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PTSA President Remarks - Bob Gaylord

Message from PTSA President

A Time to Volunteer! If ever there were a time to volunteer, now is it!! So much to do for our students, parents, teachers and staff.

Let's just look at our Seniors. I think everyone wants our seniors to be appropriately recognized, appreciated and congratulated for achieving this major milestone in their lives. Seniors are looking forward to graduation and we are getting close to the 100 day mark before they do. FCPS and LBSS are planning on at least two events for our seniors every month to recognize and honor their achievements.

The PTSA is fully in a support mode with the school leadership as the events are planned and executed. We also are planning additional events to honor our Bruin seniors! Our 3rd VP, Julie Shedd has an entire committee, although small, of awesome, dedicated, giving volunteers focused solely on seniors and senior recognition...including support to graduation, graduate pictures, prom alternatives and a special 100 Days/"back to School" event.

But these events don't take place without a lot of work. And indeed, they may NOT happen unless we get volunteers. These events are NOT SENIOR PARENT issues alone...they are all of ours...the Lake Braddock Secondary School community! We all have a stake in our seniors...just as we hope others will have a stake in our son or daughter when they become seniors.

I ask you to step forward and help. Each of you have something to give. A simple reach out to Julie at <u>thirdvp@lbssptsa.org</u> will get you connected. I guarantee you that you will be doing something meaningful for someone else. Staff Shoutout

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February 25th, 6 -7 pm!

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<u>NEWS YOU CHOOSE</u> <u>SIGNUP</u> You will be making a difference...you will be helping to create memories. Even a pandemic can't bring us down unless we let it. We control our attitudes, actions and efforts.

And after all, isn't that how we find meaning in our own lives?

With appreciation, Bob

New Temporary Bell Schedule Starts 2/16!

New Temporary Bell Schedule Effective 2/16!

LAKE BRADDOCK SECONDARY SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE (effective February 16-March 1, 2021)

Time	Monday **						
Between 8:00-10:00 am	Mandatory Check-In: High School Monday Check-In <u>Form Link</u> Middle School Monday Check-In <u>Form Link</u>						
Remainder of Day	Student independent work Teacher planning and professional development						
* Monday's Schedule is s	ubject to change						
Time	Tuesday and Thursday	Wednesday and Friday					
8:20 am - 9:40 am	Period 1	Period 2					
9:40 am – 9:55 am	Break	Break					
9:55 am - 11:15 am	Period 3	Period 4					
11:15 am - 11:25 am	Broak	Break					

11:25 am – 11:55 am 11:55 am – 1:15 pm

1:15 pm - 1:30 pm

Senior Spotlight: Dane Liberatore

This week, we are so excited to feature Dane Liberatore in our Senior Spotlight! Dane has truly excelled and blossomed at Lake Braddock and that has carried over to his life outside of LB, too. Dane has been involved with Bruin Buddies, Special Olympics (basketball and track), National Juniors Honor Society, and enjoys the community service project in his peer helping class.



His favorite class is his writing class because his teacher, Mrs. Susan Byrd, is "always so happy to see us". Dane's mother echoed that sentiment and shared that Mrs. Byrd brings a lot of energy to her classes and it keeps the



students excited.

Dane has marched in three homecoming parades with Bruin Buddies. His favorite Lake Braddock memory was FanQuest 2019 because he made several baskets during the game. FanQuest is a Special Olympics basketball event traditionally held after the regular season where the students and community attend exhibition games that include an announcer, music and raffles like a regular high school basketball game. Meeting his IEP goals for PE this year was his proudest moment. He shared, "Sit ups and push ups were very hard for me. Plus, I did it virtually!"



He loves his teachers, and they adore and admire him. One of his favorites is Ms. R. (Susan Riedinger) because "she is really calm when we work together one-on-one. She is very nice also." Coach John Thomas is another favorite because he motivates him and "gets him to push harder" and Ms. Finch "because she understands me and my needs".

Ms. Riedinger shared with us that, "Dane is a pleasure to have in class. He is a hard worker. He is well liked, quiet, polite... a great student. He is just a really good kid."

CAT B Supervisor, Ms. Nancy Lucas-Heck echoed those sentiments. She stated, " Dane is earnest, hardworking and determined. No matter the challenge or the obstacle, Dane is persistent and steadfast in doing his best. Not only does he possess a strong work ethic, he is kind, considerate and respectful. Dane has a great sense of humor, he's a good friend and an ideal student. We are all better people for having the privilege to know and work with Dane."



Outside of LB, Dane has a job as a porter at Bowl America Burke where he also bowls on two leagues. Dane has played Challenger Baseball since the age of six, participating in both the fall and spring leagues as well as the Challenger World Jamboree. He also enjoys Capernaum, a youth group for teens and young adults with special needs.

