



1/24/2025

Hello Lake Braddock Families,

Please find all the information and resources for this week in our Newsletter below:

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **2025-26 FAFSA Form Now Available**

The 2025-26 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now available. Any college-bound high school senior — regardless of income — who wants to be considered for federal, state, and school financial aid programs should complete a FAFSA form.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to work with their children to complete the FAFSA as early as possible. Check each college's financial aid office webpage for deadlines and financial aid forms. Then, [create an account](#) (if you have not already done so) and fill out the [FAFSA](#).

The Virginia Alternative State Aid (VASA) application will be available in late January for students who are unable to complete the FAFSA. To help determine which aid option is right for you, visit the [State Council of Higher Education for Virginia website](#).

Get Help Filling Out FAFSA From College Access Fairfax

Over the next few months, College Access Fairfax will offer several programs to help students complete the FAFSA/VASA and find and apply for scholarships. Get information on these programs and how to access them on the [College Access Fairfax website](#).

In addition, College Access Fairfax staff are available for virtual one-on-one help sessions to complete the FAFSA/VASA. To request an appointment, families should email appointments@CollegeAccessFairfax.org.

- **NOVA VIRTUAL SESSIONS - FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS & PARENTS!**

Join a webinar to explore program options, gain an understanding of NOVA student support resources, and learn how to enroll in classes. All sessions begin at 6:30pm and run for approximately one hour. Concurrent Spanish-speaking sessions will be available on February 20th and April 22nd.

Mar 19, 2025: [NOVA High School Get Nighthawk Ready](#)



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Discover NOVA Information Session

Discover how NOVA is right for you. Join our Virtual Discover NOVA webinar to explore program options, gain an understanding of our student support resources, and learn how to enroll in classes.

December 12, 2024 (Thursday)

Register here: bit.ly/novahsdec

January 22, 2025 (Wednesday)

Register here: bit.ly/novahsjan

February 20, 2025 (Thursday)

Register here: bit.ly/novahsfeb

Get Nighthawk Ready

You've applied, now get ready to enroll in classes. Join us to learn about completing the advising survey, logging into myNOVA, course modalities, student and academic resources, financial aid, scholarships, and more.

March 19, 2025 (Wednesday)

Register here: bit.ly/novahsmarch

April 22, 2025 (Tuesday)

Register here: bit.ly/novahsapril

Open to any public or private school students. For questions, contact: admissions@nvcc.edu



- **Where to Get Immunization - Fairfax County Health Department - Immunization Clinics** call 703-246-7100 for appointments.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/immunization/locations>

<https://www.fcps.edu/immunization-resources>




- **The Fairfax County Health Department** has shared a comprehensive document that provides several health care options for families. Click on the link below to review the Health Safety Net Services list:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/sites/health/files/assets/documents/pdf/nova-safety-net-providers.pdf>

FAMILY RESOURCES:

- The Application period for Crisis Assistance will end on 3/15/25, see below.
www.commonhelp.virginia.gov


ENERGY ASSISTANCE GET HELP WITH HEATING OR COOLING

 <h3>FUEL ASSISTANCE</h3> <p>helps with home heating costs during the coldest months of the year.</p> <p>Open application period: the second Tuesday in October through the second Friday in November.</p> <p>Approved applicants will be notified of their benefit amount in late December. Payments begin in January and continue through April or until the benefit has been exhausted.</p>	 <h3>CRISIS ASSISTANCE</h3> <p>helps households that have no heat or are in imminent danger of being without heat.</p> <p>Open application period: November 1 through March 15 for heating equipment repair/purchase/maintenance and a one-time-only heat security deposit.</p> <p>Open application period: the first business day in January through March 15 for purchase of home heating fuel and payment of a heat utility bill.</p>	 <h3>COOLING ASSISTANCE</h3> <p>helps with cooling costs during the hottest months of the year for households with individuals who are age 60 or older, or under the age of 6, or that include someone with a disability.</p> <p>Open application period: June 15 through August 15 for payment of electric utility bill, cooling equipment repair/purchase and/or a one-time only electric security deposit.</p>
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APPLICATIONS FOR ENERGY ASSISTANCE ARE ACCEPTED IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:



ONLINE CommonHelp.Virginia.gov	PAPER APPLICATION Mail: 12011 Government Center Parkway, Suite 232, Fairfax, VA 22035 Fax: 703-653-1355 Email: DFSmycase@FairfaxCounty.gov In person: drop off at one of the four DFS office locations.
PHONE Enterprise Customer Service Center 833-522-5582	
IN PERSON paper applications are available at all four DFS office locations.	

