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### PTSA PRESIDENT REMARKS

#### Message from PTSA President

I'm sorry...I can't hear you! **Still can't hear you!** As an advocacy organization comprised of parents, teachers and students, we are lacking the voice of students and teachers...middle school and high school.

What's in it for you? You can contribute to improving the school! You can give voice to others. You will be listened to and your thoughts, concerns, insights and feedback will be respected and appreciated. We all want to be appreciated and heard!

Want to volunteer? It's really easy. The only criteria is that you be a PTSA member, care about the Lake Braddock community and agree to represent your constituency.

Contact me or any of the PTSA board officers or committee chairs. Volunteer and commit now to being a High School or Middle School student or teacher representative.

With appreciation, Bob

### PTSA REFLECTIONS CONTEST - Deadline 10/19

#### REFLECTIONS CONTEST DEADLINE APPROACHING!



Application Deadline: **October 19, 2020**

**PTSA MEETINGS**

**2020-2021**

via Zoom at 7 p.m.  
November 18th  
February 10th

**QUICK LINKS**

LBSS PTSA WEBSITE

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LBSS PTSA OFFICERS  
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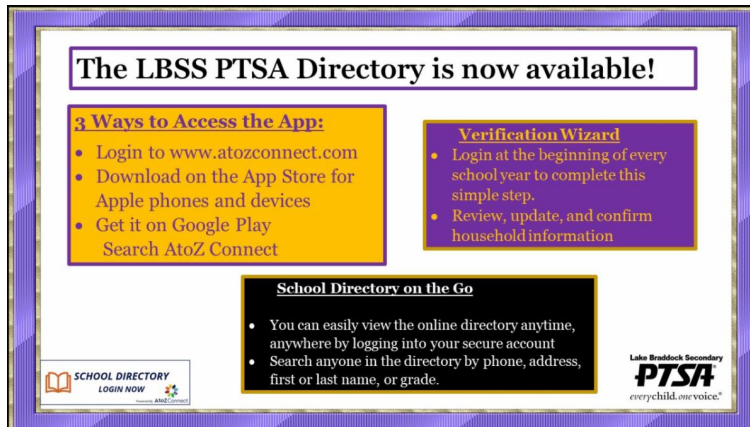
It's time for the National PTA Reflections Program! This program provides an opportunity for students to express their creativity through various art forms. There are a variety of different categories using this year's theme, "I Matter Because.." including Dance Choreography, Film Production, Visual Arts, Photography, Literature, and Music Composition. All entries will be following a virtual format. All specific rules and guidelines for each category and theme search can be found on this [link](#) . More information about the Reflections Contest including links for submission can be found [here!](#)

**JUDGES NEEDED**

If you have an interest, or know someone who has an interest in one of these fine arts categories - Photography, Visual Arts, Literature, Musical Composition, Film Production, or Dance Choreography- then Reflections Judging is for you. The time commitment would be minimal. All judging will be done electronically so you can do it from the comfort of your own home. If you're interested or want to recommend someone else, please contact [Laura Key](#) , PTSA Reflections Chair.

**DIRECTORY**

**2020-2021 LBSS PTSA Directory**



The LBSS PTSA Directory is now updated with the 2020-2021 registered LBSS parents/guardians and students! Check it out! You can access it through their website by clicking [here](#) or by downloading the AtoZ Connect app. Choose Lake Braddock (zip code = 22015). There's lots of great info in there and search capabilities by grade, first name, last name and favorite searches can be saved. But, first verify your information once you log in! You don't need to add yourself - your information should be in there unless you've opted out during the school registration process.

**PTSA FUNDRAISERS - Help us help you!**

**BRUINS CARE MORSE CODE  
BRACELETS**



We are so excited that our bracelets have arrived!! We are firming up distribution plans now. If you have ordered, you will soon be receiving an email from [communications@lbspsa.org](mailto:communications@lbspsa.org) with pick up details.

If you have not ordered yet, it's not too late to get your limited edition Bruins CARE Morse code bracelet. Show your school spirit with this purple, gold, and white bracelet. The bracelet's pattern means "Bruins CARE" in Morse code and is an attractive reminder of our school vision.

These bracelets make great gifts so consider getting more than one! Celebrate the end of the first quarter or save it for a stocking stuffer! Looking for a birthday gift for a friend? Look no further!

Order yours today by clicking [here!](#)  
Contact [Andrea Edelstein](#) with any questions.



Packaged in a purple organza drawstring bag perfect for gifting!



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## GOODR SUNGLASSES

LBSS PTSA is proud to partner with the LB Crew Boosters to offer custom Lake Braddock branded GoodR sunglasses! These sunglasses feature polarized lenses, non-slip frames with a laser etched paw print and Lake

Braddock Bruins on the inside of the frame. To order, [click here!](#) They are \$25 each. Five dollars from each pair sold will be donated to the PTSA and the rest of the proceeds will support the LB Crew team! Questions?

