



FRANCIS LEWIS HIGH SCHOOL  
**Parent Coordinator Newsletter**  
August 27, 2019

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I hope your summer was an enjoyable one.

As the new school year begins, staying informed and involved in your child's education is critical to their success. Should you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please feel free to contact me at 718-281-8225, or by email at [cmiaoulis@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:cmiaoulis@schools.nyc.gov). I am here to assist you in any way I can to help make your high school years enjoyable and successful.

**If you are NOT a returning parent, and would like your email address removed, please reply to this email asking that I unsubscribe your email address from my contact list. Include in your email your child's name and grade. Unless you do this, you will continue to receive my newsletters. If you are a returning parent, no response is necessary.**

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**IMPORTANT: Family Income Inquiry Form for 2019-2020**

The **FREE LUNCH FOR ALL** program continues again this school year! Families are still required to complete the new Family Income Inquiry Form this year (formerly known as the School Meals Application).

Title I eligibility for 2020-21 school year is dependent on this information. Your completed form helps ensure critical funding is available to our school.

All parents/guardians, regardless of income, **must** complete a Family Income Inquiry Form so that our schools get access to federal funding for additional programs.

Francis Lewis receives Title I Federal Funding based on these Family Income Inquiry Forms. This money allows us to provide you and your child with many additional programs and workshops, i.e. Advanced Placement classes, electives, art and music, and most after school programs. Without this money, most of these programs will be cut!! Please support these important programs by submitting your Family Income Inquiry Form.

Please complete the form online at [www.myschoolapps.com](http://www.myschoolapps.com) beginning July 2, 2019 from any computer, tablet or smartphone with an internet connection. Completing your form online is quicker, easier, and more accurate than filling out a paper form. Online forms are submitted using your student's 9-digit ID number and are processed within 24 hours of receipt. (One form per household.)

If you prefer not to complete the Family Income Inquiry Form online we will be sending a paper form home with your child in the fall. It is important that when you receive the form, you complete it as soon as possible so that our school's eligibility for federal funding is reviewed for next year.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

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**NEW: New Parent Orientation Meeting:**

**DATE: Wednesday, August 28, 2019**

**TIME: 6:00 p.m. (PROMPT START)**

Parents of all new students are urged to attend this special informational session.

**PLEASE NOTE: Required gym uniforms and locks will be on sale in the cafeteria.**

**Cash or money orders only (made payable to Francis Lewis HS).**

**Gym Package Offers**

T-Shirt/Shorts/Lock - \$30

T-Shirt/Sweatpants/Lock - \$35

T-Shirt/Shorts/Sweatpants/Lock - \$45

**Starting September 5, students can purchase their gym uniform and lock as follows in the SO, Room 158, Periods 5-9.**

Shirt - \$10

Shorts - \$12

Sweatpants - \$20

Lock - \$8

**Cash or money orders only (made payable to Francis Lewis HS). NO CHECKS**

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**NEW: Program/Metro Card Distribution for Students**

Students are to report to school for Program Cards and Metro Cards as follows:

**Thursday, August 29**

9<sup>th</sup> Grade 8:30 am

10<sup>th</sup> Grade 10:30 am

**Friday, August 30**

11<sup>th</sup> Grade 8:30 am

12<sup>th</sup> Grade 10:30 am

**All students will be dismissed after they pick up their materials**

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL/CLASSES: Thursday, September 5, 2019. Students will follow their regular programs.**

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**NEW: 2019-2020 Bell Schedule**

**Francis Lewis High School  
Bell Schedule  
2019-2020**

Period	Start	End
0	7:15 am	7:57 am
1	8:00 am	8:42 am
2*	8:46 am	9:28 am
3	9:32 am	10:14 am
4	10:18 am	11:00 am
5	11:04 am	11:46 am
6	11:50 am	12:32 pm
7	12:36 pm	1:18 pm
8	1:22 pm	2:04 pm
9*	2:08 pm	2:50 pm
10	2:54 pm	3:36 pm
11	3:40 pm	4:22 pm

**To insure your child's success at Francis Lewis, students should be prepared for instruction every day.**

**Suggested School Supplies are as follows:**

- Binder

- Loose Leaf Paper
- Subject Dividers
- Pocket Folders
- Pencils
- Pens
- School Bag

Please note that additional or specific supplies may be requested by individual subject teachers at the start of the semester.

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### **IMPORTANT: Attention Parents: NEW VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS**

**We have been informed by the Department of Health that a second dose of the Meningococcal vaccine is due once a student turns 16 years of age. Your child may already have had an earlier vaccination but they need a second vaccine. Failure to comply with this vaccination requirement will result in exclusion from school. Proof of receiving this vaccine must be brought to the medical office, Room 140A, as soon as possible, to avoid being excluded from school. Any questions or help in getting this vaccine, please call the Medical Office at 718-281-3775.**

All children entering 7th, 8th and 12th grades must have the meningococcal vaccine. Without it, they can't start school. About the Vaccine:

- It's not a new vaccine. It's been recommended for a decade.
- Most parents already choose to vaccinate their children.
- The meningococcal vaccine has been required for school entry since Sept. 1, 2016.

