



Hello Lake Braddock Families,

12/13/2024

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Community meetings regarding FCPS' division wide boundary review will take place** in each of the division's six regions. We encourage you to attend the meeting in your region, but you may attend another if it is more convenient.
 - **Wednesday, December 18, 6:30-8 p.m.**, Madison High School Cafeteria, Region 1

To register and to get more information, visit the [Comprehensive School Boundary Review](#) webpage for more information.

Language interpretation will be available.

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

- **Holiday Events happening at Fairfax County Park Authority.**

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/park-news/2024/happy-holidays-fairfax-county-park-authority>

- **Fairfax County Park Authority winter class registration**

As we prepare to connect with family and friends, allow the Park Authority to set the table for winter break classes and events. Gratitude and thanks pair perfectly with winter wellness and recreation. Swim, dance, stretch, craft, farm, or dig into nature and history to usher in the cool vibes of the season.

See the Parktakes catalog and registration information [HERE](#).

- **Franconia District Food Distributions** will take place on Sunday, **December 15th** at the Springfield Resource Center and St. Mark's Lutheran Church from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. while supplies last.

FRANCONIA DISTRICT FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

Saturday, December 14th - 10 AM - 3 PM WHILE SUPPLIES LAST



- Hybla Valley Community Center (WALK-IN ONLY)
7950 Audubon Ave, Alexandria VA 22306
- Gerry Hyland Government Center (DRIVE UP ONLY)
8350 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria VA 22306



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- Springfield Resource Center (WALK-IN ONLY)
7224 Commerce St, Springfield VA 22150
- St. Mark's Lutheran Church (DRIVE UP ONLY)
5800 Backlick Rd, Springfield VA 22150



1,000 Boxes of Food!

Each Box - 2 Weeks' Worth of Food

Each Box Has Oats, Corn Grits, Chicken, Flour, Beans/Lentils, Yogurt, Farina, and Rice

NO FOOD DONATIONS ACCEPTED

**PRESENTED BY FRANCONIA DISTRICT SUPERVISOR RODNEY LUSK
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DE LUNE CORP**

The Office of Supervisor
Rodney L. Lusk



- **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:

- **Family and School Partnerships is very excited to offer Parent Project workshop for Arabic Speaking families!** This division wide class will be conducted virtually, and registration is now open. Parent Project is a 10-week course designed to empower families and transform teens. Families will gain tools to learn (1) how to build a positive relationship with their child, (2) ways to prevent or intervene in alcohol and drug use, disruptive behavior at home and gang affiliation, and (3) ways to explore concrete solutions for active supervision. Classes are FREE, and they meet once a week for 2 hours each class.



Empowering Parents.
Transforming Teens.



Free 10-week parent workshop offered in Arabic.

GET TOOLS TO LEARN...

<p>When: Saturdays 10:30-12:30 p.m.</p> <p>Where: Zoom</p> <p>Virtual sessions December 7, 14, 21 January 11, 18, 25 February 1, 8, 15</p> <p>In-Person February 22</p>	<div style="background-color: #e0f2f1; padding: 10px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>how to build a positive relationship with your child.</p> </div> <div style="background-color: #e0f2f1; padding: 10px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>ways to prevent or intervene in alcohol and drug use, disruptive behavior at home and gang affiliation.</p> </div> <div style="background-color: #e0f2f1; padding: 10px;"> <p>ways to explore concrete solutions for active supervision.</p> </div>
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SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER





- **From Caregiver to Breadwinner: Empowering Underserved Women with the Skills to Move into the Technology Workforce**” at Marymount University’s Center for the Innovative Workforce is a no-cost 12-week training program designed to help women gain new skills and find higher-paying, more flexible jobs in Virginia’s technology industry as help-desk technicians. The program focuses on minority populations who are in caregiver roles and is currently recruiting participants for its spring cohort. You can learn more and access the application at <https://fromcaregivertobreadwinner.wordpress.com>.
- **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.

December 20, 2024, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. - [Youth Mental Health First Aid](#) (in-person course)

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 asantizo@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:

- **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:

- **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>

- **NOVA's Early Online College (EOC) - Registration Open!**

<https://www.nvcc.edu/admissions/dual-enrollment/early-online-college.html>

- A completed application for Early Online College is due by **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2025.**
- Online courses begin on **February 4, 2025** and end on **April 28, 2025.**
- EOC **Information Session** Recording [HERE](#). Passcode: Z3U=x+UY
- View full list of courses you can take through EOC [HERE](#).
- Criteria for Participation in Dual Enrollment [HERE](#).

- **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.**



FAIRFAX
Academy FOR COMMUNICATIONS & PERFORMING ARTS

'25 OPEN HOUSE
2/4/25
6:30-7:30 PM
FAIRFAX ACADEMY
3501 LION RUN
FAIRFAX, VA. 22030

COME LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR EXCITING PROGRAMS IN COMMUNICATIONS & FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS FOR FCPS STUDENTS!

Course List
Arabic, ASL, Chinese, Dance, Fashion Careers, Game Design, Korean, Music & Computer Technology, Musical Theatre & Actor Studio, Pro Photo, and TV Media Production

Meet Our Staff!
See Lab Spaces!
Learn About our Classes!

Snow Date 2/11
fairfaxacademy.fcps.edu



<https://fairfaxacademy.fcps.edu/registration-auditions>

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>