



Hello Lake Braddock Families,

12/20/2024

Happy Holidays! 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.

Jan 22, 2025: [NOVA High School Information Session](#)

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



- **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](#).

- **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:

- **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.

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 8TH

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 10TH-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:

- **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](#).

- **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>

STUDENTS • PARENTS • EDUCATORS

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.



• 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 & the Arts**

<https://fairfaxacademy.fcps.edu/>

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



FAIRFAX Academy FOR COMMUNICATIONS & THE 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



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://fecso.co.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>