



**Lake Braddock Secondary School:  
National School of Excellence for  
Parent Involvement  
PTSA E-News (Week of 1-17-10)**

Calendar

- **Jan 18** – MLK Day—no school.
- **Jan 21 - Guys and Dolls**, the musical in the Little Theatre **7:30 pm** tickets \$12.00
- **Jan 22 - Guys and Dolls**, the musical in the Little Theatre **7:30pm** tickets \$12.00
- **Jan 23 - Guys and Dolls**, the musical @ **2:30pm and 8pm** in the Little Theatre tickets \$12.00
- **Jan 23** – SAT
- **Jan 26** – NHS Induction
- **Jan 27** – Junior Parent/Student College Information Night, 7:00 p.m., Little Theatre.
- **Jan 28** - Second Quarter Ends
- **Jan 29/Feb 1** – **Teacher work days; no school for students.**
- **Feb 2** - Third Quarter begins
- **Feb 3** - High School Curriculum Night 7pm Café and Gym
- **Feb 3** - Science Fair 2 pm- 3pm in all science classrooms
- **Feb 4** - Reflections awards ceremony in the lecture hall from 2:30 to 4:30
- **Feb 5** - Report Cards send home with student
- **Feb 8** - Rising 7th and 8th Grade Curriculum Night café/gym
- **Feb 12** - Jr. Golden Girls - café - 5-9PM, ages 4-12
- **Feb 15** - Student Holiday - Washington's Birthday/Presidents Day
- **Feb 22** - PTSA General Membership Meeting 7pm in the cafe

News to Note

- **Science Honor Society** - Lake Braddock has started a Science Honor Society. We are looking for guest speakers to come talk with our members about science and their scientific careers or endeavors. Please contact Jason Switzer at [jason.switzer@fcps.edu](mailto:jason.switzer@fcps.edu) or 703-426-1243 if you are interested.
- **Calling any parents who are notaries?** Lake Braddock Band is going to China and could use the services of any parent who is a notary. Please contact Dave Gai at 703-323-4990 [president@lbband.org](mailto:president@lbband.org) or Sharon Gottlieb at 703.426.0910 / [treasurer@lbband.org](mailto:treasurer@lbband.org).
- **The LBSS 2010 Science fair will be held on Wed Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Projects will be displayed in all High School science classrooms based on their topic. Students and faculty are encouraged to come and check out student projects from 2:00 to 3:00pm. Judging will be from 3:00 to 5:00pm. Room assignments for participants will be posted outside H101, Mr. Switzer's room. Good luck Bruin Scientists!" Judges are still needed. If you are interested in helping judge this year's fair, please contact Jason Switzer at [jason.switzer@fcps.edu](mailto:jason.switzer@fcps.edu) or 703-426-1243. No experience necessary; we will train you on the spot and feed you!  
  
Please note because this is not a late bus day, parents will need to provide transportation for their students after the fair.
- **PAW's Annual International Show** is coming up and we need to get started! If you are interested in participating in the International Show fashion show, performances, or cultural booth you MUST attend the interest meeting after school on Tuesday, Jan. 19 in Mrs. Farmer's room J230.
- **Lake Braddock is offering two FREE SAT prep courses** in advance of the March and May SAT test dates this spring. The five week courses are held after school on Tuesdays from 2:45 to 4:15 beginning February 9. To register, see Mrs. Seng in the Main Office to pick up a registration sheet. Class size is limited so register today.
- **All current NHS members**, please remember you are required to turn in a Service Hours Form with your 8 hours of community service by the end of the first semester. These are due by Thursday, January 28th. We are encouraging you to perform 4 hours through an LBSS activity such as tutoring or other school-related activities, and the remaining 4 hours can be completed outside of school. Please check the LBSS website for the service hour form or see Mrs. Mann or Mr. Maxwell with questions.
- **Attention freshman, sophomores, and juniors!** Applications for student representative to the Fairfax County School Board are now available. The school board student representative is the highest elected student office in Fairfax County Public Schools. The election will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at Centreville High School. Applications to run for this countywide office are due by Tuesday, Jan. 19. Please see Ms. Purdy in room H211 or Mrs. Cable in room J225 if interested.
- **Attention all Key Club members:** there will be a meeting Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 2:30 in the Lecture Hall. Officer elections for the 2010-2011 school year will take place on Feb. 16 in the Lecture Hall. If you are interested in running for an officer position, please see Mr. Brothers.
- **French Club will be making crepes after school on Thursday, Jan. 21 in room C169.** Everyone is welcome! This event is free for club members who have paid their dues, and it costs \$2 for anyone else. Yum!
- **Calling all performers!!** If you are interested in participating in a variety show hosted by the Junior Class, get your friends together and start working on your skit! Auditions will be Jan. 27.

