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

Week of January 18, 2022

**Calendar Dates:**

**January 20** - FCPS 2-hour Early Release & End of Quarter 2

**January 21** - Teacher Work Day (No School for Students)

**January 24** - Professional Development Day (No School for Students)

**January 25** - Beginning of Quarter 3

**January 20** - Edison Academy Open House Event (virtual)

**January 26** - West Potomac Academy Open House Event (virtual)

**February 7-11** - National School Counselor Appreciation Week

**Announcements & Information**

**Academic Advising and Course Selection for 2022-2023**

It is now time for students to begin thinking about their courses for next year! Students will meet with their school counselors in small groups as well as individually to review their academic options and register for classes. It is important that students choose a course load that will challenge them, prepare them for post-secondary life, and be balanced (considering school and home commitments). Academic Advising will begin in January and end in March.

All students should review our Academic Advising Website, paying particular attention to what is below: <https://lewishs.fcps.edu/student-services/academic-advising>

* Download the Course Selection Sheet (which lists all courses available)
* Review the course descriptions in the Course Catalog
* Current 10th and 11th graders: Review the NOVA/Dual Enrollment, Academy, and Other Opportunities section of the website
* Talk with parents and teachers about next year’s classes
* Be ready for the 1:1 appointment with your school counselor by having a completed course selection sheet ready (along with any questions you have for your counselor)

Upcoming Important Dates:

* (January 11: Electives Fair during Advisory (virtual-students will watch FlipGrid videos from our teachers))
* mid-January: Curriculum Night - virtual/asynchronous. Based on the rise in COVID and our safety precautions, our Curriculum Night has shifted to a virtual format this year. Once the presentation is complete, it will be sent out via News You Choose to our community, as well as posted on our website, so that you can learn about diploma options, graduation requirements and specialty programs. As well, you will learn about our course offerings. This presentation is especially important for our Rising 9th graders and New students. We encourage parents and students to browse the presentation together.
* January 26: **West Potomac Academy** is holding their **Open House** to learn about their classes, including Health Sciences, Criminal Justice, TV/Media Production, Social Media Marketing, Hip Hop Dance, and more. To attend this 6:00-7:30pm event, complete this registration form: <https://forms.gle/yA4S71Zc8uhAS6H59> . For questions, contact Academy Counselor, Nora Covert, at nkcovert@fcps.edu.
* January 29:  **Edison Academy** invites you to attend our **Open House** event on Saturday, January 29, 2022, from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Depending on conditions, you will have the opportunity to tour our state-of-the-art facilities in person or virtually, meet our instructors and current students, and learn more about our incredible courses! Please feel free to contact Cassandra Deedy at (703) 924-8101 or cjdeedy@fcps.edu if you need any additional information. We look forward to meeting you on January 29.

Important Note:

* There may be a delay from counselors responding to emails or calls during Academic Advising, as counselors are working with students all day. We thank you for your patience!

**Grades, Grades, Grades!**

**Quarter 2 ends on January 20!**  Please review grades in each class, complete all work, and push hard to the finish! Semester grades are particularly important for our seniors who will be going to colleges and universities next year. Study hard, Lancers, you can do it!

**January 20 - 2-hour Early Release**

January 20th will be a 2-hour early release bell schedule. Students will attend periods 2-8-6 (No Advisory). Students in Academy will receive instructions separately from the Academy counselors and from Mrs. Hudson, DSS, on what they need to do if they will miss a class.

**Welcome, Ms. Cook, Transcript Assistant!**

We are excited to announce our newest Student Services Department Team Member, Ms. Jamie Cook. Ms. Cook’s office is in the Student Services Department, Room 43. She has been an elementary educator as well as a substitute in all grade levels. Ms. Cook is excited to meet our students and support them as they transition into college students!

Ms. Cook will process transcript requests for our students (transcripts are required to apply to colleges). Here are the steps to take if you need a transcript:

* Students fill out and return the Consent For Release Form and Senior Packet. (The Consent For Release needs to be signed by a parent if the student is under 18). Both forms are available in Student Services and can also be found at the following website: (<https://lewishs.fcps.edu/student-services/transcripts>).
* Once these forms are complete they can be returned to Ms. Cook for processing.