Traveling with family and going to historical sites is one of Dane's passions. He has been to many places up and down the eastern seaboard, from Miami to Burlington Vermont. He is also a movie buff and especially enjoys going to the <u>Family Drive</u> <u>In Theater</u> in Stevens City, Virginia.





His mom shared, "Dane works and plays hard. He's a great kid who has captured many hearts along the way." Friend and neighbor, Beverly Dernbach (Ms. Bev) was cited as Dane's inspiration because she is very active and fun to be around. "She is in her 80s but you'd never know it." He especially likes playing cards with her.

Though it is often falsely attributed to Mahatma Ghandi, his favorite quote actually originated with educator Arlene Lorrance, "Be the change you want to see".

When asked about his advice to underclassmen, Dane shared, "Goals are important. Set goals and work hard for them." Dane plans to continue on to FCPS's Pulley Center, where he will explore different career paths and jobs. Ideally, Dane would like to work at the snack bar at Bowl America or get a job in a hobby store working with trains. He hopes to one day share a house or apartment with some of his many friends.

Congratulations, Dane!! You have a bright future ahead of you and we are so proud to have you as a member of the LBSS Class of '21!! May you continue to enjoy all that life has to offer as you inspire our Bruin Community!

Do you know of a senior we should spotlight in a future eNews ? Please email <u>eNews</u> and put Senior Spotlight in the subject. Please provide their name and a brief explanation about why you think they should be featured, highlighting some of their accomplishments. This weekly feature helps us each gain inspiration as we get to know the members of our senior class better and celebrate their accomplishments.

Save the Date: February 25th - Town Hall

Town Hall with LBSS Admins February 25th

6 - 7 pm

Dr. Smith, Ms. Kearns and other LBSS admins will be available to share the latest on the following topics: * Return to School Updates * Updated Procedures: bathroom, hallways, meal service, arrival times, etc. * Updated student schedules in SIS * Advisory and W.I.N. time * Student Support on Mondays * Catch up days

Call for Spring Mini-Grants

Last Call for Spring Mini-Grants! Application Deadline: February 21st



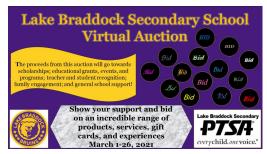
The LBSS PTSA Mini-Grants Committee is dedicated to providing financial assistance to LBSS academic clubs, departments, organizations, and/or classes to help pay for enrichment materials, supplies, and equipment in an effort to advance scholastic opportunities for all LBSS students.

To apply or get more information, <u>click here</u>. If you have questions or would like to join our Mini Grants Committee, please contact <u>Xiaomei</u> <u>Cai</u>

LBSS PTSA Virtual Auction

LBSS PTSA's Spring Virtual Auction March 1 - 26, 2021

In two weeks, we will be hosting a Virtual Auction March 1-26th and currently have over 140 items to bid on!!



Please like, follow, and share <u>LBSS PTSA Virtual</u> <u>Auction Facebook Page</u> to follow our progress and learn more about the auction items and our sponsors and donors.

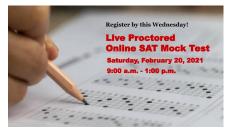
The list of auction items continues to grow each day thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and donors and the hard work of our auction committee which is led by co-chairs Melissa McCarthy and Carol Parrott.

