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PTSA PRESIDENT REMARKS

Message from PTSA President

I love this time of year...a time to reflect on our blessings and give thanks.

We live in a blessed community in a country for which we can be extremely grateful. Even in the face of a pandemic impacting every facet of our lives, yes...we can be grateful and give thanks.

We can appreciate what we have. We can appreciate our families, friends and neighbors. We can appreciate our Lake Braddock teachers and staff for working so hard to make a difference in our children's lives and our community.

You will see in this eNews a short note on how to get thank you cards and gift cards to your teachers!! The PTSA will collect any thank you cards or gift cards and provide them to the school staff, who will then distribute them directly to the teachers you designate. What a kind, generous and wonderful way to express appreciation to your teachers by showing them that you know and appreciate what they are doing.

Also in this eNews you will find an article talking about the Lake Braddock Food Pantry. The photo shows shelves of water and snack bars. It is but a beginning. It merely scratches the surface of our community needs. The economic disparity in our community has always been vast; the pandemic exacerbated the disparity. With additional donations, our goal is to provide other food and needed products, and gift cards to help families with short-term needs. To make this sustainable, we ask for community support and volunteers. Giving and sharing IS caring!

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via Zoom at 7 p.m. February 10th

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LBSS PTSA Social Media

The power of gratitude and giving thanks. It can be cathartic...for those receiving...and those giving!!

With appreciation to each of you, Bob Gaylord, PTSA President

FOOD PANTRY

LBSS FOOD PANTRY



Using a small portion of the funds from the \$5,000 Safeway Foundation grant that was awarded last month, the LBSS PTSA launched its Food Pantry today by stocking it with breakfast and snack items for LBSS teachers to provide approximately 200 students currently attending in-person classes.



Pictured above is Jamaal Hines, After School Specialist and Building Use Coordinator with our newly stocked pantry!

Some of the students come from families hit by the economic crisis due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and thus are in need of regular meals.

The food pantry is an ongoing project and will expand in the coming months to include lunch and dinner food items. If you are interested in donating items (e.g., reusable water bottles, reusable grocery bags, non-perishable food/drinks, etc.) to the Food Pantry or are willing to assist with





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donation collection/pantry stocking, please contact Fundraising Chair Alice Chu!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: VIVIAN STEWART

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Vivian Stewart



Vivian Stewart is a clever and compassionate member of the Lake Braddock Class of 2021! She has been active at Lake Braddock in the National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, and Military Ambassadors Club.



Outside of Lake Braddock, she is very involved in her church, Burke United Methodist Church, as an acolyte, confirmation class aide, and teen bible study leader.



She also volunteered for the Jeremiah Project to perform house projects for those physically and financially challenged and always participates in Burke Gives Back in various projects to benefit those in need locally and globally. Vivian has been an active Girl Scout for many years and was appointed the teen delegate for her local Service Unit. After Hurricane Harvey, she coordinated a school supply drive for delivery to Houston, Texas.



Though her community service has extended far and wide, Vivian's proudest accomplishment is earning her Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouts, by researching and creating a Welcome to the Neighborhood guide and website for new families moving into our area.



Lake Braddock has been a very special part of Vivian's life and some very special teachers have played an integral role in her life as part of the Bruin community. Her favorite memory was last year when Sra. Padilla sent her an encouraging letter on the day of her Spanish AP exam. Knowing that Vivian was concerned about her ability to perform well on the exam because of a concussion she had suffered earlier in the year, Sra. Padilla made sure to how her support and reach out. Mr. Dominic Prakash, Auto Tech teacher, is one of Vivian's favorite teachers as is Ms. Daniela Daniels, her Geosystems teacher. She credits both with being supportive and appreciates their honest and straightforward delivery. Of all the classes that Vivian has taken, her favorite was Geosystems because of the amazing learning environment.

Spiderman is credited with Vivian's favorite quote, "It is always easy to be who you are, it is hard to be what you want to be." Her advice to underclassmen is so important, "I am sure you hear this a lot but take care of yourself. You should always push yourself to do better but learn your limits." With a bright future ahead of her, Vivian plans to take a gap year to travel through Europe and Central America before attending college and then plans to become a doctor. Congratulations, Vivian, we are so proud of all you have done so far and 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 eNews 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 will be 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, Carson Sturgeon, Jake Sizemore, McKenzie Shedd, and Vivian Stewart for being our first five spotlighted seniors! We can't wait to learn more about our other seniors in the upcoming months!

