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Message from PTSA President

Expectations! With the unanimous school board vote this week supporting Dr. Brabrand plan for students returning to school for in-person learning, schools are moving from planning to a planning/execution mode, and eventual full execution mode. I've learned over the years that even the best plans are only as good as the moment of execution. Plans need constant refinement; circumstances, assumptions and facts constantly change, forcing adjustments to the plan. Hindsight is always clearer than the future's fog of uncertainty and ambiguity...particularly in these times.

I again ask for grace for our school leadership, administrators, teachers, counselors, support staff...and our students and parents. There will be problems. There will be issues. There will be frustration. There will be concerns. I encourage you to expect them. It will not be a perfect transition back to in-person and remote concurrent education.

What we can rely on is each other and our school staff and leadership. If we are patient, understanding, empathetic and show grace as we all go through this period, we will all be better off...emotionally, mentally and physically. And most importantly, we will be modeling what we want our children to take away from this experience. Let's exemplify with our behavior and actions the values we want in our children. I can guarantee you they are watching and learning. And frankly, I think there is a lot of leading and teaching being done by our youth...the student is often the best teacher.

With appreciation, Bob

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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. In order to get the link, you must register in advance: <u>register here</u> <u>in advance!</u> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

To submit questions in advance for the PTSA or school administrators, <u>click here!</u>

Senior Spotlight: Brady Lawson

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This week, we are so excited to feature Brady Lawson in our Senior Spotlight! Brady has had a great experience at Lake Braddock Secondary School during the



The FBLA competition in New York City during his Junior year was his favorite memory. He shared, "it was really fun to be with friends outside of school on a school day!" In addition to the actual FBLA competition, being in NYC in December when it was decorated for the holiday season and seeing a show in Radio City Music Hall was special. He also enjoyed going on a tour of Madison Square Garden and seeing the Freedom Tower and walking along Wall Street and in the Financial District.



Computer Science is the subject that Brady is

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most interested in and plans to pursue in college. His favorite class has been AP Computer Science with Ms. Eva Anderson. He pointed out, "she teaches in an engaging way and she is very knowledgeable in computer science. She connects with students easily and is a really nice person. I really enjoyed being in her class."

When asked about Brady, Ms. Anderson said, "Brady demonstrated excellent computational thinking skills in AP Computer Science A last year. He enjoyed the challenges and collaborated comfortably with fellow classmates. Brady has taken multiple technology courses at Lake Braddock and knew he wanted to continue his studies beyond high school. He considered several electives for this year and chose courses that best support his goals. Brady's problemsolving skills, work ethic, and goal-oriented mindset make him a star student." LBSS has many good teachers so it was hard for Brady to pick just one. He has really enjoyed his government class with Ms. Erin Fisher and has earned her respect, as well. Ms. Fisher shared, "Brady is a great student to have in my government class and I always enjoy his perspective on current events. He works incredibly hard in class! He ran a fine

campaign in our 8th period Project Based Learning election unit and even won the Presidency of 8th period! I believe he will go on to great things!"



Inspired by his Pop Pop, Brady learned to "never give up, to always stand up for what I believe in, to work hard for what you want while having fun in everything that you do and to be kind to everyone."

Brady's favorite quote ties together what his Pop Pop taught him with his love of coding: while (! (succeed = try())); This code means, if at first you don't succeed, try and try and try again until you do! His advice to underclassmen is to, "start researching what you want to do in college early, to take advantage of the many elective classes that are offered, enjoy yourself and have fun with your



Spending every summer in Bethany Beach, Delaware with his family has been very special to Brady. Hiking, biking, and kayaking have been an integral part of Brady's life. During the summers, he has taken youth groups on biking and kayaking tours and also worked at a kayak rental/camp place in Bethany assisting kids. He enjoys finding new trails, with Lake Accotink Trail being his favorite local bike trail. Great Falls is another favorite spot for both hiking and biking. Brady also enjoys visiting his brother, Tyler, at Shenandoah University and hiking in the Shenandoah and parts of West Virginia.

When not exploring the great outdoors, computers are another big part of Brady's life. He enjoys tutoring peers in Computer Science. He and his friends have created a variety of web apps and also regularly compete in CTF competitions. This will serve him well as he plans to pursue a B.S. degree in Computer Science or

Information Technology. He is currently working on his CCNA certification and plans to work as a software engineer or IT specialist.

Congratulations, Brady!! 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!!

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.

