and more involved than they should be. Ideally, searching for the college that best fits a particular student should be a growth experience for the students. For the first time, students are asked to really think about their preferences, their goals, and how they learn best. Students who devote time to truly learning about themselves are the ones who find the best college matches.

The college application process is the beginning of a student's independent academic life. As part of the process, students develop research and organizational skills, learn to meet deadlines, and analyze data. They need to read critically and compare and contrast offerings at different colleges in light of their own needs and wishes. By allowing students to take a primary role in the process, parents encourage growth and individual thinking, and help their children learn to make independent decisions.



Ideally, parents act as supporters and cheerleaders in this process. They should provide their children with the tools they need to get information or skills: the help of a

counselor, access to the internet, college guidebooks, test preparation aids. Together, parents and children, with the help of a trusted advisors, should develop a college list that includes appropriate colleges that meet the student's profile and desires (and hopefully, the parents' too.) Families should plan a trip to visit as many of these schools as is feasible. Parents need to be upfront with students about their own goals for their children, and any limitations they need to impose such as location or cost.

To be fully invested in the process, students would be responsible for completing their own applications. While parents can play a



role by proofreading, lifting a pencil to the paper is stepping over the line. Some students want their parents' input on essay, but often the college consultant or an English teacher can provide a more objective view.

Just as parents needed to step back and allow their toddler children to learn to walk on their own, here too, they must play a supporting role. By acting as coach, rather than quarterback in the college selection process, you help your child to move on in his/her journey to independent adulthood.

## Congratulations

## MCAS

Congratulations to our current sophomores and juniors who received a perfect score on their 2016 MCAS exams. The students are:

**Biology: Alexis Callen**

**English: Noah Foley & Faith Perry**

## ACT/SAT

Foxborough High School is proud to announce that we have four seniors who have received a perfect score on one or more sections of the ACT or SAT. The ACT consists of five sections (English, Math, Reading, and Science), each on a scale from 1-36. **Yasa Baig, Kenneth Eva, and Ethan Hicks** scored a perfect 36 on their ACT Reading.

The SAT consists of two sections: Evidence-Based Reading & Writing and Mathematics. Each section is on a scale of 200-800. An average score for each section is approximately 500.

**Alexandra Nelson** scored an 800 in SAT Mathematics.

We are extremely proud of **Lexi**.

## The Upcoming ACT and SAT dates are:

**ACTs on February 11<sup>th</sup> (not at FHS)**

Register at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

**SATs on December 3<sup>rd</sup> (not at FHS)**

Register at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

**AP Scores:**

**Congratulations to the following students who received a perfect score on their 2016 AP Exams.**

**Class of 2016**

**Taha Baig** -Calculus BC, Calculus AB, Computer Science, & Spanish

**Tasneem Bootwala** – Psychology

**Jess Chan** - Spanish

**Colleen Conger** – English Literature & Composition, Psychology, Calculus AB

**Rachel Dindy** – English Literature & Composition, Psychology

**Connor Downs** – Psychology

**Penelope Dring** – Psychology, Calculus AB

**Kurt Dudek** – Calculus AB

**Daniel Gawronski** – Physics C

**Devin Hainsworth** – European History

**Mical Henriquez** - Spanish

**Diana Hickox** – English Literature & Composition

**Olivia Hovey** – Psychology

**Brenden Johnson** – English Literature & Composition, US Government & Politics, Spanish

**Michaela McCarthy** – Psychology

**Abbey Nicholson** - Spanish

**Thomas Peter** – Calculus AB, Statistics, Physics C

**Zachary Sitte** – Calculus AB

**Abigail Spare** – English Literature & Composition, European History, Calculus AB, Statistics, Spanish

**Sarah Spillane** – English Literature & Composition, Psychology

**Garrett Stonis** – Physics

**Nicolas Sugrue** – Studio Art: 2D Design

**Carolyn Will** – Calculus AB, French, Physics

**Class of 2017**

**Sumayyah Akhtar** – English Language & Composition

**Olivia Davis** – Studio Art: 2D Design

**Ethan Hicks** – English Language & Composition, US Government, US History

**Andre Jaberi** – English Language & Composition, US History, Calculus AB

**Ali Kafal** – US Government

**Brian Kelley** – English Language & Composition

**Alexandra Nelson** – Spanish

**Alexandra Nukovic** – US History

**James O'Neil** – English Language & Composition

**Sophie Philibert** – English Language & Composition

**August Riess** – English Language & Composition, US History

**Kerelos Shehata** – US History

**Alexander Shilcusky** – English Language & Composition, US Government, US History

**Ryan McCormack** – English Language & Composition

**Owen Vacheron** – English Language & Composition

**Dhruvi Vora** - Spanish

**Class of 2018**

**Yasa Baig** – Biology

**Hongyue Lin** – Biology

**Great Job****“Alexandra (Lexi) Nelson”**

Lexi has done it again. After taking the AP Spanish Language and Culture course in her junior year at Foxborough High School, Lexi's AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam was so superior in May 2016 that the College Board sent her a letter to inform her that it falls into a very select category.

