



Franklin News Flash

MARCH 2024

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Coordinator's Message

Dear FSO Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the end of the quarter on Friday, March 8th, and prepare for Spring Break from March 11th to March 15th, we want to remind you of some important matters to ensure a smooth transition into the 4th quarter.

Firstly, please ensure that all fees are paid, lunch accounts are updated, and sports participation fees are handled, especially if your child is a senior. Additionally, if there are any books from other buildings still in your possession, kindly return them to their designated building to reduce associated fees.

We also want to remind both parents/guardians and students to familiarize themselves with FSO's handbook and the rules we enforce daily. This includes regulations such as no backpacks unless they are clear, no open drinks, no consumption of pop on campus, and adherence to our closed campus policy, meaning students may not leave for lunch without prior authorization from the FSO office. Additionally, please remember that any absence must be reported to the FSO office for approval.

Lastly, as we started the 2nd semester, FSO began utilizing the LCS automated absence notification system. This notification is to inform you and states that **"your child [FIRST NAME] was marked absent from school today. If you have already called and authorized this absence please disregard this message. If you have not already called to authorize this absence please call the attendance line at (216) 529-4037 before 4:00 p.m. today. Students whose absences are unauthorized will be considered truant from school"**. If you dropped your student off late, or if you know they are present at school, please disregard the message. However, you are always more than welcome to call to make sure your child is in school.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the handbook or any other matter, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. As we enter the 4th quarter, we encourage you to support and motivate your child to attend and be punctual for school. Should you require additional resources or assistance, please feel free to contact the FSO office.

Thank you for your attention to these important reminders.

The FSO Staff and I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable Spring Break.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Terrilynn Bornino-Elwell



Important Dates...

Spring Break Begins...

Monday, March 11 – Friday, March 15

*No school for all students!

Easter Weekend...

Friday, March 29 & Monday, April 1

*No school for all students!

Eclipse Day...

Monday, April 8

*No school for all students!
(Offices are closed!)

Senior's Last Day...

Friday, May 24

Memorial Day...

Monday, May 27

Holiday for all employees!

Last Day of School for students...

Thursday, June 6





REMINDERS:

***PBIS** - FSO utilizes the "Golden Ticket" program. Students can earn tickets (Purple for MS, Gold for HS) for exhibiting positive behavior. These tickets go towards the weekly drawing and can also be used to purchase various prizes from our PBIS store during lunch/MakerSpace. Please see Ms. DePauw with any questions.

***Backpacks** are not permitted at FSO. Students who wish to carry their supplies were issued a clear backpack. West Shore students and athletes who require a backpack should leave it in the office upon arrival each day.

***Students cannot bring open containers** into the building. This includes coffee, tea, water bottles, soda, etc. If students bring an outside beverage (besides water), it must be sealed upon entry and will need to be stored until the end of the day.

***Chromebooks** - All FSO students have been issued a Chromebook. We strongly recommend that on-site students leave their Chromebook each day to charge overnight. This will ensure that Chromebooks are not left or damaged outside of school, as students are responsible for their technology. Students leaving their Chromebooks should bring them down to Mr. Chiaravalle's room at the end of each day to plug in & charge.

***Respect-** Students should respect all peers and the staff at all times. No bullying, harassment, or racism/discrimination will be tolerated. These are serious offenses that will result in school discipline.

***Students must follow their assigned schedule.** If a student needs to leave class, they must have a pass. FSO does not have "Open Campus" privileges. Students may not leave campus at any time during the school day, unless they are a West Shore student or are approved for early dismissal. If a student needs to leave school for any reason, they must have their parent/guardian contact the FSO Office. Students are not permitted to call themselves out or sign themselves out. If a student is feeling ill, they should come to the office and a staff member will call home.

