

FRANCIS LEWIS HIGH SCHOOL

Musa Ali Shama, Principal

Parent Coordinator's Newsletter

September 20, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians:

REMINDER: Lunch Applications:

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.

Even if you **do not qualify for free or reduced lunch**, you are still **required to fill out an application**. All you need to do is check-off the top box, fill out Part 2, sign and return to Room 107 (No other personal information is required).

Have your child **return the completed application to their Social Studies teacher or Room 107** as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE:

As the Lunch Application is computer scanned, your **INFORMATION ON THE APPLICATION CANNOT BE: crossed out, written over and White Out may not be used. Please request a new application in Room 107. Applications with errors are returned ineligible and delay the process.**

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, 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.

Reminder: 11th Grade Parents/Students

Roadmap to College for Juniors and their Parents

PTA of Francis Lewis HS in conjunction with Princeton Review are offering a FREE information session on college admissions geared to 11th grade students and parents/guardians.

DATE: Tuesday, September 27, 2011

TIME: 7:00pm – 8:00pm

PLACE: Francis Lewis High School

TOPIC: Junior Year Timeline

- What you should do and how to prepare
 - What will get you into college?
 - Academics, Extracurricular Activities, Test Scores, Recommendations and Essays
 - Admissions - the Facts
 - Variety of Schools and Selectivity
 - Standardized Tests
 - PSAT, SAT, Subject Tests and Advanced Placement
 - The Princeton Review will be raffling college admissions and SAT/ACT preparation books. Kindly RSVP by registering at www.PrincetonReview.com/Events.
- Sponsored by the Francis Lewis High School PTA. Refreshments will be served.
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Reminder: PTA Meeting:

Our first PTA Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5th at 7 p.m. Graduation requirements will be discussed by Ms. Palomino, Assistant Principal of Pupil Personnel. Please show your support to the PTA and our school by attending this important and informative meeting. A light meal will be provided by the PTA. I hope to see you there.

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.

Community Parent Meetings and Events:**District 26 Parent Workshop "Starting The Year Off Right"**

A Parent Workshop on How to Help Your Child Succeed in School

- Supporting Your Child
- Setting the Rules
- Keeping your Child on Target
- Time Management and Organizational Skills
- Homework Help

Date: Friday, September 23, 2011

Place: P.S. 186, 252-12 72 Avenue, Bellerose

Time: 8:45 AM

Breakfast will be available

This workshop is in collaboration with the District 26 Superintendent, staff members at PS 186, and co-sponsored by the Community District Education Council 26 (CDEC 26).

For more information or to register please call or email:

Lori Butera, District 26 Parent Advocate, 718-631-6841, lbutera@schools.nyc.gov

Michelle Rowe, PS 186 Parent Coordinator, 718.831.4021, mrowe22@schools.nyc.gov

NEW: Free Adult English Classes

P. S. 26Q

The Rufus King School

195-02 69th Avenue

Fresh Meadows, NY 11365

Tel: (718) 464-4505 Fax: (718) 464-4644

Registration for Adult English classes with Mr. Jason Elbogen start Friday, September 9th, 2011 at 8:45 A.M. The class will be in Room 231.

They will have TWO different classes this year.

BEGINNERS - The *Beginners* class will meet 3 mornings a week [8:30-12:30]. The goal of the class is to help speakers with BASIC English grammar, pronunciation, and literacy skills.

ADVANCED - The *Advanced* class will meet 2 mornings a week [8:30-1:00]. The goal of the class will be on improving students' English fluency. They will focus on speaking, writing, and grammar.

Christine Marziliano, Parent Coordinator at P.S. 26 is available to answer any questions. Please feel free to contact her at cmarziliano@schools.nyc.gov.

All adults who wish to register need to sign and return the bottom of this page as soon as possible. Go to Room 231 at P.S. 26, starting Friday, September 9th at 8:45 AM to complete your official registration. It is on a first come first serve basis until the seats are filled.

Please tear off and return to Christine Marziliano at P.S. 26

Name _____ Telephone# _____
E-mail _____

NEW: ISS Parent Workshops: Advocates for Children of New York Present

Free Fall Workshops

For parents and professionals

October 19, 2011, 10 am -- 12 noon
Skills for Effective Parent Advocacy (*Spanish*)

November 17, 2011, 6 pm -- 8 pm
How to Develop and Read an IEP (*English*)

December 15, 2011, 6 pm -- 8 pm
Turning 5: Transition from CPSE to CSE (*English*)

All workshops will be held at:
151 West 30th Street, 5th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Space is limited.

AFC can also provide on-site training at your school or agency. We offer workshops on a variety of education-related topics, including:

- Early Intervention Services for Infants and Toddlers
- Special Education Services
- Strategies For Parents to Advocate for their Children's Rights At School Conferences & Hearings
- School Discipline (school-age, student rights)
- School Access
- Student and Parent's Rights

The free trainings provide a customized, interactive presentation from an expert, opportunities to ask questions, and easy to use information packets.

For information or to register for a free training, contact Joanne Buccellato, (212) 947-9779, ext. 505, or jbuccellato@advocatesforchildren.org.

NEW: FREE SAT PREP COURSE for 11th Graders:

SAYA (South Asian Youth Action) is offering Free Kaplan SAT Prep Classes at SAYA (54-05 Seabury Street, Elmhurst) from October 1st - May 12th.

Classes start on October 1st and will meet on Tuesdays from 5:30 PM -7:30 PM and Saturdays from 9 AM – 12 PM.

Mandatory Orientation will be held at SAYA on September 20th at 4:30 PM. Contact Arshiah Khan at Arshiah@saya.org or 718-651-3484. More information available on their website at www.saya.org.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- September 21 Native Language Parent Meeting: Spanish, Chinese, & Korean: 7:00 pm
- September 27 Roadmap to College for 11th graders and their parents: 7:00 pm
- September 29 & 30 Rosh Hashanah: School Closed
- October 1 SAT: Register at www.collegeboard.com
- October 5 PTA Meeting: 7:00 pm
- October 10 Columbus Day: School Closed
- October 12 PSAT Inspiration Day: All 10th & 11th 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 1st marking period
- 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 www.actstudent.org
- 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

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

Regards,