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

Week of December 5, 2022

**Calendar**

**December 13:** Flipped Schedule at Lewis HS (periods 2-**8**-6-**4**)

**December 19-Jan 2:** Winter Holiday, No School for Students/Staff

**January 5:** Curriculum Night for Parents/Guardians at 6pm in the Auditorium

**January 13:** Electives Fair during Advisory

**January 16**: Holiday, No School for Students or Staff (MLK, Jr. Birthday)

**January 17-25:**  Academic Advising for Rising Seniors

**January 25:** 2-hour Early Release & **End of Quarter**

**January 26-27:** Student Holidays (Staff Work Days)

**February 1-10:** Academic Advising for Rising Juniors

**February 13-24:** Academic Advising for Rising Sophomores

**February 20:** Student & Staff Holiday (President’s Day)

**Announcements & Information**

**World Cup Event at Lewis HS**

To support student wellness and interest, our Student Government Association is hosting a World Cup event on **December 13 during Advisory.** We will change our bell period order for this day so that Advisory is last (order: 2-**8**-6-**4**). **Academy students will attend their Academy classes as normally scheduled/at the regular time and ignore this change in schedule.**

**Winter Break**

As a reminder, winter break will be held **December 19** **to** **January 2**. To help make sure you and your children have a restful break, we have asked that no homework be assigned during this time. Teachers may assign long-range assignments in the weeks ahead of the break, allowing students to practice time management skills, but no assignments will be due immediately following the break. We look forward to welcoming students back in the new year. Classes resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. [See the complete 2022-23 school year calendar](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjExMjguNjczMjMzNjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mY3BzLmVkdS9jYWxlbmRhcnMvc3RhbmRhcmQtc2Nob29sLXllYXItY2FsZW5kYXI_dXRtX2NvbnRlbnQ9JnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX25hbWU9JnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkmdXRtX3Rlcm09In0.fitKUQ9C_4t2clzb7eF5dVyUQBbUh1SsL1F1V2HghRQ/s/568466388/br/149040738906-l).

**Curriculum Night for Parents/Guardians**

Please join our Student Services Team, Department Chairs, and Administration on **January 5 at 6:00pm** to hear about our course offerings, graduation requirements, elective options, academy opportunities and more. This session will help you work with your student to create their 2023-2024 school year class schedule.

**Academic Advising**

It is now time for students to begin planning their 2023-2024 class schedules. School counselors will meet with students individually in January and February to discuss student preferences, advise on graduation requirements, and help students determine the best academic schedule for them. Current Juniors will meet with their school counselors from January 17-24 through their English classes; sophomores will meet from February 1-10 through their Social Studies classes; freshmen will meet February 13-24 through their Health & PE classes. To view our Course Catalog, go to our website→Student Services→Academic Advising→Current Students Course Catalog.

**Snow Days**

FCPS’ inclement weather procedures will remain the same as last year. **The first five inclement weather days will be traditional “snow days” with no school activities**. After those five days, we will use the flexibility provided by the [Virginia General Assembly](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjExMzAuNjc0Njk4MDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3ZpcmdpbmlhZ2VuZXJhbGFzc2VtYmx5Lmdvdi8_dXRtX2NhbXBhaWduKz0mdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5In0.AkZXEXTxXJAG3awH3h_w0CchrhTcizIrlvcf86Rn3j8/s/568466388/br/149255250883-l) to have unscheduled virtual learning days, whenever possible, to maintain the continuity of learning. Virtual learning on these days will be synchronous/live instruction, following the [inclement weather virtual learning day schedule](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9..B7ntSSlmfJqbvsoOcHCwPIFpOrHzbeEVqW3gp307DLI/s/568466388/br/149255250883-l) (includes a two-hour delay).

**Academic Supports for Our Students**

**Late Bus Days**

Our late bus days are Wednesdays. Students can prearrange meetings with teachers after school and buses are provided.

**Advisory**

Students can get passes from their teachers for the Advisory time to make up tests, work with groups on projects, work with the teacher on content. This is prime time for students who need extra time and support in subjects they are struggling with.

**FREE Tutoring - Tutor.com**

All FCPS students now have unlimited access to online tutoring support services through Tutor.com at no cost. Most subjects are available. All tutors must pass a rigorous application process including an extensive background check. No personal information is shared between a student and tutor. All sessions are recorded and transcripts are available for review by teachers and parents/guardians.

