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PTSA PULSE

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LAKE BRADDOCK SECONDARY SCHOOL
2021-2022

A message from our PTSA President

Pulse Check!

How are your kids doing? We're now into second quarter...how is the stress level? Everything ok? Never hurts to check.

I realized about two weeks ago that there are students in Lake Braddock whose last normal year in school was the 4th grade...I don't know why I hadn't made that linkage before. The entire middle school is new to Lake Braddock. LBSS has roughly 4300 students, the largest student population in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Even our 10th graders haven't had a normal year since 7th grade!

It's a daunting challenge for our teachers and administrators. Not only do they have to bring our kids back up to speed and grade level academically after nearly two atypical academic years, but to ensure a social maturity and discipline level appropriate to their grade level. We owe our teachers and administrators and incredible debt of gratitude. As a community, we also owe you parents a debt of gratitude for your grace and support of our school in these difficult times. We still are far from what we used to consider normal.

I strongly encourage you to attend the **PTSA membership meeting and special presentation on Academic Advising by Dr. Smith and the Directors of Student Services, on November 10th from 7-8pm.** Let's get the direct, inside information on how our school is joining forces with you to grow our youth!

With appreciation, Bob


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2ND ANNUAL VIRTUAL AUCTION


SUPPORT THE LAKE BRADDOCK SECONDARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY BY DONATING A TAX DEDUCTIBLE PRODUCT OR SERVICE.

All proceeds from the auction will be used for student scholarships, educational grants, events, programs, teacher and student recognition, family engagement and general school support.

MARCH 2022
VISIT [HTTPS://LBSSPTSA.DIGITALPTD.COM/SUPPORT-LBSS/VIRTUAL-AUCTION/](https://lbssptsa.digitalptd.com/support-lbss/virtual-auction/) AND DONATE TODAY!



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Virtual Auction!

Last year's virtual auction was such a fun event, we've decided to hold it again this year. The auction will take place in March, however we are currently collecting tax deductible donations for items or services to be auctioned. If you would like to contribute please [CLICK HERE](#).

PTSA Spirit Nights

From Monday, Oct 18- Wednesday, Nov 24 at Glory Days, 9526 Old Keene Mill Rd



To participate all you need to do is eat at Glory Days and then please scan your itemized receipt (not the charge card receipt) and email it to fundraising@lbssptsa.org or drop it off at the PTSA mailbox in the main office.

LBSS PTSA will receive 10% back from the receipts received.

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LBSS Directory Access Instructions for Parents

Attention Parents!

Our **NEW PTSA Directory** is up and running!
 Visit lakebraddocksspta.membershiptoolkit.com to register!

- Go to lakebraddocksspta.membershiptoolkit.com.
 - Click on the **Log In** button or the Registration button.
 - If you **already have an account** with another organization that uses Membership Toolkit you can use the **same email and password** to login. You can then proceed to the numbered steps below.
 - Select "**Create Account**" and fill in the name, email, and password information.
 - Click "**verify my email**" and then check your email for a link to complete the process. The link expires in 2 hours. If you do not receive the email, check your spam or junk folders.
 - Once you have verified your email address, **log back in and finish the registration process.**
1. Complete the **Parent/Family and Student Information** forms.
 2. Complete the **Directory/Publish Preferences**.

Create account
 1 — Complete this form
 2 — We will send you an email
 3 — Click the link in the email message to verify your email address and complete the process
The link expires in 2 hours.
If you do not receive the email in the next few minutes, check the spam or junk folders in your email software.

First name

Last name

Email address

Your account will be your email address. You must have access to this account to complete this process.

Password

Retype password

[cancel](#) [verify my email](#)

Membership Toolkit

Once the Primary Account is set up, the **Primary User can "invite" other email addresses** to access his/her account. This allows the Secondary User to have their own login information, but still have access to the family account.

The first time you register, you must do so from a computer. After that, you can access from your phone and can use the Membership Toolkit app.

Questions? - Please don't hesitate to contact Andrea Edelstein, Directory Chair, at directory@lbsspta.org.

Please note that the directory is only available to current LBSS PTSA members. To join, click on lbsspta.org/join!

Reflections Contest Winners

Congratulations to our Reflections Contest Winners! See their work [HERE](#).

