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### PTSA President Remarks - Bob Gaylord

#### Message from PTSA President

A Time for Gratitude and Remembrance. As I keyed that opening it occurred to me that there should not be a need for a specific time for gratitude and remembrance...it should be a constant. Yet, how often do we forget to remember the daily impact of school counselors...how often do we take their work for granted? How often do we not remember their direct impact on our children's lives today and for tomorrow. How often do we forget their role in developing resilience in our children...their role in helping our children cope with bullying, relationship issues, peer pressures, depression and other life issues?

February 1-5 is National School Counseling Week recognizing the vital role our school counselors play in our children's development. Please join me in thanking them all for what they are doing for our children and their future, and the future of our country and citizenry. Send them a note or email letting them know you care...we care, and are grateful for them and their energy, intellect and actions.

Counselors like Janene Pack who presented the parent portion of the Principal's Cabinet Mental Health Group Parent Academy presentation last week; and Jacquie Naughton who has been incredibly engaged and vital in bringing a food pantry to life in the LBSS community. These two exemplary individuals personify what a school counselor is and does...and the impact they make in our children's lives and our community. Thank you ladies for representing the school counselor profession in such a meaningful way!

February 1st also begins Black History Month 2021 with the theme, "Black Family:

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## PTSA MEETINGS

**2020-2021**

via Zoom at 7 p.m.  
February 10th

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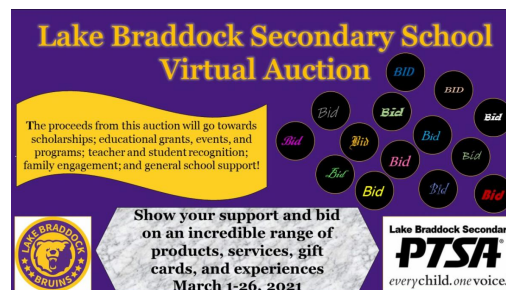
Representation, Identity and Diversity." This is a time of learning... of gratitude and remembering. It is a specific month for focused reflection, learning, gratitude, and remembering. But I encourage us all to make it a constant in our lives. We should never forget, and never stop remembering, reflecting, learning and being grateful...for those who have paved the path for today, and for those paving the path for tomorrow.

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.



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!](#)

To follow our progress and learn more about the donations and our sponsors and donors, like, follow, and share [LBSS PTSA Virtual Auction Facebook Page!](#)

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**Thank You to Our Confirmed Virtual Auction Sponsors and Donors:**

Anytime Fitness	Monster Mini Golf, Chantilly
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Fairfax Chiropractic	Row House
Fancy Nails	RushiKesh
Flocks2You	The Science Place
The Geller Law Group	Silver Knights
Go Ape	SkateQuest
Harbor Freight Tools	Squisito Pizza & Pasta
Ingleside Vineyards	Sun and Moon Yoga Studio
Jodi Taylor Cookies and Confections	Tim Stuart
Julia Byrd Essay Coach	Total Wine & More
Kona Ice	Trader Joe's
Lake Braddock Athletic Boosters Club	Triandos Chiropractic and Acupuncture
Lake Braddock SS Principal, Dr. Daniel Smith	Unique Bakery
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Let's Roam	Washington Walks
Lindsay Collision Center	Wintergreen Resort
Luray Caverns	WorkAway Solutions
Message Envy	Zava Zone

As of February 1, 2021

**Call for Spring Mini-Grants**

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

**LBSS PTSA Mini-Grants  
Call For Spring Applications**

Application Deadline: 2/14/21  
Maximum amount : \$500 for an individual application or \$1,500 for an inter-departmental collaborative grant application.

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.

For more details, including the application, please go to: [www.lbssptsa.org/programs/minigrant](http://www.lbssptsa.org/programs/minigrant)

Logos: Lake Braddock Secondary PTSA, #BruinsCARE

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To apply or get more information, [click here](#).

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

**Reflections County Winners**

**Reflections District Winners**  
The Northern Virginia District Council of PTAs

announced the District winners for the 2020-2021 National PTA Reflections Program, themed "I Matter Because..."