Contact Sara: lbcrewpresident@gmail.com



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## 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, then scan your store receipts to find participating products. The app will automatically credit LBSS PTSA Box Tops earnings online! Sign up now!!



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## LBSS COMMUNITY PARTNERS

LBSS PTSA is proud to welcome our first four annual local business partners to our newly launched [LBSS Community Partners Program](#): [Waraku](#) & [Pho Saigon 75](#), [No-Guilt Yard Cards](#) and [No-Guilt Disney](#). Throughout the school year, please let them know that you are part of the LBSS community when you are ordering. Each Partner will donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase to our PTSA!



LBSS Community Partner




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**Craving Sushi or Ramen?**  
**Support our partner, Waraku!**  
[Click here for their website!](#)



**Waraku is an LBSS Community Partner**



Twinbrooke Shopping Center  
9539 Braddock Road  
Fairfax, VA  
[www.fairfaxwaraku.com](http://www.fairfaxwaraku.com)



Throughout the **2020-2021 school year**,  
when you go to **Waraku**  
mention that you are part of the **LBSS Community**  
and they will donate a portion of your payment  
back to the **LBSS PTSA!**


<http://lbssptsa.org/programs/communitypartners>

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**In the Mood for Pho?**  
**Support our Partner, Pho Saigon 75**  
[Click here for their website!](#)

**Pho Saigon 75 is an LBSS Community Partner**

Phở Sài Gòn 75



Twinbrooke Shopping Center  
9535 Braddock Road  
Fairfax, VA  
[www.phosaigon75.com](http://www.phosaigon75.com)



Throughout the **2020-2021 school year**,  
when you go to **Pho Saigon 75**  
mention that you are part of the **LBSS Community**  
and they will donate a portion of your payment  
back to the **LBSS PTSA!**

<http://lbssptsa.org/programs/communitypartners>

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**October Spirit Nights At Jersey Mike's**

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Ravensworth Shopping Center\*  
5250-G Port Royal Road  
Springfield, VA  
\*This Location Only!



**Every Wednesday and Thursday in October**  
**4-9 pm**  
Mention that you are part of the **LBSS Community** and they will  
donate a portion of your payment back to the **LBSS PTSA!**

<http://lbssptsa.org/programs/communitypartners>

Please go to Jersey Mike's in Ravensworth on Wednesday and Thursday's in October (from 4 - 9 pm) to support the LBSS Community Partnership! Mention LBSS Community Partners and they will donate a portion of your payment back to the LBSS PTSA! Grab some dinner and lunch for the next day!

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**Looking for a way to celebrate Halloween in a COVID-friendly way this year?**

**Gift a Halloween Yard Card!**

Purchase a Boo Yard Sign to surprise your family, friends,

teachers, co-workers, or coach!



Mention that LBSS PTSA referred you and they will donate \$10 of your purchase to the PTSA!

Boo bookings will be limited to Burke, Springfield, and West Springfield addresses to allow multiple bookings per day.

No-Guilt Yard Cards has partnered with us for the entire school year and will donate \$10 from ALL of your yard sign orders as long as you remember to mention LBSS Community Partners!

For more information, visit: [No-Guilt Yard Cards](#)

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### Do you want to book a vacation?



Look no further than [No-Guilt Travel!](#) They can help you with all of your travel needs! Start planning your vacation now!

*No-Guilt Yard Cards and No-Guilt Travel are owned and operated by an LBSS Family!*

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**We are continuing to welcome more local businesses into our program. Contact [Alice Chu](#) with questions or to become a Partner!**

### FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Looking for a way to make an impact for LBSS's students, teachers and the greater community? Have a creative idea to raise funds for LBSS programs and scholarships for graduating seniors? Or have pent up energy that you don't know where to channel? Then the Fundraising Committee is the place for you!! To join, please contact Alice Chu

at: [fundraising@lbspspta.org](mailto:fundraising@lbspspta.org)

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### PROCEEDS FROM LBSS PTSA FUNDRAISERS

Unless otherwise stated, the proceeds from LBSS PTSA

fundraisers will go towards scholarships; educational grants, events, and programs; teacher and student recognition; family engagement; and general school support.

## CLASS OF 2021 INITIATIVES

### SENIOR YARD SIGNS

Order your **Class of 2021** Lake Braddock [Yard Sign](#) today using the online form below! Signs are 24 x 24 and look like the image below. Details on pick up dates and times will be sent to those who order. We have sold out of the initial order of 300 signs and are now accepting pre-orders so we know how many to order in the next batch. Don't delay!



