

FRANCIS LEWIS HIGH SCHOOL

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Parent Coordinator's Newsletter

January 9, 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Reminder: October PSAT Score Back Session

Scores Back Session: FREE Workshop by Princeton Review for Parents & Students

Wednesday, January 11, 2012 – 7 PM

Students who took the **PSAT on October 12th** and/or the **Practice SAT test on January 7th**, scores will be available in the cafeteria beginning at 6 PM for pick up. Following distribution, at 7 PM, you are invited to attend a follow-up strategy session in the Auditorium. There will be an expert Princeton Review instructor who will walk you through some difficult questions and explain the scores. Participants will learn more about the structure of the test, types of questions to expect, and proven techniques. If you have any questions about this event, please contact me at cmiaoulis@schools.nyc.gov or 718-281-8225.

NEW: Stop Car Idling

FACT: In the City of New York engine idling causes as much pollution as nine million large trucks driving from the Bronx to Staten Island. When your vehicle idles, the exhaust pollutes the air inside the vehicle and the air around the vehicle.

Your vehicle idles when the engine is on but isn't going anywhere. Reducing idling makes the air cleaner for your kids, especially those traveling to and from schools.

FACT: New York City has one of the highest asthma rates among children in the country. Children breathe 50% more air per pound than adults. Children's asthma symptoms increase as a result of vehicle exhaust.

FACT: Idling for longer than 10 seconds wastes more fuel than restarting your engine. In fact, over \$28 million in gas is wasted by NYC idlers each year.

DON'T BREAK THE LAW! Curb-side idling is illegal—even if you're sitting in your vehicle, you can get a ticket for idling your engine. Turn off your engine to save gas and money, and most important your health.

The law now limits vehicle idling to no more than ONE minute adjacent to a school—public or private. City officials are authorized to enforce the anti-idling law by issuing fines of \$300 or more for violation of the anti-idling law.

Reminder: REGENTS & RCT Tutoring available Saturdays, January 14 & 21. Students who are scheduled to take Regents/RCT exams are encourage to take advantage of these tutoring opportunities below. Please note the new end time below.

Global Studies.....9 AM – 12 PM.....Room 308
US History.....9 AM – 12 PM.....Room 306
Earth Science.....9 AM – 12 PM.....Room 322
Integrated Algebra.....9 AM – 12 PM.....Room326
Geometry.....9 AM – 12 PM.....Room 328
Living Environment....9 AM – 12 PM.....Room 318
English.....9 AM – 12 PM.....Room 333

ISS Regents tutoring available to ISS students only for the following subjects:

ISS Algebra.....9 AM – 12 PM.....Room 333
ISS English.....9 AM – 12 PM.....Room 333
All RCTS.....9 AM – 12 PMRoom 333

Make Up Labs available Saturdays, January 14 & 21

All Students whether or not they are taking a regents in January are encouraged to attend these makeup sessions.

Living Environment.....9 AM - 11 AM....Room 304
Earth Science.....9 AM - 11 AM....Room 313

Reminder: STUDENT END TERM CALENDAR- FALL 2011

MIDTERM EXAMS will take place during the regular school day as follows:

Monday, January 9

- ESL- Part 1
- Health- Part 1

Tuesday, January 10

- English – Part 1
- Social Studies Electives

Wednesday, January 11

- Art

Thursday, January 12

- Math – Part 1

Friday, January 13

- Foreign Language
- ESL – Part 2

Monday, January 16 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School Closed

Tuesday, January 17

- Social Studies

Wednesday, January 18

- Music
- English – Part 2

Thursday, January 19

- Science

Friday, January 20

- Math – Part 2
- Health – Part 2

Monday, January 23

PROFESSIONAL PLANNING DAY – SPECIAL BELL SCHEDULE

End of 3rd Marking Period

Last Day of Classes for Fall Term

January 24-27: Regents Exam Week: For REGENTS AND RCT EXAMINATION SCHEDULE visit www.nysed.gov. Only students scheduled for exams should report to school. Day of exam students should plan their trip to school and arrive in a timely manner. **Morning exams begin at 8 AM. Afternoon exams begin at 12:30 PM. Students should bring student photo ID, two #2 pencils, two pens and calculator to every exam they are scheduled to take. Remember that cell phones and IPODS are not permitted in the building.**

If your child is scheduled to take two (2) or more Regents/RCT exams at the same time, they will be assigned to a conflict room.

Monday, January 30 No students in attendance

Tuesday, January 31 First day of Spring Term – 2012 – Students will FOLLOW FALL PROGRAM: Program Cards & Report Cards will be distributed in periods 2 and 9.