Learn more about Energy Assistance and other benefits, services and resources, and how to apply:

VISIT ONLINE Public Assistance and Employment Services (PAES)		OR CALL 703-324-7500 , Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
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 Where a TTY number is not indicated, use 711/Virginia Relay.
Reasonable accommodations provided upon request, call 703-324-7500.

 FAIRFAX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES 

- **The NEW [FCPS Family Academy](#)** promotes connections and collaborations between families, educators, and the community. They have classes, webinars, workshops, and programs offered by Fairfax County Public Schools to help families support their students' needs and learning at home.
- **Register for [FREE online webinars](#) offered by the Family Resource Center.** There is also a library of [archived webinars and workshops](#) with great resources to families.

Sign up for the [FRC newsletter](#)

- **FCPS [Digital Resources - Information for Families and Educators](#)** - follow the link and you will find resources from FCPS and the community on a wide variety of topics to help families and educators support student success. Email frc@fcps.edu or call **703-204-3941** the [Family Resource Center](#) for more information.
- The **Getting to Know FCPS** interactive orientation seminar provides information about the school system, the links between family engagement and student achievement, school staff you should know, and programs and technology considerations for families. The orientation includes a discussion that is helpful for families new to the United States. The [Family Academy Catalog](#) page has registration information and dates this orientation will be offered in English, Arabic, Korean, and Spanish.
- **Varsity Tutors- Online Tutoring Services at no cost to families** - FCPS is partnering with **Varsity Tutors** to provide students and families with extra resources for learning (no longer Tutor.com). Every student can take advantage of Varsity Tutors' services, at no cost, including weekly live online classes, on demand 24/7 chat tutoring, essay editing, study resources such as recorded content, practice problems, and diagnostic tests. Learn more [HERE](#).
- **School Attendance at Lake Braddock Secondary School** - Parents and caregivers can now report up to two consecutive full-day absences using **ParentVUE**. Click on the link below to learn how to do it. [school attendance](#).

<https://lakebraddockss.fcps.edu/attendance-reporting>

- **Need to activate your ParentVUE account?**

[SIS ParentVue videos](#) are available on the FCPS website. SIS ParentVue is an invaluable tool for families to stay connected to their students' learning, especially in middle and high school.

To obtain a ParentVUE activation code for Lake Braddock SS contact:

Middle School: Angela Santizo assantizo@fcps.edu

High School: Sandra Coleman SMColeman@fcps.edu

- **Parent Advocacy Handbook**, this contains answers to the many questions parents or guardians may have about the school system and how they can best advocate for their student at the various stages of their school experience.

<https://www.fcps.edu/parentadvocacyhandbook>

- **[Youth Behavioral Health Services Extend to Local Community Centers](#)** Mental health support for children and youth is a priority for Fairfax County.

Community-based behavioral health services for youth and families are now available at three community centers. These centers will provide evidence-based treatment to individuals ages 5 to 18 in need of behavioral health services.

Mental health support for children and youth is a priority for Fairfax County, and our [Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board \(CSB\)](#) is now offering new community-based behavioral health services for youth and families at three community centers.

- **JSSA/ Healthy Minds Fairfax JSSA** Transitions Program provides care coordination, linkages to community resources and supports, and peer-to-peer support for transition-age youth (16 – 25 years of age) who are:

- Experiencing intensive needs across multiple life domains
- Not currently being served by other care coordination or case management programs.

The program is provided free of charge to any eligible residents of Fairfax County.

For more information contact: Andrea Carpenter, JSSA- 240-673-1042 and acarpenter@jssa.org

- **[Parent Encouragement Program](#)** "Encouraging Parents, Enriching Families" (webinars, in-person programs, podcasts, videos) <https://pepparent.org/>

- **Parenting Education Program through Fairfax County**

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/children-youth/parenting-education-programs?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery#classes

- **Military Families Resources**

<https://www.fcps.edu/registration/military-families>

- **Check out the Library Events:**

Burke Centre

<https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/calendar?cid=6524&t=d&d=0000-00-00&cal=6524&cm=3436&inc=0>

Kings Park

<https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/calendar?cid=6524&t=d&d=0000-00-00&cal=6524&cm=3446&inc=0>

Pohick Library

6450 Sydenstricker Rd
Burke, VA, 22015-4274

<https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/calendar?cid=6524&t=d&d=0000-00-00&cal=6524&cm=3452&inc=0>

LBSS EVENTS:

- **Choosing Courses for Next School Year 2025-2026**

<https://lakebraddockss.fcps.edu/announcements/choosing-courses-next-school-year-2025-2026>



LAKE BRADDOCK SECONDARY SCHOOL



ACADEMIC ADVISING TIMELINE 2025-2026
CURRICULUM FAIR SITES GO LIVE JANUARY 6TH!

