

The GAM

GAM: a social meeting of whaleships...with all the sympathies of sailors [and] all the peculiar congenialities arising from a common pursuit.

FROM THE HEADMASTER:

FA's thirty-year history

This fall marks our 30th anniversary. In September 1977, Falmouth Academy opened its doors to 43 students in the basement of Woodbriar Nursing Home on Gifford Street in Falmouth. From the beginning, Falmouth Academy was distinguished by a remarkable faculty, a clear mission, and adventurous students, families, and trustees, all willing to take a risk for a focused school experience. We are fortunate that many of the dedicated faculty continue to guide this ship, and, yes, they are still remarkable.

The school has had many heroes. I'll mention only two. Worth Campbell and Olivann Hobbie, serving as head and assistant head of school, respectively, kept faith with the faculty and the mission of the school during particularly difficult start-up years. They were models of the high standards the school set for integrity, generosity, intellectual depth, kindness, collegiality, and service to the community. We honor the memory of Worth and the continued work of Olivann and her colleagues.

Dr. Richard S. Haugh, founder of Falmouth Academy, wrote in the 1978 School Catalog:

Falmouth Academy came into existence with the firm conviction that there is a common core of knowledge, wisdom, and experience to which all educated persons should be exposed...In addition to Falmouth Academy's unswerving commitment to high academic and intellectual standards and the development of fundamental skills, we are fully aware that man

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FA² offers fall classes for adults

Falmouth Academy for Adults (FA²) will offer another intriguing array of courses designed to give adults in the community a taste of the academic rigor enjoyed by Falmouth Academy's teenage students.

Courses will begin on Monday, October 15 and Tuesday, October 16. They will last five weeks, ending on November 19 and 20.

• **HAMLET: READING AND IMAGINING THE PLAY**

Lalise Melillo reprises her sold-out fall 2006 seminar. She has taught *Hamlet*, which she calls "the greatest play ever

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New faculty bring broad array of talents to FA

We welcome new faculty in three departments this year -- the arts, foreign languages, and history.

Pottery and lacrosse are the interests Mr. Jeffrey Butler brings with him to FA. A

former goalie for the University of Vermont varsity lax team, Mr. Butler has his own pottery business in Brewster, making "unique hand-thrown earthenware pots for home and garden."



[See left.] He earned his

B.S. at UVM and his teaching certificate in art education at U-Mass, Dartmouth.

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is more than mere intellectual processes and that the mere accumulation of knowledge can be sterile without that insight or perception which informs the whole and gives meaning and life to knowledge...If our students can be motivated to love truth, beauty and justice; if they can develop the courage to take an unpopular but morally correct stand; if they come to realize that they are morally bound to reach out their hand to those who are less fortunate and to be actively involved in rectifying social injustices...then we will have fulfilled our moral imperative to educate the whole person.

After a series of headmasters, Bruce Buxton took the helm in 1982. Although the school operated in a run-down building on a military base, he met the FA faculty and recognized that these talented, dedicated teachers led a gem of a school. He secured the vision and led FA into the 21st century. He steered the school as it grew carefully to full enrollment, moved to its own handsome campus, gained friends in the wider community, and became financially stable and nationally recognized.

Mr. Buxton wrote in a 1998 issue of the GAM about FA's mission.

We believe that education, especially pre-collegiate education, is personal. We believe that it must be moral. That it must be imaginative. That it must honor high academic and intellectual standards...By insisting that the first thing a school needs to offer is a rigorous, moral, academic community, Falmouth Academy reasserted what Endicott Peabody knew. Keep enrollment at 200. Hire teachers who demonstrate in their private lives high personal and intellectual standards. Schools don't need to offer everything. They do need to offer a few central things, and to be sure that those few things are of an extraordinary quality.

This vision is as much a part of Falmouth Academy in 2007 as it was for Mr. Buxton and for Dr. Haugh. Our work is important. We are committed to a focused core curriculum. We model a passion for learning and encourage our students to be good citizens and embrace the idea of service to oth-

ers. We have resisted suggestions to increase our enrollment because we appreciate and value the ideals of an intimate learning community. Thirty years ago, our founders – administrators and teachers – focused on a few central ideas of extraordinary quality, and we continue to honor them today.

From the beginning, Falmouth Academy has been unusually fortunate in receiving support and encouragement not only from our families but also from many friends in the wider community. We value their friendship as we also value our role in the community.

