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PTSA President Remarks - Bob Gaylord

Message from PTSA President

We are so fortunate!!

The year may not be going as we would all like...frustration all around. In times like these...leadership matters. I believe we are fortunate indeed to have the leadership team of Dr. Daniel Smith and Mrs Lindsey Kearns leading the way with an extremely talented cadre of assistant principals, faculty and staff. Dr. Smith was just recognized as the FCPS Region 4 Outstanding Principal for 2021! This is an outstanding recognition for his leadership of Lake Braddock Secondary School, and within Region 4, and FCPS.

Leadership is influence, and I can guarantee he is influencing the entire Fairfax County Public School system. His inclusive, collaborative style resulted in a strategic plan that students, faculty, parents, and community representatives helped build. His leadership can be very transactional, but also it is transformational. You can see it in how the staff and faculty works. They believe in the values and vision defined in the strategic plan. You can see it in their demeanor and moral. You can see it in the support from the community and parents.

Regardless of when, or if, our students can return to school this year, I feel very fortunate and blessed to have the leadership of Dr. Smith, supported by an awesome team, doing everything they can...fully motivated...to the education of each of our youth.

With appreciation, Bob

LBSS PTSA Virtual Auction

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

LBSS PTSA will be holding a Virtual Auction March 1-26th.

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LBSS CALENDARS

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PTSA MEETINGS

2020-2021

via Zoom at 7 p.m.
February 10th

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[LBSS WEBSITE](#)

[LBSS PTSA OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES](#)

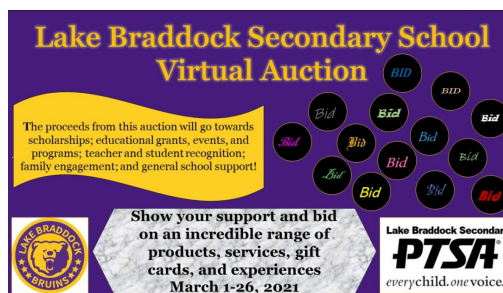
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We will be hosting our next committee meeting tomorrow night, January 26th at 7:30 pm and would love for you to join us via Zoom. If you are interested in joining the committee, please [email us and put "Auction" in the subject.](#)

If you own, frequent, or know of a business or organization that may be willing to donate items for the auction (e.g., products or services, gym memberships, travel packages, sports memorabilia, gift cards) or have items to auction (e.g., handicrafts, gift baskets, etc.) and/or are interested in assisting with the auction, please contact [us!!](#)

Thank You to Our Confirmed Virtual Auction Sponsors and Donors:

Anytime Fitness	Massage Envy
Astro Jump	Mount Vernon Estates
AZ Wax and Skincare Studio	NBC4 News
Bagel Buddies	No Guilt Yard Cards
Bluemount Winery, Dirt Farm Brewery, and Great Country Farms	NOVASTAR Prep
Burke Nursery & Garden Centre	Oriental Trading Company
Club Pilates Burke	Paint Your Heart Out
Elite Martial Arts	Paradise Springs Winery
The Escape Room, Fairfax	Potomac River Running
Evolution Basketball	The Princeton Review
Fairfax Chiropractic	Roneyfield Photography
Fancy Nails	RushiKesh
Flocks2You	The Science Place
The Geller Law Group	SkateQuest
Go Ape	Squisito Pizza & Pasta
Harbor Freight Tools	Sun and Moon Yoga Studio
Ingleside Vineyards	Tim Stuart
Julia Byrd Essay Coach	Total Wine & More
Kumutha Lane	Trader Joe's
Lake Braddock Athletic Boosters Club	Unique Bakery
Lake Braddock SS Principal, Dr. Daniel Smith	Virginia Speaker of the House, Eileen Filler-Corn
Lessons in Your Home	Wintergreen Resort
Let's Roam	WorkAway Solutions

As of January 25, 2021

Call for Spring Mini-Grants

**Call for Spring Mini-Grants!
Application Deadline: February 14, 2021**

EDUCATION

COCA COLA GIVES

FCPS CARES

MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

LBSS YEARBOOKS

SPECIAL ED SEPTA EVENTS

FCPS FREE MEALS

NEWS YOU CHOOSE SIGNUP

LBSS PTSA Social Media



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, [click here](#) .
If you have any questions, please contact [Xiaomei Cai](#)

Reflections County Winners

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The Fairfax County Council of PTAs announced the County winners for the 2020-2021 National PTA Reflections Program, themed "I Matter Because..."