- **Do you have Box Tops and not sure what to do with them?** Have your student drop them off at the main office or the middle school sub school offices. You can also sign up online at [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) as a Lake Braddock supporter. The school will receive bonus box tops for every supporter. Because of budgetary cuts the support from Box Tops is more important than ever. Start collecting today! **The next collection date is February 28, 2010.**

### School News

- **Lake Braddock Musical Theatre presents *Guys and Dolls*** in the Little Theatre at LBSS. Come see Andrea Harmon, Reid Bigman, Lizzy Cole, Scott Koven and many other talented LB high school and middle school students perform ! Tickets are \$12 in advance and at the door. You may also order tickets through the website [www.lbmusical.webs.com](http://www.lbmusical.webs.com), or buy tickets during school lunches beginning Tuesday, Jan. 14 in the cafeteria thru Jan 22. You may also purchase tickets at the door prior to the shows. Cash and checks may be used to purchase tickets. Call 703-913-4844 if you have questions. Snow dates for the shows are Jan 24 and Jan 25.
- **National Honor Society.** Don't forget: Mandatory practice for new members Monday, January 25, at 2:30 p.m.; Induction ceremony Tuesday, January, 26, in the Little Theatre—members should report at 6:30 p.m., ceremony begins at 7—parents welcome. Inductees are asked to dress appropriately (dress pants, dress shirt, and tie for boys; modest dress and low heels for girls).
- **Jr. Golden Girls Workshop 2010**  
Please join The Golden Girls, Lake Braddock's Varsity Dance Team, for their annual Junior Golden Girls Workshop. The workshop will be held on Friday, February 12, 2010, from 5pm-9pm in the LBSS cafeteria. Ages: 4 - 12 (preschool - 6th grade); Cost: \$45 Email [bruindance@yahoo.com](mailto:bruindance@yahoo.com) for more details
- **Have News You Want to Publish?** Send me an email with all the information you would like to have in the PTSA enews. Spread the great things happening at Lake Braddock! E-mail [PTSAnews@cox.net](mailto:PTSAnews@cox.net)

### PTSA Highlight

- **2010 LBSS PTSA ANGP Mulch Sale**

The LBSS PTSA will host the All Night Graduation Party for the Lake Braddock Secondary School Class of 2010 on Monday, June 21, 2010. Students rely on donations and proceeds from the mulch sale to provide nearly one-third of the financial support for this alcohol and drug free event. You can help by ordering mulch and/or making a tax deductible cash donation. We are offering JK's double shredded hardwood bark mulch in 3 cubic footbags for the same price as last year: **\$4.50 per bag**

Orders of 15 bags or more will be delivered to your home on Saturday or Sunday, March 20-21, 2010. Orders less than 15 bags must be picked up at the Lake Braddock Secondary School Parking Lot on Saturday, March 20, 2010.

Adult and student volunteers are also needed to deliver mulch to customers.

Questions? Contact the LBSS Mulchman, Ed Hartman, at [lbss.mulchman@cox.net](mailto:lbss.mulchman@cox.net) or get information online at <http://www.lbsspta.org/>

- **PTSA Opportunities** -Are you interested in learning more about the Virginia and National PTA's? Below are some opportunities from the PTA which are open to our all members. Need more information after reading the below highlights, visit the PTSA website at [www.lbsspta.org](http://www.lbsspta.org)

**Virginia PTA Scholarship Program-** This program is open to high school seniors who are residents of Virginia. Students must attend a Virginia high school whose PTA/PTSA is a unit in good standing. The student must plan to enroll in a Virginia college or university by September and plan to pursue a career in teaching or other youth-serving profession.

**Virginia PTA Citizenship Essay Project** -Virginia PTA is proud to sponsor a Citizenship Essay Project. The 2010 theme is *Strong Citizens-Strong Communities.* This Essay Project allows students to express their views and opinions on "Character or Citizenship." Virginia PTA is committed to promoting a sense of citizenship and responsibility in the lives of our children-tomorrow's leaders. This is for students grades 6-12.

