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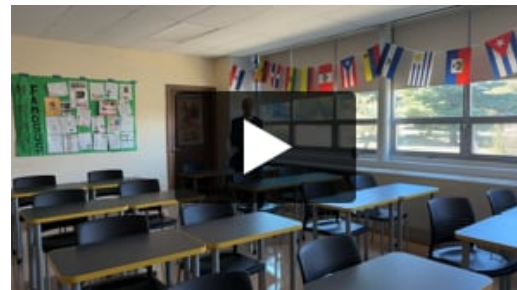
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*From today's first reading,  
Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians:*

For all of you are children of the  
light and children of the day...  
Therefore, encourage one  
another and build one another  
up, as indeed you do.

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## Welcome Back

Greetings, Fenwick Family!

Let me offer an enthusiastic “welcome” to our new students and families, and a heartfelt “welcome back” to our returning students and families. It is so exciting to have our Crusaders on campus! We are thrilled to begin the new school year with you.

In starting our journey together, we are mindful of the grace and the gift of beginning anew. This is an important and an impactful time for each of us, as I share in the video. Let us, therefore, be open to the promise and the possibility that await.

Let us also take to heart the words of St. Paul – let us *encourage each other* and *build each other up*. Thankfully, as Paul noted among the Thessalonians, we are already doing so at Bishop Fenwick. This positive, supportive, accepting, and affirming culture is one of the hallmarks of our community.

Blessings on your week! Take care.

Mr. Nunan.

# Reminders



## Lunchtime Accounts

A reminder that the cafeteria doesn't take cash. Lunchtime accounts can be refilled online through the "Quick Links" at the bottom of this newsletter, or on the Dining Services Resource Board in MyFenwick.



## Drop Off in Front Circle

Please remember that morning drop-off should take place in the front circle. Access to the parking lot in the morning is reserved for faculty, staff, and students who are parking for the day.

# Welcome New Faculty!

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As we begin another exciting year at Fenwick, we are thrilled to welcome a group of talented new educators who bring energy, expertise, and passion to our community. Each of them shares in our commitment to "Education for Life" and will play a vital role in shaping the Fenwick experience for our students—both in and beyond the classroom. Please join us in extending a warm Fenwick Family welcome as they begin their journey with us!

### **French Teacher: Mrs. Mary Francois**

Mrs. Francois earned her BA in Child Development and French at Tufts University and her MA in Education and French at Gordon College. Her education includes extensive study in France, where she also taught and tutored during her career! A veteran educator with twelve years of experience at Marblehead HS, where she served as the Co-Lead Teacher for the World Languages Department and the AP French Teacher, Mrs. Francois is a skilled practitioner in the classroom. Mrs. Francois is passionate about language, culture, and travel, and bilingual family with French roots. A savvy and strategic user of technology, Mrs. Francois uses every tool available to engage students. We are thrilled to welcome Mrs. Francois to our World Languages Department, and we are confident she will empower our French scholars to become immersed in their language study.

### **Spanish Teacher: Mr. Ancor Rodriguez**

A world traveler with experience teaching in the U.S. and in Spain, Mr. Rodriguez is deeply committed to making a positive difference in the lives of young people. He earned his BA in English Language at the University of Las Palmas in Gran Canaria, Spain, and his BA in Elementary Education at La Salle University in Madrid, Spain. After teaching English in his native Spain for over ten years, Mr. Rodriguez taught English and Spanish at a variety of schools and institutions in Denver, CO. Most recently, Mr. Rodriguez has been working in the Littleton, MA, school system. Being in a vibrant, genuine, and faith-filled community is critically important to Mr. Rodriguez, so he is extremely excited to join our Fenwick Family. Our students will appreciate Mr. Rodriguez' energy and enthusiasm, along with his positivity and approachability, and they may even see him on the basketball court!

### **Theology Teacher: Mr. George O'Donnell**

A proud alum of St. John the Baptist School (Peabody) and Bishop Fenwick, Mr. O'Donnell is both familiar with and committed to the sacred mission of Catholic education. Mr. O'Donnell earned his BA in Psychology and Human Development at Hellenic College (with some courses at

Boston College), and he is currently working towards an MA in Theological Studies at Hellenic College. Mr. O'Donnell returned to his alma mater, St. John the Baptist, where he taught Social Studies in Grades 5-8 and served as an advisor for the school's chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. A person of genuine and devout faith, Mr. O'Donnell looks forward to returning to Fenwick, to sharing his gifts and talents with our students, and most especially to making his Theology classes intellectually engaging and spiritually enriching. We are happy to have another Crusader on our team!

### **Math and Chemistry Teacher: Mr. John Como**

With an MA in Applied Mathematics and Statistics from Bryant University and an MS in Data Analytics from Southern New Hampshire University, Mr. Como has an extensive background in mathematics; he also has a solid understanding of chemistry. Mr. Como is well versed in a variety of educational technologies that support student learning, and he is thrilled to bring these tools to Bishop Fenwick. Mr. Como has teaching experience at both Trivium School in Lancaster (where he taught algebra and co-taught physics) and Collegiate Charter School in Lowell (where he taught algebra and geometry). A musician, an Eagle Scout, and a big sports fan, Mr. Como looks forward to immersing himself in our Fenwick community. We are confident Mr. Como will connect well with our students, and we know he will help integrate the disciplines of math and science in our STEM program.



## **AP Results**

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Fenwick is proud to have been recognized as an AP Gold Medal School for the past two years, and our most recent results continue that tradition of excellence. This summer's data revealed that our AP students achieved an outstanding overall passing rate of 91%!

Even more impressively, students earned a 100% passing rate in 7 of the 18 AP courses we offer: AP Literature, AP Language, AP European History, AP Physics, AP Precalculus, AP Spanish, and AP U.S. Government & Politics.

At Fenwick, every AP student is required to take the AP exam—unlike many schools that allow students to “opt out.” This makes their achievements even more remarkable.

Congratulations to our students and teachers on this incredible accomplishment!



## **Fall Athletics**

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Fenwick's fields, courts, and courses are alive with energy as the fall athletic season kicks off! This year, we are proud to share that more than 320 students are participating in a fall sport—the highest level of involvement we've seen in recent years. This incredible number speaks to the strength of Crusader pride and the commitment of our student-athletes. The action is already underway:

- Golf teed off their season last week.
- Girls' and Boys' Soccer open play today against Gloucester, with the boys hosting at home and the girls competing on the road.
- Volleyball, Field Hockey, Cross Country, and Football are set to launch their seasons later this week.

We look forward to an exciting season filled with teamwork, competition, and Crusader spirit. For the complete athletic schedule, please see "Quick

# Calendar Reminders

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## September



First Day of Classes



Seniors meet with School & College Counselors during Fenwick Connect



Fall Sports Pep Rally



Opening of School Mass



Club/Activity Involvement Fair for Freshmen and Transfer Students



Senior College Planning Night



Parent Back to School Night

## October



Testing/College Visit Day



Admissions Open House

Bishop Fenwick High School | 99 Margin Street | Peabody, MA 01960 US

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