About Meningococcal Disease:

- It causes bacterial meningitis and other serious diseases.
- **Teens and young adults are at greater risk.**
- **It comes on quickly and without warning.**

Its symptoms are similar to the flu.

- Every case of this disease can result in death or long-term disability.

Check with your doctor. Even kids who have had a shot before may need a booster to start school.

**To learn more, visit [health.ny.gov/immunize](http://health.ny.gov/immunize) Immunization is Protection.**

### **Immunization Requirements**

As of June 13, 2019, public, private and parochial schools and child care programs in New York can no longer accept requests for religious exemptions from school immunization requirements. This law applies to students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade and to all child care settings. Schools and child care programs will continue to accept medical exemptions.

### **Children attending summer or year-round programming**

Children who had a religious exemption and who will be attending child care or public, private or parochial school in the summer must now receive the first age-appropriate dose in each

immunization series by June 28, 2019 to attend or remain in school or child care. Additionally, by July 14, 2019, parents and guardians of such children must show that they have scheduled appointments for all required follow-up doses.

**Children attending until the end of the school year and returning in the 2019-20 school year**

Students must meet immunization requirements in order to attend school. Children who have not received all required immunizations must receive the first dose in each immunization series within 14 calendar days after the first day of school or enrollment in child care. Within 30 calendar days of the first day of school, parents or guardians of such children will also need to show that they have scheduled appointments for all follow-up doses.

A list of the new school immunization requirements for the 2019-20 school year is summarized below.

**All students in child care through grade 12** must meet the requirements for the following vaccines:

- ☑ DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis or whooping cough)
- ☑ Poliovirus
- ☑ MMR (measles, mumps and rubella)
- ☑ Varicella (chickenpox)
- ☑ Hepatitis B

**Children under age 5 who are enrolled in child care and pre-kindergarten** must also meet the requirements for these vaccines:

- ☑ Hib (*Haemophilus influenzae* type b)
- ☑ PCV (pneumococcal disease)
- ☑ Influenza (flu): Children must receive the flu vaccine by December 31, 2019

**Children in grades 6 through 12** must also meet the requirements for these vaccines:

- ☑ Tdap booster (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis)
- ☑ MenACWY (meningococcal disease)

Please review your child's immunization history with their health care provider. Their provider can tell you whether additional doses of one or more vaccines are required for your child to attend or remain in child care or school. Visit [schools.nyc.gov](http://schools.nyc.gov) and search for "immunizations" for a full list of required vaccines. If it is not possible for your child to receive their vaccines from their health care provider, the Department of Health has one walk-in immunization clinic ([www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/immunization-clinics.page](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/immunization-clinics.page)).

If you have questions about these requirements, please contact your child care center or school's administrative office. Talk to your child's health care provider for more information.

Please click below to view:  
[Required Immunization Letter Chart](#)

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**NEW: 2019–20 Public School Guidebook**

The guide is available in ten languages, and offers families an easy-to-read overview of the DOE’s policies, school- and district-level supports, and academic expectations for students. The guide also includes useful tips for supporting students at home, in the classroom, and during the college application process. It can be viewed online at [schools.nyc.gov](http://schools.nyc.gov).

Check out NYCDOE [Back to School webpage](#) that has key links and information for families.

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**Community Events, Workshops & Resource**



**NEW: Community District Education Council 26 Meeting**

Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Place: M.S. 74 Nathaniel Hawthorne  
61-15 Oceania Street  
Queens, NY 11364

NEXT CDEC26 MEETING: Tuesday, September 24, 2019

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**Dates to Remember:**

September 5	First Day of Classes
September 26	Native Language (Chinese, Korean & Spanish) Parent Workshops -6:30 PM
September 30	Rosh Hashanah – School Closed
October 1	Rosh Hashanah- School Closed

October 2	Title I Annual Parent Meeting- 6 PM
October 2	PTA Meeting – 7 PM
October 3	Senior College Info Night – 6:30 PM
October 5	SAT Exam- Register at Collegeboard.com
October 9	Yom Kippur- School Closed
October 14	Columbus Day – School Closed

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**NEW: Francis Lewis High School Alumni Association**

**Are you a Francis Lewis alum or do you know Francis Lewis alumni? If so, please register for the Alumni Association by completing the registration form available at [www.flhsnycalumni.org](http://www.flhsnycalumni.org)**

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Please visit our website, francislewishes.org for updates and more information.

Wishing you a wonderful school year and I look forward to working with you!

Warm Regards,

*Connie Miaoulis*

Parent Coordinator