The following LBSS students have won :

Outstanding Interpretation Award

- Literature Special Artist Division, Charles Nguyen, "Kaleidoscope"
- Music Composition Special Artist Division, Jake Sizemore, "[I Matter For Me](#)"
- Photography Special Artist Division, Charles Nguyen, "Perseverance"
- Visual Arts Special Artist Division, Ashley Groves, "In the Time of Covid"

Award of Excellence

- Photography High School Division, Eloise Shirley, "Time for Renewal" (see award winning photo below)



Entries receiving Outstanding Interpretation move on to the District Level.

Congratulations Charles, Jake, Ashley, and Eloise!!

Senior Spotlight : Andrew Chernesky

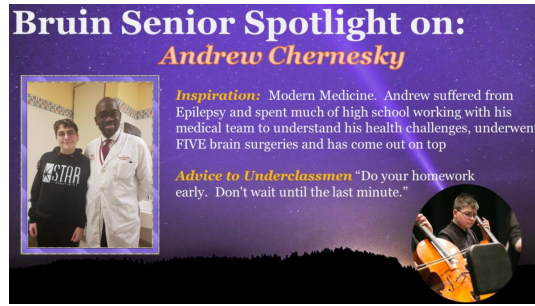
SENIOR SPOTLIGHT **Andrew Chernesky**

This week we are excited to feature Senior Andrew Chernesky in our Senior Spotlight! Andrew's favorite memory of his time at Lake Braddock has been the time he has been able to spend with his friends.



His favorite teacher is Mr. James R. Linkins and his favorite class has been US/VA History. He has made a strong impression on Mr. Linkins as well! Mr. Linkins shared, "Andrew is the kind of student you find yourself rooting for. He has overcome many obstacles and done so without complaint. His attitude and work ethic will take him wherever he wants to go and I will gladly lead his cheering section. I'm honored that he mentioned me as a positive influence on his life and thrilled that he is considering becoming a history teacher, but whether he ends up as a teacher or decides to do something else, I have no doubt he will succeed."

Andrew is passionate about music and played the cello in orchestra from 4th grade through 10th grade. He also loves gaming online with friends. He and a good friend developed an online world in Minecraft for his friend's cousin. They spent a great deal of time and energy making this a special place to play and explore.



When asked what inspires him, Andrew replied, "Modern medicine." He suffered from Epilepsy and spent much of high school working with his medical team to understand his health challenges and underwent five brain surgeries and has come out on top.

In nominating Andrew for this Senior Spotlight, Paula Raymond-Trafton shared, "It takes a lot of courage to go into surgery not knowing what you'll be like when you come out - and he has done it over and over again. He's now seizure-free and was looking forward to his senior year at Lake Braddock. He's doing classes online with a great attitude. He's packing a lot of living into every day because he finally can."



Andrew currently works as a team member at Five Guys and is training to be a shift lead. In addition to video games and music, Andrew loves travel, and going to Washington Nationals baseball games. He also enjoys moderating his favorite streamer.

Andrew shared this advice with underclassmen, "Do your homework early. Don't wait until the last minute." Andrew is currently enrolled in Teachers for Tomorrow. He plans to go to college and study to teach High School History. He has already been accepted to four universities and is still deciding where he will attend college.

Congratulations, Andrew!! Your compassion, courage, and perseverance are an inspiration to us all. We know you will continue to accomplish great

things in the years ahead and wish you all the best as you finish your senior year and pursue your teaching career!!!

Do you know of a senior who we should spotlight in a future eNews? Please email [eNews](#) 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.

Region 4 Principal of the Year Award

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Congratulations to Dr. Daniel Smith on being named the 2021 FCPS Region 4 Principal of the Year!