We hope you all – friends and families – will join us as we celebrate FA's remarkable growth and success throughout this academic year with several lectures in the Falmouth Academy Community Series. Please mark October 19 and 20 on your calendars.

We will kick off our 30th anniversary celebrations with a Community Series lecture by Middle East expert Clinton Bailey, followed by a gala dinner on Friday, October 19. Bailey, a visiting professor of Middle East politics at Trinity College in Connecticut, will speak on "The Heritage of Bedouin Culture in Middle East Politics."

On Saturday, October 20, the Colorado Quartet, a summer resident of Falmouth Academy, will perform works by Brahms and Schubert in a benefit concert. Please plan to join us.

-David C. Faus

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New faculty bring broad array of talents to FA

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"I teach classes here in my own studio," he said recently, "and I'm looking forward to working with young students. Margaret Ellsworth has a great program set up at FA." The addition of Mr. Butler to the arts faculty allows the ceramics program to be opened up to lower school students, the age group Mr. Butler will be teaching. He will also be part of the lacrosse coaching staff in the spring.

The other new arts teacher is Mr. Jacek Zuzanski, who will teach two sections of Drama 7 and direct the lower school drama production in the winter. Mr. Zuzanski, who holds an M.A. from the Ludwik Solski State School of Drama in Cracow, Poland, has studied pantomime with Henryk Tomaszewski, laboratory theater with Jerzy Grotowski, and drawing at the Academy of Fine Arts in Wroclaw, Poland.

Mr. Zuzanski taught at the Cape Cod Conservatory and in the Summer Arts Program at Falmouth Academy.

Ms. Gunhild Eder will join the German faculty, teaching German I and II. She earned her Bachelor of Education at the University of Munich, Germany, and her Masters of Education from the Institute for the Hearing Impaired in Bavaria, Germany. The addition of Ms. Eder will give Falmouth Academy a fully-native speaking German department. Her son, Daniel, is a member

of FA's 8th grade.

In the history department, Ms. Megan Wilson will join us to teach two sections of Western Civilization I. Ms. Wilson earned her B.A. in history from Rice University, where her father is a professor of political science. She is passionate about travel, having studied in Ireland and visited Russia five times. She's also a huge Astros fan and is looking forward to meeting some enthusiastic Red Sox fans. Ms. Wilson volunteers in art museums and, this summer, is reading

her way through the Pulitzer Prize winners while she works in one of the Rice University libraries.

We also welcome back Ms. Ruth Slocum, English department head, from her sabbatical year in Florence, Italy. Her emails from abroad have entertained the faculty with their reflections on living in

a new culture with two small children. At the same time, she was keenly observant of the educational process, both formal and informal, that led the family through its adjustment to a full enjoyment of the wonders of living abroad.

We look forward to hearing more from Ms. Slocum about her year away from FA and to the energy and creativity our new faculty – Mr. Butler, Mr. Zuzanski, Ms. Eder, and Ms. Wilson – bring to the campus.

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Ms. Ruth Slocum and her daughters, Lily and Celia Patterson, at Monte Ceceri, site of Leonardo daVinci's test flights.

Summer programs fill FA's halls and campus

There's no such thing as "lazy, hazy days of summer" for Falmouth Academy. No, this campus has been very, very busy through June, July, and August. We welcomed back old friends the Colorado Quartet and the Cape Cod Theatre Project. Mr. Earley and Mr. Lott returned to hold their lacrosse and soccer camps, respectively. Mr. Scharr led his band camp again. There were however, also several innovations and new faces.

One was Ms. Susan Moffat heading up the summer programs. Artist Annie Dean's Creative Arts and Theatre Arts workshops (formerly offered under the auspices of the Cape Cod Conservatory) became a Falmouth Academy-sponsored event, offering an expanded array of opportunities for children.

Speaking of arts, Mrs. Ellsworth led a workshop for adults in beginning ceramics. So well-received was it that it will be offered again as part of Falmouth Acad-

Bene Webster '09 and MaryAnn Kowalski '06 were among the leaders in the summer program.



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FA's busy summer

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emy for Adults this fall.

Other FA faculty were also teaching on campus. Mr. Parsons led a workshop to help juniors and seniors prepare for the SAT exams and also taught creative writing. Mrs. Centurino led a summer intensive for pre-calculus students. Mrs. Swanbeck taught sewing and quilting, Ms. Speck did an acting intensive attended by several FA students, and Dr. Edgcomb enjoyed the chance



to teach aspects of Taekwando that she isn't able to cover during the school year. Mr. Murelle was on campus, giving voice lessons



– some FA faculty were among his students!

