



Franklin News Flash

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Coordinator's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,
As we near the end of another academic year, I want to take a moment to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your dedication, support, and hard work throughout the year. It has been a truly productive and successful time, filled with achievements, growth, and memorable moments.

To our supportive parents/guardians, thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. Your unwavering support, encouragement, and partnership have been invaluable in creating a nurturing and enriching learning environment.

To our outstanding students, congratulations on a job well done! Your enthusiasm, determination, and commitment to excellence have been truly inspiring. You have demonstrated resilience, creativity, and a thirst for knowledge that will serve you well in your future. Keep up the good work in these last five weeks of school. As we prepare to bid farewell to another school year, I would like to wish each and every one of you a safe and enjoyable summer break. May it be filled with laughter, adventures, and cherished moments with family and friends.

A gentle reminder to all parents that our graduation ceremony will take place on Sunday, June 2, 2024. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our graduating class and bidding them farewell as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

Please note that the last day of school for this academic year will be Thursday, June 6, 2024. We encourage all students to use this time wisely to wrap up any remaining assignments and prepare for a well-deserved break.

Mark your calendars! The first day of the new school year for students will be Thursday, August 24, 2024. We are excited to welcome you back for another year of learning, growth, and exploration. As always, myself and the entire FSO staff are here to support you in any way we can. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance.

Thank you once again for a wonderful year. Wishing you all a fantastic summer ahead!

Respectfully,
Terrilynn Bornino-Elwell
Coordinator of Alternative Education



Important Dates...

Senior's Last Day...

Friday, May 24

Memorial Day...

Monday, May 27

Holiday for all Students & employees!

Last Day of School for students &

School Cookout/Picnic

Thursday, June 6



From the Desk of Mr. Maruk...



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 may not 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.

***Loaner Chromebooks** - any student needing a loaner computer should see me, or go to my room (106) to sign out a computer. **Reminder - loaner computers do not go home and must be returned to me at the end of each day.**

***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)

FSO Daily Building Expectations...

A B C

Attendance – Attend on time.

Behavior – Be appropriate.

Coursework – Complete all work.

***Gym & outside privileges at lunch each day will be determined based on these expectations.**

JOKE OF THE DAY!

Q: What is May's favorite sauce?

A: May-onnaise.



***Testing** - EOC testing will continue this week, with middle school Math administered Monday- Thursday. Reminder emails will continue to be sent out to testing students. We will have makeup days available on 5/3, 5/6 & 5/7 for students who missed a testing day. All testing will need to be completed by 5/7, as that is that last day of the Spring 2024 State testing window. State testing results will be released between May 14-20.

All students in grades 2-8 will take iReady benchmarking assessments and/or AIMSWeb assessments between May 20-31. Online students will need to schedule a time to come in and test with Ms. Tovtin. On-site student will test during their regular Math/ELA class periods.

Additionally, on-site students in grades 7-9 will take the Social Skills Improvement System (SSIS) survey on Thursday 5/18 & Friday 5/19 during MakerSpace.

***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". Please make sure you are reviewing ProgressBook and checking with your teachers about any missing assignments.

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 and checking in weekly.

***Interims/Calendar** - We are now 1/2 way through the 4th quarter. Q4 Interims will be sent home the week of May 6. The last day of school for students in grades K-11 is Thursday June 6. 6/6 will also be our annual FSO cookout/picnic.

***YouScience-** YouScience is an online career program that the district has purchased. As we close out the school year, we are trialing this program for our on-site students. Over the course of the last few weeks, I have rolled out student access. Each on-site student should have received an access link in the school email from YouScience.

I would like each on-site student to take the career & aptitude assessment before the end of the school year. I will try to make my way around during MakerSpace over the next few weeks to help get students logged-in.



***FAFSA/College** - The new FAFSA application form is now open. FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Students applying to colleges should to complete the form to see if they 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.

***Transcripts** - final transcripts will be sent out the week of June 10 for any seniors who are planning to attend college and have already applied.

***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.





FSO SENIOR UPDATES/REMINDERS:

*Please be sure you take a few minutes to **complete** the **LHS Senior Survey** by this **Wednesday May 1**. You will need to have this

survey completed in order to receive your graduation tickets at practice on 5/31. I've provided a link to the survey below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_GJFrSr8dRp-yAd0_JKep9qPH2qdPmroH4ypSrcFhc8iwEA/viewform

*Another round of **graduation status letters/reports will be mailed out this week** to potential graduates. Please take time to review this information to ensure you on-track to complete all of your graduation requirements.

*Remember, the **last day of school for seniors is Friday May 24**. All requirements must be completed by that date, including courses/credits, testing & seals.

*For seniors waiting on testing/seals, Spring 2024 **state testing results** will be **released** between **May 14-20**.

*The annual **FSO Senior Breakfast** will be on **Friday May 24** (last day for seniors) at **9:30**. Be on the lookout for an invitation soon! Students will receive their cap & gowns at the Senior Breakfast (for those who ordered).

***Graduation Practice** will be **Friday May 31 at 8:30 AM in the LHS gym**. Students should arrive promptly at 8:30 AM and enter through the Bookroom doors (Cafeteria/Door 29). This is mandatory for students participating in the graduation ceremony. Students will receive their graduation tickets at the conclusion of practice at approx. 12 noon.

*If you have not ordered a cap & gown yet, please see or contact Ms. Atfield in the FSO office **ASAP**. Additionally, if you **are not** planning to walk the stage at graduation on 6/2, please let us know.

*The **LHS Graduation ceremony** is **Sunday June 2, 2024 at 2:00 in the Lakewood Civic Auditorium**.

*Seniors participating in the LHS graduation ceremony on 6/2 **will not** receive their diploma on stage. They will only receive the folder. Diplomas will be mailed home to graduates the week of June 10. **All school fees must be paid** in order to have your diploma mailed home. If you have questions about your fees, please check with Ms. Atfield in the FSO office.

As always, 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.

Almost done!

Mr. Maruk





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>

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*