2021 Virginia PTA Citizenship Essay Contest

2021 Virginia PTA Citizenship Essay Contest Deadline: February 1, 2021

**2021 Virginia PTA
Citizenship Essay Contest**

Theme: "How can we stand together when we are so far apart?"
Deadline: February 1, 2021

CRITERIA:

- ◆ In all categories, adherence to the theme as it relates to CITIZENSHIP, originality, clarity, thought and skill in standard written English will be judged. The theme must be used as the essay title and may not be altered in any way.
- ◆ Students in grades 9 through 12 must write a minimum of 750 words, typed and double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12-point font with 1" margins.
- ◆ Students in grades 7 and 8 must write a minimum of 500 words, typed and double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12-point font with 1" margins.
- ◆ Special Writers may submit entries typed or handwritten.

Required PTA Information
Local PTA Names enter "Lake Braddock Secondary School PTSA"
District: check the box "Northern Virginia (NOVA)"
Council PTA Names check the box "Fairfax"

Every year, the Virginia PTA promotes a sense of citizenship and responsibility by sponsoring an essay contest. This year's theme will be, "How can we stand together when we are so far apart?"

Deadline is February 1, 2021 Essays will be sent to the districts for local competition and then the first place recipients will be submitted to VA PTA by March 1, 2021 for state competition.

Who can enter?

All Virginia students in grades K-12 presently enrolled in schools with active PTA/PTSA's in good standing may enter.

A non-graded Special Writer Division is available and limited to students whose physical, cognitive, or mental

health challenges meet ADA guidelines. Qualifying students entering this division create their own essay but may receive non-artistic accommodation and assistance from an adult.

To apply, [click here!](#)

PSATs for Sophomores!

PSATs for Sophomores: April 19th

On April 19th, all sophomores will have the opportunity to take the PSATs. The Intent to Participate form will be sent March 1st for registration. It will be the same process as was used for SAT School Day in September and the junior PSAT in October with the students completing a county Google form. [Click here](#) for the full release from FCPS regarding the PSATs on April 19th.

Building Resiliency

Building Resiliency During COVID

January 28th at 6:30 pm

Sign up and save the date for this important virtual presentation, "Building Resiliency during COVID" presented by the students of the mental health group of the Principal's Cabinet and Miss Pack, LBSS HS Counselor and licensed LPC!

[Sign up here!](#)

Building Resiliency during COVID

Come join us for a virtual presentation

January 28th, 6:30pm

Presented by students from our
Principal's Cabinet Mental Health Group
&
Miss Pack,
LBSS HS Counselor and Licensed LPC

*Students will be presenting data collected from LBSS students on mental health struggles they are experiencing this year and what supports and insights parents and students need to build resilience. Miss Pack will present a parent portion on strategies to support their own mental health and those of their students.
Please **DO NOT MISS** this important event!*

Please use this registration link: <https://forms.gle/8BHLE1wRStbtbxu7>

Bruins CARE Morse Code Bracelet

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Are you looking for a special way to show your school spirit?

Do you need a gift for your favorite Bruin?



Using the dots and dashes of the Morse code alphabet, the shape of the beads in this stylish and creative bracelet spell out Bruins CARE. Students and adults all love this bracelet and agree that it looks even nicer in person than in the photos!



[To order or get more information, click here!](#)

Wealth Springs - Our newest LBSS Community Partner!

Wealth Springs, Accredited Financial Coach

We are excited to welcome accredited financial coach, Wealth Springs, as our newest LBSS Community Partner!



[Click here](#) to find out how to get your financial wellness analysis and assessment!

January LBSS Community Partner

Club Pilates - Burke Last Week of LBSS PTSA Partnership!



Is your New Year's resolution to get in shape? Did you take your complimentary intro class yet from Club Pilates Burke? They are donating \$30 to the LBSS PTSA for each person that joins in January. Pilates improves core muscles, flexibility, lower back pain and reduces stress. Book your class and watch the video. Join the day of your class and save \$59 on enrollment. www.clubpilates.com/burke/ryan
Call them to hear about how they are keeping members safe with their EPA approved precautions. 703.691.5999. Voted #1 Pilates studio in Northern VA (by NOVA magazine).