And in the Skunkworks (the school's administrative offices), a transformation occurred, courtesy of a lot of hard work by Messrs. Sperduto and Rakutis, along with their summer assistants Costia Karolinski '07, John Hough '07, and Evan Hutker '07.

We also welcomed summer employee Megan Joseph in the Admissions Office. Her cheerful greetings and willingness to jump into helping with many projects were



a great asset throughout this very active summer at FA.

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Legal Notice

In compliance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts DOS, members of the Falmouth Academy community are being notified that Falmouth Academy has an asbestos management plan and you may review it at any time.

Of course, our campus is of quite recent construction, which does not contain asbestos. Ω

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FA Board of Trustees welcomes two new members

Headmaster David C. Faus has announced the appointment of two new members of the Falmouth Academy board of trustees: Clara Roslansky Hulburt '79 and Brett A. Sanidas.

Ms. Hulburt was a member of the first Falmouth Academy class. Her daughter Christa graduated from FA in 2004 and her youngest daughter, Tessa, is a freshman here. Ms. Hulburt graduated *summa cum laude* with a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Southern Maine. Her area of concentration was marketing and she worked in several marketing capacities at L.L. Bean before moving back to Woods Hole with her family. She is currently Sales Administrator for Webb Research Corporation and property manager for a family-owned apartment rental business. Ms. Hulburt is a strong advocate of Falmouth Academy and has volunteered as a parent on numerous occasions. She is class agent for the class of '79 and is parent Annual Fund chair for the class of '11.

Mr. Sanidas is a lawyer concentrating in the areas of business law and real estate transactions. His sister Amy was a member of FA's class of '85. Mr. Sanidas grew up in Falmouth and attended St. George's School (RI) which, he says, emphasizes reading and writing as Falmouth Academy does. He graduated from Lake Forest College (IL) and Tulane Law School in New Orleans. After law school, he was a prosecutor for the Barnstable County District Attorney's Office. This spring, he moved to West Falmouth from Sandwich with his wife, Susie, and their two young children. In addition to coaching his son's hockey team, Mr. Sanidas has devoted a good deal of time to non-profit organizations, including Falmouth Hospital, for which he served on the Capital Campaign Committee, and the Cape Cod Free Clinic.

"We are thrilled with these appointments," Mr. Faus commented. "We are delighted to have an early alumna on the board and look forward to the continuity she will bring to our discussions. We are also pleased to be reconnecting with one of FA's early families, already so generous with time and energy, to the town of Falmouth."

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New exchange students bring FA total to 62

As a small school, Falmouth Academy has always sought ways to expand its students' experiences beyond the immediate community of the school. One of those ways has been through the invitation to students from other countries to come study at FA. Since Massimo Malpezzi arrived from Italy and Mats Nasmark from Sweden back in 1984, 59 exchange students have become members of the FA family. This year, we welcome three students from Europe, to bring our total to 62 students from 22 countries.

Zuzana Sottova will join our senior class. She is our latest student from Bardejov, Slovakia, thanks to our longstanding partnership with Art and Marta Breisky. "Zuzka" attended an art school for seven years where she played the piano and sang. She will fit in well in a reading-and-writing school, as she states that "I have another big passion: reading books." She also loves skiing. Her experience in the U.S. will be unusual, as she will live with Signe '12 and Clea '10 Baumhofer and their parents Mark and Kim, in Vineyard Haven on Martha's Vineyard.

Bruno Howard comes to us from Cologne, Germany. A long-time friend of Grace Foster's family, he is an experienced "foreign student," having attended French, English, and Indian schools in addition to the German gymnasium. "I'm excited about joining an American school," he wrote. A junior, Bruno likes sports, especially soccer, and also plays the piano. He will live with Grace '10 and her mother, Kate Foster.

Another German student, Carlo Behnisch, will join our sophomore class from the beginning of the year until winter vacation. Carlo currently attends the original Waldorf School in Stuttgart. He likes sports (his favorites are tennis, mountain biking, and handball) and the outdoors. Like Bruno, Carlo will be living with family friends, Annie '11 and Elizabeth '13 Stimson and their parents, Jill Neubauer and Steve Stimson. Carlo has visited FA and even attended Recognition Day in June.

