



# Bruin Voices

Lake Braddock Secondary

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## Newsletter of the LBSS Parent\*\*Teacher\*\*Student\*\* Association

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### Message from the President

As this school year comes to a close, I'd like to congratulate all the graduating seniors and their families. I wish the seniors the best as they move toward the next exciting phase of their lives and take with them the strong foundation they built at Lake Braddock.

Research shows that students benefit from strong leadership, good mentors and role models, and positive parent involvement. We're grateful for the wonderful volunteers at LBSS PTSA. I don't have space to thank each one by name, but I do want to mention three volunteers who have given so much and are leaving this year: Anne Norton, Pauline Pavlakos, and Leslie Wallace. Your spirit has made a lasting impression on us all.

Great news and congratulations to ALL Lake Braddock families: we have been recertified as a National School of Excellence for Parent Involvement for 2008-2011. This is an extraordinary achievement that few schools accomplish, and we should be proud of attaining this recognition of commitment to our children's education.

I'm also pleased to report our PTSA received a Local Unit Achievement award recognizing our increase in membership this year. Thanks to all our members.

Best wishes as we sprint toward the finish line!

John

### Mark your calendar!

#### May 20

PTSA General Membership  
Executive Board Election  
Presentation on Internet  
Safety  
7:00 pm in the Cafeteria

#### May 22

High School Chorus Concert  
7 pm in Little Theatre  
Admission \$5.00

#### May 29

Junior-Senior Ultimate Frisbee Fundraiser

#### June 2

PTSA Board Meeting  
7:00 pm

#### June 5

Bruin Golf Classic  
Westfield Golf Club in  
Clinton

#### June 15

Baccalaureate Ceremony  
Church of the Nativity  
5:00 pm

#### June 17

Last Day of School  
Graduation! 2 pm at GMU

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## **Lake Braddock Secondary School Parent \*\* Teacher \*\* Student \*\* Association**

### **PTSA General Membership Meeting**

Our evening will begin with a short PTSA business meeting and election of the 2008-2009 officers.

Then join us for an informative discussion about Internet Safety.

Do you know what your child is doing on the computer this summer? Internet safety is one of the most important issues facing families. Join us for an informed discussion of this topic.

Pfc Kevin Horan, Crime Prevention Officer of the West Springfield District Station, will give us a presentation and answer questions.

- Tuesday, May 20, 2008
- 7:00 pm
- LBSS Cafeteria

Refreshments will be served. Thanks to Starbucks for donating coffee for the event.

Door prizes will be awarded.

If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Gaudian (sgaudian@cox.net) or Tracy McCarthy (payment@aol.com).

### **Class of 2008! Your Time Has Come!**

Our senior class of 638 will be leaving in just a few weeks. Don't miss the chance for a great last event: the 2008 All Night Grad Party!

Tickets: \$65 (includes t-shirt and senior video)

Students, bring your forms in on Tuesdays to the cafeteria (during lunch). Wear your t-shirt the night of the party—it is your ticket.

Graduation signs are still available. Broadcast your student's achievement to your neighborhood. Please email Tracy Barry (tbarry61@aol.com) for more information.

Special note: we are short of funds to provide all we can for this safe, well-recognized event. We are asking families and businesses to make a contribution to this celebration for our seniors. Please visit the PTSA website [www.lbssptsa.org](http://www.lbssptsa.org) or contact Carol Miller (cmcarol@cox.net) for more information.

Get ready to CELE-O-BR8 Yourself at the All Night Grad Party 2008!!

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### **Lake Braddock Says "Thank You!"**

On behalf of our seniors and their families, the LBSS PTSA would like to thank these donors who have helped financially support the All Night Grad Party:

**(\$500+) Glory Days, Metropolitan Asset Management, Inc., Ono's, Pev's Paintball, South Run Regency HOA, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage/Bill Landon**

**(\$250-\$499) Clifton Lions Club, Dr. Dehyar & Associates, Drs. Laurence Murphy and Stacey Staats, Dr. Melanie Hartman, Fairfaxautomile.com, Twinbrooke Chiropractic/Dr. Nuccio**

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**Join us in a Celebration of  
Gratitude:  
Baccalaureate 2008**

Baccalaureate is a traditional, non-denominational ceremony dating back to the twelfth century that celebrates graduation. The LBSS PTSA invites the Lake Braddock Class of 2008 and their families to join us for an afternoon of student-led inspirational performances. All performers are members of the Senior Class.

The Baccalaureate is different from graduation. It is a time to give thanks and honor all that we have shared together as a community. This is one of the most memorable times the seniors will spend together as a class.

This year's Baccalaureate will be held:

**Sunday, June 15 at 5:00 pm  
Church of the Nativity  
Burke, Virginia**

Performers should arrive by 4:00, and members of the Class of 2008 should be in place at 4:30.

For more information, contact Nancy Moore at [nkmoore@verizon.net](mailto:nkmoore@verizon.net) or visit the Facebook Event online.

The Baccalaureate is sponsored by the LBSS PTSA. It is not affiliated with FCPS.

**Booster Club News**

**Crew:** The Crew Boosters appreciate all who helped make the Plant Sale such a success! Special thanks to staff, parents and alum. Good luck to rowers at the VA State Championships and the Stotesbury Cup Regatta in Philadelphia.

**Athletics:** [www.lbsports.org](http://www.lbsports.org). Fall sports begin Aug 5. Scholarship applications for \$1,000 grants are being accepted.

**Academics:** [www.fcps.edu/LakeBraddockSS/parent\\_organizations/parent\\_acad.htm](http://www.fcps.edu/LakeBraddockSS/parent_organizations/parent_acad.htm). Awards of nearly \$3500 will be provided this year.

**Music:** LBSS Music Boosters include three groups: ([www.lbband.org](http://www.lbband.org)), ([www.Lakebraddockorchestra.com](http://www.Lakebraddockorchestra.com)), and ([members.cox.net/lakebraddockchorus](http://members.cox.net/lakebraddockchorus)).

**Theatre:** [www.fcps.edu/LakeBraddockSS/parent\\_organizations/parent\\_theatre.htm](http://www.fcps.edu/LakeBraddockSS/parent_organizations/parent_theatre.htm).

**For our Graduating Seniors:**

"You have brains in your head.  
You have feet in your shoes.  
You can steer yourself any  
direction you choose.  
You're on your own. A  
nd you know what you know.  
You are the guy  
who'll decide where to go."

Dr. Seuss