Cup and Crown Valentine's Special-Tea Gift Box

Cup & Crown Special-Tea Valentine's Gift Box

*How do you surprise a tea-lover on Valentine's Day?
With chocolate and rose-flavoured teas, of course! This
unique gift box is sure to show your thoughtfulness and will
more than please even the most discerning tea drinker!*



Your Valentine's Special-TEA Box will include:

- Eight sachets of flavourful, high-quality, loose-leaf blends of tea*:
4 servings of Valentine's Chocolate Blend (black)
4 servings of Cherry Rose (green)
- A bag of custom-made heart-shaped sugar "cubes"
- A beautiful demitasse spoon with heart design **
- Two decadent milk chocolate-marshmallow "tea cakes", imported from Scotland

*Teas contain caffeine

**Design of spoon may vary

Orders for local deliveries must be placed by February 9. If shipping is needed, you will need to confirm your order by

February 6. Local deliveries will be made between February 11-13th.

[Click here for more information and to order!](#)

When ordering, make sure to click "Lake Braddock PTSA" when asked, "How did you hear about Cup & Crown Special-Tea Gifts?" and 10 percent of your purchase price will be donated back!

Featured Annual LBSS Community Partner

No-Guilt Yard Cards Can Help You Creatively Celebrate Someone Special!
Yard signs can be customized for any occasion!



For more information, visit: [No-Guilt Yard Cards](#)
No-Guilt Yard Cards is owned and operated by a LBSS Family!

Subway LBSS Partnership Changes to Tuesdays

Subway Partnership with LBSS Moves to the First Tuesday of Each Month!



For the remainder of the school year, our partnership with the Subway in Kings Park will move to the first Tuesday night of each month, from 5-9. Make sure to mention the LBSS PTSA partnership and they will donate 10 percent of your order back to us.

Box Top\$ For Education

Box Top\$ for Education

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! [Sign up now!!](#)



Coca-Cola Gives Back!

Coca-Cola Gives Back to LBSS

So... how does it work?

1. Go to Coke.com/give
2. Sign in and choose Lake Braddock SS
3. Scan or enter product codes from participating Coca-Cola products.

Every purchase of your favorite Coca-Cola products is an opportunity to give back to Lake Braddock SS!

The graphic also includes the Lake Braddock Schools logo, the Coca-Cola logo, and a photograph of various Coca-Cola products (Dasani water, Powerade, Fuze, Mr. Pibb, Sprite, and Honest Tea) lined up on a counter.

We have earned \$65.22 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 [here](#) 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

Stay up to Date on Senior Events

Check [the LBSS Senior Page](#) often

Seniors: join the Class of '21 Google Classroom!

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 [here](#) 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 [Yard Sign!](#) 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 co-chairs are Julie Shedd and Jeanne Weidinger.

Interested in learning more? Contact [Julie Shedd](#)

Order Your Senior Yearbook Now!

Help your senior remember the good times. You can upload photos at the same link!

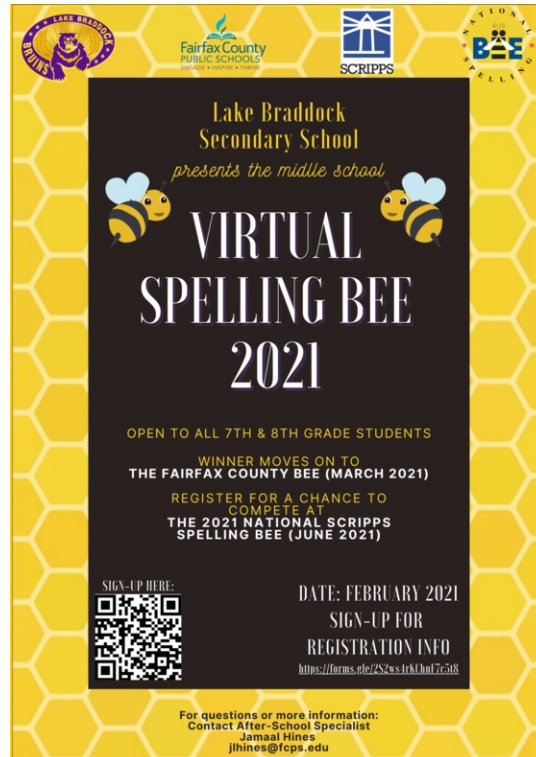
Go to www.yearbookordercenter.com and use school code **5061** to get started. Email [Mrs. Poquis](#) if you have questions or need assistance.

Virtual Middle School Spelling Bee Calling All 7th & 8th Grade Spellers...

Lake Braddock is registered for the 2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee, which is scheduled to take place in June 2021.

Before any speller represents Lake Braddock at the highest level, one must first prove themselves through a number of spelling challenges.