We look forward to welcoming these new students to the campus. We will also be welcoming five returning FA seniors who spent the past year studying abroad. They are Eliza McDermott (Switzerland), Rosie Gray (France), and Rocky Ludden, Anna Leschen-Lindell, and Zach Rothstein-Dowden (all Germany).

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FA² offers fall classes for adults

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written," for many years. For 29 years, she has been teaching English and history at Falmouth Academy, where she is head of the history department. She holds a B.A. in English from Vanderbilt University and an M.A.T. from Wesleyan University.

• EUROPE BETWEEN THE WARS 1918 - 1939

J. Robinson (Rob) Wells returns for his third FA² course. He has been a history teacher at Falmouth Academy since 1986. He has a B.A. from Bucknell University and an M.A. from the University of Connecticut, both in history, and has taught Falmouth Academy courses in ancient, European, and U.S. history, and in American foreign policy. Rob's previous FA² courses were Contemporary Europe and The Great War.

• POST-INDEPENDENCE AFRICA (after 1960)

Michael McNaught taught for 44 years before retiring to Falmouth in 2004. He has taught a section on Africa in our seniors' World Cultures course and with the Falmouth Public Library Joy of Learning series. Mr. McNaught holds a B.A. and an M.A. in history from Trinity College, Oxford University and an M.A. in history from Columbia.

• BEGINNING CERAMICS FOR ADULTS

Margaret Tew Ellsworth has been a studio arts teacher at FA since 1983. She teaches fine arts and arts-in-humanities to FA students and taught ceramics for adults in Summer Programs at Falmouth Academy. A potter and painter with a studio in Sandwich, she has a B.A. from American University and M.F.A. from Pratt Institute. Mrs. Ellsworth was named Massachusetts Distinguished Educator of Visual Arts in 2003.

The ceramics class, unlike the other FA² courses, will meet twice a week (Mondays and Thursdays) for four weeks, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tuition for *this course* will be \$270, which includes clay, glaze, and firing.

Pre-registration is required for all courses. Tuition for the seminars is \$245. For more information, please call FA² at 508-457-9696 ext. 301.

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Admissions Office invites inquiries, announces fall events

Mr. Mike Earley, FA admissions director, has announced the new schedule of opportunities for families of prospective students to get to know Falmouth Academy better.

“Our big fall event is the **Open House** scheduled for **Saturday, October 20**,” Mr. Earley said. “Visiting families will have a chance to explore the entire campus, including all the science labs, the library and computer room, and our art rooms. They’ll get to meet teachers from every department, as well as current FA students and parents.”

*Admissions packets
will be mailed this
month. Call
508-457-9696
to be sure you re-
ceive one or to make
an appointment for
your interview .*

Mr. Earley reminds families interested in applying for admission to FA for September 2008 to call the school to request an application packet. “In mid-September, we’ll be sending the **admissions packets** out to all families who have already inquired,” he said. “We are always pleased to hear about new families who might be interested in applying, so if any GAM readers know somebody who might like to receive an application, please let us know.”

Mr. Earley also pointed out that it’s not too early to set up **interview-and-school visit days**. “We begin interviews on October 1st, so families of prospective FA students can call now to arrange an appointment,” he explained. “On those visit days, parents join their child for an interview with a member of the FA admissions staff, and then the prospective student attends a full day of classes with a student guide.”

In addition to the Open House and interview visits, the Admissions Office offers **local coffee hours** in some of the towns from which our students come. These are informal opportunities to meet other local FA families, chat with FA faculty, and talk to current FA students about their experiences at the school. Coffee hours are scheduled for **Marion** (Sunday, November 4), **Martha’s Vineyard** (Sunday, November 18), and **Plymouth** (also on Sunday, November 18). Details of these events will be mailed to all inquiring students and will also appear in the GAM. Please call the Admissions Office at (508) 457-9696 for information. Ω

Remember when...