Photography: Eloise Shirley 1st place HS Division, Sophia Kang 1st place MS Division, Charles Nguyen 1st place Special Artists Division

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Literature: Liza Murphy 1st place MS Division, Stephanie Groves 1st place Special Artist Division

Music: Julie Auten 1st place HS Division

Film: Stephanie Groves 1st place Special Artist Division



College Admissions Webinar

Join NovaStar Prep Free College Admissions Webinar: **Thursday, November 11 at 7:30 pm.**

This session will help you navigate the challenges of the admissions process and provide the opportunity to ask questions of our experts in the field. The webinar will cover topics including: narrowing the college list, admissions process, college visits, admissions essay, and ACT/SAT test prep. Even if you cannot join live, register now and we'll send you the recorded webcast to watch at your convenience.

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SAT® or ACT® Practice Test Fundraiser hosted by the LBSS PTSA

Join us virtually to take a full-length practice SAT® or ACT®. After the test, you'll receive a comprehensive score report detailing your strengths and weaknesses.



**Date: Saturday,
November 13, 2021**

Time: 9am - 1pm

Be prepared with a calculator and scrap paper to work out your problems. You can also keep a bottle of water and a snack nearby, as breaks will be given just like on test day.

[Register Here](#)

Please Note: Registration and payment are required to access these exams. All proceeds are collected directly by the Lake Braddock SS PTSA. See the registration page for additional pricing info. Payment related questions? Email the PTSA at fundraising@lbspts.org.

You will receive a Zoom link and further instructions the day before the event.

For more information, contact [Nacy Veach](mailto:Nacy.Veach@Review.com) at Nacy.Veach@Review.com or call (202) 851-6320

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Veteran's Day

The LBSS PTSA thanks the veterans and their families in our community for their service.

Early Release- Thursday, Nov 11

Gold day early release schedule.

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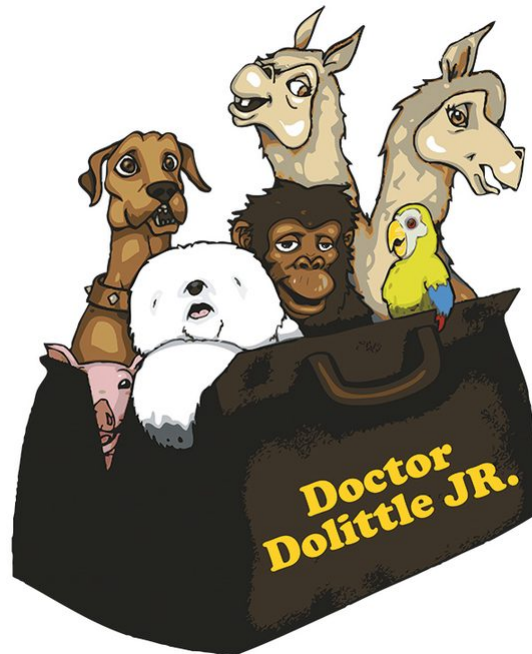
Period 6	9:32 – 10:57
Period 8	11:04 – 12:30
LUNCH	Grab-n-Go Lunch until 12:45

LBSS Theatre

Tickets on sale now for the MS production of Dr. Dolittle Jr.!

John Dolittle is a terrible people doctor, but finds that he has a heart and talent for working with animals. By learning the language of our animal friends he finds fulfillment, a bit of trouble, and some extreme adventure!

Tickets



Yearbooks on sale now!

High school and Middle school yearbooks are now on sale! You can order your book (including personalization) at yearbookordercenter.com. The Middle School code is 13596, High School code is 5061.

SGA sponsored canned food drive

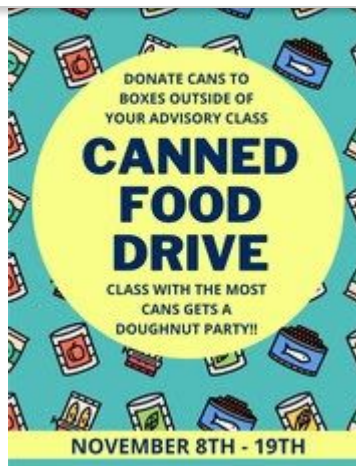
November 8-19 through their Advisory classes, students can donate canned food to support the FCPS Transportation

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Earn the most points within your grade level and the class will win a donut party! Points for every item donated.



Join us for our November 10th PTSA meeting from 7-8 pm on zoom.

[Register now](#)



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