

Stamford Agrisience

2022-2023



Beginning the School Year



I am **PRESENT**

I am **PROFESSIONAL**

I am **PROACTIVE**



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HIGH SCHOOL



Stamford Agriscience

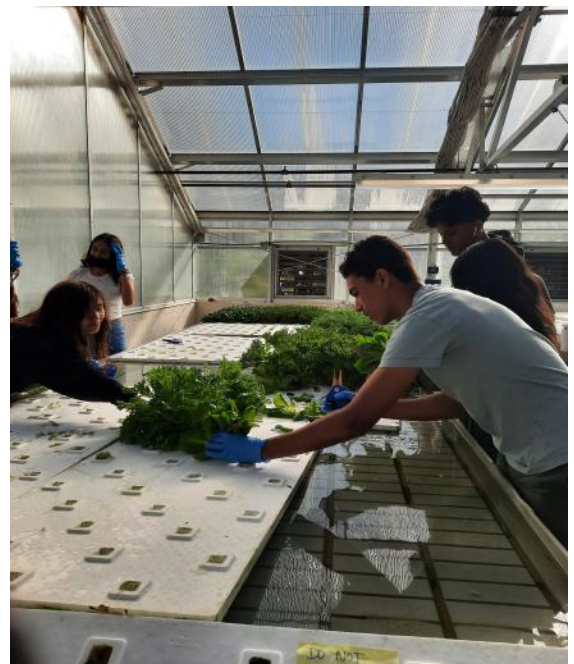


Dear Agriscience Parents and Guardians,

Please read this entire document
with your child.

These pages contain important
information on...

- Dates for mandatory events
- Work Experience Hours
- Participation in media events
- Other program policies and rules



Both you and your child need to sign a hard copy of the last page of this packet and
return it by **9/16/2022**



**Virginia
Cipolla**



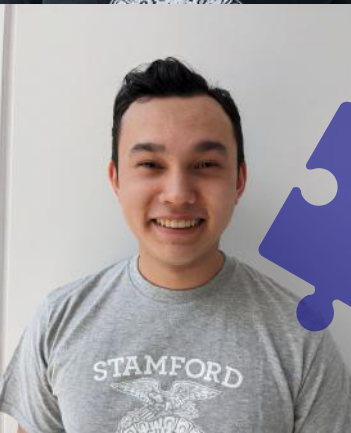
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The Stamford Agriscience Staff

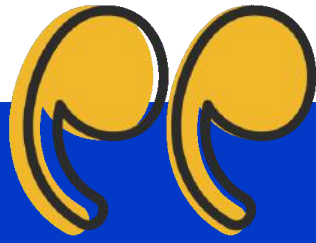
CLICK HERE
to learn more about
your instructors!

Our Vision

As learners in the Stamford Agriscience Program, we will possess 21st century skills, communication, positive attitude, and work ethic to develop our potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through hands-on and inquiry-based learning experiences.

Through agricultural pursuits and cultivating social and emotional competency, we will be citizens who are culturally aware, independent thinkers, actively build sustainable communities through collaboration, and are healthy in mind, body, and spirit.





what do the
letters FFA
Stand for?

-Everyone





The Official Name of the Organization is The National FFA Organization

The letters "FFA" used to stand for Future Farmers of America. These letters are a part of our history and our heritage that will never change. But FFA is not just for students who want to be production farmers; FFA also welcomes members who aspire to careers as teachers, doctors, scientists, business owners and more. For this reason, the name of the organization was updated in 1988 after a vote of national convention delegates to reflect the growing diversity and new opportunities in the industry of agriculture.

Today, the National FFA Organization remains committed to the individual student, providing a path to achievement in premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

FFA continues to help the next generation rise up to meet those challenges by helping its members to develop their own unique talents and explore their interests in a broad range of agricultural career pathways. So today, we are still the Future Farmers of America. But, we are the Future Biologists, Future Chemists, Future Veterinarians, Future Engineers and Future Entrepreneurs of America, too.

Required Participation in the Stamford Regional FFA Chapter



Please Read

! Agriscience Students earn a classroom grade for attending **mandatory FFA events and Activities**

! FFA Participation is worth **15% of the total classroom grade**

! In order to become an active FFA member, students must **pay a membership dues fee**

-\$30.00 dues fee- cash/check discount
-\$31.00 dues fee- credit card

*Students on free & reduced lunch will receive directions on how to waive their FFA membership dues fee waived.