NEW: SPRING 2012 METRO CARD PICK UP WILL TAKE PLACE DURING REGENTS WEEK

2011 METRO CARDS expire on January 31, 2012

You will need a NEW metro card beginning **February 1, 2012**

Students must follow the schedule below and have their **program card** and school **ID** in order to pick up their metro card. Only students can pick up their own metro cards.

GRADE	DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION
9 TH	Tuesday January 24th	10:30am – 2 pm	Auditorium
10 TH	Wednesday January 25th	10:30am – 2pm	Auditorium

12 th	Thursday January 26th	12: 30pm – 3pm	Auditorium
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11 th	Friday January 27th	10: 30am – 2pm	Auditorium
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Important Reminders:

SAT PREP COURSES: Junior Parents

The Francis Lewis High School PTA is pleased to offer SAT Solutions and Princeton Review comprehensive SAT prep courses to college-bound juniors in preparation for the May and June SAT exam. Information regarding registration and schedules can be accessed on our website www.francislewishs.org.

Big Apple Rx

To help you and your family save on your prescription medicines, the City is pleased to offer the NY city's official prescription drug discount card, BigAppleRx. The card is administered by Health Trans Access and is free and available to everyone living, working or visiting the city regardless of age, income, citizenship, or health insurance status. For more information go to www.BigAppleRx.com or call 311.

SENIOR Information:

Senior Rings

Senior rings are available for purchase with Josten. A representative will be here on the following day: Friday, **January 12th**.

Senior Dues

Dates: Due in by January 20, 2012

Place: S.O. Office Room 158, (Periods 5 – 8)

Time: Students' lunch and free periods.

Package A: \$185*/\$190 Non S.O. Member
Yearbook
Senior Hoodie

Package B: \$100*/\$105 Non-S.O. Member
Senior Hoodie
Graduation Ceremony

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Cap and Gown
Diploma
Diploma Case
Related expenses
Graduation Video

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*If you would like a yearbook package, pay by January 20th, or you will NOT be guaranteed one. There will only be a limited amount of books ordered and when they are gone, they will not be reordered.

All payments must be made by money order only! Cash and personal checks will not be accepted. Please make all money orders payable to "Francis Lewis high school" all payments are non-refundable.

Only those students who have met all Department of Education requirements by June 2012 will be allowed to attend the graduation ceremony.

NEW: 2012 Senior Class Ski Trip

Place: Honors Haven

Date: February 10th TO February 12th

Cost: \$289 Money Order ONLY BY FEBRUARY 3RD!

Go to Room 158 to pick up Senior Packet with more detail information which includes Paint Ball permission slip along with trip permission slip which must be signed by your parent/guardian and returned with payment.

IMPORTANT: Parent Meetings/Workshops in Our Community:

CITYWIDE COUNCIL ON HIGH SCHOOLS

Date: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:45 pm

Place: TWEED Courthouse

2nd Fl. Conf. Room

52 Chambers St

New York, NY 10007

This building is wheelchair accessible.

Business Meeting: 6:00pm–7:00pm

(Agenda to follow)

Calendar Meeting: 7:00 – 8:45 pm

Parent to Parent Support Group - Monthly discussion group where parents and caregivers share their experiences and concerns in a warm, supportive environment. Obtain valuable information and resources for families of children with special needs (includes children that have an IEP and/or Resource Room).

It's never too early to think about summer programs and plan ahead. Knowing the right questions to ask and what programs are available can reduce summer stress.

This month, get some helpful tips on finding the right fit for your child for after- school and summer programs. Representatives from **Samuel Field Y & Queens College** will talk about summer programs and after school programs.

Presentation: Summer Programs

When: Monday, January 23, 2012

Where: Irwin Altman Middle School 172
81-14 257th Street Floral Park, New York 11004

Time: 9:00am - 11:00am

For additional information and to register, please contact: Host site Parent Coordinator – Debbie Hochrad at 718 831 4000 ext. 1461 or email dhochrad@schools.nyc.gov
Facilitated by the Parent Coordinators of: P.S. 18, P.S. 26, P.S. 98, P.S. 186, P.S. 213, P.S./I.S. 266, P.S./I.S. 178, M.S. 74, M.S. 158 and M.S. 172

A Dads Workshop.....

Join other dads as we learn parenting techniques from the Best Selling book

“How to Talk So Kids Will Listen And Listen So Kids Will Talk”

By Adele Farber and Elaine Mazlish

Each week we will learn about parenting techniques based on the work of child psychologist Dr. Haim Ginott

A four-session series designed just for men · Advanced registration is required

Dates: Tuesday, January 24, Monday, January 30, Monday, February 6, Monday, February 13

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Place: PS 115, 80-51 261 Street Queens

*Please bring a copy of the book to the first class. You can take it out from the Queens Public Library or purchase it from Barnes and Noble.