The first stop will be the Lake Braddock Middle School Virtual Spelling Bee, tentatively scheduled for February 2021.



We are currently collecting sign-ups for the LBMS Spelling Bee. [Sign up for more information here!](#)

Only students who sign-up will receive further information on how to register for Scripps and receive the necessary study materials.

Certificates and other prizes will be awarded to the top 3 spellers and the 1st place winner will move on to represent Lake Braddock at the 2021 Fairfax County Spelling Bee, scheduled for March 2021.

The Lake Braddock Spelling Bee Champion will compete at the Fairfax County Spelling for the chance to move on to the 2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee in National Harbor, Maryland.

Learn more about the Scripps National Spelling Bee [here!](#)

Questions can be directed to:
After-School Specialist, [Jamaal Hines](#).

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. [Click here](#) 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 Winter Sports

Subscribe now to the [LB Athletic Leadership](#) 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 Sports Tryouts

Fall Sports Tryout Information

Fall Sports Tryout Card Distribution Dates

Football & Cheerleading ONLY

Tryouts Begin on Thursday, **February 4**

Tryout Card Pickup: February 1, 2, & 3 (Monday-Wednesday) - 3:30-5:30 pm - Inside Door 14

ALL OTHER Fall Sports

Tryouts Begin on Monday, **February 15**

Tryout Card Pick-Up: February 8, 9, & 10
(Monday-Wednesday) - 3:30-5:30 pm - Inside Door 14

To review the updated Tryout Information for the 2020-2021 school year, please [click here](#)

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.

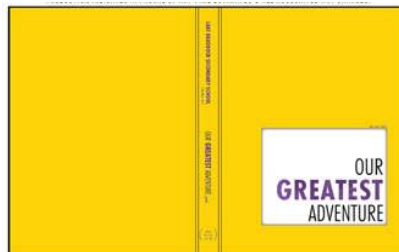
Here is the [link](#) to the LBSS Library Bookstore. You can also access the Bookstore from Lake Braddock SS website by clicking the Library tab.

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 [order here](#) 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? [Click here!](#)

Middle School Yearbook

Middle School has a separate yearbook (grades 7 - 8). Their code is **13596 and can be ordered here!** To share photos for the LBMS yearbook, [click here!](#)

Parent Academy

Parent Academy Series

Even though we are virtual, we are still here to support you! Various synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities will be designed to help families support their student(s) and feel connected to and engaged with Bruin Nation. Parent Academy Sessions will be advertised on the LBSS website, twitter page, and emailed out in News You Choose each week. Check out the [2020-2021 Parent Academy Events Calendar](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 26 at 7 pm

The Teenage Brain, Drug Trends, and Parent Tips Series

Hosted by Jessica Giffin, Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist (SAPS) & Office of Student Safety and Wellness

The Teenage Brain, Drug Trends, and Parent Tips

Provided by the Office of Student Safety and Wellness



Session #1: The Teenage Brain: Building Connections
January 12 @ 7PM

Session #2: Drugs & the Teenage Brain
January 21 @ 7PM



Session #3: Drug Trends in Teens: Identifying Common Household Substances and Drug Culture
January 26 @ 7PM

www.fcps.edu/resources/student-safety-and-wellness

Register today: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdPmpjK0Cf0x0RQlymzuzrFAxUjGsm8ZcJajbdgmeGx5G6BQ/viewform>



Have you ever wanted to learn more about your teenager's brain and how it relates to substance use? Register today for a three-part series about the teenage brain, adolescence, and the effects of drug and alcohol on the teenage brain. This 3-part series is packed with valuable information for parents/guardians to understand what their children are experiencing, things to look for, parenting tips, and how to communicate with your children around these topics. In addition, the 3rd session will walk parents/guardians through virtual rooms to show parents what to look for in terms of new trends, paraphernalia and how youth can utilize household items for substance use. You may participate in one, two, or three of the sessions!