Make Checks Payable to:

Westhill High School

ffa Dues

Remember to fill in the memo!

8/23/22
Chapter
Officer
Leadership
Training

Chapter meetings will be held one Thursday of every month and are typically run for an hour.

Need to miss a meeting? Students must submit an excused absence by the Tuesday before the chapter meeting. To submit an excused absence, please go to

<https://www.stamfordagriscience.com/ffa-meeting-events>

Stamford FFA Calendar of Events 2022 – 2023

All students are required to attend all chapter meetings from 2:15-3:00 as part of their FFA grade.
All EXCUSED absences require written documentation **2 days PRIOR** to the meeting and complete an alternative assignment to receive full credit.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date - Event</u>
<u>September</u>	1st - Freshman Social
	12th - Pie & Cookie Dough Fundraiser Begins
	22nd - Chapter Meeting
<u>October</u>	20th - Chapter Meeting
	21st - Pie & Cookie Dough Fundraiser Due
<u>November</u>	17th - Chapter Meeting
	17th - Pie & Cookie Dough Delivery
<u>December</u>	3rd - Holiday Shop
	8th - Chapter Meeting
	10th - Holiday Shop
<u>January</u>	19th - Chapter Meeting
<u>February</u>	16th - Chapter Meeting
	22nd, 23rd, 24th - Stamford FFA Week
<u>March</u>	16th - Chapter Meeting
<u>April</u>	20th - Chapter Meeting
<u>May</u>	6th - Spring Market
	13th - Spring Market
	18th - Chapter Meeting
	20th - Spring Market
<u>June</u>	TBD - Stamford FFA Banquet
	TBD - State Convention



Required Participation in Supervised Agricultural Experience (aka SAE)

Supervised Agricultural Experience, or SAE is a work experience where students can take the soft and technical skills they develop during classroom instruction and use them in a real world job experience. SAE allows students to explore careers, gain employment skills, practice goal-setting, and learn new technical skills.

With the help of the Ag Staff, Stamford Agriscience students are required to get an approved SAE, earn hours in their SAE outside of class time, and keep a record on their SAE in an online record keeping system. This participation in SAE is worth 15% of each students total classroom grade.

Hour Requirements by Grade

Freshmen: Signed SAE Agreement and 50 hours throughout the year.

Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors: Signed SAE Agreement and a total of 25 hours per quarter (100 total)

*****PLEASE NOTE:** SAE hours cannot be counted until a student has completed an SAE agreement that includes the student's signature, parent or guardian's signature, Agriscience teacher's signature, and if applicable, the employer/supervisor's signature. If a job requires approval from the Department of Labor (DOL), students may not begin working/counting hours until the job has been approved by the DOL. Need for DOL approval will be ascertained by the SAE Coordinator, Stacy Cascio.



Stamford Regional Agriscience and Technology Program
Beginning of Year Packet Signatures Page
 Stamford Public Schools-Stamford, CT

**PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION
IN MEDIA EVENT**

To Whom It May Concern:

I give my son/daughter/ward _____ (name), permission to be photographed, videotaped and/or interviewed as part of the media activity described below:

We would like to promote the Stamford Regional Agriscience and Technology Program at Westhill High School through, but not limited to, the following sources: Agriscience newsletter, Agriscience Social Media, Agriscience webpage, newspaper articles (in the communities we serve), television news, recruitment pamphlets, etc.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Please physically return this signed page by 9/16/22 to: Your child's Agriscience Teacher

Virginia Cipolla

Danielle Marenholz

Jonathan Russo

Tim Martin

****Please indicate in the line below if you do not give your student permission.****

By signing this form, I have read, understand and agree to the following forms:

You can access these forms by scanning the QR code to the right, or clicking on this link:

<https://www.stamfordagriscience.com/current-students>

- Stamford Agriscience Rules and Policies
- Required Participation in Stamford Regional FFA Chapter
- Required Participation in SAE



☐ I am enclosing cash or check with this Beginning of the Year Signatures Page.

-Please note, \$30.00 is the cash/check discount price.

☐ I would like to pay my child's FFA membership dues through Square. Please send an invoice to this email_____.

-Please note, dues paid by card will be \$31.00

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/ Guardian Signature

Date

Print Student Name

Student Signature

Date