The Northern Virginia District PTA has awarded the Outstanding Interpretation Award to the following entries:

- 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"

**Congratulations to Charles, Jake, and Ashley!!!**  
Your entries will be advancing to the Virginia State PTA level. Lake Braddock will be well represented at the state level. Good luck students!

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"

The District winners will move on to the state level competition.

Congratulations Charles, Jake, and Ashley!!

## NovaStar Prep Practice Tests

### NovaStar Prep Practice Tests for LBSS Students



**SAT PSAT ACT PRACTICE TESTS**

Proctored LIVE Online · Take at Home · Open to 9th - 11th Graders

**SAT - Saturday, February 20, 2021**  
**ACT - Saturday, March 13, 2021**  
**PSAT - Saturday, April 10, 2021**

LBSS PTSA and Novastar Prep have partnered to offer full-length practice tests in a simulated test environment. Students will:

- Receive the mock test via email and print it at home in advance.
- Participate in a Zoom video call live with the proctor.
- Take photos of their answer sheets and submit them via email.
- Receive a detailed score report within seven – 10 days and an opportunity to schedule a free consultation with a Test Prep Specialist.

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.      **PTSA Member Fee: \$5.00**      [Register Online](#)  
Log On Time: 8:30 a.m.      **Non-Member Fee: \$15.00**      By the Wednesday before the test date

*\*Register for two or more tests and receive a 20% discount!*

Lake Braddock Secondary **PTSA** everychild.onevoice.  
NOVASTAR **LEARNING PREPARATION**  
For more information, call 703.435.9494.  
[www.novastarprep.com](http://www.novastarprep.com) In Home/Online, One-on-One Tutoring, Test Prep, College Readiness.

## 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.

## January Students of the Month

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Bruin Pride wants you to know that, despite our social distancing, we still want to celebrate and recognize our students and our staff. Each month, staff are able to recognize students who have demonstrated characteristics of our Shared Vision. The four main attributes of our theme #BruinsCARE are connected, adaptable, resilient, and engaged. Read more about the attributes here:



Student of the Month CARE Attributes

CARE	STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share group-work protocols, thinking routines, and discussion</li> <li>Exhibit integrity by being connected to self</li> <li>Exhibit compassion by being connected peers</li> <li>Make connections from self to peer, self to content, and/or self to environment.</li> <li>Contribute to the shared community or classroom with active participation</li> <li>Contribute to the by making connections to real-world examples</li> <li>Collaborate and communicate effectively</li> <li>Understand other cultures and perspectives when considering issues</li> <li>Aware of the feelings of others and am respectful of their point of view</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Think critically and interpret information to deepen understanding and awareness</li> <li>Seek multiple entry points to engage with the content</li> <li>Apply creative thinking to generate original ideas</li> <li>Ask questions and look for new solutions to solve problems</li> <li>Creatively expresses thoughts, ideas, and emotions meaningfully</li> <li>Demonstrate the ability to work interdependently within a group to promote learning, increase productivity, and achieve common goals</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reflects and self-assesses to grow as a learner</li> <li>Apply acquired knowledge to new scenarios</li> <li>Exhibit a growth mindset</li> <li>Self-advocate</li> <li>Persevere to accomplish difficult tasks</li> <li>Persevere to overcome obstacles and set-backs</li> <li>Model what successful learning looks like</li> <li>Ask questions and look for new solutions to solve problems</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore, question, and utilize real-life artifacts and authentic resources</li> <li>Use their imaginations to create and innovate</li> <li>Invest in learning</li> <li>Take ownership of their education</li> <li>Demonstrate responsibility and respect for others</li> <li>Use technological skills and digital tools to explore and exchange ideas</li> <li>Ensure all points of view are considered when exploring an issue</li> <li>Participate in activities that benefit the community and/or classroom</li> </ul>

### January Student of the Month Winners - #BruinsCARE (all 4 attributes):

- **7th grade: Jayden Quintero**
- **8th grade: Markos Temesghen**
- **9th grade: Aislin Mitchell**
- **10th grade: Kaila Peterson**
- **11th grade: Aidan Franklyn**
- **12th grade: Taylor Brooke**

February's theme is CONNECTED. We look forward to highlighting more students soon!