...Falmouth Academy sported a coed soccer team? This was taken at the Campbell School, the yearbook portrait of the JV soccer team. (And, yes, the varsity team was also coed.) We’ll award a prize to the person who can identify the greatest number of these players. Extra credit to those who can name the two women on the varsity team, sight unseen. Send your entry to alumni@falmouthacademy.org

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And watch for more flashbacks, as we celebrate FA’s 30 years. Ω

Refrigerator Calendar

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28:

- 3:00-5:00 pm – Early soccer practice, BVarsity only.
- 4:30 – Orientation for new trustees.
- 6:00 – Board of Trustees meeting, at Wood Lumber Company.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29: MEGA-MEETING DAY

- 8:00 am – Summer work & late admissions testing.
- 9:30 – Full Academics Comm. meeting.
- 11:00 – Full faculty meeting.
- 12:30 pm – Faculty luncheon.
- 1:30 – Department meetings.
- 1:30-3:00 – Bookstore open for RETURNING students only.
- 5:00 – 7th grade teachers and new faculty meeting at Mrs. Taylor's.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30:

- 8:30-10:00 – New Student and New Parent Orientation.
- 8:30-10:00 – Bookstore open for NEW students.
- 1:30-3:00 – Bookstore open for ALL students.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3: LABOR DAY HOLIDAY.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4: FIRST DAY OF CLASSES.

- 8:05 am – Class meetings; bookstore open all day.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10:

- Registration deadline for Oct. 6 SATs.
- 2:30 pm – Auditions for *The Importance of Being Earnest*.
- 4:00 – BV & BJV vs. Marianapolis Academy (h).

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11:

- EARLY buses today.
- 2:30 pm – Faculty meeting.
- 7:00 – College guidance meeting for seniors and their parents.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12:

- 3:30 pm – BV @ Hyde School.
- 4:00 – GV @ Rocky Hill School.
- 5:00 – Trustees Development Comm. meeting.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13: ROSH HASHANAH

- 4:00 pm – GV & GJV vs. Marianapolis Academy (h).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14:

- Juniors depart on class trip (through Sept. 17).
- 5:00-7:00 pm – Pizza and Movie Night for 7th and 8th graders.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15:

- 7:30 pm – Simon Sinfonietta concert.

Simon Sinfonietta Concert Series

The first concert of the Simon Sinfonietta 2007-08 series features pianist Ann Schein playing Beethoven's powerful Concerto No. 5, *The Emperor*.

TICKET INFORMATION:

- Single seats: \$35 (students \$10)
 - Series tickets: \$120/person (1 ticket for each concert)
 - Single concert patron: \$125 (includes 2 seats in patron section and listing in program for one concert)
 - Series patron: \$400 (includes 2 seats in patron section and listing in program for all concerts)
- For reservations, call 508-457-9696, x227.*

Wednesday September 19: Parents' Back-to-School Night

This is parents' rare opportunity to meet all their children's teachers, hear directly from them their goals for the school year, and learn ways in which parents can support their children. Registration & pick up schedule at 6:45 p.m.

Reminder: all 8th grade parents are asked to bring cheese/crackers/fruit; all 10th grade parents are asked to bring snacks/desserts.

Many thanks!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16:

- Noon – Sophomores depart for Boston. (Return at 9:30 pm.)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17:

- Freshmen depart on class trip. (Return September 18.)
- 6:00 pm – Juniors return from field trip.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18:

- 6:00 pm – Trustees Finance Comm. meeting.
- 7:00 – Trustees Executive Comm. meeting.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19:

- 3:30 pm – BV vs. St. Thomas More School (h).
- 3:30 – GJV @ Cape Cod Academy.
- 6:45 pm – Parents' Back-to-School Night.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20:

- All-School Trip to Marconi Beach.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21:

- Raindate for All-School Trip.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24:

- 3:30 pm – BJV @ Cape Cod Academy.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25:

- 3:30 pm – BMS & GMS vs. Mashpee M.S.(h).

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26:

- 4:00 pm – BV & BJV vs. Wheeler School (h).
- 7:00 – 7th grade Parent/Student Homework Roundtable.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27:

- 3:30 pm – GMS & BMS @ Nauset M.S.
- 4:00 – GV & GJV @ Wheeler School.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28:

- 4:00 pm – BMS vs. Westport M.S. (h).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29:

- 1:00 pm – GV & GJV @ Marianapolis Academy.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1:

- 7:00-8:00 pm – Parents' Association meeting.

Calendar Bulletins

First Day of School

Tuesday, September 4

School begins at 8:05 a.m. with class meetings, at which students will receive their schedules.

The Bookstore will also be open ALL DAY for last-minute book pick-up. (Books will be billed in November.) Please bring the booklist from your back-to-school mailing, with notes about which books you already have.

Help celebrate FA's 30th by auditioning for

*The Importance of
Being Earnest*

Monday, September 10

2:30 p.m.

