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

Week of January 23, 2023

**Calendar**

**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:** FAFSA/VASA Completion Night, Lewis HS Library from 5:00-7:30 pm

**February 1:** Gap Year Fair at West Springfield HS, 6:30pm

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

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

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

**February 23:** NOVA Counselor from 11:20-1:20 am Lewis College & Career Center

**February 27:** ASVAB (Military Test), Lewis HS Lancer Hall 8:30 am (Google form sent 1/12/23)

**Announcements & Information**

**Academic Advising – It is Now Time for Students to Sign up for Classes!**

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.** Our “One Stop Shop” for all courses we offer, course selection sheets, additional opportunities can be found here: <https://lewishs.fcps.edu/student-services/academic-advising>

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to watch this 7-minute video from our school counselors on course selection and graduation requirements: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LTJ3jCquucM>

Students may want to participate in Academy Courses (Nursing, EMT, Cyber, Dance, HVAC, and more). [Learn more and find the calendar of Academy Open Houses](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDgsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAxMjAuNzAxNDM5MzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mY3BzLmVkdS9hY2FkZW1pY3MvaGlnaC1zY2hvb2wtYWNhZGVtaWNzLTktMTIvY2FyZWVyLWFuZC10ZWNobmljYWwtZWR1Y2F0aW9uLWN0ZS9hY2FkZW1pZXMtYW5kLXNwZWNpYWxpemVkP3V0bV9jYW1wYWlnbis9JnV0bV9jb250ZW50PSZ1dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9uYW1lPSZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5JnV0bV90ZXJtPSJ9.wZ4yNdXYGPaLbhsS14nQpplOOr1lR4cVv_575l6WDGQ/s/568466388/br/153153193852-l).

### Genesys Works Internship Program for Current Juniors/Rising Seniors Lewis High School has partnered with Genesys Works to provide eligible seniors a paid internship opportunity in our Region. Participants earn between $10,000 and $15,000 through their paid internship during senior year. In order to be considered, rising seniors must have a strong academic record, a desire to work in an office or business setting, be available for a summer long training program, and have enough credits to graduate considering a senior year modified schedule (typically 4 courses). Transportation to internship sites is not provided by the school or business so students should drive or take public transportation. For more information, students may talk with their school counselor or attend an information session. Information sessions are held in the January-March timeframe annually and will be advertised in advance to our students and families through News You Choose. Interested rising seniors would then begin the application process which includes an interview. Genesys Works also provides job training, mentoring, career counseling, and scholarship support to our students.

### Interested students (current juniors) should follow these steps: Step 1: Watch this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sq3_F-t496Y> Step 2: Attend the information session at school on January 30th at 9:30am in the cafeteria Step 3: Fill out the Interest Form to receive the formal application once the window opens: [Genesys Works Class of 2024 - Interest Form (tfaforms.net)](https://secure-web.cisco.com/1kPdIrG2MoHsxoMwS64CFLN3Jm28HQFhxUY412HCpqQ9hMYQbbLN7OjlifBoOqePpYe2Aa9ekX-hb-ftnuS8YgKnIqAIio2NuBwt7eGWzyDftk68WVwZXGkEYIjtxxrB8KbThCtjQsPxINI4Ku3O0VqCH5DoT2iRQHGUIybzNisWxloKLF79NLQQTRVjiIgxBsSvAQektT0DxtLU2fTtNv8d-D4mxiBDcrs_fBvu-5LUyfsKpm0z5wFvrDm7LH4h9qsGwvCe1I2QVLkQwcUH91clge3rW30H76MCYVuYBtw44pan8XdWdhgpLSggz5WGxcrLn80FLfEXGFbIqPKSb44Xv4y9ZligswwUOtih5T-BMSZpmV5qpD9O_b6SnRfdeiRAqJ1L_h0HacT0gSMMs3zGXDrhVzuIALNki1FhnXKTgirKQZFNoa4TEx2bXGAIOh7cHL2cD7DjGg-AcW1gwIg/https%3A%2F%2Fgenesysworks.tfaforms.net%2F4652237%3Ftfa_75%3DNCR).

### 2023 FCPS Gap Year Fair

FCPS’ School Counseling Services and [Go Overseas](https://www.gooverseas.com/)are co-hosting the annual [FCPS Gap Year Fair](https://www.fcps.edu/event/fairfax-county-public-schools-annual-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 parents who are interested in learning more about the growing array of gap year opportunities. The evening will begin with a presentation in the auditorium from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m., by Julia Rogers, Founder of EnRoute Consulting and Gap Year Association Board President. Immediately following the presentation, the program fair will be held in the cafeteria from 7:15 to 9:00 p.m., with representatives from over 40 programs offering gap year opportunities. Students and their families are invited to meet the representatives and learn about the variety of experiences available.

Students are encouraged to [pre-register](https://bit.ly/3TCbLvE) for this event. For more information, visit: [USA Gap Year Fairs](http://usagapyearfairs.org/).

\*\*In the event of inclement weather on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, the Gap Year Fair will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2023, at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

**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)

**Scholarships for Seniors**

The Fairfax County Democratic Black Caucus and John R. Lewis High School Democracy Essay Contest is NOW available in Naviance Student. The topic of the essay must be “The Meaning of Democracy to Me. The contest is open to all 12th grade students at John R. Lewis, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, or sexual identification. Application deadline is **February 10, 2023**. (3) Awards: $1500; $1000, and $500 will be awarded.

Archer Bailey Gay Memorial Scholarship is NOW available in Naviance Student, this is a fillable scholarship application. Application deadline is **February 15, 2023**. (2) $1,000 Scholarships will be awarded.

Ashraf Hani Sabah Memorial Scholarship Lewis High School Class of 2023. This scholarship aims to award a one-time $1,000 scholarship to 4 graduating Class of 2023 LHS seniors, who best embody the criteria. **Criteria:** To be considered for the scholarship award, an applicant must be a Lewis High School Class of 2023. The applicant should embody generosity, authenticity, determination, and passion in their life. Applicants with backgrounds similar to Ashraf, including immigrants/first-generation Americans who aspire to be traditional college or vocational/technical school students, are encouraged to apply. Application deadline **March 31, 2023**

The Lewis Sports Boosters Scholarship is NOW available in the Career Center and the Activities Office. Pick up the application to see the full eligibility information. Application deadline is **April 14, 2023**. Up to (4) $1,000 Scholarships will be awarded.

**You must be a current member of the Sports Booster Club as of February 1st.**

**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/>

Seniors/Senior Parents, do you need help completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Financial Aid)?

The next FAFSA/VASA Completion Workshop is on: **Wednesday, February 1, 2023 @ 5:00-7:30 pm at Lewis High School**

**You will need your student's login information (username and password) to get on the schools' laptops. Your student can attend these sessions. If they come with you, please bring their laptop and their charger to the sessions.**

**Family Resources**

**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

**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.

**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).

**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=)