Holiday Cards/Gift Cards for Teachers

Spread Some Cheer to your Teachers



Many have expressed interest in sending cards and/or gifts to their teachers for the holidays or just general appreciation but weren't sure how that would work in this virtual environment. We will be offering two drop off locations from now until December 7th where you can drop off cards, gift cards or small gifts for any LBSS teachers/staff/admins/coaches. We will then get them to the school for distribution before winter break. Please make sure all items are clearly labelled with the recipient's name on it.

Keeping in mind that we have over 400 faculty and staff and the pandemic, no homemade foods, perishable or fragile items will be accepted. To keep things from getting too cumbersome, if you plan to give a gift, gift cards would be preferred. A kind note of appreciation is always welcome.

For your convenience, we will have two dropoff locations, now through December 7th:

9714 Rolling Ridge Drive Fairfax Station, VA 22039 and 5610 Tilia Court Burke, VA 22015

Thank you for your consideration!

Any questions, contact us!

PTSA Virtual Auction

LBSS PTSA's Spring Virtual Auction

LBSS PTSA will be holding a Virtual Auction in Spring 2021 to raise funds for LBSS programs that benefit the entire students body and faculty. If you own, frequent, or know of a business or organization that may be willing to donate items for the auction (e.g., products, 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 itself, please contact Carrie Holmes or Alice Chu!

PTSA FUNDRAISERS - Help us help you!

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

BRUINS CARE MORSE CODE BRACELETS



Have you ordered your limited edition Skylar Paige Couture, Bruins CARE Morse code bracelet yet? 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. Same day pickup is available! Quantities are limited so don't delay! These bracelets make great gifts! Students, teachers, and parents all love this bracelet!!





Order yours today by clicking <u>here!</u> Contact <u>Andrea Edelstein</u> with any questions.

Bruins GOODR Sunglasses

BRUINS 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 Carlson





LBSS Community Partners

LBSS COMMUNITY PARTNERS

This year, in an effort to try to help promote local businesses, we have launched our LBSS Community

Partners program. Currently we have five businesses who have committed to donate back a portion of the proceeds from your payment throughout this school year, any time you order from them and mention that you are part of the LBSS Community! Additionally Cup and Crown is partnering with us for a special holiday offering and

Subway will be partnering with us on the first Monday of each month. Details regarding all partnerships can be found below. We hope you will consider supporting them!



Cup and Crown is offering a Special-Tea Holiday Gift Box



We are super excited to announce our newest LBSS Community Partner! LB parent and entrepreneur, Nancy Rodriguez of Cup & Crown has partnered with Lake Braddock PTSA to offer a special-TEA holiday gift box. This boxed set includes 3 high-quality, loose-leaf festive blends chosen for the season. It also includes a holiday-themed steeper & demi spoon, steeping instructions, plus British tea cookies, making this the perfect gift for both the avid tea drinker and the occasional sipper alike. Ten percent of each purchase will be donated back to the LBSS PTSA!



Looking for a creative way to celebrate someone special? Support our partner, No-Guilt Yard Cards!

Surprise Someone for Thanksgiving!

The leaves are falling and the pumpkin spice is flowing.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner--- so let's

Gobble! Who's ready to talk turkey?

What's a Gobble, you ask? It's a Yard Card Rental we will set up for a day at the recipient's home. Purchase a

Gobble to surprise your own family or another family in town. Gobble your bestie, your grandparents, your teachers, co-workers, or your coach! The fun happens when everyone passes it along.

<u>To learn more or to order your Gobble, click here!</u> Gobble 'Til You Wobble, y'all!







Purchase a Yard Sign to surprise your family, friends, teachers, co-workers, or coaches!



For more information, visit: No-Guilt Yard Cards

No-Guilt Yard Cards is owned and operated by a LBSS Family!

Ready to plan your vacation? Support our partner, No-Guilt Travel!



Look no further than

No-Guilt Travel! They can help you with all of your
travel needs! Start planning your vacation now.

Contact them now!

In the mood for Pho? Support our partner, Pho Saigon 75!



Please visit Pho Saigon 75's website!

In the mood for Sushi or Ramen? Support our partner, Waraku!



