



Fairfield College Preparatory School

A Jesuit, Catholic School of Excellence

Dear Prep Families,

Welcome from Fairfield Prep! We hope that you and your families are enjoying your summer, and your sons are eager and well rested to return to Prep in a full-time, in-person learning environment for the 2021-22 academic year. We are excited for the return of our students to the halls of Berchmans, Arrupe, and Xavier. Over the summer months, we held academic enrichment programs, updated our buildings, and watched our student athletes work hard for their upcoming seasons. As we look to the start of the new school year, we want to share some important information.

PREP CONNECT

Fairfield Prep's online portal, [Prep Connect](#), houses all important school-related information for parents and students. **This year, ALL parent and student information will be password protected in Prep Connect.** To access the portal, visit our website, click on the navigation symbol at the top right, and select PREP CONNECT. [Prep Connect](#) gives parents and students direct access to the following information:

- **Student Assignments:** Students will no longer use the Schoology to access their assignments. Prep's new learning management system will be within Prep Connect. Students will view their class page, download handouts and notes from their classes, submit their assignments, and view their grades within Prep Connect.
- Student daily schedule
- Progress reports and report cards
- Naviance (college info/applications)
- Absence Form (parents must submit for partial or full-day student absence)
- PAC card (dollars to be used for lunch purchases, vending machines and printing)
- Smart Tuition (payment of tuition and other activities)
- FACTS (financial aid)
- Student Directory
- School Calendar: the updated calendar can be downloaded with iCal feed in Prep Connect.
- Parent & Student Information

For questions regarding your Prep Connect login, please contact Database Manager, Mrs. Iwona Kolotylo, at ikolotylo@fairfieldprep.org.

FORMS & DOCUMENTS

All of Prep's fillable forms and PDF documents will be located in the **Prep Connect** portal at the start of the school year. These forms include:

- **HEALTH FORMS** — State Health Assessment Record, Sports Physical Form, and Medication Order forms. *A valid sports physical must be on file to participate on any team.*
- **ATHLETIC FORMS & DOCUMENTS** — Students are required to register for tryouts for all sports.
- **TRANSPORTATION & FEES** — This section includes the forms for shuttle and paid buses, and information about Metro North, town buses, campus parking and carpools.
- **ACADEMIC DOCUMENTS** — Student/Parent Handbook, Course Catalog, Honors Lists, etc.
- **CAMPUS MINISTRY & CHRISTIAN SERVICE FORMS** — Service forms, domestic trips and international trips.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The School Calendar, which is updated throughout the year, can be downloaded in Prep Connect or viewed on the Prep website under Quicklinks. Additionally, the free [Fairfield Prep app](#) can be downloaded on your device, which includes the school calendar, news and more.

We have modified the daily schedule for students for the upcoming academic year. Please view this [sample student regular schedule and time order schedule](#).

This year, our schedule will include “Flex Periods” and “Community Periods.” Flex Periods will occur once a cycle on Day D and will give students an opportunity to meet as a class, with their clubs, or engage in extra help with teachers during the school day. Community Periods will be full school events such as Masses, assemblies and pep rallies. There will be some instances where the Flex Period or Community Period will be used for faculty meetings in the morning or afternoon, and students will have a delayed opening (9:35 a.m.) or early dismissal (12:30 p.m.). No academic class time will be lost during these delayed opening or early dismissal days. Please see the school calendar for these dates which will also be communicated through *Prep in a Minute*.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL DATES:

Orientations (All held on campus in the Student Life Center)

Sophomore and Junior Orientation Monday, Aug. 30, 8:30 a.m. –11:45 a.m.

Senior Orientation Tuesday, Aug. 31, 8:30 a.m.–11:45 a.m.

Freshman Orientation Wednesday, Sept. 1, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

During orientation, students should wear a polo or button down shirt with dress shorts or pants and sneakers or shoes. iPads are not required during orientation.

First Day of Classes

Mass of the Holy Spirit (students only) Thursday, Sept. 9

Fairfield Prep Family Mass Sunday, Sept. 12, 11 a.m. in the Quad

Back-to-School Night Tuesday, Sept. 14, 6 – 8 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 2

SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS/BOOKSTORE

If you haven't already done so, please review the [Summer Reading and Summer Assignments](#) for all students. You will be notified when **the online Bookstore for course materials for the 2021-22 academic year opens on Wednesday, Aug. 18.** For questions re: summer assignments and textbooks contact Mr. Harold (Dean) Davis at hdavis@fairfieldprep.org.

DRESS CODE

Beginning on the first day of classes, Thursday, Sept. 2, all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are to be in full [dress code](#) (shirt and tie with dress pants and dress shoes). Members of the Class of 2022 are allowed to wear their senior class polo or any other Fairfield Prep polo only until Friday, Sept. 24. All students will be expected to wear a blazer or suit coat during school Masses, including the Mass of the Holy Spirit on Thursday, Sept. 9. Any changes due to heat will be communicated to students.

TRANSPORTATION

- Town buses are provided for students residing in Fairfield who live more than 1.5 miles from campus. Bus routes are prepared by the town and will be shared with families as soon as they are available. Students from the town of Fairfield must complete the [Fairfield Bus Choice Form](#) to indicate if you **WILL** or **WILL NOT** use bus service. Late bus service for Fairfield residents will run Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. starting Thursday Sept. 2. The bus will transport students to their bus stops within the borders of Fairfield.

- Train shuttle buses are available on school days to transport students from the Fairfield train station to Fairfield Prep beginning each morning at 7:30 a.m. Students must enroll and pay online for this shuttle: www.fairfieldprep.org/shuttle. Once payment has been submitted, please stop by the front lobby desk to receive your ID sticker. Shuttles will start Thursday, Sept. 2.
- Metro North: **New student commuters, please complete and submit Prep's [Metro-North Student Registration form](#) ASAP (by AUG. 8 in order to be able to buy and start the new September e-ticket)**. Every new school year, Prep is required to register all NEW commuting students through Metro-North. Beginning this fall, there will be **NO PAPER TICKETS**. All train commuters must sign up for the MTA eTix School Commutation Program.
- Two fee-based buses run to and from Fairfield Prep (Route 1 - Bethany, Seymour, Shelton, Easton-Monroe border and Trumbull; Route 2 - Ridgefield and Wilton). Students can register at www.fairfieldprep.org/busfee.
- "Carpool to School" allows Prep families to arrange their own carpools for school day and after-school sports and activities. Prep will provide info on this website as soon as it's available.

ON-CAMPUS PARKING PERMITS

Junior and senior students eligible to drive must purchase a parking permit from Fairfield University in order to park on campus. [Register and pay online](#).

ATHLETICS

Any student trying out for a sport must submit a current physical to School Nurse Mrs. Mary Ellen Lehmann at mlehmann@fairfieldprep.org and [register for fall tryouts](#) on our athletics website. Any questions, please contact Prep Athletic Director, Mr. Tom Curran, at ext. 2210 or tcurran@fairfieldprep.org.

Shortly, families will be receiving a convenient magnet in the mail with important contacts to help direct you if you need help. Please know that we at Prep are here for you and happy to help with any questions! We wish you peace and enjoyment during this month of August, and we look forward to welcoming all of our students back to campus in a few short weeks.

Go Prep!



Timothy Dee
Principal