Thank You to Our C	onfirmed Virtual					
Auction Sponsors and Donors:						
A Dog's Day Out	Mellow Mushroom - Chantilly					
Ace Hardware of Fairfax	Merrifield Garden Center					
Anytime Fitness	MindWorks					
Astro Jump	Monster Mini Golf-Chantilly					
AZ Wax and Skincare Studio	Mount Vernon Estates					
Bagel Buddies	My Best Academy					
Barrel Oak Winery and Farm Tap House	Naked Mountain Winery					
Beau Totale Salon	NBC4 News					
Bluemont Winery	No Guilt Yard Cards					
Bond's Escape Room, Fairfax	Nothing Bundt Cakes					
Bowl America - Burke	NOVASTAR Prep					
Bright Horizons College Coach	Oriental Trading Company					
BRYC Basketball	Ornery Beer Company Public House					
Burke Basketball	Paint Your Heart Out					
Burke Nursery & Garden Centre	Panisa Thai					
Burke Sporting Goods	Paradise Springs Winery					
Chipotle - Burke	Peachwave of Fairfax					
Club Pilates Burke	Phil's Lawn Mowing Service, LLC					
Collector's World	Plant NOVA Natives					
Cooper, Ginsberg, Gray, PLLC	Poppy Flowers					
Craft Goddess Confessions	Potomac Music					
DD Crafty Beaches	Potomac River Running					
Destination Sport Domination	The Princeton Review					
Dirt Farm Brewery	Pure Barre, Lorton					
Elite Martial Arts	Rita's of Fairfax					
Erin K. Jones, Realtor	Rockland's BBQ and Grilling Company					
Evolution Basketball	Roer's Zoofari of Reston					
Fairfax Chiropractic	Roneyfield Photography					
Fairfax County Park Authority	Row House					
FancyNails	RushiKesh					
Fit 4 Mom	The Science Place					
Flocks2You	Shenandoah River Outfitters					
Framebridge	Silver Knights					
The Geller Law Group	SkateQuest					
Go Ape	Squisito Pizza & Pasta					
Great Country Farms	Sun and Moon Yoga Studio					
Harbor Freight Tools	Target					
Hunt Test Preparation	Three Fox Vineyards					
Ingleside Vineyards	Tim Stuart					
Jodi Taylor Cookies and Confections	Total Wine & More					
Julia Byrd Essay Coach	Trader Joe's					
The Kennedy Center	Triandos Chiropractic and					
	Accupuncture					
Kimberly Newman, ECL	Unique Bakery					
Kona Ice Lake Braddock Athletic Boosters Club	University Mall Theatre Unreel Tables					
Lake Braddock Athletic Boosters Club Lake Braddock SS Principal, Dr. Daniel Smith	Virginia Speaker of the House, Eileen Filler-Corn					
Lessons in Your Home	Washington Walks					
Let's Roam	Wegmans of Fairfax					
Lindsay Collision Center	Willowcroft Farm Vineyards					
Luray Caverns	Wintergreen Resort					
Mary Kay	WorkAway Solutions					
Massage Envy	World Karate					
Meeting Shields	Zava Zone					
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We are still accepting donations, please <u>contact us</u> for more information on how to donate!

NovaStar Prep Practice Tests

NovaStar Prep Practice Tests for LBSS Students



The deadline to sign up for this week's SAT Practice Test is Wednesday, 2/17! Please note that this test will be emailed to you and you will need to print it out so it can be completed and then take photos of the completed test and email it back to Novastar Prep for scoring. Details are in the infographic below.



<u>Click here to register!</u>

LB Choir Partners with PTSA for Food Drive

LB Chorus Takes the Lead on February Food Drive and Concert

LB Chorus is SO excited to team up with the fabulous PTSA for our February Concert and LB Food Pantry collection! There are boxes at LBSS (Doors 1 and 14), Huntsman Giant, and the Kelso home. **Here's the** <u>link for the concert</u>:



Here are the items that our pantry needs most right now:



Thanks for your support!!

Best Academy: Our Newest LBSS PTSA Partner

Best Academy



LBSS PTSA welcomes Best Academy on Braddock Road (9001 Braddock Rd, Springfield) as our newest LBSS Community Partner! Best Academy is a fully accredited private academy that offers tutoring from K-12 in a range of subjects including many Advanced Placement classes. They also offer test prep for SATs, MCATs, and GREs as well as camps and after school enrichment. When you enroll with them, they will donate back 10 percent of your payment to our PTSA! For more information, you can check their website or reach out to James Lee! As with all of our partners, don't forget to mention Lake Braddock PTSA!

LBSS Community Partner: Peachwave of Fairfax!

Peachwave of Fairfax Every Friday 4 - 9 pm



LBSS PTSA welcomes Peachwave of Fairfax in the University Mall (10631 Braddock Rd, Fairfax) as our Community Partner! Every Friday, beginning last week, from 4 pm-9 pm, Peachwave of Fairfax will donate 15% of its sales from LBSS patrons to the PTSA. Enjoy a cup of frozen yogurt or Dole Whip and support the PTSA at the same time! As with all of our partners, don't forget to mention Lake Braddock when ordering!

No-Guilt Yard Card Valentines Special

No-Guilt Yard Cards Can Help You Celebrate Valentine's Month!

Valentine's Day is over but it's not too late to show you care with a Valentine's pop up sign any time this month! Why only celebrate for one day when you can tell people you love them all month long?



These Valentine pop-ups can arrive in your neighbor's or bestie's yards - and don't wait too long to order as the signs are in limited supply and will book up fast!

We will set up for a day at the recipient's home.

Order your yard card Valentine now to surprise your own family or another family in town.



When families receive their Love Letter, Bee's Knees or Rose\$ card, there will be a note inviting them to Pass It On!

