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Message from PTSA President

Shifting expectations. Competing priorities. Arguing positions. Endless, lengthy meetings late into the night. More anxiety, increased instability and seeming chaos created trying to reduce anxiety, provide greater stability and order.

Where do we turn to find that constancy and illumination we desperately seek to provide a sense of order and normalcy in our uncertain world.

We find it in each other.

Andrea Edelstein, our awesome PTSA Communications Chair and editor of this eNewsletter, took the initiative and is starting this week a new section called Senior Spotlight featuring a senior who has accomplished or achieved something truly noteworthy...our youth influencing and leading. We encourage you to send us recommendations detaining the why! Take a look at the first senior in the spotlight later in this newsletter!

At the same time, we encourage you to send us recommendations of teachers and school staff who have, or are, accomplishing or achieving something truly noteworthy. Those who are going above and beyond to educate our children. We would love to spotlight them as well.

These are the people who we can turn to and find stability...in what they have done, are doing, and who they are...their character, values and motivations. They are the ones who shine a light and illuminate the way ahead.

Let us know who they are. Help us put the spotlight on them and celebrate them as examples of what will always be good about our community...people of all ages who care.

With appreciation, Bob Gaylord.

PTSA REFLECTIONS CONTEST - Deadline 10/23

REFLECTIONS CONTEST DEADLINE THIS FRIDAY!!



PTSA MEETINGS

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

2020-2021

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NEW Application Deadline: October 23, 2020

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!

RECOGNITION AND PRIZES

Category winners will receive Amazon gift cards and recognition on the new LBSS digital marquee!

DANCE JUDGE NEEDED

If you have an interest, or know someone who has an interest in 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 your home. If you're interested or want to recommend someone else, please contact <u>Laura Key</u>, PTSA Reflections Chair.

PTSA GRANT AWARDED!

LBSS PTSA AWARDED \$5,000 SAFEWAY NOURISHING NEIGHBORS GRANT



We are excited to announce that we have been approved for a \$5,000 grant from Safeway to support school hunger relief efforts.

Additional details will be shared soon on how we will be using the grant money to help our community!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: Michael Volkman

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

MICHAEL VOLKMAN EARNED ALL CURRENT 138 BSA MERIT BADGES!

Did you know that in the 100+ year history of Boy Scouts / BSA less than 500 people have completed every <u>merit badge</u> that was currently available? Did you know that one of those people is a member of our LBSS Class of '21?!?!



learning about coding and being with friends in those classes.

**LBSS Extracurriculars: National Honor Society, Computer Science Honor Society (currently Vice President), Math Honor Society, Japanese National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, Ultimate Frisbee, and Ready, Set, Code

This summer, Michael Volkman completed his scuba diving merit badge and in doing so has now completed all 138 currently available BSA merit badges!

Michael said, "knowing that it was my final merit badge, completing it gave an extra sense of satisfaction. Scuba diving has been something that I was interested in for a while, and finally being able to complete an open water certification was really fun." His most challenging merit badge was Dog Care. "Being allergic to dogs, I had to limit my interaction with the dogs that I fostered while earning the badge while still ensuring that they received the care that they needed. I was successful at taking care of five different dogs to complete my eight weeks of foster care."

As a Scout in Troop 1346, Michael has held numerous leadership roles and has been a constant inspiration and role model for everyone he comes into contact with. His Scouting accomplishments are unrivaled. He is driven, persistent, and highly motivated and an all around great human being!

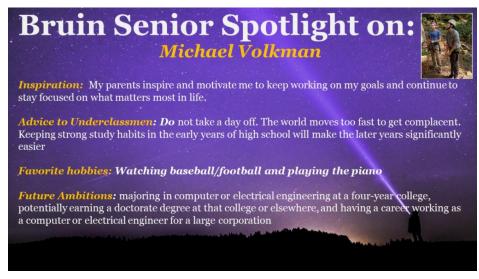
The weekend that FCPS closed schools in March was also the weekend that Michael completed his Eagle Scout project. Scouting has provided Michael with so many incredible experiences but his favorite memory is backpacking through the Rocky Mountains at Philmont. "The experience was the most surreal of the high adventures and the most challenging, and I got to learn a lot about myself while out in the Rockies."

Here are just a few of his Scouting highlights.



In addition to his Scouting accomplishments, Michael has also been an active member of the Lake Braddock Secondary School community, participating in numerous honor societies and extracurriculars. His favorite classes have been his computer science classes with Ms. Eva Anderson. His advice for underclassmen is simply stated. "Do not take a day off. The world moves too fast to get complacent. Keeping strong study habits in the early years of high school will make the later years significantly easier." When

for motivating him to keep working on his goals and for keeping him focused on what matters most in life.



Congratulations, Michael. We know you will continue to accomplish great things in the years ahead.

