

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians.

We hope everyone had some time to relax and enjoy time with family over winter break. With the start of the New Year it is also time to start planning for the 2025-2026 school year!

The <u>LBMS Curriculum Fair Site</u> is LIVE! This site, in addition to our Online Course Catalog and counselor programs, will be used to help students and families identify courses for the upcoming school year. This site not only holds information on course offerings, but also allows an opportunity for families to ask questions and see responses from staff.

Through the LBMS Curriculum Fair Site and our MS Academic Advising page, please take some time to explore all the classes Lake Braddock Secondary School has to offer. On the Curriculum Fair Site, be sure to check out the LBMS Curriculum Fair slidedeck for an overview of the site and the class registration process. Please note that you will need an @fcpsschools.net email address (student account) to access this site.

Academic Advising

Rising 8th Grade: During Advisory class on January 7th, students will be provided with time for a virtual elective fair using the <u>LBMS Curriculum Fair Site</u>. In addition, on January 9th, students will be able to participate in an In-Person elective fair during Advisory/WIN Time. Students will be able to visit three classes and hear directly from the teachers. Middle school counselors will then be meeting with their rising 8th grade students through science classes to review information about course offerings. Information regarding rising 9th grade course selection presentations will be sent separately.

Beginning the last week of January, middle school counselors will meet individually with both rising 8th and rising 9th grade students through science classes to review the courses they selected.

The schedule for these events can be found here: Academic Advising Timeline Flyer.

Please note that students will be selecting their courses in StudentVue. MS course selection sheets will be provided and should be returned to your student's science teacher. Parents will be able to view the courses students have selected using their ParentVue account. CLICK HERE if you need help accessing your ParentVue account.

During this time of academic advising please remember that school-life balance is an important consideration as students strive for academic and personal success. Course selection is a collaborative process; students will need to seek the advice of their parents, teachers and school counselor to plan appropriately for the upcoming year in order to ensure success.

For general questions about courses, use the padlets at the bottom of each department page on the Curriculum Fair Site. For specific questions about a course placement for next year, please consult with the current teacher in that subject area. We look forward to working with you to design an educational plan that will allow your student to thrive in 8th grade!

Sincerely,
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