These Valentine pop-ups are No Contact and a COVID-friendly, completely easy way to celebrate this season of love.

These will be a standard greeting, no personalization will be allowed for ease of placement.

The Valentine pop-ups will be set up by 8 am & broken down the same night.

These Valentine bookings will be limited to Burke, Springfield, Fairfax Station, and West Springfield addresses.

Pop-Up Valentine's will cost \$40 and can include a small gift of candy if requested. Please let us know on the order form if you'd like them included.

<u>Click here to order! Make sure to mention LBSS</u> when ordering!!

Celebrate Lunar New Year with Our Partners!

Happy Lunar New Year!

It is always a great time to support our LBSS Community Partners, <u>Waraku</u>, <u>Pho Saigon 75</u>, and <u>World Karate!</u>





<u>Click here</u> to find out how to get your financial wellness analysis and assessment!

Box Top\$ For Education

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No more clipping. No more sending Box Tops to school. All you need is your phone Download the new Box Tops App and choose Lake Braddock! Shop as you normally would, the scan your store receipts to find participating products. The app will automatically credit LBSS PTSA Box Tops earnings online! <u>Sign up now!</u>! If you DO have clipped Box Tops, you can either drop them off at the school main office or in the mailbox at 9714 Rolling Ridge Drive Fairfax Station, VA 22039.



Coca-Cola Gives Back!

Coca-Cola Gives Back to LBSS



We have earned \$78.72 so far!

Lake Braddock SS is excited to participate in the Coca-Cola Give program. This opens up Lake Braddock SS to new funding opportunities to help with special projects and student recognition. The best part? Donations don't come directly out of your pocket.

When you make purchases of Coca-Cola products you enter the product codes that are found under the cap or on the packaging <u>here</u> and our school receives a donation. Thank you to everyone who has taken time to enter their codes.

This works similar to the Boxtops program where you enter codes for things you are already purchasing. Brands like Dasani water, Powerade, Fuze, Mr. Pibb, Sprite, and Honest Tea may be some of the brands you didn't realize are part of this program.

We are not suggesting that you buy anything you're not already buying - just that you take the time to look for the codes and enter them if you have them. You can scan the codes from your phone or enter them manually on the website. Help LBSS make the most of this program!

Class of 2021 Initiatives

Come Connect Over Cocoa February 22, 3:15 - 4:15

There is a senior social hour on February 22nd for Class of 2021 to connect at 3:15-4:15. Cocoa and treats will be provided. Sign up <u>here!</u>

Senior Athlete Shoutouts

LBABC is putting together their sports virtual program now and will also have a commemorative print program available for purchase later in the year. To place a Senior Shoutout Ad, click <u>here!</u>

Caps and Gowns!



The school is ordering caps and gowns and need each senior to complete the cap and gown survey to ensure they have the appropriate cap and gown size for everyone. Please ask your senior if they have completed the survey. If they have not, please ask them to click <u>here</u> to submit their student id, height and weight. Students can access this link by signing in with their fcpsschools.net account.

Senior Yard Signs

Order your Class of 2021 Lake Braddock <u>Yard Sign</u>! Signs are 24 x 24 and look like the image below. We have a limited number of signs still available so if you want one, please order now. Don't miss out!!



Take a photo with your Senior Sign and upload it to the yearbook (see below for details)!

Celebrating Seniors Planning Committee

A committee has been formed to celebrate our seniors throughout the year. The committee cochairs are Julie Shedd and Jeanne Weidinger. Volunteers are needed!! Contact <u>Julie Shedd</u>

Order Your Senior Yearbook Now!

Help your senior remember the good times. You can upload photos at the same link! Go to <u>www.yearbookordercenter.com</u> and use school code 5061 to get started. Email <u>Mrs.</u> <u>Poquis</u> if you have questions or need assistance.

Peer Tutoring

Free Peer Tutoring



The LBSS Peer Tutoring program invites your student to be tutored by one of our student peer tutors. The Peer Tutoring Program is run by students who are taking the Peer Tutoring class, and we are so excited to officially open! The Peer Tutoring Center opened on November 16th and will be open on Mondays from 9:15 - 11:15, and yes, it is free! In the future we may be offering more times once we get the hang of things. <u>Click here</u> for more information on what we offer and to sign your student up to be tutored.

LBSS Livestreamed Sports: SUBSCRIBE NOW!

Lake Braddock Athletic Leadership Livestreamed Sports

Subscribe now to the <u>LB Athletic</u> <u>Leadership</u> YouTube Channel to watch our Bruins in action. With over 500 subscribers, we are more than halfway to our goal of 1,000 subscribers! Once we get to 1,000 subscribers,

YouTube will allow us to use a mobile device to stream. This will allow us to stream even more events. Please subscribe and share this link.

