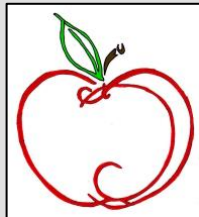


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What's Happening?

*We need you to help promote the outstanding work that FFT members do every day!*

Submit stories or even a brief description that we can feature:

- Daily classroom activities/lessons
- Field trips
- Clubs or Sports
- Special events
- Special guests

Please send information and photos to Kathleen Gaghan at the FFT OFFICE [fft2ndvp@gmail.com](mailto:fft2ndvp@gmail.com) or give to a building representative.

**DON'T FORGET!**

Submit all paperwork for February salary advancement ASAP.

Anyone THINKING of RETIRING should speak to Mary Rogers in Personnel to see if you are eligible for any enhanced benefit.

FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup> is an important filing deadline!



**SAVE the DATE!**

**FFT Night**

**with the**

**NY ISLANDERS**

**April 11, 2024**

Discounted tickets are still available.

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Farmingdalefederation2>



**Winter Happy Hour**

Hosted by the FFT

Friday, March 8, 2024

Location: The Villager



## **NYSUT ONLINE Defensive Driving Discounted Course**

Through the NYSUT Member Benefits Corporation-endorsed Defensive Driving Program, NYSUT members licensed in New York State can take an online course at the members-only price of \$21.95 per person—a 27% savings over the regular course fee!

If you are the principal operator of a vehicle, you will receive a minimum 10% reduction in the base rate of your auto liability and collision insurance premiums each year for three years.

You can take the course as often as you wish, but only once every three years for insurance reduction benefits and every 18 months for point reduction.

### **2 Easy Ways to Learn More:**

1. Before you can participate online and receive the special discounted pricing, you must have the unique NYSUT Member Benefits Access Code. To retrieve this code, [log in to the Member Center](#).
2. You can also call Member Benefits at **800-626-8101** weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST) to get the NYSUT Member Benefits Access Code.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

On 12/18/23, the U.S. Department of Education announced the extension of the deadline to consolidate federal student loans to receive the full benefit of the current IDR Adjustment from 12/31/23 to 4/30/24.

By consolidating before the 4/30/24 deadline, your new consolidation loan will be credited with the payment count of the loan that you included with the highest number of payments.

### **FFT Winter Apparel Online Store**

<https://farmingdaleteachers24.itemorder.com/shop/product/37597796/>

Order online by  
Sunday, January 28, 2024.