**College & Career Center**

**Apple Federal Credit Union Scholarships:** $3,000 25 scholarships available. Must be a member of Apple FCU. Have earned a GPA of 2.5 or higher. **Deadline, March 15, 2022.**<https://www.applefcu.org/Appleweb/AppleScholarships>

**NOVA** application help for seniors on **January 27, 2022** in the College & Career Center from 11:20-1:20.

**FAFSA** help for seniors from our Financial Aid Champion, Mrs. Rowsey, has now gone virtual for the month of January. Please make an appointment with her at: khrowsey@fcps.edu

**Summer 2022 Opportunities**

## Children's Science Center Offers Two Internship Programs- Applications Now Available (HS)

**STEM Youth Development Internship, Spring 2022** The STEM Youth Development Internship is available to high school students ages 16+ who have a passion for STEM learning. They will be able to develop and practice professional skills at the Children's Science Center Lab while engaging in various hands-on activities. Applications are due by 5:00 pm on January 24, 2022. [https://form.jotform.com/213445454775058](https://secure-web.cisco.com/1jf44jvQGfP70KfhgaAploD456RLGwfbdp9AmWKUTk2XZsAhMIUMWM8ObTSwMbW2xYp_dAIl8DI2qHYC6CmVCjWoo1wOc94oaPwh9dtgp_VeQPHwGc3LSFba1WtGOU2Rc0qZ5IWkL9xIr3zHzrRF90Xo1xaV-QmNx7wSI3kHC_Yl5n8Lyy1cBtRrjTLGXoeVZ-sxl_aGDQrOflYWAM2_WiIIh0CfCQF4HRt9AUIYQ5uaLB5423S5rcb-5FcylQFx7vK32Ocr4cGVIP7uS6n4LH0Baf85slvUF6oX8Hlc-OcYV8qZs5pMS6Av2U04kYVL4uf-qVBRfdqzlllK2oDgyLrwH0uYA3UtBJ47eHqbl5t5Vs0dQx4jvzkKfAkZQCZaJAS14-FFu7DMXaX6TvhRVrYiKJWMg_pKf9HSvxz9WsbLCVeMZrQe99NV0dtwW5AgzneNSGb3HBVCWReH3fVVftA/https%3A//form.jotform.com/213445454775058?utm_campaign+=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

**Commonwealth Cyber Initiative (CCI) Internship, Summer 2022** The Commonwealth Cyber Initiative (CCI) Internship is available to rising high school seniors and rising first year college/university students who are 17+ and interested in learning more about exploring cyber security as a possible career option. Applications are due by 5:00 pm on February 15, 2022. [https://form.jotform.com/213435926744057](https://secure-web.cisco.com/1beMMEO0OqTlKt_h04RDXiCIXblqO6k_qfKKsZsUnzk_5cehs01agZejARPpl9t5OYL6F8bMlw-v-s13o1T8BeYB4x1SIphNbcnhHB1M9_EHQmtj0GpBiCMposAFSbzQO8bVa9OrU0luPxtCEd22msJE5R27GAZ21MpLg1UfBV45tbIgzUkvxodc9W6nWuPx467mUSpkDsFI_6hQYg5IOHpz_hQ8FFW-dYhSsHCMf4bcrRW8BpSPI-wx5SkfGAfeo_VrDrSNvmuhsE2OaNcqCiYektKgo5PpTAHH5DPtm9Aj6MeQYYKvKwZaTIe6ETvzmgUMuYLejJLYwRbpXs0jQkOCQPvSUmXBT1c6QpPoGR-hWHKsdTbjgpRpc9E_DGRJqV15-61cIGvyaaNcLdcKnVCDpj4RyWXwVZ2mSL7qGH9CPR6eKG_cfQzx-mHZKIxJl8VmEBvfheEFItVNMOQwVug/https%3A//form.jotform.com/213435926744057?utm_campaign+=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

## 2022 CTE Summer Enrichment Camps (ES, MS, HS) We are excited to provide the following information about our 2022 CTE summer enrichment camps! The FCPS Career and Technical Education (CTE) office is once again offering two enrichment programs this year - Tech Adventure Camp and CTE Summer Academy. Registration for both camps will begin January 31st. Our websites are updated regularly with more information. We look forward to creating, exploring, and learning with your students this summer! [2022 CTE Summer Enrichment Camps](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjAxMTQuNTE4MTQzMTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2RvY3MuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS9kb2N1bWVudC9kLzFKOWNNSEFVNTdocnVoeVZLNVR1OHFGdkx3ajVQRHlPR241WHlBdGo1d1JzL2VkaXQ_dXNwPXNoYXJpbmcmdXRtX2NhbXBhaWduKz0mdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5In0.ppecOvWzfkMcleNw2UvVZQVbDEVutonC-4FvwsD996c/s/568466388/br/125000137718-l)