"Fall" Football is Only 1 Week Away!!

The 2020-2021 "Fall" Football Season Kicks Off Next Monday!!

The season opener is against Westfield at home!! Catch the livestream <u>here!</u>

Library Online Book Sale

Library Online Bookstore

The LBSS Library is hosting an online bookstore through Bookworm Central that will continue throughout the entire school year. Students and teachers can purchase books and have them delivered to their house. Purchases over \$30 will be delivered for free. Stock up for the holidays and support the library. Here is the <u>link</u> to the LBSS Library Bookstore. You can also access the Bookstore from Lake Braddock SS website by clicking the Library tab.

Contact the LBSS Library with any questions.

Please enjoy this promotional video!

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!

High School Yearbook



The 2021 yearbooks are available for purchase. You can <u>order here</u> and use school code **5061 for high school**. Yearbooks make great gifts! Do you have photos you want to share for the high school yearbook? <u>Click here!</u>

Middle School Yearbook

Middle School has a separate yearbook (grades

7 - 8). Their code is 13596 and can be
ordered <u>here!</u> To share photos for the
LBMS yearbook, click here!

Ordering School Photos 7-11th Grades

Ordering Underclassmen Photos

High School (9th - 11th) Photos

High School student portraits are available to view and order online (orders placed online will ship home) at <u>vosphoto.com/lakebraddockHS</u>. Use your student's FCPS ID as the online code. Questions or concerns can be directed to underclass@vosphoto.com.

Middle School (7th-8th) Photos

Middle School student portraits are available to view and order online (orders placed online will ship home) at <u>vosphoto.com/lakebraddockMS</u>. Use your student's FCPS ID as the online code. Questions or concerns regarding Middle School portraits can be directed to underclass@vosphoto.com.

Class of 2027!!

Attention 6th Grade Parents!!

Last week, we created the Lake Braddock parents -- Class of 2027 Facebook Group and encourage you to tell current 6th grade parents of students who will be coming to Lake Braddock for 7th grade in the next school year.



Share this link: <u>www.facebook.com/groups/lbss2027</u> They can start to build a sense of community and share information as they begin selecting their courses for 7th grade!

Staff Shoutout!

Staff Shoutout!

Has a staff member at Lake Braddock Secondary School gone above and beyond to support you or your student? Someone who is your student's champion? Is there someone that you would like to recognize for his/her hard work or dedication? Send a quick Staff Shout Out or Nominate an outstanding staff member who has made a difference! Please scan the QR Code or use this <u>link to make a nomination!</u> Feel free to submit more than one nomination!



If you would like to complete a more formal nomination, FCPS Cares is also taking nominations <u>here!</u>

Thank you so much! Your kind words are appreciated! Stay well!

Computer Science Seminar for Girls 7th - 12th

Grades!

Inviting all Girls Grades 7-12! Artificial Intelligence/Cybersecurity Seminar

Recently spotlighted senior, Lidya Demilew, is cohosting a virtual seminar, tentatively scheduled for March 6 -7th, that exposes middle and high school girls to computing through two of the fastest growing fields in technology, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Cybersecurity, and addresses their implications. The girls will get to meet "Cyber-AI" professionals and will get access to resources to continue their tech journey. <u>Register here!</u> There is no cost to participate as they do not want to inhibit participation. This is an invaluable opportunity that I hope many of our students will take full advantage of!

LBSS - Join and/or Donate to The PTSA

Join or Donate to Our PTSA Today!



We appreciate everyone who has already joined our PTSA this year! If you haven't joined yet, parents, students, teachers, staff, administrators and community members can click here to join the LBSS PTSA today!

The Lake Braddock PTSA is a 501c3 organization. If you wish to make a tax-deductible donation to our PTSA, click <u>here!</u>

Contact Melissa McCarthy with any questions.

LBSS PTSA COMMUNICATIONS

How to Stay in Touch!

To stay current on all that we are doing, bookmark our website, <u>www.lbssptsa.org</u> and visit frequently!

We have a social media presence on

Follow us on twitter



to join our private PTSA Facebook Group.

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us on Facebook to follow our public Facebook Page.

To contact our PTSA Board Members and Committee Chairs <u>click here!</u>

Our eNews is distributed on Mondays throughout the school year. We tried to highlight the things we felt were most important that you may not have seen elsewhere. We strongly encourage you to read the weekly "News You Choose" that the school sends out on Fridays to stay current on other LBSS news!

Have any eNews you would like published? Please contact: Andrea Edelstein <u>enews@lbssptsa.org</u>

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