

FOUR RIVERS FLASH: September 8, 2017

Announcements:

- BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT FOR PARENTS (Wednesday, September 27 6:30) The school year is now fully underway! One of the things our students say they love most about Four Rivers is the warm and tight-knit community. In that spirit, we are inviting you to come to school to see what's happening in your student's classes, meet their teachers, meet one another, and get a sense of what the school year holds for the students here. It is a Four Rivers tradition for parents to bring a snack and leave it in the common room. The evening starts at 6:30 and ends by 8:30. At 5:45, parents of Seniors (and any Junior parents who want to get a head start) are invited to meet with Andy Stenson to learn about the college admissions process.
- LIFETOUCH SCHOOL PORTRAITS (Thursday 9/28): Order forms are available in the lobby of the Farmhouse or order online with the picture day ID: OB017108Q0 at mylifetouch.com
- FREE TRAININGS FOR TEENS: Lilly Lombard (parent of Magsy Lombard 11th grade) is co-teaching a free 3-hour training on Sunday October 15 for teens on effective climate change lobbying. The training has proven very powerful and previously trained teens spoke at the MA State house and nearly blew the roof off (standing ovation, tears, media coverage). They also had constituent meetings with state and US representatives, have spoken at town halls, and written letters to the editor. Another program specifically for teens Saturday October 7 - [Teen Empowerment](#). For more information on fall trainings (all free): [Sojourner Truth School for Social Change Leadership](#)
- ASHFIELD FILMFEST September 15 & 16: [click here for more information](#)
- [NOTES](#) FROM COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL/LOCAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
- ELECTRONICS RECYCLING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7: It's time again to clean out your basements, attics, and garages. Bring your old electronics, small appliances, or metal to the blue barn at the Four Rivers, 248 Colrain Road, this Saturday between 9-12. CRT monitors and TVs cost money to recycle so we'll weigh those and determine a cost by the pound. Otherwise, we ask for donations of \$5 per item, up to a max of \$30. Tell your friends and neighbors! Here are some items listed to inspire you: Monitors, Phones, Printers, Batteries, Speakers, Ballasts, Wire, Cell Phones, Lawn Mowers, Medical Equipment, White Goods, PC's, Copiers, Fax Machines, Scanners, Servers, Switches, Microwaves, Light Fixtures, Electrical Equipment, Laptops, Modems, Radios, Towers, Routers, Switch Gear, Refrigerators, Chargers, AC Units, All Appliances, Fire Alarm Equipment, Scrap Metals, Pipe, Battery Operated Tools, Filing Cabinets, Printed Circuit Boards, Metal Desks, Bicycles. Click [HERE](#) for a full list of acceptable items. See you Saturday!

A note about communicating with your child during the school day

In general we do not provide message or delivery service of forgotten belongings to students during the school day. This includes lunches, car keys, planners, homework, water bottles, and clothing and footwear for after school programs. Please remind your child in the morning that they should check at the School office if they forget something, including a lunch--especially if they have contacted you to deliver the items. If you have changed your carpool arrangements, please make sure the adult responsible for pick-up knows it is their responsibility to connect with your child. We do understand that sometimes emergencies happen--flat tires, cars won't start, health issues, a student needs to take the bus home--and in those cases we will make every effort to get the essential information to your child. However, in non-emergency situations we rely on students and families to be responsible for plans and belongings. Our school's policy on cell phone use during the school day -- just for students in the high school! -- allows you and your child to communicate directly. Requests for help in emergency situations should be directed to Carolyn Wood in the School office.

IMPORTANT CALENDAR NOTES (more details to come):

- Back to School Night for parents - 9/27
- LifeTouch Picture Day - 9/28
- Electronics Recycling Event - 10/7
- No early dismissal on 11/3
- Student Led Conferences - 11/8 and 11/9

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