**Watch this 5 minute video on how to access Tutoring.com through your Schoology site:**

* [**Tutor.com: How it Works Middle and High School**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ggPU1zxli9I)
* [**Tutor.com: How It Works Middle and High School (Spanish)**](https://youtu.be/jaMdkiMg1Yk)

**Peer Tutoring Center**

The JRLHS Peer Tutor Center (PTC) is open and ready to accept students! Tutoring is offered for math, English, Science, Social Studies, World Languages, and Elective classes. Students can use the link below to sign up for a session during advisory. We offer tutoring in several languages as well. [PTC Session Requests](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWqQv3ZjNIpg4MkxM9SiC6O_jaygNtuhyCr0OZv68qCI6AgQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**Math Honor Society Tutoring**

Students from the Math Honor Society will be offering math tutoring in room 319 on Wednesdays after school. You can also contact a member directly for an alternate time. please find the contact information here: [MHS Tutors' Information](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/198X55fxFJK9MWs5yU_vP8-M6cE8FNzYvdqnKdr_mOY4/edit?usp=sharing)

[**SOL Remediation for seniors**](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uYHQibWBsnuY_mRJaWqioEC1Negt6l67_6eKObDky0M/edit?usp=sharing)**-**

Seniors who still need a verified credit are scheduled to take the SOL during the week of December 12-15. To prepare them for the SOL, there are remediation sessions set up for Algebra 1, Biology, Earth Science, and World History 1. Students are highly encouraged to avail this opportunity and attend these sessions to prepare for the SOL. Please email the assessment coach, Mrs. Kj Sachdeva at [ksachdeva@fcps.edu](mailto:ksachdeva@fcps.edu)

**The Writing Center**

The Writing Center works with writers through all stages of the writing process, from brainstorming and organizing to revising and polishing. 20-minute help sessions are student-led and are offered in room 247 on BLUE days during A, C, and D lunches. Students wishing to visit the Writing Center for help may scan the QR code on one of the posters around the building or email Mr. Ingram at [clingram@fcps.edu](mailto:clingram@fcps.edu) for more details.

Additionally, Mr. Ingram is looking for students who need service hours to assist with helping other students with their writing. Interested students should also email Mr. Ingram for more info.

**Lockers**

Does your student need a locker? We have opened the winter window for locker requests and will be accepting them all month. Students should see their Advisory teacher for a form and a locker will be issued to them.

**College and Career Center**

Financial Aid Champion, Mrs. Rowsey at Lewis HS every Tuesday, in the College and Career Center from 11:30am-1:30pm. You can also email her to make an appointment or set up a Zoom meeting. Her email: [khrowsey@fcps.edu](mailto:khrowsey@fcps.edu)

College Access Fairfax: <https://collegeaccessfairfax.org/> Upcoming FAFSA and VASA sessions for seniors for Financial Aid. College Access Fairfax **2023 Scholarships are now available**: <https://collegeaccessfairfax.org/scholarships/>

**Family Resources**

**Christmas/Holiday TOY Give Away**

Greater Morning Star Apostolic Church is doing a Toy Give Away on December 17 at 10:00am. This church is located in Alexandria on Richmond Highway. You must register your child to receive a toy no later than December 15 and you must provide your phone number, address, email, child’s age, and child’s gender. Call Bishop Philip and Lady Gwendolyn Watkins at (793) 924-5001.

**IEP Palooza**

Fairfax County SEPTA and Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) are excited to invite parents, older students, FCPS staff, and others to two free special events at ***Annandale High School*** *on Saturday*, *December 3.* **IEP Palooza** will educate attendees about special education by presenting a simulated Individualized Education Program (IEP) meeting. Guests can also attend breakout sessions about different components of an IEP. A **Community Resource Fair** will happen at the same time, giving attendees the opportunity to learn about valuable community programs and resources related to Medicaid Waivers, disability services, respite care, health care, case management, and adjustment for newcomers. CE credits are available for FCPS Staff. Click here to [register](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/iep-palooza-and-community-resource-fair-tickets-450534951167?fbclid=IwAR3CKHXxFzzkr7ncJzSaXRah2NJhLg05dhAMb4Vd_3BUCV9P8L4CwMRihhI).

### SAVE THE DATE - 2023 Gap Year Fair

FCPS School Counseling Services and [Go Overseas](https://www.gooverseas.com/) are co-hosting the annual FCPS Gap Year Fair on **Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at West Springfield High School from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.** This event is for high school students and their families who are interested in learning more about the growing array of gap year opportunities. Student registration will open on December 1, 2022.

**Parent Resource Center’s Presentation on Opiod Drug Use**

To support parents and adults with understanding opioid drug use, a session was hosted. If you missed it, the recording is [here](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMzcsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjEyMDIuNjc1ODQzNzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy55b3V0dWJlLmNvbS93YXRjaD9saXN0PVBMR3V6d2phV1MxcHFzZjFVZURzeFpoNDE1c0trLUpWRmwmdXRtX2NvbnRlbnQ9JnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX25hbWU9JnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkmdXRtX3Rlcm09JnY9clR5NG1DRlVTbmcifQ.8gMMju8-FaAiBLJylCAaeDxKCtCPlcn1eprRiWdIzAg/s/568466388/br/149434449986-l).

**Parent Resource Center’s Presentation on Neurodiversity**

All human beings are neurodiverse. There is infinite variation of thinking and experiencing the world due to our identities, experiences, and brain wiring that is a valuable form of human diversity (Büdy, 2021; Singer, 2019). This webinar examines the brilliance and advantages of neurodiversity and the different ways brains may function as it relates to neurodivergence or neurotypicality.

