Institute for the Arts (IFTA)

* 4-week summer academic program for students interested in the visual and performing arts
* students select four courses from over 80 course offerings in dance, music, theatre and visual art
* open to students currently in grades 6-11
* students in grades 9-12 who successfully complete IFTA will earn a 1/2 elective credit
* held at Robinson Secondary School from July 7-July 31
* bus transportation from FCPS high schools is provided
* tuition is $775

**New this year** – students can take the **Economics and Personal Finance (EPF)** course for credit

* self-paced course using Blackboard to complete modules
* will be facilitated by a certified teacher
* must be taken pass/fail and students will earn one credit completing the economics and personal finance graduation requirement
* opportunity to earn an industry certification will be available upon completion
* open to students currently in 9th-11th grades who will be in 10th-12th grades during the 2014-15 school year – it is not recommended for rising freshman
* this year will be limiting enrollment for this course to 125 students (so register early)
* included in the tuition fee for IFTA
* students must take 3 other courses in addition to the EPF class
* in order to complete, students should plan on needing additional time beyond the IFTA program hours to work on modules; course completion deadline is by noon on Friday, August 15, 2014

Brochure and Registration

* the brochure and registration form are only available online this year; teacher’s will be emailed the link
* informational postcards are being mailed to FCPS student households; teachers will receive copies through the pony to give to interested students
* principals and directors of student services are also receiving the postcards
* teachers will also receive by email an ad that can be used in concert and event programs

Scholarships

* applied for a grant to fund 40 scholarships; waiting for results; this will determine the availability of scholarships