Please visit Waraku's website!

Interested in learning Cardio Kickboxing or Tae Kwon Do?



All LBSS community members will receive one month of free classes for the following programs, with 50% of all future registration fees to be donated to LBSS PTSA!

Tiny Tigers (ages 3-5)

Beginner Tae Kwon Do (ages 6 and up)
Cardio Kickboxing (teens and adults)
For more information about the above programs,
please visit: World Karate Programs.

First Monday of Every Month Subway Spirit Nights

In addition to our annual partners, we are pleased to announce that <u>Subway in Kings Park</u> will be hosting Spirit Nights on the first Monday of each month from 5 - 9 pm, for the remainder of the school year. Make sure to mention you are part of the LBSS Community when you order and they will donate a percentage of your payment back to the LBSS PTSA!



We are continuing to welcome more local businesses into our program. Contact <u>Alice Chu</u> with questions or to become a Partner!

Box Top\$ For Education

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!!



Coca-Cola Gives Back!

Coca-Cola Gives Back to LBSS



We are excited to share that our school is part of 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 out of your own pocket. When you make Coca-Cola purchases, you simply enter the product codes here and our school receives a donation. We currently have \$31.75 for this quarter. Thank you to all who contributed over the past week by entering their codes.

This works similar to the Boxtops program where you enter codes for things you are already purchasing. Brands like Dasani water, Powerade, 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.

Help LBSS make the most of this program!

Sports Equipment Collection - now through 11/30!

New/Used Sports Equipment Collection



Lake Braddock Football is partnering with Hannah Smith to collect new and used sports equipment through the end of November.

There are three dropoff locations: LBSS near door 14,

Burke Sporting Goods, and 9714 Rolling Ridge Drive Fairfax Station (in the South Run neighborhood). Click here for a list of equipment that can or can't be donated. Please use your best judgment on the condition of the equipment before donating. If you wouldn't trust your kid using or wearing it, neither would they!



CLASS OF 2021 INITIATIVES

SENIOR STAMP EVENT

Monday, November 30 1:00-4:00 pm

This event is to Celebrate the Class of 2021. Seniors can show their school spirit by painting /stamping a parking space in the Senior Lot. The cost is \$25.00 per space. Seniors in groups no larger than 4 can paint a parking spot. Groups must arrive in one car together to be considered a group. All participants must wear a mask and bring their own paint brushes. The school will provide paint in bowls, tape, and stencils of paws for students to use. Seniors will sign up in 1-hour slots and must always remain in their parking spot. Once they have completed their stamp or their time has elapsed, they must leave the parking lot.



Event Details:

- Cost: \$25 to paint a parking space
- Cash or check are acceptable forms of payment upon arrival.
- Available time slots: 1-2 pm, 2-3 pm, 3-4 pm

Participants must:

- wear masks
- remain with their group
- bring a draft of their parking space plans
 - follow all campus rules

Please remember, this event is to celebrate the class of 2021 and no inappropriate behavior will be permitted.

For additional information, including a link to the Google Form to sign up, please visit the

LBSS Senior Page.

We would love to see your completed parking spots please send photos to enews@lbssptsa.org or post in our PTSA Facebook group!

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!!



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

Interested in learning more? Contact <u>Julie</u>
Shedd

Senior Yearbook Ads

Help your senior remember the good times. Create a senior ad to be published in the 2021 yearbook! We've lowered the prices considerably this year, so take advantage of this offer! Ads will be available until Dec. 1 (or until we have sold out), so don't wait! Go to

www.yearbookordercenter.com and use school code 5061 to get started. Email Mrs. Poquis if you

have questions or need assistance.

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 - 10:15, 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.

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!

HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK

Order in 2020 and get the discounted rate of \$65!



The 2021 high school yearbook (grades 9-12) is currently available for purchase. You can <u>order here</u> and use school code 5061. The discounted price of \$65 is only available until the end of 2020, so don't wait! Yearbooks make great gifts! Do you have photos you want to share for the yearbook? <u>Click here!</u>

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK

\$35

Note: the Middle School has a separate yearbook for grades 7 - 8. Their code is 13596. To share photos for the LBMS yearbook, click here!

HS Underclassmen Photos

High School student portraits are now available to view and order online (orders placed online will ship home) at vosphoto.com/lakebraddockHS. Use your student's FCPS ID as the online code. Questions or concerns can be directed to underclass@vosphoto.com.