VIRTUAL ELECTIVE FAIR FOR RISING 8TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS WILL BE HELD DURING ADVISORY ON JANUARY 7TH

IN PERSON ELECTIVE FAIR FOR RISING 8TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 9TH

RISING 7TH GRADE EVENTS

RISING 7TH CURRICULUM NIGHT	JANUARY 13TH, 6:30-8:30 PM
MS COUNSELORS VISIT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	JANUARY 13TH-17TH
ALL COURSES MUST BE ENTERED IN SIS	FEBRUARY 14TH

RISING 8TH GRADE EVENTS

COURSE SELECTION (THROUGH SCIENCE CLASSES)	JANUARY 21ST-24TH
ALL COURSES MUST BE ENTERED IN SIS	JANUARY 31ST
ACADEMIC ADVISING (THROUGH SCIENCE CLASSES)	FEBRUARY 6TH-13TH

RISING 9TH GRADE EVENTS

AP/DE STUDENT PANEL	DECEMBER 10TH, WIN TIME
COURSE PLANNER LESSON (THROUGH MATH CLASSES)	DECEMBER 16TH-20TH
COURSE SELECTION (THROUGH SCIENCE CLASSES)	JANUARY 8TH-9TH
AP/DE TEACHER OFFICE HOURS	JANUARY 21ST 7:00 PM, ZOOM
ALL COURSES MUST BE ENTERED IN SIS	JANUARY 24TH
ACADEMIC ADVISING (THROUGH SCIENCE CLASSES)	JANUARY 30TH-FEBRUARY 5TH

RISING 10TH GRADE EVENTS

AP/DE STUDENT PANEL	DECEMBER 10TH, WIN TIME
COURSE SELECTION (THROUGH ADVISORY/WIN TIME)	JANUARY 17TH, ADVISORY/WIN TIME
AP/DE TEACHER OFFICE HOURS	JANUARY 21ST 7:00 PM, ZOOM
ALL COURSES MUST BE ENTERED IN SIS	JANUARY 24TH
ACADEMIC ADVISING (THROUGH ENGLISH CLASSES)	FEBRUARY 18TH-25TH

RISING 11TH GRADE EVENTS

AP/DE STUDENT PANEL	DECEMBER 10TH, WIN TIME
COURSE SELECTION (THROUGH ADVISORY/WIN TIME)	JANUARY 15TH, ADVISORY/WIN TIME
AP/DE TEACHER OFFICE HOURS	JANUARY 21ST 7:00 PM, ZOOM
ALL COURSES MUST BE ENTERED IN SIS	JANUARY 24TH
ACADEMIC ADVISING (THROUGH ENGLISH CLASSES)	FEBRUARY 6TH-13TH

RISING 12TH GRADE EVENTS

AP/DE STUDENT PANEL	DECEMBER 10TH, WIN TIME
COURSE SELECTION (THROUGH ADVISORY/WIN TIME)	JANUARY 13TH, ADVISORY/WIN TIME
AP/DE TEACHER OFFICE HOURS	JANUARY 21ST 7:00 PM, ZOOM
ALL COURSES MUST BE ENTERED IN SIS	JANUARY 24TH
ACADEMIC ADVISING (THROUGH ENGLISH CLASSES)	JANUARY 27TH-FEBRUARY 4TH

PLEASE NOTE THAT DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

- Join the Lake Braddock Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)

<https://lbspspta.org/>

Next meeting: Monday January 27th from 7-8pm- Library room 3,
enter through door 1

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES:

- Emerging Leaders Program with Edu-Futuro

EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM (ELP 1)

FREE ONLINE PROGRAM FOR 9-12 GRADES
GOING TO COLLEGE!



Sessions will be **virtual**
5-week Program



Program Kickoff:
January 30th
virtual



Improve your skills:
Leadership,
Resume building,
Public speaking



Learn about: Mentor support, College tours
You could win a scholarship

1st place
\$1,000
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\$500!