This classic comedy of manners will be revived by the FA Drama department for performance November 9-10. Copies of the script will be on reserve in the library for review.

Auditions are open to students from all grades.

*Check with Ms. Ledwell
if you have questions.*

College Guidance Meeting

Tuesday, September 11

7:00 p.m.

for seniors and their parents. Start the year off right by meeting with Mrs. Taylor to review the process of seeking out and applying to colleges.

Homework Roundtable for 7th graders and their parents

**Wednesday, September 26
at 7:00 p.m.**

Meet with seventh grade faculty and talk about homework – its purpose, requirements, the best location to do homework, what to do when you're stuck, and how parents can be supportive.

Pizza & Movie Night for grades 7 & 8

Friday, September 14

*Come enjoy a fun evening
with classmates, make new
friends, and simply relax!
And it's on the house.*

**5:00-7:00 p.m.
at Falmouth Academy**

FA Parents' Association meeting

Please join Parents' Association co-chairs Sandy O'Connor P'11 and Julie Allen P'09 for the first meeting of the year on Monday, October 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Buxton Library.

All parents are welcome. Bring your ideas, your calendars, and your enthusiasm!

New Parents' News

FALMOUTH ACADEMY PARENTS' HANDBOOK

– This handy guide, which will be available at Parents' Back-to-School Night on September 19, explains many of the ins and outs of life as an FA parent. It expands on items included in the New Parents' News and covers additional topics such as the dress code, after-school rules, Grandparents' Day, food, snow days, and more. Please keep it handy and refer to it as new questions or situations arise.

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF ABSENCE – Please

call the school to let us know that your child is ill. Every student needs to arrange for a **homework buddy** who will *automatically* collect handouts and assignments in the event of a child's absence from school. The office cannot collect such assignments or leave messages for a homework buddy. Students should call their teachers in the evening if they have questions about what they've missed.

A WORD ABOUT TELEPHONES – School phones are NOT available for students to use, so every child should come to school with a calling card or change for the pay phone in the foyer. Cell phones may ONLY be used in the office – not elsewhere in the building or on school grounds. Cell phones should remain in lockers during the day, turned off, please.

EMERGENCY MESSAGES – We will transmit EMERGENCY messages only to students.

The office staff is not able to take routine messages for students, so *please* confirm all logistical arrangements with your child before he or she comes to school in the morning.

ACADEMIC ADVISOR – This is the teacher who will be your contact for general questions about your child, or for questions you don't know whom to ask. Your child's advisor will meet with her or him on the first day of school, at the end of the day.

After that, advisors and students meet

regularly, when progress reports and report cards are released, and as needed at other times. Please don't hesitate to contact the advisor if you have general questions or concerns. For course-specific questions, please contact the teacher directly. (All faculty and staff phone numbers are listed in the FA Directory. See below.)

Each grade also has a *class advisor*, not to be confused with the student's individual advisor. The *class advisor* generally stays with the class from seventh grade through senior year, guiding the class through the landmarks and changes of those six years.

PHONE CALLS TO TEACHERS – YES, students are welcome and **encouraged** to call their teachers when they have a question. If that first call is a little daunting, it's nice for the parent to rehearse the question and stand by for moral support, but the student is the one who should call.

FALMOUTH ACADEMY DIRECTORY – This will be handed out at Back-to-School Night (see below). It lists not only all students and parents but also all faculty and staff. Be sure to pick up your copies (one for parents, one for students) along with the FA Parents' Handbook.

IMPORTANT EARLY FALL EVENTS – As the refrigerator calendar in this issue shows, you are invited to attend two important events early this fall. *Please post the calendar on your refrigerator!* It is your best notice of events, deadlines, and athletic schedules.

• *New Parents' Orientation*, Thursday, August 30, 8:30 a.m. Coffee and a discussion with FA faculty. **BRING YOUR QUESTIONS!**

• *Parents' Back-to-School Night*, Wednesday, September 19, at 6:45 p.m. – a chance to move through your child's schedule, meet the teachers, and get an introduction to all the courses.

ALL-SCHOOL TRIP – This

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WHOM TO CALL FOR WHAT 508-457-9696

Absences	Mrs. Garcia, x. 221
Academic questions:	
-general:	Dr. Bradley, x. 231
-specific to course:	the teacher
-personal:	your child's advisor
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event is organized by the Student Council to foster our strong sense of community. On Thursday, September 20, all students, faculty, and staff will head out to Marconi Beach in Eastham for a massive sand sculpture contest. It IS a school day. Details will be provided closer to the date as each team meets to plan its entry in the contest.