Portrait retake day for high schoolers is scheduled on December 2, 3 and 7. Please note

scheduled on December 2, 3 and 7. Please note the following requirements for retakes: Any student who was absent for the original photo session.

Any new enrollment or transfer student since the original photo session.

Any student who was dissatisfied with their original portrait package. Please be prepared to hand the old package to the photography staff. Students must return their old package to the photographer in order to receive a new package. Please communicate this information to students.

Any student who did not purchase on the original session is welcome to purchase at this time.

Any student who did NOT receive an ID card at the original session.

Any student who has incorrect/missing data on their ID card from the original session. Please use the following link to sign up for a time:

http://pickatime.com/vos/lakebraddockhsmu

Middle School Photos

Middle School student portraits are now available to view and order online (orders placed online will ship home) at 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.

Portrait retake day for 7th and 8th grade only is scheduled on December 2, 3 and 7. Please note the following requirements for retakes:

Any student who was absent for the original photo session.

Any new enrollment or transfer student since the original photo session.

Any student who was dissatisfied with their original portrait package. Please be prepared to hand the old package to the photography staff. Students must return their old package to the photographer in order to receive a new package.

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Please use the following link to sign up for a time:

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LBABC: Lacrosse Fall Brawl / Membership Drive

Fairfax Fall Brawl THIS WEEKEND!



One of the great fall traditions during
Thanksgiving week is the annual Fairfax Fall Brawl
7v7 lacrosse tournament. Lake Braddock studentathletes will be playing Friday - Sunday at
Evergreen Sportsplex in Leesburg. As fans are not
allowed in the stadium this year, Lake Braddock
Athletic Boosters Club (LBABC) plans to
livestream the games for fans through the LBABC
YouTube Channel.

Click here to watch the <u>Lake Braddock Fall Brawl</u>
<u>You Tube Stream</u> from the safety, comfort and
warmth of your home where you can support your
favorite player(s).

Friday, November 27, 2020 games Boys Varsity: 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 29, 2020 games Girls Varsity: noon - 3:00 p.m.

LBABC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

With sports preparing to resume, our Lake Braddock teams need Bruin Nation's support now more than ever.

Please join or renew your membership with the Athletic Booster Club today to help us maintain the commitment to our student-athletes, teams, and the Lake Braddock campus athletic facilities. Individual (\$50), Family (\$200), and Super Bruin (\$500) Membership Levels available. Family Boosters who purchase by December 31st will receive a 20% discount on the same membership

level for 2021/2022 school year. Super Bruin level will receive 30% discount next year. Click here to join LBABC!

Class of '23 Chipotle Fundraiser

Chipotle Fundraiser for Class of '23 December 5th, 4-8 pm



CHIPOTLE
HEYICAN GRILL

All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at this time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing

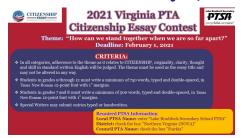
Join us for a fundraiser to support Lake Braddock Secondary School Class Of 2023. Come in to the Chipotle at 6230 Rolling Rd in West Springfield on Saturday, December 5th between 4 pm and 8 pm. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Lake Braddock Secondary School Class Of 2023.

NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code XW86ZXF in 'promo' field before checkout.
Orders placed online or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted.
Remember, delivery orders or orders placed at a different time/location than the scheduled fundraiser will not count.

2021 Virginia PTA Citizenship Essay Contest

2021 Virginia PTA Citizenship Essay Contest Deadline: February 1, 2021



Every year, the Virginia PTA promotes a sense of citizenship and responsibility by sponsoring an

essay contest. This year's theme will be, "How can we stand together when we are so far apart?"

Deadline is February 1, 2021 Essays will be sent to the districts for local competition and then the first place recipients will be submitted to VA PTA by March 1, 2021 for state competition.

Who can enter?

All Virginia students in grades K-12 presently enrolled in schools with active PTA/PTSAs in good standing may enter.

A non-graded Special Writer Division is available and limited to students whose physical, cognitive, or mental health challenges meet ADA guidelines. Qualifying students entering this division create their own essay but may receive non-artistic accommodation and assistance from an adult.

To apply, click here!

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

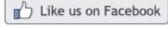
HOW TO STAY IN TOUCH!

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

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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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