



eNews



SEPTEMBER 2020 – WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21st

TABLE OF CONTENTS

eNews Quick Links

[PTSA President Remarks](#)

[Class OF 2021 Initiatives](#)

[Senior Yard Signs](#)

[PTSA Fundraisers](#)

[Proceeds from Fundraisers](#)

[Bruins CARE Bracelet](#)

[LBSS Community Partners](#)

[Mini Grants](#)

[Reflections Contest](#)

[PTSA Meeting](#)

[Join the PTSA!](#)

[PTSA Communications](#)

If viewing from a mobile device, the above links will not work.

LBSS CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

[Events Calendar](#)

PTSA MEETINGS

2020-2021

via Zoom at 7 p.m.
September 23rd
November 18th
February 10th

QUICK LINKS

PTSA PRESIDENT REMARKS

Message from PTSA President

We live in interesting times filled with opportunities, challenges and promise, and frankly, I'm really excited about the new school year! Educating our youth in a virtual environment will take the entire Lake Braddock Secondary School community working together! It is a participatory sport...and we each have a role.

Your PTSA officers and program chairs are committed to being a focal point for engagement and connection. I'm blessed to work with some awesome volunteers who already have made a difference and have been working exceptionally hard for months. Andrea Edelstein, our communications chair and editor of this eNewsletter, transformed our Facebook presence from just a public page into an incredibly active Facebook group providing factual information to parents, students, faculty and the broader community. We've all been the beneficiary of her tireless work. Also integral to the communications effort, Connie Coffee stepped up and took on the daunting challenge of redoing our website, making it easier to navigate and more informative. Connie also was elected to fill the vacant 1st Vice President position!

Jennifer Downs agreed to remain your PTSA treasurer, perhaps the hardest position to fill, when we could not find a replacement. Julie Shedd, as 3rd VP, and her team, focused on recognizing our seniors throughout the year, already have senior yard signs available! Alice Chu, fundraising chair, has developed a number of fundraising initiatives to raise funds for scholarships, teacher grants, educational programs, teacher/student recognition, family engagement, and general school support.

These awesome volunteers, along with Carol Parrott, 2nd VP, Carrie Holmes, Secretary, Melissa McCarthy, membership chair, and others I'll highlight in future eNews, are givers. They are giving to you, the Lake Braddock Secondary School community. I hope you will take time to thank them when you see them, or at the Membership meeting this Wednesday, September 23rd. I'm proud of them and the work they are doing for you!

We look forward to working with you throughout the year!

With appreciation,

[LBSS PTSA WEBSITE](#)

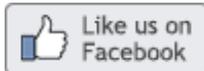
[JOIN LBSS PTSA](#)

[LBSS WEBSITE](#)

[LBSS PTSA OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES](#)

[CLASS OF 2021 YARD SIGNS](#)

[BRUINS CARE BRACELETS](#)



CLASS OF 2021 INITIATIVES

YARD SIGNS

Order your [Class of 2021](#) Lake Braddock Yard Sign today using the on-line form below! Signs are 24 x 24 and will look like the image below. Signs will be available the first week of October.

Details on pick up dates and times will be posted soon. <http://lbssptsa.org/programs/2021yardsign/>

CELEBRATING SENIORS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Kickoff meeting for a Committee to work on Celebrating the LBSS Class of 2021 throughout the school year.

This year will be unusual to say the least for the Class of 2021. Come join an expanded All Night Grad Party committee to plan how we can celebrate our seniors throughout the year and potential alternatives to the traditional ANGP. All are welcome! Tuesday, September 29th at 7 pm. [Register here to get the Zoom link for the Celebrating Seniors Kickoff Meeting!](#)

PTSA FUNDRAISERS

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.

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. Bracelets sell for \$25 each and we anticipate that they will be available for pickup in early November. Presales began today and you can order yours by clicking [here!](#) Contact [Andrea Edelstein](#) with any questions.

LBSS COMMUNITY PARTNERS

LBSS PTSA is proud to welcome the following local businesses to our newly launched [LBSS Community Partners Program](#): [Waraku](#) and [Pho Saigon 75](#). Please let our community partner businesses know that you are part of the LBSS community when you are ordering or upon payment. A portion of your payment will be donated back to the PTSA for scholarships, mini-grants and programs. We are continuing to welcome more local businesses into our program. Contact [Alice Chu](#) with questions.

CALL FOR FALL 2020 MINI-GRANT APPLICATIONS

Application Deadline: October 11, 2020

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, click here

If you have questions, please reach out to [Xiaomei Cai](#)

PTSA REFLECTIONS CONTEST

Reflections Contest

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. This year's theme is "I Matter Because" and has a variety of different categories 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.

PTSA MEETING - THIS WEDNESDAY!!

PTSA Meeting - September 23rd 7 - 8 pm via Zoom

We know you may have more questions now that school has been in session for two weeks. Wednesday evening is a great time to get your questions answered during the PTSA Membership Meeting. This one hour meeting will begin with a brief PTSA business meeting, followed by a special presentation by Jacquie Naughton, School Counselor, on *SEL (Social Emotional Learning): "Understanding The What, The Why, and The How"*. This will be followed by a wide-ranging Q&A with Dr. Smith and other LBSS leadership.

You must [register](#) in advance to get the link: Only current members of the PTSA are eligible to vote on PTSA business matters. To review the relevant documents for this meeting, please click [here](#).

LBSS - JOIN THE PTSA

ONLINE PTSA MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE NOW!

We appreciate the 235 households who have 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.

HOW TO STAY IN TOUCH!

We were excited to launch our new website last month where you can stay current on all that we are doing. Bookmark it at www.lbssptsa.org and visit frequently as it is an excellent resource!

We have a social media presence on Twitter - @lbssptsa and on Facebook where you can join our private [PTSA Facebook Group](#) and also follow our public [PTSA Facebook Page](#) . A link to contact information for our PTSA Board Members and Committee Chairs can be found on the left hand side of this eNews. We hope to get the eNews distributed on a weekly basis throughout the school year. There's so much going on right now as we begin this virtual school year that we weren't able to include everything this week but tried to highlight the things we felt were most important that you may not have seen in the "News You Choose" that comes out every weekend from the school. In the future, you may see more overlap as we try to reinforce some of the important things going on at the school but this week needed to highlight our PTSA-specific initiatives.

Have any eNews you would like published?

Please contact: Andrea Edelstein

enews@lbssptsa.org

Lake Braddock SS PTSA | enews@lbssptsa.org | 9200 Burke Lake Road
Burke , VA 22015

Copyright © 2020. All Rights Reserved.