Advanced Placement Exams are scored on a scale of 1 to 5, where a 5 is equivalent to a grade of “A” in the corresponding college course.

Lexi not only received the top score of 5 but was one of only 108 students in the world (amounting to just .07% of all 2016 AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam takers) to earn every point possible on this difficult assessment. Lexi's Spanish teachers in the Foxborough Public Schools recognized her talents in the language early in her education, leading her to take the most challenging courses available.

Her performance on this exam demonstrates a sophisticated expression of the language with advanced proficiency. For a non-native speaker of the language to achieve this level of proficiency, this is an especially illustrious achievement. We applaud her hard work, diligence, and enthusiasm and wish Lexi many future successes.

**Congratulations**

**Foxborough High School and the Foxborough Community would like to congratulate these students for a truly outstanding achievement.**



### **AP Exam Fees:**

Anyone who has not paid for their AP exams, please bring your payment to Ms. Warnat in Guidance as soon as possible. Make checks payable to Foxborough High School in the amount of \$100.00 per exam. Please write your name and the exam(s) you are paying for on the check. You may write one check for all AP exams your child is taking.

## **National Merit Scholarship Program**

Foxborough High School is proud to announce that we have three students who have received *Letters of Commendation* for the National Merit Scholarship Program based on his/her 11th year PSAT scores. They commended students are: **Kelly Fisher, Sophie Philibert, and Shraeya Srinivasan.**

We would also would like to congratulate **Alexandra Nelson** who is a semifinalist and will continue in the National Merit Scholarship competition.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

## **College Deadlines**

**College Deadline:**

**Transcript Request &  
Brag Sheet to Guidance by:**

**November 15  
December 1  
December 15  
January 1  
January 15**

**October 14  
November 2  
November 11  
November 30  
December 2**

## **Town Scholarship**

The Guidance Department will be holding an assembly for all seniors on Thursday, January 5, 2017 to explain the Town Scholarship process. Please be aware that the deadline for completion of these scholarships is Friday, February 10th.



## **Foxborough High School – Class of 2013 Ms. Kira A. Hallberg**

*... from Mr. Walter B.J. Mitchell*

***“What an honor this is---here is the email I received from Kira Hallberg (FHS Class of 2013)”***

Hi Mr. Mitch,

First off, I hope the school year is off to a good start and I enjoyed visiting last June.

Secondly, I am treasurer and co-president of the Golden Key International Honour Society UMass Dartmouth Chapter. Golden Key is essentially a national honor society for colleges. The top 15% of the students are invited each year, and those who join become members for life. Golden Key offers scholarships, internships, graduate schools, and all kinds of opportunities for members to be successful. The three pillars that are the foundation of our program is: service, leadership, and academics.

Each year at our New Member Recognition Event, we select one to two honorary members that we believe stand as a model for the three pillars. The selected honorary member(s) provide a brief speech (words of wisdom, inspiration, etc. – more details will follow) and attend the event. **Our event will be held on Friday, November 4th from 6–8pm at UMass Dartmouth.**

So, would you like to be our honorary member for Golden Key this year? Let me know as soon as possible.

All the best,  
Kira Hallberg

***I have accepted Kira's most generous nomination and am in the process of composing my speech (with a combination of nerves and excitement).  
Thank you,  
Mitch***





## News from Mrs. Ellen Pillsbury

### School-to-Career



If your child is a senior and they plan on participating in Senior Project, his/her paperwork is due by **Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.**

*Dream it, Believe it, Achieve it!*



## Yearbook

Attention Senior Parents,



Please send in baby pictures and candid photos of your children. We would like to have a large representation of the seniors featured in the yearbook. Please put your name on the back of each picture. After the pictures are scanned I will make sure that all pictures get returned.

Parents, please make sure that your son or daughter orders a yearbook book before Friday, January 6, 2017.

If they do not place an order by then, I cannot guarantee your son/daughter will be able to purchase a yearbook in June.

Parents, there is still space available for personal or business ads for your senior in the Yearbook.

Please contact Mrs. Pillsbury by email at

[pillsburye@foxborough.k12.ma.us](mailto:pillsburye@foxborough.k12.ma.us)

or by phone at 508-543-1616, ext. 55409 for more information.



## Movie Night for Foxboro Parents



Date: **November 16 - 7:00-8:15 PM**

Place: **Ahern Auditorium**

Screenagers: **Growing Up in the Digital Age**

**Come join us! All are welcome!**

SCREENAGERS probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including the director's own, and depicts messy struggles, over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through surprising insights from authors and brain scientists solutions emerge on how we can empower kids to best navigate the digital world.