***Ohio law requires that students receive a minimum of 920 hours of schooling per year.** Any missed time will count against this total, including tardiness, absences, and early releases. FSO operates with a modified schedule (9:00-2:30) so students must be in school every day, for the full day. Student who are consistently missing hours will be required to making up hours before or after school and are subject to an attendance plan and truancy filing or withdrawal from school (over 18)

"Take chances, make mistakes. That's how you grow. Pain nourishes your courage. You have to fail in order to practice being brave." - Mary Tyler Moore

FSO Daily Building Expectations...

Attendance – Attend on time.

Behavior – Be appropriate.

Coursework – Complete all work.

Please call the FSO office, if you have any questions and/or concerns, and you will be directed to the appropriate person. Students and guardians, please continue to check Google Classroom, and your email, for regular updates and information from FSO Staff!

JOKE OF THE DAY!

Q: When is an Irish Potato not an Irish Potato?

A: When it's a French fry!



Updates...

***West Shore-** the West Shore application portal is now open. 10th grade students interested in applying for a West Shore program next year should use the following link to apply. See me with any questions.

<https://westshore.enrolltrack.com/studentportal/#>

***Calendar-** Q3 ends on **Friday March 8**. This means there are two weeks left in the quarter.

FSO will be off for Spring Break March 11-15. We will return on Monday March 18. Q3 grades are due on Tuesday March 19 and Q3 report cards/progress reports will be sent home by Friday March 22.

On-Site students - please be sure you are attending daily and keeping up with your work.

Check ProgressBook for any missing assignments.

Online students - please be sure you are completing your weekly 25 hrs. online & 10 hours offline.

***Catch-up/Support-** On-site students are reminded to utilize their time in Mr. Chiaravalle's room and during Maker Space to get caught up on missing work and/or complete online elective/credit recovery classes.

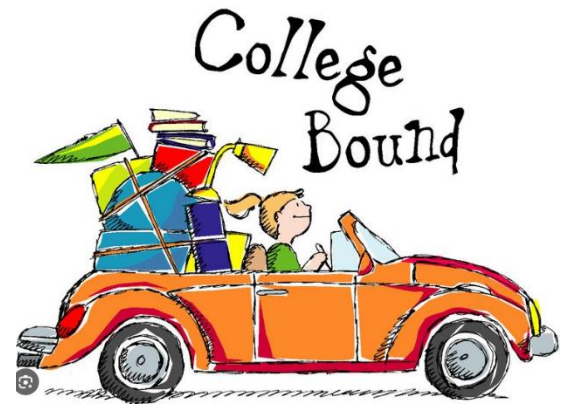
These times should not be considered "free time" or "study hall". We are temporarily stopping gym time during lunch to provide an additional opportunity for students to get caught up. Please make sure you are reviewing ProgressBook and checking with your teachers about any missing assignments.

***FAFSA/College** - The new **FAFSA application form** is now open. FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Seniors interested in college should apply to qualify for financial assistance. Please use the following link get started. The link is also available under the "classwork" tab <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. Students applying to colleges should check with those specific schools for admission requirements and application dates/deadlines. Let me know when you apply to any school, so I can send your transcripts.

HAPPY
St. Patrick's
DAY



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***College Info/Scholarships** - any student looking for information on colleges and/or scholarships should check the LHS bookroom announcements each day. These announcements are sent to your school email. LHS will post info about college rep visits to LHS and scholarship requirements/deadlines.

Career/Job Fairs - There are two job fairs upcoming for the trades on Wednesday March 27. Please see the flyers including in this post for more details. These are great opportunities for anyone interested in the trades!

-West Shore Career Tech will host a Jobs/Trades & Apprenticeship Fair on 3/27 from 6-7:30 pm at Westlake High School, 27830 Hilliard Blvd, Westlake.

-Cleveland Building & Construction Trades Council will host an Apprenticeship Career Fair on 3/27 from 6-7:30 pm at the Pipefitters Local 120, 6305 Halle Drive, Cleveland.