A Light Dinner will be served

This workshop is in collaboration with the District 26 Superintendent's Office, and co-sponsored by the Community District Education Council 26 (CDEC 26).

Please register with Lori Butera, District 26 Family Advocate at 718.631.6841 or email lbutera@schools.nyc.gov.

Community District Education Council 26

Date: Thursday, January 26, 2012

Time: Business Meeting – (Council Members) 7:00 P.M. (SHARP)
Public Meeting - 8:00 P.M.

Place: MS 67 – 51-60 Marathon Pkwy, Little Neck, NY - Room B44A

Guest Speaker: David Kazansky, Director of School Safety & Victim Support Program (UFT) – **Be BRAVE Against Bullying**

Special Camp Fair 2012 for Children with Special Needs:

Great summer resources and a free copy of RCSN's *Camps 2011-2012*

Sign language and Spanish translators available

DATE: Saturday, January 28, 2012--Free Event

TIME: 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

PLACE: Church of St. Paul the Apostle
Columbus Ave. & West 60th Street Manhattan

Presented by Resources for Children with Special Needs

116 E. 16th Street - 5th floor

New York, NY 10003

P 212 677 4650

F 212 254 4070

info@resourcesnyc.org

www.resourcesnyc.org/events for more information

Moms' Basketball: Learn the Skills, Play a Game

Come for the workout, experience how your children learn physical education, and join in the fun.

Place: PS 115

80-51 261 St. Floral Park

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Dates: Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15 and 29, 2012

Basketball Game played on Wednesday, March 7, 2012

This workshop is in collaboration with the District 26 Superintendent, staff members at PS 115, and co-sponsored by the Community District Education Council 26 (CDEC 26).

For Information and registration please contact District Family Advocate Lori Butera at 718.631.6841 or lbutera@schools.nyc.gov or Kevin Burke, Parent Coordinator at PS 115, 718.831.4010, kburke4@schools.nyc.gov.

District 26 Presidents' Council: Camp Fair

DATE: Saturday, February 4, 2012

PLACE: MS 158

46-35 Oceania St. Bayside, Queens

TIME: 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Come and hear about the summer day and sleep away camp programs in and near our community. Music · Dance · Art · Sports · Academics · Theater · Swimming · Field Trips

For more information please contact District 26 Family Advocate Lori Butera, lbutera@schools.nyc.gov or 718.631.6841

Community District Education Council 26: Town Hall Meeting

Guest Speaker: Chancellor Dennis Walcott

Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Place: MS 74 (Nathaniel Hawthorne)
61-15 Oceania Street, Bayside - (Auditorium)

Time: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Meeting will be starting promptly at 6:30 p.m. sharp

Come out and share your concerns with members of the District 26 Education Community and Chancellor Walcott. Chancellor Walcott will speak and answer questions from the audience. *Anyone wishing to ask a question must sign the Speaker's list prior to the start of the meeting.*

Light refreshments will be served

All meetings are held at wheelchair accessible sites. Interpretation services will be available if requested.

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Immerse yourself in a parenting course. Each week we will learn about parenting techniques

based on the work of child psychologist Dr. Haim Ginott.

Dates: Thursdays, March 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2012

(A four-session series - Advanced registration is required)

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Place: PS 221, 57-40 Marathon Parkway, Little Neck, Queens

Topics will include:

- Acknowledging Feelings
- Engaging in Cooperation
- Alternatives to punishment
- Helping your child attain a positive self-image

Chinese and Korean translations are available. Please indicate if translation is requested.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan 9-20	Mid Term Exams in all subject areas
Jan 11	Teacher Professional Planning Day: Changed to Jan. 23
Jan 11	PSAT Distribution at 6PM and Practice SAT Score Back Session 7 PM Auditorium
Jan 14	Regents/RCT Tutoring
Jan 16	School Closed: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan 23	Teacher Professional Planning Day: Special Bell Schedule Lunar New Year End of 3 rd marking period Last day of classes for students
Jan 24-27	Regents Week: Only students scheduled for exams are in attendance. 2012 Metro Cards Distribution
Jan 30	No Students in Attendance
Jan 31	Spring Term Begins: Students will follow their Fall program that day. Report Cards/Program Cards will be distributed to students
Feb 1	Blood Drive PTA Meeting - 7pm
Feb 2	SING Event – 6pm
Feb 3	SING Event – 6pm

Feb 11 JROTC League Drill Competition
Feb 16 Junior Parent College Meeting 7PM
Feb 20-24 Mid-Winter Recess-School Closed

Dates and information can also be accessed on our website at francislewishs.org which is updated regularly.

Regards,