**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.

## A Message from FCPS - Be Prepared for Possible Snow Later This Week

***We are monitoring the possibility of inclement weather this week, including the potential for snow Thursday morning. Please ensure students take home their devices Wednesday afternoon and prepare for the possibility of virtual learning the next day. Staff who have been issued technology should also take devices and accessories home and prepare for potential virtual learning/telework on Thursday. Decisions on school operations and schedules will be communicated through our standard channels.***

For more information visit the following webpages:

* [Preparing for inclement weather virtual learning days](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjAxMTguNTE5ODg3NjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mY3BzLmVkdS9ibG9nL3Nub3ctZm9yZWNhc3QtaG93LXByZXBhcmUtaW5jbGVtZW50LXdlYXRoZXItdmlydHVhbC1sZWFybmluZy1kYXk_dXRtX2NhbXBhaWduKz0mdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5In0.PCoA-lOxdQ8gVABh-w3dpebWFIVtOYjPB3xkYei0NDA/s/568466388/br/125272400511-l).
* [How FCPS makes weather cancellation decisions](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjAxMTguNTE5ODg3NjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mY3BzLmVkdS9yZXNvdXJjZXMvc2FmZXR5LWFuZC10cmFuc3BvcnRhdGlvbi93ZWF0aGVyLWNhbmNlbGxhdGlvbi1wcm9jZWR1cmVzP3V0bV9jYW1wYWlnbis9JnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeSJ9.Uzm81Gg8puFGIyZpdgqxlNu2BFehBoslUgFxWmBxf9Y/s/568466388/br/125272400511-l).
* [Updates to the inclement weather policy announced in October](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjAxMTguNTE5ODg3NjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mY3BzLmVkdS9uZXdzL3Nub3ctZGF5cy13aWxsLXN0YXktMjAyMS0yMj91dG1fY2FtcGFpZ24rPSZ1dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkifQ.uCZvhPbfNXOxuCHA6LVHPBRbmnr3et3EpUEHCXAfFiU/s/568466388/br/125272400511-l).

Last week, we [reminded everyone](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjAxMTguNTE5ODg3NjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mY3BzLmVkdS9ibG9nL3Nub3ctZm9yZWNhc3QtaG93LXByZXBhcmUtaW5jbGVtZW50LXdlYXRoZXItdmlydHVhbC1sZWFybmluZy1kYXk_dXRtX2NhbXBhaWduKz0mdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5In0.tvO7WGZKQiOsJJymnLomy9i3lwF9Xdki7rRJoLfP-kU/s/568466388/br/125272400511-l) that the inclement weather policy [announced in October](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDYsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjAxMTguNTE5ODg3NjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mY3BzLmVkdS9uZXdzL3Nub3ctZGF5cy13aWxsLXN0YXktMjAyMS0yMj91dG1fY2FtcGFpZ24rPSZ1dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkifQ.R_bVFGFvMIUW8rIm4-8nnGsBSKDLXfFhn3ZuaSzEvJw/s/568466388/br/125272400511-l) calls for inclement weather virtual learning days after our first five traditional snow days.

As we have seen throughout the pandemic, in person instruction is best for our students. If that is not possible, we strive for synchronous instruction to ensure that our children are getting support and direct instruction from teachers.

We understand that this means that staff will have to balance the expectations of work and their responsibilities at home on these days, which we do not anticipate to be a significant number each school year. We have also provided a delayed start time to assist instructional staff in making arrangements for their children and to properly prepare for the day’s learning.

We do not expect perfection on inclement weather virtual learning days. We do not expect that new instruction is taught on inclement weather virtual learning days. Some teachers have found these days can be useful for reviewing and revisiting past concepts that need reinforcement.

Virtual learning inclement weather days are new for FCPS and we will continue to take your feedback seriously as we discuss how to keep our students learning while taking into account the challenges of implementation.