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### PTSA MEETINGS

**2020-2021**

via Zoom at 7 p.m.

### PTSA PRESIDENT REMARKS

#### Message from PTSA President

Another great week of school in the books!! How do you feel it's going? Are you and your students becoming more comfortable in the virtual environment? What are some of the successes you are seeing? There will always be challenges...what are some of the more significant ones? It's always healthy to reflect...to appreciate the successes and those who contributed to making them happen, and to think about what didn't go so well and how we can improve future outcomes...what can WE do to change and improve the future for us and our children.

Thank each of you who chose to attend the last PTSA membership meeting. If you missed it, we've posted a recording. We are so appreciative of the wonderful presentation by LBSS High School Counselor **Jacquie Naughton** on Lake Braddock's Social Emotional Learning program. We know it took a lot of extra time and work for Ms. Naughton to prepare the presentation, at a time when I can't imagine the many other tasks and responsibilities she was balancing. And not only was the content timely, relevant and important, her delivery was engaging, comprehensive and direct. **What a perfect example of the calibre of LBSS counselors working with and for our students!**

We invite you to hear Jacquie again at our next meeting membership meeting **November 18th** when she talks about **Academic and Career Planning: The Journey Starts Here**. Ever wonder what the 7th-12th grade progression plan is for our students? What academic advising really is and what the advisers do? Join us...the insights she will share will better enable us as parents to mutually support our children's education and growth.

We also were grateful our LBSS Principal Dr.

November 18th  
February 10th

## QUICK LINKS

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Smith, Associate Principal Ms. Kearns and other school leadership were on hand to answer parent and student questions. This openness and transparency of our school leadership is a hallmark of Lake Braddock for which we should all be appreciative. As parents and students, we may not always agree with the leadership's answers; but then, we haven't walked in their shoes and aren't necessarily aware of the plethora issues they are confronting and balancing. But we always should appreciate their openness and willingness to discuss the issues. And we always can be comfortable knowing they care about our youth, and our children's education and growth.

With appreciation to you all for caring and engaging,  
Bob Gaylord, PTSA President

## 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.



### 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!](#)

### 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.

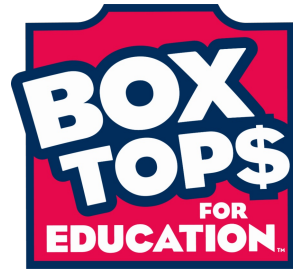
**PTSA FUNDRAISERS - Help us help you!**

## **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.

## **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!!



## **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.

Preorder yours today by clicking [here!](#)  
Contact [Andrea Edelstein](#) 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](mailto:lbcrewpresident@gmail.com)



## 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 or upon payment. Each Partner will donate part of the proceeds from your purchase to our PTSA!



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### October Spirit Nights At Jersey Mike's

During the month of October, [Jersey Mike's](#) in Ravensworth is partnering with us for 8 Spirit Nights!! Every Wednesday and Thursday from 4 pm - 9 pm, mention Lake Braddock and they will donate a portion of your sale back to our PTSA!



### 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 contribute \$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.

For more information, visit: [No-Guilt Yard Cards](#)  
*No-Guilt Yard Cards is owned and operated by a LBSS Family!*

#### BOO Your Neighbors With Yard Cards!



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)

## EDUCATION MINI - GRANTS

### 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

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**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.

## MATH HONOR SOCIETY

### Math Honor Society

**Application Deadline: October 5, 2020**

Math Honor Society is a tutoring society in which Lake Braddock tutors independently set up meetings with

tutees, under the monitoring of an LBSS math teacher. Due to the online learning environment this year, tutoring will be scheduled with a teacher beforehand and be done through Blackboard Collaborate Ultra. Since this may pose difficulty in setting up tutoring, we may also offer other opportunities for you to earn "hours." This could include providing teacher assistance or creating study materials. Hour requirements are TBD. Please click the link and fill out the form to apply. To fill out the form, please sign in through your FCPS student account and the application deadline is 10/5! ALL STUDENTS MUST REAPPLY, EVEN IF WERE IN MHS IN PREVIOUS YEARS! Requirements to join include: 1. Must be in Pre-Calculus level math or higher 2. Must have had a B+ average throughout high school math courses (starting with Algebra 1) 3. Must have an overall weighted GPA of a 3.5 or higher . Here's the [link](#) !  
Thank you,  
MHS Officers Mohamed M. and Cameron W.

## 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!

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](http://www.lbssptsa.org) and visit frequently!

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 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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