

January 6, 2025

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

We hope everyone had some time to relax and enjoy time with family over winter break. It is time to start thinking about courses for the 2025–2026 school year!

The <u>LBHS Curriculum Fair Google 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!

Please take some time to explore all the classes Lake Braddock Secondary School has to offer! Be sure to check out the Welcome Message for a tour of the site and all the information you won't want to miss. If you have a Rising 9th Grade student be sure to check out our Rising 9th Grade Parent/Student Program HERE.

Please note that you will need an @fcpsschools.net email address to access this site.

We have a number of events planned to assist students in selecting their courses for the upcoming school year.

Virtual Elective Fair: January 7th, Advisory

Students will have an opportunity to explore the LBHS Curriculum Fair Site and begin thinking about the courses they would like to take.

In Person Electives Fair: January 9th, Advisory/WIN Time

Students will have an opportunity to select three courses they would like to learn more about. They will visit classrooms and hear directly from our teachers.

Course Selection

Rising 10th-12th Graders will meet with counselors through Advisory/WIN Time the week of January 13th to select their courses for the upcoming school year. These sessions will be recorded and posted in the Presentations page of the LBHS Curriculum Fair Site.

Rising 9th Graders will meet with middle school counselors during science classes the week of December 16 to review their course planner in Naviance and review graduation requirements. The week of January 6th they will meet with middle and high school counselors during their science classes to select their classes for the upcoming school year.

Please note that students will be selecting their courses in StudentVue. Course selection sheets are for reference only and will not be turned in. 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.

AP/DE Virtual Office Hours

This year we will be hosting Virtual Office Hours to answer any remaining questions about AP/DE courses. Students can access the Zoom session through the All Students Schoology Course from 7–8 PM on January 21st. This will be a great opportunity for them to ask staff any questions they may have regarding this advanced coursework.

<u>Academic Advising</u>

Beginning January 27th counselors will meet individually with students to review the courses they selected. High school counselors will meet with rising I0th-I2th grade students through English classes, and middle school counselors will meet with rising 9th grade students through science classes. The full schedule for these meetings can be found on our <u>Academic Advising Timeline Flyer</u>.

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 or have your student stop by to ask questions during the Elective Fair. 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 meet the needs of your student.

Sincerely,

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