* What is the relationship between neurodiversity and student relationships and engagement?
* How can we use asset-based language?
* How can we reflect on individual mindsets towards inclusion for all students?

Presented by Kristen Haynor, FCPS Neurodiversity Specialist.

January 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m: View the individual event page if you would like to [share this event with others](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjEyMDIuNjc1NjE2NjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mY3BzLmVkdS9ldmVudC9uZXVyb2RpdmVyc2l0eS13aGF0LWRvLXlvdS1tZWFuLXdlLWFyZS1hbGwtbmV1cm9kaXZlcnNlP3V0bV9jb250ZW50PSZ1dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9uYW1lPSZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5JnV0bV90ZXJtPSJ9.ZDd8ujdCF1snOxYy3kKiZudLnI6k9NQR2mxDD4mUDP4/s/568466388/br/149414396720-l).

[Register online for Neurodiversity: What Do You Mean We are All Neurodiverse?](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjEyMDIuNjc1NjE2NjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2JpdC5seS8zU29pZXQzP3V0bV9jb250ZW50PSZ1dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9uYW1lPSZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5JnV0bV90ZXJtPSJ9.64RPhvW62Xrc0wmDbAucjzkpomz-8ONIJTeOv5zUjZo/s/568466388/br/149414396720-l)

**Partnering with Parents who speak a language other than English**

Did you know that FCPS has two resources to facilitate home-to-school communication for parents who speak languages other than English? Read below about the **Talking Points App** and the **Parent Phone Lines.**

1. **Talking Points -** New Text and Translation Messaging App

FCPS has recently adopted TalkingPoints, a two-way messaging app that allows parents and caregivers to communicate with teachers and schools. For more information, [visit the FCPS TalkingPoints webpage](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMjAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjEwMjQuNjU2MDg4MDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mY3BzLmVkdS9yZXNvdXJjZXMvcGFyZW50LWNvbW11bmljYXRpb24tb3ZlcnZpZXcvdGFsa2luZ3BvaW50cz91dG1fY2FtcGFpZ24rPSZ1dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkifQ.VjfEA3c6PSJ54r_o7wBLLegoN7Uali5YZiDQhJaPIcg/s/568466388/br/146656348507-l).

The app translates messages, so teachers can input messages in English and parents can respond in their preferred language. TalkingPoints supports 125 languages, making it easier and faster for our FCPS families to connect with their schools.

1. **Parent Information Phone Lines** - FCPS language lines are available in 8 languages; parents call and a school employee will assist.

A school system employee will respond to your call in your preferred language within 24 hours, Monday through Friday. The caller will provide you with the requested information, arrange for you to speak with the appropriate school employee, or connect you with the resource that you are looking to find.

To use the parent information phone lines please click [HERE](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9..66IdH-sV5jthju7-FLjJBtjq_FstVyrO6gJFsxea2y4/s/568466388/br/146644022098-l) or call:

* Amharic: 571-423-4957
* Arabic: 571-423-4952
* Chinese: 571-423-4953
* Farsi: 571-423-4954
* Korean: 571-423-4951
* Spanish: 571-423-4950
* Urdu: 571-423-4955
* Vietnamese: 571-423-4956

**Frequently Used Links**

[FCPS Cares](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9..-Hc1Wzj5XE0NV-ICITQZ7S3gcLWtka7OZ9DXhm1fmiY/s/1806716519/br/141732495119-l?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)

[2022-23 Standard School Year Calendar](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9._dXRtX2NvbnRlbnQ9JnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX25hbWU9JnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkmdXRtX3Rlcm09In0.2FTVGeXMkDPgoMT94-R62EOiO-k-UOmMaK4amwnq_oM/s/568466388/br/149434449986-l)

[Newsletter Subscription Preferences](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9..JhBSzoxg-R9ajnJ21eX54V4xZnD9Znudc96sjpT-3Ak/s/568466388/br/149434449986-l)

[COVID-19 Testing](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.._h_MzGL3BMmSZmE_ivdwMH50oYvUOdqztVT_7mYwVDk/s/568466388/br/149434449986-l)

[COVID-19 Vaccination (Fairfax County Health Department)](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9._dXRtX2NvbnRlbnQ9JnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX25hbWU9JnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkmdXRtX3Rlcm09In0.d7xDPmLp35fQFQytY05qVTl7U1Eq7E6xdhhAl6vL7I0/s/568466388/br/149434449986-l)

[Mental Health Resources and Emergency Services Information](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9..Vsb-U33xFcPZZNDaU8CA7rfGn3TdT10aPT0gx3qWrwk/s/1806716519/br/141732495119-l?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)

[FCPS Parent Resource Center](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9..blKbfXxEBRkNG-aRXTJnMXKa5-WSkK2cDl-AhPQSKRM/s/1806716519/br/141732495119-l?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)