Awards will be given in both age groups (middle school grades 6-8 and high school grades 9-12).

- 1st Place -- \$1,000 Savings Bond
- 2nd Place -- \$ 500 Savings Bond
- 3rd Place -- \$ 250 Savings Bond

**Virginia Family Fitness Grants** - The Virginia PTA is pleased to announce the availability of six \$300.00 Family Fitness Grants for the 2009-2010 school year to any Virginia PTA local unit, councilor district in good standing. This allocation of funds to the Health and Safety Committee was approved by the Virginia PTA Board of Managers during the Pre-Convention Board Meeting November 12, 2009.

For more information about the PTSA topics go to the forms page <http://www.lbsspta.org/forms.html> and look at "other."

### Counseling Corner

- **Attention all parents of rising 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders:**

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the Lake Braddock High School Curriculum Night on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 (snow date: Thursday, February 4, 2010). This event will be held in the LBSS cafeteria at 7 p.m. Come early to attend the AP Information Meeting at 6 p.m. in the LBSS cafeteria.

The 2010-2011 curriculum will be introduced. You'll have the opportunity to meet with administrators, counselors, department chairs and teachers to learn important information about curriculum options and course planning for your students.

Visit the LBSS website to view the 2010-2011 online course catalog.

Academic advising dates:

**Rising Seniors:**

Academic Advising: Tuesday, February 2  
Course selection sheet completed, signed by parent and brought to school: Monday, February 8  
Scheduling of courses: February 8-12

**Rising Juniors:**

Academic Advising: Tuesday, February 16  
Course selection sheet completed, signed by parent and brought to school: Monday, February 22  
Scheduling of courses: February 22-26

**Rising Sophomores:**

Academic Advising: Monday, March 1  
Course selection sheet completed, signed by parent and brought to school: Monday, March 8  
Scheduling of courses: March 8-12

**Rising Freshmen:**

Academic Advising: Thursday.- Friday, Jan. 21-22  
Course selection sheet completed, signed by parent and brought to 8<sup>th</sup> grade science teachers: Monday, February 8  
Scheduling of courses: February 8-12

For more information, please contact HS Counseling/Student Services at 703-426-1040.

- To view the 2010-2011 online course catalog, visit our Web site: <http://www.fcps.edu/LakeBraddockSS/>

### Community News

- **SACC teacher Ms. Angela retirement** from Kings Glen on 1/26/09 at 5pm

Ms Angela is retiring after 20 plus years and Kings Glen would like to offer students whose lives she touched a chance to say their goodbyes and celebrate her...

IT IS A SURPRISE goodbye celebration, and in lieu of a gift people are welcome to bring a ball of yarn (she knits and crotchets).

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### Reminders

- **It's Not Too Late!** It's never too late to increase our PTSA numbers, increase our strength, and increase our ability to serve students and teachers. Visit [www.lbspspta.org](http://www.lbspspta.org) or contact [eahurst@cox.net](mailto:eahurst@cox.net) for membership forms or information. Go Bruins!
- **Register your Giant food card with the A+ Bonus Bucks Program**, and help support Lake Braddock! With budget cuts coming, this additional support is more important than ever. The link to sign up is as follows: [http://www.giantfood.com/our\\_stores/bonus\\_bucks/index.htm?opco=GNTL](http://www.giantfood.com/our_stores/bonus_bucks/index.htm?opco=GNTL). Lake Braddock can also receive support from your participation in the Safeway eScrip program, and the Verizon Extra Credit for Schools program.

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### Handy Links and Other Tips

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- For LBSS PTSA membership, volunteer and other important information: [www.lbspspta.org](http://www.lbspspta.org)
- Career Center Link: For college and career info, please visit: [http://www.fcps.edu/LakeBraddockSS/career\\_center/career\\_center.htm](http://www.fcps.edu/LakeBraddockSS/career_center/career_center.htm)
  - Parent Resource Center: Visit the PRC website to see what's new: <http://www.fcps.edu/ss/prc/workshops.htm>
  - FCPS Website: For information about Fairfax County Public Schools please visit [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu). This is an excellent resource for parents/guardians and students.
  - FCPS Family and School Partnerships. <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OECFS/FLI/services-fcps.htm>



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