SPORTS – FA's coaches welcome any and all students to go out for our team sports (soccer in the fall, basketball in the winter, and lacrosse in the spring.) No experience is necessary, as we offer three levels of play for girls and for boys. Soccer practice begins for the boys' varsity team before school even starts (see the Refrigerator Calendar.) Playing sports is a great way to get to know people!

DANCES – Yes, all students are invited to attend FA dances, from seventh through twelfth graders. Dances are thoroughly chaperoned by FA teachers, lots of students go, and most of them actually dance! Dances usually run from 7:30 to 10:30, with admission of \$5. FA students may bring a single guest, as long as the guest is registered

with Mr. Swanbeck before the dance and agrees to abide by FA's rules for dances.

CLASS TRIPS – As the September calendar shows, several classes have field trips scheduled this month. Details will be provided by the class advisor, but don't hesitate to call the school or the advisor if you have particular questions. (Class advisors are so indicated in the FA Directory.)

OUT-OF-TOWN FAMILIES – From time to time, weather may interfere with a student's ability to get home (for instance, if the ferry to the Vineyard is cancelled.) Families who live outside of Falmouth might want to connect with a local Falmouth family as an emergency "foster home" for those rare occasions.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY – Coming soon! Please be sure we have your parents' addresses so we can send them an invitation to join us for lunch and to attend classes with their grandchildren. Last year, some 130 grandparents shared this day with us. Contact Mrs. Barbara Campbell in the Development Office if you're not sure whether we have your parents' address. Thank you!

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"Soccer Heaven at FA"

[On the occasion of a new FA soccer season and the celebration of the school's 30th anniversary, we thought these comments made by an alumnus at the 1997 FA Sports Banquet seemed especially appropriate.]

"At the Campbell School [FA's second campus located at the Massachusetts Military Reservation], grass was something we enjoyed for about the first three days of practice; from there on in, it was mud. Of course there was one dry part of the field, but that was true because that corner of the field had a nice slope to it. Home team advantage meant knowing which gopher holes were the biggest. Special strength building activities included climbing onto the flat roof to collect wayward balls after practice.

"In my 10th grade year, our 1 - 9 record was so discouraging that Coach Jim Mardulier bet us half of his rather impressive moustache that we could beat Belmont Hill. Unluckily for him, we pulled out one of our few wins that season.

"When we moved to the Falmouth

campus, the fields had just barely sprouted grass when we began pre-season practice. We spent one practice running around with handfuls of grass seed, but, of course, coming from where we had been, we were in soccer heaven. No more gophers, no more trekking across minefields to get to practice, no more high speed fly-bys disrupting play.

"FA athletics taught me that more and faster and louder is not necessarily better. That doing without 'the stuff' is a thousand times better than doing without the people. Athletics are about athletes, and this is something that FA has always understood."

-Ben Gregg '90

Tell us your special memory of Falmouth Academy. Contact Barbara Campbell, FA Alumni Director, at alumni@falmouthacademy.org. We'll share them in a future GAM.

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CUT YOURSELF A SLICE OF FA SOCCER HEAVEN AT THE FOURTH ANNUAL ALUMNI/STUDENT SOCCER GAME – RAIN OR SHINE, THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING, NOVEMBER 23 AT 1 PM. EVERYONE IS WELCOME – PLAYERS AND FANS!

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also welcomed a new baby into their family. Warren Deckers Bingle was born March 6, and joined big brother Will, 5, and sister Annie, 3. Eryn invites FA friends to stay in touch at eryn@silverlake.com



More baby congratulations to **Kim (Lewis '81)** and Paul Flynn. Ryan Patrick Lewis Flynn [at left, with Kim] was born February 28.

Tony Bowen '05 was one of 89 college students to be named a Next Generation Leader by American Humanics, Inc., an alliance of colleges, universities and non-profits dedicated to educating, preparing, and certifying professionals to lead nonprofit organizations. Tony has completed three internships as a student at William Jewel (he's entering his junior year this fall), working with the Cape Cod Foundation, the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, and Camp Quality USA. During the summer, Tony interned at the American Humanics national office and was a program and communications intern for the Francis Family Foundation. Way to go, Tony!

