

# FRANCIS LEWIS HIGH SCHOOL

Musa Ali Shama, Principal

## Parent Coordinator's Newsletter

February 14, 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Reminders: Junior Parents and Students College Night Meeting:**

Our college counselors invite you to attend our Junior College Night on **Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** This meeting is crucial, as you will receive important information related to the college exploration process.

**SAVE THE DATE: College Fair at FLHS: Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM- 9 PM**

**NEW: Free Practice ACT @ Francis Lewis High School**

(Offered by PRINCETON REVIEW in conjunction with the PTA)

Take a **FREE** full-length **practice ACT** under actual testing conditions and find out. It's a great way to try your hand at the type of questions you'll face on the actual exam, build confidence and get comfortable with the exam's format.

Saturday, March 31, 2012

9 am – 1 pm

Francis Lewis High School

Event is free, but registration is required at [PrincetonReview.com/Testfest](http://PrincetonReview.com/Testfest) or call 800-2Review (800-273-8429)

Event # 55244

Limited to Francis Lewis HS students

Space is limited.

Register today!

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### **Parent Meetings in Our Community**

**NEW: District 28 Invites You To Participate In a Parent Workshop:**  
**"Having a Successful Parent Teacher Conference"**

Presented by: Sonia Rueda, District 28 Family Advocate

Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2012

TIME: 9:00 AM OR 6:00 PM

**PLACE:** District 28 Office

90-27 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435

Whether your child is in Elementary, Middle or High School, Parent/Teacher conferences are an opportunity to discuss your child's progress.

Join us and hear about ways to work in partnership with your school and make the most of your child's conference!

For registration or further information please call Sonia Rueda at 718 557-2689 or Yvonne Pressley at 718. 557-2618.

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### **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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### **The Citywide Council on Special Education February Public Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday, February 16, 2012

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Place:** P177Q

The Robin Sue Ward School for Exceptional Children  
56-37 188<sup>th</sup> Street  
Queens, NY 11365 (718) 357-4650

**RSVP: (718) 391-8354 (Please call if translation services are required.)**

**Refreshments will be available.**

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### **Anti-Bullying Fair**

**DATE:** Thursday, March 1, 2012

**TIME:** 2–6 p.m.

**PLACE:** United Federation of Teachers

Central office, 52 Broadway, New York 2nd floor

**PARENTS, SCHOOL STAFF AND COMMUNITY GROUPS:**

- Get information and become more involved with anti-bullying efforts in the New York City area
- Meet people and organizations that have a wealth of knowledge and expertise on bullying
- Speak with anti-bullying advocates, vendors and allies and learn about what they can offer your school, students, and community.

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**NEW: Lobby Day**

THE CHANCELLORS PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL ( CPAC ) Invites you to Parents, Student and Community LOBBY DAY, ALBANY, N.Y.

**Date:** Wednesday, March 21, 2012

**Place:** 6:30 a.m. -- 6:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, March 21, 2012 Parents, Students, Community and Education Organizations will go to Albany N.Y. to Advocate for a voice in their children’s education. Buses will leave from various locations around the city. Lunch will be provided to all attending. Join us as we let our Legislatures know that the education of the students must come first. Let them know your concerns. Some topics of concern around NYC are:

- School Governance, Mayoral Control
- Save Our Schools, Don’t Close them
- A real Parent, Student voice in N.Y.C Education
- College and Career readiness

To register, RSVP and for Pickup Locations please contact us via email:

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William H. McDonald, CPAC Lobby day Chairman / Coordinator:  
[whm6363@gmail.com](mailto:whm6363@gmail.com)

Bus and Lunch will be provided: FREE

Our students are depending on us to fight for their education, let’s not let them down.

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## **Dates to Remember:**

Feb 16 Junior Parent College Meeting 7 PM  
Feb 20-24 **Mid-Winter Recess - School Closed**  
Feb 29 Blood Drive (New Date)

## **Looking Ahead:**

**Mar 7 PTA Meeting – 7 pm**  
Mar 8 Café Night – 4 pm  
Mar 10 JROTC Northeast Drill Competition  
**Mar 11 Daylight Savings – Set clocks ahead 1 hour**  
**Mar 15 Prom Expo-5:30 PM-ATT: SENIORS**  
Mar 19 End of Marking Period 1  
Mar 22 ***Professional Planning Day -Students follow Special Schedule***  
Mar 23 International Festival – 5pm  
Mar 28 **ARISTA Installation – 7pm**  
**Report Card Distribution**  
**Mar 29 Parent Teacher Conference – Evening – Time TBA**  
**Mar 30 Parent Teacher Conference – Afternoon 12:30pm – 2:45pm**  
Dance Recital – 7pm

Dates and information can also be accessed on our website at [francislewishs.org](http://francislewishs.org) which is updated regularly.

Regards,  
Connie Miaoulis  
Parent Coordinator