***College Credit Plus-** All students, grades 7-12, are eligible to take college courses at local colleges and universities for free, through the CCP program. This allows students to earn college credit, while still in high school. These credits will also count towards high school graduation requirements. Interested students need to review, sign and return the letter of intent to the FSO office no later than April 1, 2024. Copies of the letter and the CCP brochure are found under the classwork tab.

***Testing** - During the months of April and May, Lakewood City Schools and Franklin School of Opportunity will be administering the required state end of course exams. All students enrolled in a tested subject will be required to test, along with any student needing to retake an exam for graduation purposes. This includes all online/off-site students, who will need to test in-person at FSO. Additionally, all students in grades 2-8 will take iReady benchmarking assessments and/or AIMSWeb assessments & 11th students will take the SAT during this time. A calendar and letter, with more details, will be sent home with report cards after Spring Break.

*As always, please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns. Please continue to check Google Classroom and your email for regular updates and information from me.

***Senior Graduation Status** - graduation status
Update checklist and letter were mailed and emailed out to all seniors over the last few weeks. Please take time to review this information to ensure you on-track to complete all of your graduation requirements.

***Seniors Events & Deadlines** - FSO seniors should reference the senior calendar, posted under the "classwork" tab, for all seniors, events, dates and deadlines.

***The last day to order Caps & Gown Units** from Jostens without being charged late fees was January 31, 2024.

Orders can still be placed at www.jostens.com for an adjusted price.

***Seniors, who would like their senior pictures for the yearbook, should schedule an appointment at**

Prestige Photography by March 18, 2024.

Appointments can be schedule at:

<https://local.prestigeportraits.com/oh/westlake/26167-detroit-road.html> .

There is no charge to have the standard yearbook photo taken.

***Prom and After Prom tickets are now available for purchase.** You can purchase tickets at the following link:
<https://www.payschoolevents.com/events/details/32564>

Prom tickets are \$30 and After Prom tickets are \$20.

Prom and After Prom will take place on Saturday, April 27th,
from 7 pm - 11 pm at Windows on the River in Cleveland. Dinner is included.

After Prom will be from 11:30 pm - 2:30 am at LHS.

If you drive to prom, there is paid parking in the Nautica Entertainment complex parking lot.

There will also be a shuttle bus, free of charge, from LHS to Windows on the River. The bus will leave from Door 32 by the Cafeteria and Book Room. The first bus will leave at approximately 6 pm and the last bus will depart around 7:15 pm. The shuttle buses will return from Windows on the River back to LHS starting at 9:30 pm with the last bus returning at 11 pm.

***You must return a signed permission slip to ride the shuttle bus (included in this post).**

***Senior t-shirts are available for purchase until March 18.**

See the included order form for more details.

***The last day of school for seniors is Friday May 24.**

All requirements must be completed by that date, including courses/credits, testing & seals.



Graduation will be held Sunday, June 2nd at 2:00pm.



LHS SENIOR PROM AND AFTER PROM 2024

April 27, 2024

Pre-sale tickets only. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Please check box for each event you will be attending:

☐ **Prom: 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm at Windows on the River - \$30 entrance fee per person**

☐ **After Prom: 11:30 pm - 2:30 am at LHS - \$20 entrance fee per person (must sign inflatable liability waiver in order to participate in After Prom).**

Guests from other high schools, recent graduates, and LHS/FSO students in grades 9-11 are permitted to attend with an LHS/FSO Senior..

GUEST form must be filled out completely and signed and turned into the LHS Bookroom. Once the guest form is approved, you will be given a code to allow you to purchase the guest ticket at payschoolsevents.com.

Rules for Attendees:

- **Only one guest per LHS Senior.** No middle school students are allowed and no one over the age of 20.
- All Lakewood High School & Lakewood Board of Education policies apply.
- All school rules and student code of conduct are in effect during Prom and After Prom.
- No tickets will be sold at the door. Failure to purchase tickets by April 2nd = no entrance.
- LHS Administration reserves the right to revoke Prom and After Prom privileges for poor behavior and/or attendance.
- **Attendees will not be permitted to enter the Prom after 8:00 P.M and After Prom after 12:30 pm.**
- **There will be no re-entry to Prom or After Prom and refunds will not be issued for any reason.**
- All items including purses and coats are subject to a search.