## Student Recognition

### Debate

Freshman **Laura Lafriener** represented Lake Braddock Debate in the Appalachian Speech and Debate Championships, hosted (virtually) by Davis and Elkins College in Elkins, WV. Laura placed Second in the Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate Category, even giving the eventual tournament champion their only loss of the weekend.

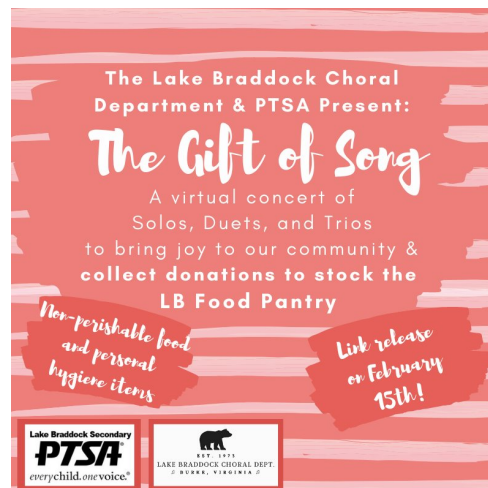
### Student Congress

Freshman **Caley Nee** has qualified to represent Lake Braddock in the WACFL Metro-Final Student Congress Championships, which will be held (virtually) on March 12-13. Caley becomes only the second freshman in Lake Braddock's history to qualify for this tournament, and one of only ten 9th graders to qualify for the tournament in the last twenty years. The tournament is the WACFL league's championship tournament in the event of Student Congress - and it's worth noting that we only brought Student Congress back this year after a three-year absence at Lake Braddock, and Caley qualified in only her 2nd tournament.

## 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! After the snow has passed, you will see boxes at LBSS (Doors 1 and 14), Huntsman Giant, and a few chorus family homes. We hope you tune in for our concert and stop by to donate when the weather permits!



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



Thanks for your support!!

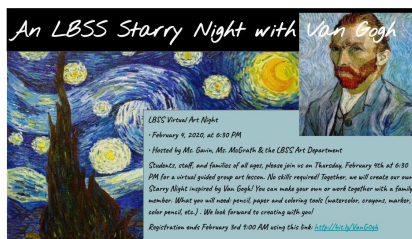
## Parent Academy - February 4th

### Upcoming LBSS Parent Academy Events - Family Engagement Series

LBSS Virtual Art Night

\* February 4, 2020, at 6:30 PM

\* Hosted by Ms. Gavin, Ms. McGrath & the LBSS Art Department



Students, staff, and families of all ages, please join us on Thursday, February 4th at 6:30 PM for a virtual guided group art lesson. No skills required! Together, we will create our own Starry Night inspired by Van Gogh! You can make your own or work together with a family member. What you will need: pencil, paper and coloring tools (watercolor, crayons, marker, color pencil, etc.). We look forward to creating with you!

Questions? Contact [Ms. Cynthia Gavin](#)

Register by February 3rd at 9:00 AM using [this link!](#)

## Counselor Appreciation Week

### National School Counseling Week

Our counselors do so much to support us and are often the unsung heroes. They provide guidance and support and we would be lost without

them. Take a moment to thank our counselors this week... and every week!



### Upcoming PTSA Meeting

#### Next PTSA Meeting and Town Hall: February 10th

The next PTSA meeting will be held via Zoom on February 10th. It will include a town hall with our school administrators. Registration information will soon be posted in the PTSA Facebook group, on the PTSA Website, and in next week's eNews.