Session 3: Drug Trends in Teens: Identifying Common Household Substances and Drug Culture - January 26, 2021 @ 7 PM

[Register Here!](#)

Questions? Please contact: [Jessica Giffin](#)

FCPS Virtual Choral Concert - January 27, 2021

**FCPS Virtual Choral Concert
January 27, 2021**



EST. 1973
LAKE BRADDOCK CHORAL DEPT.
BURKE, VIRGINIA

*FCPS Virtual Choir
Performance*

Wednesday, January 27th @ 7pm

**14 LAKE BRADDOCK CHOIR
MEMBERS WILL BE
PERFORMING!**

The concert can be found on
Red Apple 21 and Channel 25

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) choral teachers have put together a virtual choral concert and presentation involving 350 middle and high school students from 37 secondary schools. The concert and presentation of student work will air at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27 on the following channels: cable channels (available via cable providers Cox, Verizon, and Comcast): Red Apple 21 and Channel 25, and streaming online at Red Apple 21 and Channel 25. CPS will be hosting a virtual choir performance on January 27th at 7 pm. The following Lake Braddock students will be performing: Lilly Baldwin, Ruby Carlon, Nicholas Doan, Rachel Griffith, Aryanah Lee, Amelia McDaniel, Katherine Morgan, Siam Salam, Samantha Scarbro, Havah Shwalb, Jake Sizemore, Bella Thurgood, Lily Tran, and Wilson Weingast.

AVID

AVID

Are you familiar with Lake Braddock's college-readiness course: Advancement Via Individual Determination, commonly known as AVID? The year-long elective course is offered in grades 7-12 and focuses on student support with the goal of attendance and success in college and beyond.

They are now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. The student-created infographic below has detail, including a QR code to the online application. More information on the course can be found on the middle and high school curriculum fair sites, listed under the AVID heading.

Lake Braddock AVID

Advancement Via Individual Determination

AVID'S Mission

To close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

What is AVID?

Year-long elective course
College readiness program
Motivation, support, and
educational guidance

Skills focus:

- Writing
- Inquiry
- Collaboration
- Organization
- Reading



PROSPECTIVE AVID STUDENT

Some criteria consider are:

- GPA
- Attendance and behavior
- First to attend college
- Underrepresented in 4-year colleges
- Economically disadvantaged
- Drive and determination
- Other special circumstances

AVID CLASS ACTIVITIES

- College field trips and career exploration
- Resources about colleges and scholarships
- Assistance from educated tutors
- Motivational and educational exercises (Fun Fridays!)
- Study skills, focused notes, binder checks

TO ENROLL IN AVID

- Complete the application
- Interview with an AVID site team member
- Check the AVID box on your course selection sheet

SCAN THE QR CODE TO ACCESS THE ONLINE APPLICATION



Laura Kayajanian, Coordinator
lkayajanian@fcps.edu : 703-426-1236
Allison Riley-Ryan, HS Elective Teacher
amrileyryan@fcps.edu : 703-426-1249
Lynda Samek-Smith, HS Counselor
lsameksmith1@fcps.edu : 703-426-1053

Lance Jackson, Administrator
ljackson@fcps.edu : 703-426-1120
Josh Britton, MS Elective Teacher
jibritton@fcps.edu : 703-426-1276
Beth Spille, MS Elective Teacher
esspille@fcps.edu : 703-426-1228
Josh Miles, MS Counselor
jjmiles@fcps.edu : 703-426-1034



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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 vosphoto.com/lakebraddockHS . 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 vosphoto.com/lakebraddockMS . 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:

www.facebook.com/groups/lbss2027

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 [link to make a nomination!](#) Feel free to submit more than one nomination!



If you would like to complete a more formal nomination, FCPS Cares is also taking nominations [here!](#)

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

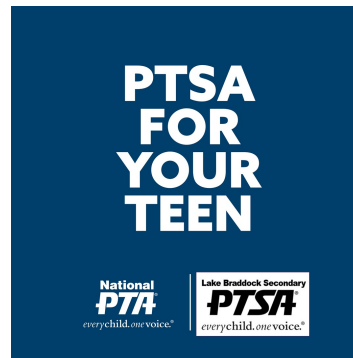
Recently spotlighted senior, Lidya Demilew, is co-hosting a virtual seminar, tentatively scheduled for March 6 -7th, that

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.

[Register here!](#) 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 [here!](#)

Contact [Melissa McCarthy](#) with any questions.

LBSS PTSA COMMUNICATIONS

How to Stay in Touch!

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To contact our PTSA Board Members and Committee Chairs [click here!](#)

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?

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