**Updates from John Lewis High School’s Student Services Department**

Week of November 22, 2021

**Calendar Dates:**

**November 24-26** - Thanksgiving Holiday Break

**November 30** - Fairfax County Youth Survey for 10th and 12th Grade Students

**December 3** - Final Day to submit schedule change requests

**December 6** - SOS Program for 11th Grade Students

**December 8 -** SOS Program make-ups

**December 20-31:** Winter Break

**Announcements & Information**



## 1st Quarter Honor Roll

## We are pleased to announce we had more than 600 students made the All A or All AB honor roll for the first quarter! To celebrate our students, we will invite them to a small reception during breakfast or lunch time, and each will receive a certificate (mid-December). We are looking forward to celebrating this accomplishment with them! Way to go, Lancers!

## Fairfax County Youth Survey

The Fairfax County School Board and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors work together to administer the [Fairfax County Youth Survey](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTExMTUuNDg4OTQxNjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mYWlyZmF4Y291bnR5Lmdvdi9oZWFsdGgtaHVtYW5zZXJ2aWNlcy9mYWlyZmF4LWNvdW50eS15b3V0aC1zdXJ2ZXkvP3V0bV9jb250ZW50PSZ1dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9uYW1lPSZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5JnV0bV90ZXJtPSJ9.ZcrL8HnrOlxNYjo0d3rAi3YrcEfo5Ts5317qzpNvpOM/s/568466388/br/121009972608-l). The survey is given to all students in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12 each fall. It provides a wealth of information about a variety of topics related to our youth that influence their physical and mental well-being.

On November 30th, students who are currently in 10th and 12th grade will take the survey online and will need to have laptops charged and ready to go!

Please direct any questions about the survey to Matt Macdonald at mwmacdonald@fcps.edu

**Student Schedule Changes – last call!**

Students have been able to request schedule changes, if they had done all they could, to be successful in the course from mid-October until now. The final day to submit a schedule change packet will be Friday, December 3rd, 2021.

**SOS (Signs of Suicide) Program – Monday, December 6**

As all students have experienced many changes over the last 18 months, Lewis HS staff want to ensure that each student is doing well and knows the resources available to them. During SOS, advisory teachers will present a brief lesson that teaches students what to do if they are concerned about their own mental health or a friend’s. After the lesson, each student will take a brief assessment; counselors and clinicians will follow up with those at highest risk. In October, we screened our 9th grade students and now it is time to work with our 11th graders. As always, if there is anything we can do to help your students, please reach out to a trusted adult at school (counselor, teacher, administrator, coach, etc.) and we will partner with you to help them.

**Student Attendance Message**

We recognize that holidays are an important time for reconnecting with families far away and many families travel during this time. Every year, school absences spike in the weeks before and after the holiday season as families squeeze in a few more vacation days. Please keep in mind there are costs associated with your children’s education and stress levels when they miss school. Our teachers will be teaching, and our students will be learning, right up until vacation starts and the first day back. Makeup work cannot replace being in the classroom. We encourage all students to be in school when school is open and for families to make plans around school closures. We appreciate your support and your partnership.

HOLIDAY DATES

Thanksgiving Holiday is 11/24/21-11/26/21

Winter Break is 12/20/21-12/31/21

## FCPS Weekly Progress Reports

All parents/guardians of Middle School and High School students who have registered for a SIS ParentVUE Account and have a primary email address recorded in SIS ParentVUE can receive Weekly Progress Reports via email. This report provides a summary of your student(s) grades for the current quarter.

To activate the Weekly Progress Reports via email:

1. Login to your SIS [ParentVUE Account](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDgsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTExMTUuNDg4OTA1ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3Npc3BhcmVudC5mY3BzLmVkdS9QVlVFL1BYUDJfTG9naW5fUGFyZW50X09WUi5hc3B4P3JlZ2VuZXJhdGVTZXNzaW9uSWQ9VHJ1ZSZ1dG1fY29udGVudD0mdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fbmFtZT0mdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeSZ1dG1fdGVybT0ifQ.Jp5KE0bcnTMmsEpv3Dhj86N4uPfBeRn5Z4d2rtJpA_c/s/568466388/br/121005151242-l)
2. Verify that you have a primary email address within the system. It is listed under the “My Account” tab.

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 3. If it is blank, enter the email address where you would like to receive the progress reports and click on update account.