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Empowering Students
Engaging Parents
Transforming Communities

- FAIRFAX USA GAP YEAR FAIR 2025

Register for this meeting: [GAP YEAR FAIR 2025](#)

<https://www.fcps.edu/event/fairfax-county-public-schools-annual-gap-year-fair>



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ARE YOU CONSIDERING A GAP YEAR?

Gap Year Scholarships
Learn about our newest scholarships & tips for funding your gap year. Plus, connect with gap year experts, programs & alumni.

Gain Bonus Points
Seniors attending a fair can earn a bonus point toward a \$5,000 gap year scholarship entry!

FAIRFAX USA GAP YEAR FAIR
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM EST

Public event hosted by:
George C. Marshall High School
7731 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, VA 22043



Register today! Don't wait to reserve your spot, as space is limited.

USA GAP YEAR FAIRS
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- **Academy Open Houses 2025 Updates**

Academy courses in Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) are specialized and technical courses offered at various high schools. These courses prepare students for college and careers by integrating academic and career preparation such as health and medical sciences, criminal justice, engineering, fashion, music, computer technology, various trades, etc. Students enrolled in these classes will have the opportunities to participate in shadowing, mentoring, and internships with local businesses and can possibly be provided with transportation between Lake Braddock and other schools.

Due to inclement weather, some of the dates have been changed for FCPS Academy Open Houses.

See the new dates below:

- Edison Academy: February 1st 10am-1pm
- Fairfax Academy: February 4th 6:30pm-8pm
- Marshall Academy: January 30th 4:30pm-6pm
- West Potomac Academy; February 20th 6pm-8pm

For more the MOST updated information visit this [link](#).

- **Scholarship Information**, in addition to Naviance being the database for scholarships, there is now an FCPS public webpage that includes scholarships available to all FCPS students.

<https://www.fcps.edu/scholarships-fcps-students>

- **Look to the Future!**

College and Postsecondary virtual recordings now available. Recordings include:

- Paying for College
- Exploring Naviance Student
- Considerations for Students with Disabilities in High School vs. College
- AP, DE, and IB in FCPS
- Standardized Testing in the College Process
- Scholarship 101
- NOVA: The Community College Option
- Are you Common App Ready
- NOVA: La Opcion del Colegio Comunitario
- NOVA: Certificates & Workforce Development Programs

<https://www.fcps.edu/academics/academic-and-career-plans/college-education-planning/events-college-and-career-planning#virtual-postsecondary-nights>

- **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN COSMOTOLOGY?** Check out the link below.
<https://www.hairdresserstrong.com/shadow-program>

- **Earn College Credit with FCPS ACE**

Earn college credit online, anytime, with FCPS ACE! Eighteen classes, across business, apprenticeship, and health & medical are now certified for college credit through the American Council on Education. These courses provide a pathway to academic credit, facilitating transitions to college and career success. To register click [HERE](#)

Certified courses are offered in the following areas: **Health & Medical, Education, IT/Cyber, Business.**

JOB READINESS AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **BritePaths and [the Financial Empowerment Center at South County](#)** are offering free virtual consulting services and workshops to help with your personal finances, job search and more.
 - Financial Mentoring: Work with a dedicated trained volunteer virtually for six months or more on your financial goals. The volunteer is there to guide you and teach you skills pertinent to your life! If interested, please email CRogers@Britepaths.org
 - One-on-One, Confidential Coaching: Free and Confidential Coaching and Consulting. To book an appointment call 703.704.6101 or email info@FECSoco.org, or click here: <https://fecsoco.timetap.com/#/>
- **BritePaths Workforce Development-** helps Northern Virginia job seekers navigate the job search process and find meaningful employment. It is designed to work with under- or unemployed men and women in an individualized and coordinated way to ensure that their workforce development needs are met. All services are free, and most are offered virtually.

<https://britepaths.org/our-services/workforce-development/>

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES

- **FCPS - Adult English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)**- Click on the link below for more information about testing locations for classes.

<https://www.fcps.edu/academics/adult-education-academics/esol-classes>

- **English Empowerment Center:** Do you know someone who wanted to register for class with the Empowerment Center but missed the registrations? They can fill out the [Information Request Form](#) to hear about upcoming spring classes. The Center also encourages students to study on their own with [USA Learns](#).

<https://englishempowermentcenter.org/>

- **Fellowship Baptist Church:**

<https://www.fellowshipbaptistva.org/english-classes>