LHS Student: I have read and understand the **'Rules for Attendees'**. I am aware that failure to abide by all Lakewood City School & LHS policies and procedures will lead to removal, disciplinary action, and possible criminal charges.

LHS Senior's name: _____

LHS Senior's signature: _____

Guest: I have read, and understand the **'Rules for Attendees'**. I am aware that failure to abide by all Lakewood City School & LHS policies and procedures will lead to removal, disciplinary action, and possible criminal charges.

Guest School: _____

Guest Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Guest Emergency Contact #: _____

Guest Student Signature: _____

Guest Parent Signature: _____

Non-LHS Guest Principal Signature: (high school) _____

*** Note: The school seal or stamp of the guest is required and attests that this student is a student in good standing. Guests over 18 years of age & no longer in high school and college students do not need a Principal's or parent signature.**

**CLASS OF 2024
SENIOR ITEMS ORDER FORM**

NAME _____

**Last Day to order and purchase these items is MARCH 18, 2024
Bring this form with payment to the LHS Bookroom**

T-SHIRTS: Senior T-shirt day is May 1, 2024

Short Sleeve Circle size: S M L XL XXL XXXL (\$20.00 EACH) \$ _____

Long Sleeve Circle size: S M L XL XXL XXXL (\$25.00 EACH) \$ _____



Soft Style Short Sleeve Heather Purple Tee Shirt
White Print on The Front and Back



Soft Style Long Sleeve Purple Tee Shirt
White Print on The Front and Back

The names of the seniors will be listed on the back of the shirt.

FLOWERS: Senior Dress-up Day is May 24, 2024 - Flowers can be picked up in the Book Room

Fresh Hawaiian Lei \$13.00 EACH \$ _____



TOTAL DUE FOR ALL ITEMS ORDERED = \$ _____

Payments May be made in cash, check,,
or
Credit Card, in the Bookroom.

Signature of Parent/Guardian or Student over 18 years of age

DRESS CODE

PreK-12

A. SAFETY

Safety and security require that, at the middle school and high school levels, IDs are part of the student dress code. At these levels IDs must be worn and visible at all times. Students may not conceal their identity. Violations will be dealt with in a serious manner.

Masking under board policy 8450.01 is not applicable to this section.

B. ACCEPTABILITY

Final decision as to acceptability of attire rests with the school administration. We acknowledge there are specialized programs within the district and those programs may require attire outside of the designated dress code. All exceptions must be approved by school administration.

C. PHILOSOPHY

Student dress codes need to support equitable educational access and not reinforce gender stereotypes. Student dress codes and administrative enforcement should not reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any group based on race, gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, household income, gender identity or cultural observance. Our LCS Dress Code is designed to address recent controversy and conversation both across the nation and locally about overreaching and detrimental dress codes for some PreK-12 school students.

D. VALUES & BELIEFS

Our values and beliefs are:

- All students should be able to dress comfortably for school without fear of or actual unnecessary discipline or body shaming.
- All students and staff must understand that they are responsible for managing their own personal "distractions" without regulating individual students' clothing/self-expression.
- Teachers should be able to focus on teaching without the additional and often uncomfortable burden of dress code enforcement.
- Students should not face unnecessary barriers to school attendance.
- Reasons for conflict and inconsistent discipline must be minimized whenever possible.
- Staff should refer all disciplinary concerns to the building administration and should not approach students directly regarding concerns/violations

E. GOALS OF OUR STUDENT DRESS CODE

Our student dress code aims to accomplish several goals:

- Maintain a safe learning environment in classes where protective or supportive clothing is needed, such as chemistry/biology (eye or body) or PE (athletic attire/shoes).
- Allow students to wear clothing of their choice that is comfortable.
- Allow students to wear clothing that expresses the gender with which they identify
- Allow students to wear religious attire without fear of discipline or discrimination.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing with offensive images or language, including profanity, hate speech, and pornography.