Congratulations to **Class of 2003** alumni on their college achievements: **Ciera Maffei** was named to the dean's list at Tufts University, where she is majoring in electrical engineering and biomedical engineering design. **Alex Buder** received a bachelor's degree in political science from George Washington University.

Cullen Dunn [right], the son of **Colleen (Bulman '93)** and Dan Dunn shows a lot of Falmouth Commodores spirit. Dad is general manager of the Cape Cod Baseball League team, which was in second place as of this writing.

Tristan Wickersham '04 was inducted into Lambda Pi Eta, the national communication honor society that recognizes, fosters, and rewards outstanding scholastic achievements in communication and promotes and encourages

professional development among communication majors. Tristan will begin his senior year at Denison University this fall.

Emily Denham '04 received the Linda Reeves Pettit Endowed Scholarship and the Chabern Fund Scholarship in English at St. Lawrence University. The senior English major was also inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa.

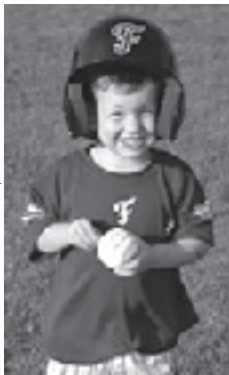
Alex Lloyd-Evans '07 was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor in Duxbury, MA, where his troop was based. For his project, Alex developed an index to "Tales of Old Plympton," his hometown. The Tales, which consist of 1,000 stories, provide the main historical records that document the town's long history. Plympton celebrated its 300th anniversary this year. Well done, indeed, Alex!

We received greetings from one of our Slovakian exchange students, **Peter Kurnat '06**, who has been accepted at the University of Bedfordshire in Luton (Greater London). He will major in international business studies. Peter said he keeps in touch with his FA classmates and noted, "My year spent at FA helped me enormously to achieve this. Thank you!"

Bryony Muñiz '02 and **Shannon McLaughlin '02** got together this summer during a visit home by Shannon, who is now living in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where she teaches in an alternative school for high school students. Bryony is also teaching, as a special education aide in the Eastham (MA) Elementary School. She began her Masters in Education studies at Lesley University in August.

We also heard from **Ocean (Rebecca Leighton) Celestino '91**, who is a senior at Bowling Green State University studying computer science. Having been on the Dean's List every semester and inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, Ocean received the Shanon Wise Marks Memorial Scholarship in computer science for 2007. She interned last summer with the Environmental Protection Agency and this summer with NASA at the Goddard

Space Flight Center, where she is learning a new language and creating software for the agency. Ω



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Jeremy Gantz '99 spent his summer in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, working as a reporter at *The Cambodian Daily*, the country's only daily English-language newspaper. He took a leave of absence from his journalism graduate program at Northwestern University and, when he emailed, was about to do some investigative reporting on snake harvesting for local crocodile farms. He is looking forward to resuming school this month, when he'll actually be in Washington, D.C. covering the exciting political scene via Northwestern's Medill School, which has a fully-working newsroom. In Chicago, he was able to see **Hanlon Smith-Dorsey '99** on stage (see below), and he also got together with **Steve Ritchey '99**, **Liam Stanton '00**, and **Emma Stanton '02**.

Hanlon Smith-Dorsey '99 is, in his own words, "acting my little heart out." He has been steadily employed at some non-equity theaters around Chicago since he graduated from DePaul's MFA program last June and he's having a lot of fun. He recently closed a production called *Crossing California*, an adaptation of a novel by Adam Langer about growing up Jewish in Chicago during the end of the 70's. Next up, Hanlon will appear at Timeline Theatre in *Paradise Lost* by Clifford Odets. The play runs through October 21. For tickets and

more information, check out the Web site:
www.timelinetheatre.com/paradise_lost

Sarah Swanbeck '03 is settled in California after graduating from Wellesley College. She is working as a research assistant for the Public Policy Institute of California in San Francisco, and is focussing on environmental and energy issues.

Best wishes to **Megan Munson '99** and Mark Boyer Jr. on the birth of their daughter, **Samantha Lilly [right]**, born June 22, 2007. Megan said, "Samantha is a wonderful addition to my life."



Congratulations to **Janos Zahajszky '94**, who finished his residency in psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital in June, and began his new position this summer as medical director of the Outpatient Psychiatry Clinic at California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco. He invites FA students, alumni, and faculty to contact him and say hello – especially if they're in the Bay area. You can reach him at:

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Eryn (Ament '91) and **Michael Bingle**

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