

FRANCIS LEWIS HIGH SCHOOL

Musa Ali Shama, Principal

Parent Coordinator's Newsletter

November 22, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to thank parents, guardians and students who supported and volunteered at Saturday's, November 19th PTA Community Networking Fair. It was a wonderful and informative day and all who attended were very pleased. We could not have done it without your help.

NEW: PTA Meeting:

We invite you to attend our PTA Meeting on Wednesday, December 7th at 7 PM.

1st Sergeant Richard Gogarty, from our JROTC Program and Ms. Scolavino, Assistant Principal of I.S.S., will be our guest speakers. A light dinner will be provided by the PTA. We hope you can join us at this informative meeting.

NEW: Community Meetings:

Saint John's University Storms Out Bullying!

Overwhelmingly, schools are safe and nurturing places for students, and school leaders and faculty are dedicated to making sure schools remain safe, learning environments for all students. However, bullying is a serious issue that every school in the nation faces. Nationwide, research shows that more than half of all school-aged children will be involved in bullying this year as a victim or a perpetrator with many more witnessing bullying acts on a regular basis.

At St. John's University, we believe in working together with parents to combat bullying. We know this problem isn't confined to school grounds. Bullying at school affects and is affected by what happens at home between siblings, what happens in the neighborhood, and what happens when kids go online. We must work together to take immediate action, whether a child bullies, is a victim of bullying, or is a witness to bullying.

St. John's University would like to invite parents and their children to an evening program hosted by the School of Education, Division of Student Affairs, Academic Service Learning and Fraternity and Sorority Life. Our purpose is to support and educate parents and children on this issue of bullying in our communities. **STJ Storms Out Bullying** will be held on **Tuesday, November 29th, 2011 at 7:00pm** at St. John's University, D'Angelo Center, Room 128. If you are interested in attending this event please contact Mary H. Pelkowski at 718-990-6258 or via email pelkowsm@stjohns.edu by Tuesday, November 22nd, 2011.

St. John's University and the affiliated sponsors are proud to bring speakers, professors, student and alumni together to address bullying within the community. Refreshments will be served.

NEW: Practice "SAT" PTA Fundraiser Information:

The PTA, in conjunction with The Princeton Review, will be offering: SAT Practice Test Saturday, January 7, 2012, 8:30 AM

A full-length practice SAT test will be given at Francis Lewis High School on Saturday, January 7, 2012, (students must arrive by 8:30am to check in). This is open to all **sophomores** and **juniors** for a nominal cost of **\$10** and all proceeds go to the PTA. Students should bring their own calculator to the test. Any type of calculator (4-function or graphing) is fine.

Those wishing to take the SAT practice test are required to register in advance with me in Room 105 by January 3, 2012. Please bring \$10 in cash or money order made payable to "FLHS PTA" (non-refundable). Space is limited. Scores will be available on Wednesday, January 11th at 7 PM. (See below)

If you have any questions about these events, please contact The Princeton Review of Queens at 718-459-7192 or Info.Queens@Review.com.

Please complete this registration form and return it with your payment to Room 105.

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First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

OSIS# _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

PSAT Score Back Session

Scores Back Session: FREE Workshop by Princeton Review

“SAVE the DATE” 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 along with your parents/guardians, 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 these events, please contact Ms. Miaoulis at 718-281-8225.

Tutoring:

Tutoring is available in all subject areas. Teacher tutoring is also available throughout the day. Please visit our website for updated tutoring schedule at francislewishs.org.

If your child is in need of tutoring they can also go to the department offices for schedules.

Peer tutoring is available in the Library periods 1-10. Students should go during their free/lunch period for tutoring.

HOMEWORK HELP:

Dial-A-Teacher offers free homework help in all subjects by teachers, Monday- Thursday from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. They can be reached at **212-777-3380**. Help is available in 10 different languages.

Another resource for homework help is **homeworkNYC.org**. Get online help from librarians, teachers and professional tutors in all subject areas.

Reminder: Online Access To Your Child’s Progress

If you have not already received your Daedalus Parent Link which enables us to provide you with information about your child’s progress (schedule, 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 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 24 & 25	Thanksgiving Day-School Closed
Dec 3	SAT
Dec 5	End of 2 nd Marking Period
Dec 7	PTA Meeting 7 PM
Dec 15	Winter Banquet JROTC (Please note new date)
Dec 14	Report Card Distribution
Dec 16	Talent Show- 4:30 PM
Dec 21	Hanukah Begins
Dec 22& 23	Holiday Assembly
Dec 26	Kwanzaa
Dec 26-Jan 2	Winter Recess
Jan 3	School Resumes
Jan 6	Winter Concert
Jan 7	Practice SAT PTA Fundraiser/Princeton Review 8:30 AM

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

Wishing you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Regards,