Call for Spring Mini-Grants

Last Call for

Spring Mini-Grants! Application Deadline: February 14th



The LBSS PTSA Mini-Grants Committee is dedicated to providing financial assistance to LBSS academic clubs, departments,

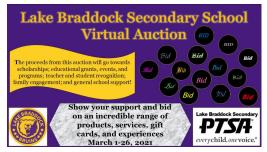
organizations, and/or classes to help pay for enrichment materials, supplies, and equipment in an effort to advance scholastic opportunities for all LBSS students.

To apply or get more information, <u>click here</u>. If you have questions, please contact <u>Xiaomei Cai</u>

LBSS PTSA Virtual Auction

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

We will be hosting a Virtual Auction March 1-26th.



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 Confirmed Virtual	
Auction Sponsors and Donors:	
Anytime Fitness	Mount Vernon Estates
Astro Jump	NBC4 News
AZ Wax and Skincare Studio	No Guilt Yard Cards
Bagel Buddies	Nothing Bundt Cakes
Barrel Oak Winery and Farm Tap House	NOVASTAR Prep
Bluemont Winery, Dirt Farm Brewery, and Great Country Farms	Oriental Trading Company
Bond's Escape Room, Fairfax	Ornery Beer Company Public House
Bowl America - Burke	Paint Your Heart Out
Bright Horizons College Coach	Paradise Springs Winery
Burke Basketball	Peachwave of Fairfax
Burke Nursery & Garden Centre	Phil's Lawn Mowing Service, LLC
Burke Sporting Goods	Plant NOVA Natives
Chipotle	Poppy Flowers
Club Pilates Burke	Potomac Music
Collector's World	Potomac River Running
Cooper, Ginsberg, Gray, PLLC	The Princeton Review
Craft Goddess Confessions	Pure Barre, Lorton
Elite Martial Arts	Rita's of Fairfax
Evolution Basketball	Rockland's BBQ and Griling Company
Fairfax Chiropractic	Roer's Zoofari of Reston
Fairfax County Park Authority	Roneyfield Photography
Fancy Nails	Row House
Flocks2You	RushiKesh
The Geller Law Group	The Science Place
Go Ape	Silver Knights
Harbor Freight Tools	SkateQuest
Ingleside Vineyards	Squisito Pizza & Pasta
Jodi Taylor Cookies and Confections	Sun and Moon Yoga Studio
Julia Byrd Essay Coach	Three Fox Vineyards
The Kennedy Center	Tim Stuart
Kona Ice	Total Wine & More
Lake Braddock Athletic Boosters Club	Trader Joe's
Lake Braddock SS Principal, Dr. Daniel Smith	Triandos Chiropractic and Accupuncture
The Lasell Family	Unique Bakery
Lessons in Your Home	University Mall Theatre
Let's Roam	Virginia Speaker of the House, Eileen Filler-Corn
Lindsay Collision Center	Washington Walks
Luray Caverns	Willowcroft Farm Vineyards
Massage Envy	Wintergreen Resort
Merrifield Garden Center	WorkAway Solutions
Monster Mini Golf, Chantilly	Zava Zone

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



Click here to register!

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!!

Fairfax Wegmans Grant

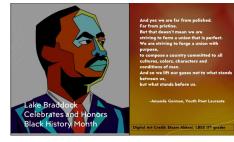
Fairfax Wegmans Awards Second Grant



LBSS PTSA thanks Fairfax Wegmans

Black History Month

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Welcome to Our Newest LBSS Community Partner: Peachwave o fFairfax!

> Peachwave of Fairfax Every Friday 4 - 9 pm



LBSS PTSA welcomes Peachwave of Fairfax in the University Mall (10631 Braddock Rd, Fairfax) as our newest Community Partner! Every Friday, beginning this 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

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Bruins CARE Morse Code Bracelet

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Are you looking for a special Valentine's 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!

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 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.

Click here to order! Make sure to mention LBSS when ordering!!

Cup and Crown Valentine's Special-Tea Gift Box

Cup & Crown Special-Tea Valentine's Gift Box Last Chance to Order!

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. The shipping deadline for order that need to be mailed has passed. Local deliveries will be made between February 11-13th.

<u>Click here for more information and to order!</u> 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! 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!



<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 \$72.42 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

Stay up to Date on Senior Events Check <u>the LBSS Senior Page</u> **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 <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. 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 <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



L855 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 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

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

*other than football, dance, and cheer

To review the updated Tryout Information for the 2020-2021 school year, please <u>click 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 <u>video</u>!

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 beordered <u>here!</u> To share photos for theLBMS 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.

Lake Braddock Secondary School Class of 2027



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 <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 Luitter



to join our private PTSA Facebook Group.

Like 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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