Do you know of a senior who we should spotlight in a future eNews? Please email <u>eNews</u> and let us know! Please provide their name and brief explanation about why you think they should be featured, highlighting some of their accomplishments.

We plan to make this a weekly feature so we can all gain inspiration as we get to know the members of our senior class better and celebrate their accomplishments! Special thanks to Michael Volkman for inspiring me and being willing to be the first senior featured in this segment.

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@lbssptsa.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 <u>here!</u> Contact <u>Andrea Edelstein</u> with any questions.







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



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!!



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!



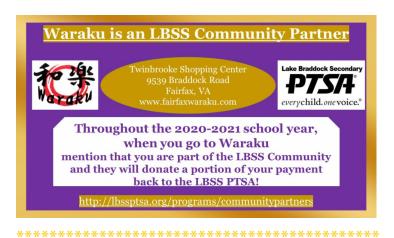




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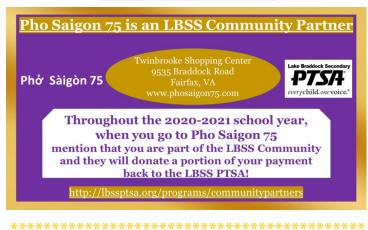
Craving Sushi or Ramen? Support our partner, Waraku!

Click here for their website!



In the Mood for Pho? Support our Partner, Pho Saigon 75

Click here for their website!



October Spirit Nights At Jersey Mike's



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!

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

Gift a Halloween Yard Card!

THIS IS THE FINAL WEEK THAT IS AVAILABLE!

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

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!

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

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:<u>fundraising@lbssptsa.org</u>

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 <u>Yard Sign</u> today using the online form below! Signs are 24 x 24 and look like the image below. 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. They will be

delivered before Thanksgiving. Don't miss out!!



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

SENIOR PHOTOS REMINDER

October 20-21 from 3 - 8 pm

The slots for Senior Portraits on 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

SAVE THE DATE - 10/30

The school is planning something for seniors on the afternoon of 10/30 (it's an early dismissal day). Details will be emailed soon!

CLASS OF 2022 FUNDRAISER

SUPPORT THE CLASS OF 2022!



Help support Lake Braddock's Class of 2022 by shopping at Charleston Wrap for this year's fundraiser. 2500+ items from gift wrap, to tasty goodies, and home décor, there's something for everyone... shipped right to your door. Get your holiday shopping done early! Sales close Nov 20th.

Click here to go directly to the site!

Contact Class of 2022 sponsor, <u>Daniela Daniels</u>, with any questions.

SOCKTOBER: Now through November 7th!

SOCKTOBER Donate now through November 7th



The Lake Braddock Athletic Leadership classes are once again leading a community service project called Socktober! This year, in addition to partnering with the elementary schools in our pyramid, we are also partnering with Robinson to make a greater impact. We are competitive on the fields and courts but compassionate in our communities!

Donate NEW UNOPENED socks - all sizes welcome and appreciated! This year, all donations will go to the New Hope Housing Organization and the Katherine Hanley Family Shelter.

For your convenience, there are three dropoff locations this year. Look for the Socktober donation boxes at LBSS in front of the main entrance, Glory Days Grill, and 9714 Rolling Ridge Drive Fairfax Station.

SPIRIT WEEK - October 26 - 30th

Spirit Wear Pop Up Sale - 10/24



Thanks to the Lake Braddock SGA, next week will be Spirit Week! Just because most of us will continue to be doing school virtually, doesn't mean we can't show our Bruin Spirit!!

Spirit Wear Pop Up Sale

If you are looking for Bruin Spirit wear for Spirit Week and beyond, the Lake Braddock Athletic Boosters have an <u>online store</u>. They will also be having a pop up store in the South Run neighborhood on Saturday, October 24th from 8 - noon at the corner of South Park Circle and

Pond Point in Fairfax Station. At the pop up store, you can also purchase the Bruins CARE Morse code bracelets, the Bruins Goodr sunglasses and other LB Crew merchandise. At the pop up sale, masks are required and cash is preferred. We hope to see you, there!

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

National Honor Society

Application Deadline: November 22, 2020

The <u>National Honor Society Application</u> (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.

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

AP INFORMATION: Opt Out Forms due by 10/23!

Important Advance Placement Info



HS COUNSELING SERVICES LAKE BRADDOCK SECONDARY SCHOOL

9200 Burke Lake Road

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)

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.

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

Director, Student Services

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.

EARLY RELEASE DAYS for 2020-2021

Early Release Days 2020-2021

On early release days, there will be no period 4. Periods 2, 6, and 8 will be 75 minutes long.

There will be 6 early release days this school year: 10/30, 11/11, 1/22, 3/5, 3/26 and 6/11.

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 and visit frequently!

We have a social media presence!

Follow us on **twitter**

f Join our private Facebook group



Follow our public Facebook page

Get <u>contact information</u> 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?
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