- Prevent students from wearing clothing with images or language depicting or advocating violence or the use of alcohol or drugs.
- Ensure that all students are treated equitably regardless of gender/gender identification, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, body type/size, religion, and personal style.

F. DRESS CODE BASICS

The primary responsibility for a student's attire resides with the student and parents/guardians. The district and each school within are responsible for seeing that student attire does not interfere with the health or safety of any student, and that student attire does not contribute to a hostile or intimidating atmosphere for any student. Students should be given the most choice possible in how they dress for school. Restrictions are necessary to support the overall educational goals of the district.

1. Basic Principle: Certain body parts must be covered for all students at all times. Clothes must be worn in a way such that genitals, buttocks, and nipples are covered with opaque material.

2. Students Must Wear:

- Shirt
- Bottom: pants/sweatpants/shorts/skirt/dress/leggings
- Shoes: activity-specific shoe requirements are permitted (for example for sports)

High-school courses with curricular attire (professionalism, public speaking, job readiness) may include assignment-specific dress, but should not focus on covering of the body or promoting culturally-specific attire.

3. Students May Not Wear:

- Violent language or images. Images or language depicting drugs or alcohol (or any illegal item or activity) or the use of the same.
- Hate speech, profanity, pornography.
- Language or images that create a hostile or intimidating environment based on any protected class.
- Visible underwear. Visible waistbands or straps on undergarments worn under other clothing are not a violation.
- Sunglasses inside of the building
- Crop Tops, Halter Tops, Spaghetti straps or bathing suits (except for aquatics)
- Hats/Headwear that conceal the student's identity
- Hoods inside of the building

With thanks to *Oregon NOW Model Dress Code*, 2016

Fun facts about March...

In old Roman calendars, one year used to be ten months long, starting in March and ending in December.

The “Ides of March” was a day in the Roman calendar equivalent to March 15th. It was considered a deadline for settling debts. It was also the day Julius Caesar was assassinated.

If you were born in March, your birth flower is a daffodil!

March babies are spoiled with two birthstones: aquamarine and bloodstone, which symbolize courage

There are two zodiac signs in March. Pisces, which is until March 20, and Aries, which is from the 21st.

The first month of spring is March, which starts between the 19th and the 21st.

March is the equivalent of September in the Southern Hemisphere.

Every year, March and June finish on the same day of the week.

March is the time of year when animals start waking up from hibernation.

The name for March comes from Mars, the Roman god of war. It was named as such in both the Julian and Gregorian calendars.

The Vernal Equinox occurs around March 20 or 21st. This is when the sun is directly above the equator, making the day and night equal in length.

The Anglo-Saxons called March “Hlyd monath,” meaning “Stormy month,” or “Hraed monath,” meaning “Rugged month.”

Saint Patrick’s Day occurs every March 17th, celebrated in many western countries to commemorate the day Saint Patrick died.

On March 10, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell made the first-ever phone call. It was to his assistant, and he said, “Mr. Watson, come here. I want to see you.”

President John F. Kennedy founded the Peace Corps on March 1, 1961. It is a successful volunteer organization that has since sent at least 235,000 Americans abroad to developing countries to help with health care, education, and other human needs.

Statistically, March is the most unproductive month of the year in the U.S. This is the result of “March Madness,” which is the season of the NCAA. Some companies





Snacks are now available for purchase for students during lunch. Cafeteria staff does not accept cash so please be sure to add money to student lunch accounts online through PaySchools (see website below). Cash payments can be made through the FSO office **BEFORE** lunch starts at 11:30 a.m.



LUNCH MENUS ARE NOW
AVAILABLE ONLINE!

<https://www.lakewoodcityschools.org/departments/nutrition-services>