Sponsored by the **Foxborough Public Schools**



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## No School

For your vacation planning:

**No School on:**

Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> (VOTE)

Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>





# APush

AP US History I Teacher,  
Mrs. Kristen D'Errico

In late October all sophomore AP US I students went to the Adams National Historic Park where they were given tours at both the birthplace and the final residence of our nation's second President, John Adams. Students heard stories about first lady, Abigail Adams', bravery during the American Revolution, the same day death of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson on the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and the generations that lived in the family home until the early 1930's. The highlight of the tour for most students was the Stone library which holds the family collection of 11,000 books. Students had a great day learning about the rich history that can be found right in our backyard.



## RINGS....RINGS....RINGS....

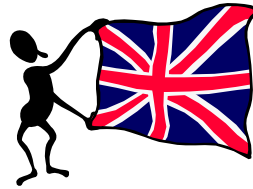


One November 18<sup>th</sup>, all sophomores will receive a ring package order from the Balfour Company. Please take a few minutes to look it over with your student.

On Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm, a representative from Balfour will be in the high school cafeteria to speak with parents and students about class ring orders.

***Samples rings will be available.***

The representative will also return during all lunches to take orders on December 1<sup>st</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>.



## London Calling!

Students at FHS will again be “crossing the pond” in February 2018 to tour London. The itinerary includes all of

the usual attractions (“Look kids, Big Ben, Parliament!”) as well as visits to St. Paul’s Cathedral and the Tower of London. We can straddle both hemispheres as we stand on the Prime Meridian in Greenwich as well as having a chance to tour Shakespeare’s birthplace and see his gravesite in Stratford-upon-Avon. If you



are interested in the trip, please contact the group leader, Mrs. Shannon Wasilewski, at 508-543-1640 or via email at [wasilewskis@foxborough.k12.ma.us](mailto:wasilewskis@foxborough.k12.ma.us). You can also get more information and/or sign up for the tour at [www.eftours.com/1803893PN](http://www.eftours.com/1803893PN).



In an attempt to assure that each child is given an opportunity to achieve and succeed in school, a Math tutor and an English tutor is available to give academic support throughout the school day and after school. Tutoring takes place in the upstairs Media Center daily from 8:30-2:30.

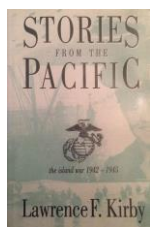
We have a certified English teacher here every day and a certified Math teacher available for tutoring on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Please encourage your child to attend this beneficial service, which does not interfere with class and has no financial obligation.

Every student can

# LEARN

Just not on the same day  
or in the same way.

—GEORGE EVANS



Please join us on Veteran's Day  
**Friday, November 11, 2016 at 11:00 am**  
**Foxborough High School Auditorium**

To honor our Men and Women who served our country. The guest speaker this year will be **Mr. Lawrence F. Kirby**. A highly decorated Marine Veteran, albeit humble and down to earth, who as a SGT in WWII participated in three amphibious landings in the Pacific Theater, and was on Iwo Jima as our flag was raised. He is a magnificent writer and speaker.

<b>Opening Invocation</b>	Michael Johns, Master of Ceremonies Rev. Matt Westcott, Pastor St. Mary's Church
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Matthew Gonzales, Troop 32 BSA
<b>The National Anthem</b>	Julia Carson, 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Ahern MS
<b>Board Public Safety FHS Junior</b>	David Feldman, Chair, Board of Selectmen Roger Hatfield, Foxboro Fire Chief Kelli McCarthy - "America at War" History Class
<b>Statehouse Patriotic Medley</b>	Representative F. Jay Barrows The Serenading Seniors
<b>Director</b>	Ms. Jeanne Bonneau
<b>Keynote Speaker</b>	<b>USMC WWII Veteran &amp; Author Mr. Lawrence Kirby</b>

**Hymns of the Armed Forces** The Serenading Seniors  
**Benediction** Rabbi Joseph Ron Fish - Temple Israel  
**Announcements** Master of Ceremonies – Mr. Michael Johns

**Refreshments to follow in School Cafeteria**  
 provided by Doolittle Home, Foxborough, MA



## History of Veterans Day

In late July of 1914 the nations of the world found themselves thrust into a conflict that would leave a terrible impact on human history called the Great War. Later known as the First World War, nations on all continents mobilized vast militaries to war with one another. In an age of rapid technological advancement, military strategy found itself hard pressed to keep pace with an arms race that claimed numerous lives, forcing nations to call upon even more individuals to fight. Countries normally removed from events within the eastern hemisphere, such as the United States, were drawn into a devastating struggle that many believed to be the end of all wars. During the entirety of the war over sixty five million individuals were mobilized to fight in world war one, of which more than half became casualties.<sup>1</sup> The United States called upon nearly four and a half million individuals to serve their country after its entry into the war in 1917, where they fought alongside allied powers on the land, in the sea, and in air.