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### 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](#)

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### SENIOR PHOTOS REMINDER

**October 13-16 and 20-21 from 3 - 8 pm**

The slots for Senior Portraits on October 13-16 and October 20-21 are filled. Victor O'Neill Studios has confirmed additional dates of November 10-12, but has not yet sent the link to sign up. Save the dates and keep an eye out for the link.

Pictures will be held in the Cafeteria. Seniors should enter Lake Braddock at Door 7 from the back of the building. They will then exit from Door 6 in order to maintain one-way traffic.

#### **Important Information about the yearbook pose:**

Fairfax County is no longer allowing any shared clothing for the senior portraits. For the yearbook pose, Solid colored dress shirts/tops work well for the camera; jackets and ties are optional. Please note that the photographer will not provide tuxedos and drapes due to county regulations. Cap n Gown images will be taken in the spring.

Questions or concerns? Contact [Theresa Poquis](#)

**Congratulations to Ashley Elliott,  
Outstanding New Secondary Teacher  
and  
Carin Frank, FCPS CARES Award  
Recipient**

We appreciate you both going above and beyond  
in all you do!!

**Bruin Spotlight on:**

***Ashley Elliott***

***Special Education Instructional Assistant***

Lake Braddock Pyramid Selection and Region 4 Finalist  
for Outstanding New Teacher – Secondary School Award

***Carin Frank***

***School Based Tech Specialist***

FCPS CARES Award for showing you care by making  
a difference to others within FCPS

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

**National Honor Society**

**Application Deadline:** November 22, 2020

The [National Honor Society Application](#) (a Google Form) is now posted on the LBSS Website. Students must have a 3.5 cumulative GPA and be a sophomore, junior, or senior. An invitation to join is not required.

There will be two interest meetings on October 13th at 3:05 pm and 19th at 10:50 am on Google Meets.

Peer editing day will be on November 16th at 10:50 am on Google Meets.

The application deadline is Sunday November 22 at 5:00PM. If you have any questions, please contact [rlandrews@fcps.edu](mailto:rlandrews@fcps.edu)

**AP INFORMATION**

**Important Advance Placement Info**



Dear Lake Braddock Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year at LB! We've had a school opening like no other, and we are excited by what each of your students bring to our wonderful community! I wanted to take this opportunity share information with you all regarding College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) Program.

As you know, College Board moved to an online platform last school year called AP Classroom. This platform provides online resources to students in the form of progress checks, a question bank of previously released questions, and links to additional resources for more in-depth investigation including videos for each unit topic that are being released throughout the school year. All AP Teachers are enrolled in AP Classroom and have given their students a join code for their course so they can access the materials and be registered for their exams in May. It is required that students be enrolled in the AP Classroom sections for their respective courses, even if they opt out of the exam.

FCPS encourages all students to take AP tests for courses in which they are enrolled. However, students will have the opportunity to opt-out of the test(s) by filling out an Opt-Out form, which will show a report with their previous tests and current AP course enrollment. The Opt-Out forms will be mailed home the week of October 5<sup>th</sup> and will be DUE by October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Families may complete the opt-out form process in one of two ways this year: return the opt-out form to the school via postage mail or complete an [opt-out form online](https://bit.ly/2S8Owww) by visiting <https://bit.ly/2S8Owww>. If your student intends to take ALL their scheduled AP exams in May, there is no need to complete an opt-out form.

As part of the FCPS FY 2021 Approved Budget, FCPS is continuing to assess Advanced Placement (AP) test fees. As in previous years, Fairfax County Public Schools will pay for the first six AP Exams for the associated courses of a student's school career. In December 2020, parents/guardians will be billed \$95 for each test that exceed the six FCPS funded tests. Also, students taking AP tests without enrolling in the corresponding FCPS course are responsible for the test fee of \$95.

AP students who register for an AP exam after November 13th will be assessed a \$40 late registration fee by the College Board. AP students will have an opportunity to request to cancel an AP exam at no charge by March 1, 2021.

We will be communicating throughout the year to remind you of due dates. If you have questions about the AP format, processes, or fees please email our AP Testing Team:

Jennifer Bury - JABury@fcps.edu  
Lynn Carrera - LNCarrera@fcps.edu  
Megan Cashman - MTCashman@fcps.edu

Sincerely,

Anne Polino  
Director, Student Services

## LBSS - JOIN THE PTSA

### JOIN 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 should [click here](#) to join the LBSS PTSA today!

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

## LBSS PTSA COMMUNICATIONS

### STAY IN TOUCH!

We recently launched a new website where you can stay current on all that we are doing. Bookmark it at [www.lbssptsa.org](http://www.lbssptsa.org) and visit frequently!

We have a social media presence!

Follow us on [twitter](#)

 Join our private Facebook group



Follow our public Facebook page

Get [contact information](#) for our PTSA board members and committee chairs!

We hope to get our eNews distributed on a weekly basis 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  
[enews@lbssptsa.org](mailto:enews@lbssptsa.org)**

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