

FRANCIS LEWIS HIGH SCHOOL

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Parent Coordinator's Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

NEW: HIGH SCHOOL PROGRESS REPORTS ARE RELEASED:

We are happy to report that Francis Lewis High School received an "A" this year! The New York city Department of Education released the annual public school Progress Reports for New York City high schools. These reports give letter grades (A to F) to schools based on student academic achievement and progress as well as student attendance and the results of the **Annual Learning Environment Surveys** that parents, teachers, and students fill out each spring. Francis Lewis High School is one of the highest scoring high school's in NYC to receive an "A". We are in the 93 percentile in the city.

To view our complete report, go to <http://schools.nyc.gov>, click on the left hand side "Performance & Accountability", click on "Progress Reports", scroll down to "Find a School's Progress Report", click on "school name or number" and then type in "Francis Lewis High School" or "26Q430".

Big Apple Prescription Drug Discount

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 visit www.BigAppleRx.com or call 311.

NEW: "Parents as Partners" Week

Department of Education Will Host Events During Week of October 24th to Boost Parent Involvement

Schools Chancellor Dennis M. Walcott today announced that the Department of Education will host a series of events during the week of October 24th in order to inform parents about higher academic standards, provide tips to help their children succeed in school, and offer several new initiatives to build stronger partnerships with parents.

"Our parents can become a tremendous resource for building on the gains our students have made in recent years," said Schools Chancellor Walcott. "'Parents as Partners' Week is not about encouraging a one-size-fits all way to better engage parents. It's about channeling the love and commitment of our parents and families to help our students strive academically and ultimately, lead productive adult lives."

As the City continues to focus on ensuring that every student graduates college and career-ready, the events during "Parents as Partners Week" will address ways that parents can become more

involved in their school communities and their children's education. "Parents as Partners" Week events include:

Tuesday, October 25th at 6:00 p.m.

Chancellor Walcott will kick-off "Parents as Partners" Week by hosting a meeting to discuss new, more rigorous standards for New York City public schools. Chancellor Walcott will be joined at the Seward Park Campus in Manhattan by David Coleman, an author of the Common Core literacy standards; members of the Panel for Educational Policy; the DOE's Chief Academic Officer, Shael Polakow-Suransky; as well as families and interested members of the public. After an introduction from Chancellor Walcott, Mr. Coleman will make a presentation on what the new academic standards ask of students at each grade level—above all, what they will need to learn to be on track for success in life after high school. The presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer session with Mr. Coleman and Chief Academic Officer Polakow-Suransky. For the remainder of the evening, attendees may complete an exercise in which they perform sample problems that students will do this fall, and learn how the new assignments are more challenging and thoughtful than those in years past. The Panel Meeting is open to the public. Attendees may submit their questions in advance by contacting (212) 374-4946 or panel@schools.nyc.gov.

NEW: Vienna, Venice and Paris School Trip:

Departure Date: Friday, April 6, 2012

Return Date: Sunday, April 15, 2012

Number of Days: 10

Departure City: New York

Enrollment Fee \$95 - Program Fee \$2,070 - Current Departure Fees \$654

Peace of Mind Program Free

Total for students \$2,824

Tour Number: 1022486

Itinerary:

Day 1 Vienna

Day 2 Vienna

Day 3 Vienna

Day 4 Salzburg • Tyrol

Day 5 Innsbruck • Venice

Day 6 Venice

Day 7 Florence • Night train

Day 8 Paris

Day 9 Paris

Day 10 Paris

If your child is interested in participating Michela Asano - Room 211 - Phone: (718)281-3707

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Parent Teacher Conferences:

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Thursday evening, October 27, 2011 from 6:15 to 8:45 pm** and **Friday afternoon, October 28, 2011 from 12:30 to 2:45 pm**. You will have an opportunity to meet your child's teachers and discuss your child's academic progress and individual student goals.

Please be advised that on **Thursday, October 27, 2011,**

PERIODS 1 THROUGH 10 WILL FOLLOW THE TIME SCHEDULE BELOW

1	7:45 am – 8:30 am	6	11:58 am – 12:43 pm
2*	8:35 am – 9:23 am Attendance	7	12:48 pm – 1:33 pm
3	9:28 am – 10:13 am	8	1:38 pm – 2:23 pm
4	10:18 am – 11:03 am	9*	2:28 pm – 3:16 pm Attendance
5	11:08 am – 11:53 am	10	3:21 pm – 4:06 pm

On **Friday, October 28, 2011,** a special student schedule will be followed, as listed below:

(Students will only attend the following class periods)

<u>Period 2*</u>	<u>8:05 am – 8:40 am</u>	Official Attendance Period
Period 3	8:45 am – 9:20 am	
Period 8	9:25 pm – 10:00 am	
<u>Period 9*</u>	<u>10:05 am – 10:40 am</u>	Official Attendance Period
Period 10	10:45 am – 11:20 am	

(ALL STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED AT THE END OF PERIOD 10)

Due to a parent/teacher conferences today, there will be a modified bell schedule. The yellow buses will be picking the students up from school at 10:40 am and they will be returned home at this time.

Students should report to school no later than five (5) minutes prior to the beginning of their first scheduled class. Students will be dismissed after their last scheduled instructional period.

We look forward to seeing you at these important conferences.

NEW: Spirit Week : Students are encouraged to participate on the following days:

Monday, October 31st - Dress Up for Halloween- Please remember no masks or provocative costumes

Tuesday, November 1st - Twin Day

Wednesday, November 2nd - Go Green

Thursday, November 3rd - Nerd Day
Friday, November 4th – Sports Day

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct 26	Report Card Distribution
Oct 27	Parent Teacher Conference: 6:15 pm – 8:45 pm
Oct 28	Parent Teacher Conference: 12:30 pm – 2:45 pm-Students to follow special schedule

Nov 2	PTA Meeting - 7 PM
Nov 5	SAT Exam
Nov 6	Daylight Savings Time Begins: <i>Set clocks back 1 hour</i>
Nov 8	Election Day-No classes for students
Nov 11	Veteran’s Day- School Closed
Nov 16	Teacher Professional Planning Day- Special Schedule
Nov 17	Talent Show Auditions in the Auditorium 2:30 pm – 5:45 pm
Nov 19	PTA’s Community Networking Fair: 10 AM- 4 PM
Nov 24 & 25	Thanksgiving Day-School Closed

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

Regards,