

# FRANCIS LEWIS HIGH SCHOOL

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## Parent Coordinator's Newsletter

October 4, 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians,

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

#### **PTA Meeting:**

Our first PTA Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** Every parent should attend PTA Meetings as they are a valuable source of information. At this meeting graduation requirements will be discussed by Ms. Palomino, Assistant Principal of Pupil Personnel. A light meal will also be provided by the PTA. We look forward to seeing you.

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**Lunch Applications:** If you have already completed the lunch application, no other action is necessary.

Lunch applications have been distributed to all students. Each completed eligible application returned, provides the school with federal funding which supports our educational programs such as before and after school tutoring, etc. **Lunch Applications May Also Be Completed Online.** This is the quickest way for your child's application to be processed. Log on to [www.nyc.gov/accessnyc](http://www.nyc.gov/accessnyc), click on "Apply Online for School Meals" input your information, and submit the application online. You may apply for all your children at the same time. It's simple, secure and confidential. **Please Note:** Applications are also in different languages. All Applications are available in Room 107.

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#### **Stop & Shop A+ Rewards Program:**

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Starting **October 7, 2011** through **March 29, 2012**, Francis Lewis High School will have the opportunity to earn cash through Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards Program. With the recent budget cuts affecting our schools, we are asking for your support by enrolling in this program. It is FREE, simple and will benefit our children. You do not need to have a child attending our school to participate, therefore, please encourage your friends and relatives to enroll in the Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards Program.

If you are a Stop & Shop customer and have their card all you have to do is:

Log on to [www.stopandshop.com/aplus](http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus) to register online **OR**

Dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone

USE ID #: **12854**

After you register your card, each shopping trip at **ANY** Stop & Shop using your Stop & Shop Card earns CASH for our school! Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Stop & Shop

website. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt and online when you create an account at [www.stopandshop.com](http://www.stopandshop.com). Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money will be used for our school's educational needs.

Please be sure to register your card ( if you haven't already done so) to benefit **Francis Lewis High School** using ID # **12854**.

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### **Freshmen Students ONLY:**

### **Specialized High School Test/& High School Admission Applications:**

**If your child is interested in applying to a Specialized Science High School (SHSAT) for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, they must sign up in Room 108 for an admissions ticket for the test. The test is on November 5<sup>th</sup> for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. Deadline date to register is October 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**If your child is interested in applying to any other high school for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, they must sign up in Room 108. More information is available at [schools.nyc.gov](http://schools.nyc.gov).**

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### **NEW: Bring Back Your Overdue Library Books and Have Your Fees Waived!**

New York City's three library systems are teaming up to give children and teens across the five boroughs the opportunity to eliminate their prior fines and fees and regain their library privileges in the joint "New Chapter" program, made possible by the generous support of McGraw-Hill. The goal of this program at Brooklyn Public Library, The New York Public Library and Queens Library is to welcome children and teens back to their local libraries. When patrons accrue \$15 or more in fines, their library temporarily suspends their borrowing privileges until the fine is paid. Across the city, nearly **100,000** kids and teens will benefit from the New Chapter program.

#### **Here's how it works:**

If you are 17 or younger, just return your overdue books and you will not be charged late penalties. Just return the materials and we'll erase your fines. You can start checking out materials right away. That's it!

#### **Welcome back!**

Everyone is always welcome at New York City public libraries. Now you can check out books and other materials again with no fear of paying fines. With the new school year underway, giving students access to their public library is more important than ever.

**Hurry! This offer only lasts until October 31.**

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**NEW:** SAYA (South Asian Youth Action) of Elmhurst is offering a FREE College Readiness Course for every Thursday from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Senior students will be given preference to the program. Seats are limited. Please contact Arshiah Khan at [Arshiah@saya.org](mailto:Arshiah@saya.org) or call 718-651-3484 for more information.

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

October 5	PTA Meeting: 7:00 pm
October 10	Columbus Day: School Closed
October 12	PSAT Inspiration Day: All 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> graders take PSAT- Students will follow a special schedule that day
October 22 & 23	Borough wide High School Fair at Lewis
October 17	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> marking period
October 17	Teacher Professional Planning Day-Special Bell Schedule- <u>Available at PTA Meeting</u>
October 18	Senior Parent Meeting: 7:00 pm
October 19	Blood Drive
October 20	Play Auditions: 2:30-6:30 PM
October 22	ACT: Register at <a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a>
October 26	Report Card Distribution
October 27	Parent Teacher Conference: 6:15 pm – 8:45 pm
October 28	Parent Teacher Conference: 12:30 pm – 2:45 pm-Students to follow special schedule- <u>Available at PTA Meeting</u>

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### **ONLINE ACCESS TO YOUR CHILD’S PROGRESS:**

If you have not already received your Parent Online Service Account, which enables us to provide you with information about your child’s progress (attendance, cuts, report card grades, transcript), and other things related to your child’s education, please email me your name, and your child's name, & date of birth and I will email/mail you the information.

The NYC DOE Parent Link ARIS is also available. If you have not received this information, please contact me with the information above and I will mail you this information.

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