Thankfully, after four long years of conflict, the warring powers declared the cessation of combat operations on the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. That date, November 11<sup>th</sup>, was thereafter referred to as Armistice Day. The world attempted to pick up the pieces of its own war shattered reflection. The massive forces assembled to fight in the war were either decimated in the conflict, or afterwards drawn down to a shadow of their former sizes. The veterans that fought in that bloodshed returned home to their former lives, although a great number of them found it difficult.

A year later, on the one year anniversary of Armistice Day in November of 1919, President Woodrow Wilson honored the efforts of all allied individuals who had served during the war, orating on their heroism and the importance of remembering their service. His speech that year started the process of creating a special day to honor veterans for their service in contrast to Memorial Day which honors those who died in the line of duty. In 1938 Armistice Day became a legal holiday, and in 1954 the day was renamed Veterans Day. In that same year, in order to cement the importance of the day, former President Dwight D. Eisenhower gave a speech asking the American people to *"solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom"* and to *"reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain."*<sup>2</sup>

The scope of Veterans Day grew over time from the end of the First World War to today, honoring the service of all veterans in peace and wartime in service to the United States. Today communities in the United States observe Veterans Day with reverence, never forgetting those who so bravely defend our liberties and freedom.

<sup>1</sup> Eisenhower, Dwight D. "Title 3-The President Proclamation 3071, Veterans Day 1954"; *Federal Register*. Oct. 12, 1954. From the Office of Veteran's Affairs Online Documents Collection. [http://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/docs/proclamation\\_1954.pdf](http://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/docs/proclamation_1954.pdf) (Accessed Oct. 6, 2016).

<sup>2</sup> World War I Casualty and Death Tables. PBS. [http://www.pbs.org/greatwar/resources/casdeath\\_pop.html](http://www.pbs.org/greatwar/resources/casdeath_pop.html) (Accessed Oct. 6, 2016).



*Mark your calendar.....*

Nov. 5	SAT's at FHS
Nov. 5	<b>Powder Puff Game - Ahern School - 1:30 pm Postponed to November 19<sup>th</sup> - 2:30 p m</b>
Nov. 5	National Portfolio Day
Nov. 7	Coffee with the Principal - 9:00 am
Nov. 7	Picture Day - All Clubs
Nov. 8	Staff Development - No School - Election Day
Nov. 9	Transition Night - 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm
Nov. 9-10	MCAS Retests
Nov. 9	Student Council - Turkey Hunt Fundraiser
Nov. 10	Term I Ends
Nov. 10	Fall Jazz Concert - 7:00 pm
Nov. 11	No School - Veterans Day
Nov. 14	School Council Meeting 3:00 pm
Nov. 18	Blood Drive 7:00 am - 2:00 pm -Media Center
Nov. 18	Report Cards - Warrior Huddle
Nov. 18-19	The Crucible - 7:00 pm
Nov. 21-22	Early Release - 11:00 am
Nov. 21-22	Parent / Teacher Conferences - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Nov. 23	Pep Rally - 10:00 am - Release at 11:00 am
Nov. 24	Foxboro @ Mansfield - 10:00 am
	HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Nov. 25	No School
Nov. 29	FMA Recital - 7:00 pm
Nov. 30	Balfour Ring Order Night - Cafeteria 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Dec. 1-2	Balfour Ring Orders during all lunches

**Please Note: This schedule may change. Please check our website for an up-to-date listing of events at [www.foxborough.k12.ma.us](http://www.foxborough.k12.ma.us)**

### REPORT CARDS

#### TERM 2

Term Ends	Thursday, January 26 <sup>th</sup>
Report Cards distributed	Friday, February 3 <sup>rd</sup>

#### TERM 3

Term Ends	Friday, April 7 <sup>th</sup>
Report Cards distributed	Thursday, April 13 <sup>th</sup>

#### TERM 4

Seniors	Mailed home 2 weeks after graduation
Underclassman	Mailed home 2 weeks after school ends

### NOVEMBER 2016 (CYCLE)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Day 5	2 Day 6	3 Day 7	4 Day 1	5
6	7 Day 2	8 No School	9 Day 3	10 Day 4	11 No School	12
13	14 Day 5	15 Day 6	16 Day 7	17 Day 1	18 Day 2	19
20	21 Day 3	22 Day 6	23 Day 4	24 No School	25 No School	26
27	28 Day 6	29 Day 7	30 Day 1			

*The fondest family memories are made  
when you are gathered around the table  
together.*

