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### PTSA PRESIDENT REMARKS

#### Message from PTSA President

The word of the week seems to be GRACE. I've seen it appear a number of times in written communications. It also was discussed at Thursday night's parent coffee by Dr. Smith. As we navigate this unprecedented virtual learning environment, our Principal asked parents and students to show grace to our Lake Braddock teachers, and also stressed teachers need to show grace to our students.

Yet, what is more heartwarming and exciting is seeing it manifested in FaceBook posts, Twitter posts, Town Hall meetings and in private conversations. I see it more and more in action...considerate, thoughtful!

In this period of uncertainty when everyone is learning...students, teachers, administrators and parents, GRACE can be our watchword. It can be the light that shines on our Lake Braddock community showing the way for other communities. GRACE can lead to calm, rational thinking and collaboration on behalf of our students learning and growth. Such a simple word. Such a powerful attitude and behavior to exemplify for our youth. GRACE.

With appreciation, Bob

### EDUCATION MINI - GRANTS - Deadline 10/11

#### DON'T MISS OUT!! FALL 2020 MINI-GRANT APPLICATIONS

**October 8th**  
Class of '24  
Parent/Student  
Orientation

**October 11th**  
Mini-Grant Deadline

**October 12th**  
Indigenous People's  
Day - No School!

### PTSA MEETINGS

**2020-2021**  
via Zoom at 7 p.m.  
November 18th  
February 10th

### QUICK LINKS

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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. Get creative and apply today!

To apply or get more information, [click here!](#)  
If you have questions, please reach out to [Xiaomei Cai](#)

### PTSA REFLECTIONS CONTEST - Deadline 10/19

## REFLECTIONS CONTEST DEADLINE APPROACHING!



### Application Deadline: **October 19, 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!](#) We are also in search of judges for each of the categories. If you have any suggestions please contact: [Laura Key](#), PTSA Reflections Chair.

### DIRECTORY

## 2020-2021 LBSS PTSA Directory



**The LBSS PTSA Directory is now available!**

**3 Ways to Access the App:**

- Login to [www.atozconnect.com](http://www.atozconnect.com)
- Download on the App Store for Apple phones and devices
- Get it on Google Play Search AtoZ Connect

**Verification Wizard**

- Login at the beginning of every school year to complete this simple step.
- Review, update, and confirm household information

**School Directory on the Go**

- You can easily view the online directory anytime, anywhere by logging into your secure account
- Search anyone in the directory by phone, address, first or last name, or grade.

 

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 to launch a totally different fundraiser! In association with Skylar Paige Couture, the Lake Braddock PTSA is releasing a limited edition variant to the Note to Self Collection of Morse code bracelets. 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. We anticipate that they will be available for pickup in early November. These bracelets make great gifts so consider getting more than one!

Preorder 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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## 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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## 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](mailto:lbcrewpresident@gmail.com)



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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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## October Spirit Nights At Jersey Mike's

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



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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## Looking to book a Disney 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. Sign distribution began last weekend.

Another pickup opportunity has been scheduled for tonight (10/5) from 6:30 - 8 pm at Lakeside Pool Parking Lot (Olley Lane and Lake Braddock Drive). Details on additional pick up dates and times will be posted soon.



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## CELEBRATING SENIORS PLANNING COMMITTEE

The kickoff meeting was held last week and was well-attended. We appreciate everyone's enthusiastic participation and are excited to work together on making this a special year for the Class of 2021. Many creative ideas were discussed about how we can celebrate our seniors throughout the year. A follow-up email was sent to all senior parents from committee co-chairs Julie Shedd and Jeanne Weidinger.

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### SENIOR PHOTOS REMINDER

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

If you have not done senior photos yet, please sign up [here!](#)

#### **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](#)

### 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

## 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)

## 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 can [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](#)  
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