



PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION



Dear A. Fantis Families,

We're not even ten days into the school year, and so much has already happened! From the excitement of the **first day of school** to cheering on the **NY Liberty at Barclays Center** (above), our community has jumped right back into action. With afterschool clubs starting this week, it finally feels like a "normal" school rhythm.

If you're feeling a little overwhelmed, you are not alone! This Friday's Welcome Back Social is the perfect chance to unwind, connect, and recharge together.

There are always opportunities to get involved, whether by lending a hand at events or sharing your ideas and [talents](#). You can stay up to date through the [School Calendar](#) and the [PTO Linktree](#).

If you have questions or ideas, you can connect with us at any time at pto@afantis.org

Warmly,

Your PTO Board

📅 Save the Dates 📅

- Thu, Sept 18:** G3-8 at Saint Nicholas for His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew - [G3-8 Full Dress Code](#)
 - Fri, Sept 19:** Welcome Back Social, 6pm-8pm
 - Mon-Fri, Sept 22-26:** Core Values Week
 - Tue, Sept 23:** Picture Day - [K-8 Full Dress Code](#)
 - Wed, Sept 24:** School Closed for PK3, K-8
 - Sat, Sept 27:** [Community Picnic](#) in Prospect Park
 - Tue, Sept 30:** [Pastries with Parents](#) for K-4, 7:45am-8:30am
 - Wed-Fri, Oct 1-3:** G5-8 Frost Valley Trip
 - Wed, Oct 1:** First PTO meeting of the year, 8:30pm via Zoom
 - Mon, Oct 6:** World Teacher's Day - more info to come
 - Mon, Oct 13:** School Closed for PK3-G8
 - Thu, Oct 16:** [Pastries with Parents](#) for G5-8, 7:45am-8:30am
 - Fri, Oct 17:** Fantis Founders Day - Dress Down - Fantis Colors
 - Tue, Oct 21:** Early Dismissal
 - Thu, Oct 23:** G3-8 Oxi Day Performance, 5:30PM
 - Sat, Oct 25:** Cathedral Pumpkin Patch
 - Fri, Oct 31:** Halloween
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Last Call For New Spirit Gear

There are only a few days left to snag your **limited-edition A. Fantis spirit gear!** Sales close this Friday (Sept 19th). The cute styles fit toddlers, kids, and adults, so the whole family can show their community pride. All orders include free shipping and will be sent home in backpacks. Perfect for showing school pride and approved for gym days too. Don't miss out on these fresh designs!

[**Shop the New Spirit Gear Here**](#)

Welcome Back Social This Friday

This Friday's Welcome Back Social is shaping up to be one for the books! With what looks like a record number of RSVPs, it's set to be one of the biggest community events of the year. We'll have food, fun, and [50/50 raffle tickets](#) (you don't have to be present to win!). Plus childcare provided for all students, so parents can relax and actually finish a conversation or two. While RSVPs are now closed, there will be plenty of other events this year. The Social is **this Friday (Sept 19th), from 6-8pm at the Cathedral Courtyard.**

Want to lend a hand? We'd love you for it! [**Sign up to volunteer here**](#)

Core Values T-Shirt Contest

Next week is Core Values Week at A. Fantis. To celebrate how our students embody the school's [seven core values](#) each day, the PTO is teaming up with our wonderful art teacher, **Ms. Cait**, for a special [T-shirt design contest](#) for grades 3-8. Students are invited to create designs that bring these values to life. **Participation is optional**, and students are welcome to work on their designs at home. The winning design will be announced during morning announcements **on Friday, Sept 26**.

Contest guidelines:

- Design must include all 7 core values
- Limit design to 1–2 colors (easy for printing)
- Front-of-shirt only, size 9x12"
- Paper or digital submissions accepted
- Designs due to Ms. Cait by Sept. 25

The winning T-shirt will be printed and sold as a fundraiser, giving the whole Fantis community a chance to wear our values with pride.

Konstantinos Argiros Concert – Tickets on Sale!

The PTO is excited to partner with the Cathedral to offer our community an unforgettable evening at the **Konstantinos Argiros concert on Saturday, Nov 22 at Barclays Center (8pm)**. A limited number of Section 214 tickets is available for just **\$50 each**, and proceeds will directly benefit the PTO's support of Cathedral initiatives. With only 50 tickets up for grabs, they're expected to sell out quickly!

[**Purchase your tickets here**](#)



New Look, Same Fantis Spirit

Fantis classrooms are looking better than ever! Thanks to recent renovations, our learning spaces have been refreshed to accommodate the growing number of students and to create a welcoming, modern environment where they can thrive. Parents checked out the improvements during Curriculum Night. The PTO is proud to have contributed to these upgrades, an investment in both our students' education and our school community.

Support Fantis with RaiseRight

We're excited to launch fundraising with **RaiseRight**, where every gift card you buy turns everyday purchases such as gas, groceries, coffee, and dining into earnings for our school. It's simple to set up: create an account at RaiseRight.com/Enroll, enter the **enrollment code 6KPJTVYVYN9X** to connect your account to A.Fantis, and download the RaiseRight app. Then shop, pay with gift cards, and watch your purchases give back to A. Fantis. You can invite friends and family to join too!

More Ways to Shop, Save & Support Fantis

Did you know you can **save money and support A. Fantis at the same time?** Our yearlong fundraisers make it easy: shop exclusive discounts, and a portion of every purchase goes right back to our school programs.

- **Mabel's Labels:** Durable name labels for gear and clothes. Search our school at www.mabelslabels.com and save on replacing lost items.
- **Minted:** From cards to gifts, enjoy 20% off with code FUNDRAISEAFANTIS while Fantis earns 10% back! Shop at www.minted.com.
- **Squadlocker:** Show off your school pride. Our [Squadlocker](#) Spirit gear is always available, and every order helps fund PTO initiatives.
- **Shoott:** Use [our special link](#) for your photo session, and a portion comes right back to A. Fantis.

In Case You Missed It



1st Day of School Stravaganza - The first drop-off of the year felt more like a celebration than a school morning. Bubbles, hopscotch, giant pencils, music, and plenty of hugs set the tone for a joyful start. Even our Falcon mascot made an appearance, thanks to 7th grader George Nowicki! A huge thank-you to Casita Brooklyn, owned by a Fantis alum, for fueling us with coffee and iced tea. With so many smiles and so much energy, the year couldn't have started in a better way.



Fantis at NY Liberty - What a night! On September 9th, 126 Fantis students, teachers, alumni, parents, and friends brought sky-high energy to Barclays as the NY Liberty clinched a win in their last home game before the playoffs. Our kids got VIP treatment in the high-five tunnels, saw themselves on the jumbotron, and left with memories they won't forget. Check the [official video here](#).



Curriculum Night - Last Thursday (Sept 11), the auditorium buzzed with energy as parents mingled and connected to each other, to teachers and staff, while enjoying wine & cheese provided by PTO. It was wonderful to see such a strong turnout and enthusiasm for the year ahead.



Pastries with Parents - Earlier today (Sep 16), we had our first **Pastries with Parents** for PreK families, and it was a sweet success! Students headed to class while parents gathered in the Church Hall for coffee, sweets, conversation, and community. A special thank-you goes out to our wonderful volunteers who were ready bright and early to make the morning possible. We're excited to keep the tradition going with two more gatherings: **Tuesday, Sept**

30 for K–4 and Thursday, Oct 16 for 5–8, always at 7:45-8:30am. We hope to see you there for another chance to connect with teachers and fellow Fantis families. Please [sign up to volunteer](#).