### 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!





## 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!

The flyer is titled "New Year, New You!" and features the PTSA logo with the tagline "every child, our voice". The main text asks if the reader is recovering from a holiday debt hangover or looking to improve their credit score to refinance. It offers a consultation with a financial coach for a wellness analysis. A note states that the initial consultation and assessment is \$125 and 10 percent will be donated to LBSS PTSA. There is a special offer for Active Duty Military. The website [wealth-springs.com/lbsscontact](http://wealth-springs.com/lbsscontact) is listed at the bottom.

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

## 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!*

## No-Guilt Yard Card Valentines Special

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

Now Booking For Valentine's 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

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.

[Click here to order! Make sure to mention LBSS when ordering!!](#)

### Subway LBSS Partnership Changes to Tuesdays

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

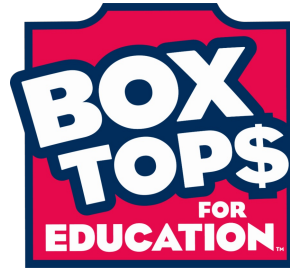


For the remainder of the school year, our partnership with the Subway in Kings Park will move to the first Tuesday night of each month, from 5-9. Make sure to mention the LBSS PTSA partnership and they will donate 10 percent of your order back to us.

### Box Top\$ For Education

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



## Coca-Cola Gives Back!

### Coca-Cola Gives Back to LBSS

So... how does it work?

1. Go to [Coke.com/give](http://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!

Coca-Cola GIVE

A collection of Coca-Cola products including a water bottle, a Coca-Cola bottle, a Sprite bottle, a Powerade bottle, and a Mr. Pibb bottle.

**We have earned \$69.22 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](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) and use

school code 5061 to get started. Email [Mrs. Poquis](mailto:Mrs.Poquis) if you have questions or need assistance.

## Middle School Spelling Bee

### 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 step 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.](#)

## 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. [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 2, & 3**

(Monday-Wednesday) - 3:30-6:30 pm - Inside

Door 14

Freshmen Football Players will pickup equipment as soon as they get their tryout

card.

### **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.

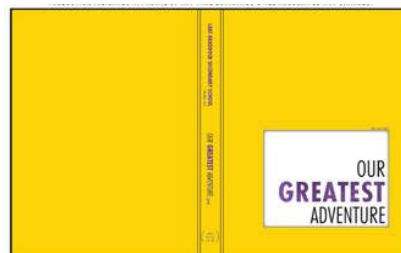
Here is the [link](#) to the LBSS Library Bookstore. You can also access the Bookstore from Lake Braddock SS website by clicking the Library tab.

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!](#)

**AVID**

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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.

The infographic is titled "Lake Braddock AVID" and "Advancement Via Individual Determination". It is divided into several sections: "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" (with a QR code), and contact information for staff members: Laura Kayajanian (Coordinator), Allison Riley-Ryan (HS Elective Teacher), Lynda Samek-Smith (HS Counselor), Lance Jackson (Administrator), Josh Britton (MS Elective Teacher), Beth Spille (MS Elective Teacher), and Josh Miles (MS Counselor). The bottom of the infographic features the AVID logo with the tagline "Proven Achievement. Lifelong Advantage." and a small tree illustration.

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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](http://vosphoto.com/lakebraddockHS) . Use your student's FCPS ID as the online code. Questions or concerns can be directed to [underclass@vosphoto.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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!

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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!

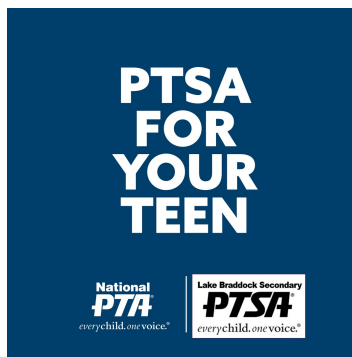
### Computer Science Seminar for Girls 7th - 12th Grades!

### 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!

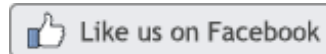
To stay current on all that we are doing, bookmark our website, [www.lbssptsa.org](http://www.lbssptsa.org) and visit frequently!

We have a social media presence on

Follow us on 



to join our private PTSA Facebook Group.



to follow our public Facebook Page.

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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