 4. Once confirmed, parents/guardians are able to activate and select their preferences for receiving these reports within the SIS ParentVUE “My Account” tab.



FCPS Elementary Schools do not use the SIS grade book and therefore are not included in these reports.

For questions about a specific progress report or grade you can login into your SIS ParentVUE Account to find detailed grade book information. Additionally, *your student’s teacher is always the best resource to answer any grade book questions that you may have.*

Weekly Progress Report Parent Quick Reference Guide: [https://www.fcps.edu/node/32446](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDksInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTExMTUuNDg4OTA1ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mY3BzLmVkdS9ub2RlLzMyNDQ2P3V0bV9jb250ZW50PSZ1dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9uYW1lPSZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5JnV0bV90ZXJtPSJ9.4GjHpWrYLw35KO4NISJXmobtAnOMxzlqzD4BRTNQpW4/s/568466388/br/121005151242-l)

Please refer to this FCPS link for more information: [https://www.fcps.edu/resources/technology/student-information-system-sis-fcps/sis-parent-account-overview](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTExMTUuNDg4OTA1ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mY3BzLmVkdS9yZXNvdXJjZXMvdGVjaG5vbG9neS9zdHVkZW50LWluZm9ybWF0aW9uLXN5c3RlbS1zaXMtZmNwcy9zaXMtcGFyZW50LWFjY291bnQtb3ZlcnZpZXc_dXRtX2NvbnRlbnQ9JnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX25hbWU9JnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkmdXRtX3Rlcm09In0.elXmqFYQn5McJ9Sty6cDai29_3ijhp-ErILSvD36Pac/s/568466388/br/121005151242-l)

**College & Career Center**

**Scholarship 101 on December 11, 2021.**This virtual event presented by College Access Fairfax, is primarily for seniors and parents of seniors (it will be repeated in the spring for underclassmen). Learn about how to apply for scholarships, including tips on applications, websites, and other sources of scholarship information. Prior registration is not required.

Zoom link to the presentation: <https://myfcpsk12.zoom.us/j/93263391710>

Scholarships for senior athletes.The Virginia Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (VIAAA) awards **three** annual scholarships, can be found:<https://viaaa.org/about-us/scholarship> Deadline, Nov. 29, 2021.

**Claudia Dodson Scholarship**

**John C. Youngblood Scholarship**

**Past President’s Scholarship**

The Washington Korean Women’s Society (WKWS) would like to award five (5) $2,000 scholarships to Fairfax County Public School High Schoolers (10-12th graders) who are living with single parents. Open to a student of any ethnicity. This is a one-time award. Deadline has been extended to Dec. 5th. Scholarship can be found on Naviance Student.

HOBY for 10th graders: The Hugh O'Brian (HOBY) Leadership Seminar is designed to help high school sophomores to recognize their leadership talents and apply them to become effective, ethical leaders in their home, school, workplace and community. Submit a copy of your resume/activity document. Please make sure to note your leadership experience in your resume. Submit a short essay (75-100 words) that describes the most rewarding and challenging aspect of being a leader in your school and community. Submit a word document to Mrs. Shaw: cmmcilnaysha@fcps.edu by Nov. 29.

FAFSA help for seniors from our Financial Aid Champion, Mrs. Rowsey, every Tuesday during all lunch periods in the College & Career Center. Her email: khrowsey@fcps.edu

**Resources for Students & Families**

 **VIRTUAL RESOURCES for PARENTS:**

· Assistance from a Distance: Accessing CSB Services

· CSB virtual support group for family members and concerned others of individuals with substance use issues who are receiving CSB services, Mondays from 6:30-7:30

· Children’s Regional Crisis Response (CR2) – this is the crisis response program for which parents can call whenever their child is actively in crisis at home. A case worker will talk with the youth and family by phone and then determine next steps (i.e. hospital, virtual assistance, in-person assistance) on the spot.

· Parent Support Line: 703-324-7720 or BuildingStrongerFamilies@fairfaxcounty.gov. From Fairfax County Department of Family Services. A great resource for parents and caregivers of children. Staff can help with parenting advice, support, and tips to help navigate emotional and relational parenting issues. Language support is available. The support line is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

· Fairfax County Department of Family Services is offering a weekly Parent Café, each Monday evening from 7:30-8:30. Parents can connect with each other to process through and share different strategies. To participate, you’ll need to register at least 24 hours ahead of time at (703) 324-7720 or buildingstrongerfamilies@fairfaxcounty.gov.