



*Lake Braddock Secondary School:  
National PTA School of Excellence for  
Parent Involvement  
PTSA E-News (Week of 8-24-08)*

**Be sure to join us for the Bruin Blast on Wednesday, August 27 from 4 to 8 p.m.!**

### Calendar

- **August 27** – Bruin Blast, 4 to 8 p.m.
- **September 2** – First Day of School
- **September 2** – Directory Opt-Out Deadline
- **September 16** – PTSA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- **September 22** – High School Back to School Night
- **September 24** – Middle School Back to School Night
- **October 25** – Annual Craft Fair

### Call for Volunteers

- **PE Uniform Sales Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> for Bruin Blast, Thursday, Sept. 4 and Friday, Sept. 5**
  1. The PE Department needs volunteers to help sell PE uniforms at the Bruin Blast from 3:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for approximately 1 ½ hour shifts.
  2. They also need volunteers to help out Thursday, Sept. 4 and Friday, September 5 during the day from 7:30—9:30 a.m., 9:30—11:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

If you are available to help out or would like more information please contact Kathy Carson at [lbssvolunteers@rcarson.com](mailto:lbssvolunteers@rcarson.com) or 703-912-9041. Thank you so much!!

### School News to Note

- **New “Bruin Block” and Bell Schedule for 2008-09:** Please check out the Lake Braddock web site for up-to-date information on changes to this year’s bell schedule [http://www.fcps.edu/LakeBraddockSS/about\\_us/about\\_bells.htm](http://www.fcps.edu/LakeBraddockSS/about_us/about_bells.htm). Each week there will be a “Bruin Block” (Monday in high school; Wednesday and Thursday in middle school)—a dedicated block of time during the school day for students to work with teachers or classmates, study, or read quietly. Also, school will be dismissed early on Tuesdays, at 1:45 instead of 2:12 for high school students in order to provide weekly, teacher collaboration time. High School students who remain at school during that 25 minute period will have a variety of after-school options, such as, high school study hall, student athlete study hall, and access to the school library. Middle school students will be dismissed at the regular dismissal time of 2:12 p.m. Please refer to the Lake Braddock site (above link) for more information.
- **The third annual Lake Braddock Secondary School PSTA Student Directory** will include the name, address, and phone number all the students unless a parent/guardian specifically requests that the information be omitted by September 2. School groups interested in being included in the 2008-09 Student Directory should send the updated information to Directory Chair, Sue Brantlinger. If you are interested in the Directory Committee, please contact Sue Brantlinger at [sebdrrb@cox.net](mailto:sebdrrb@cox.net) or 703-455-2569.

### Your LBSS PTSA Needs You!

- **Still time to help raise some dough!** Please visit the Great Harvest Bread Company in Burke as often as possible until August 30 and nominate the LBSS **PTSA** to host a Baker for the Day fundraiser! It’s a great new opportunity for the PTSA to form another community relationship and **raise funds for student programs**. Besides, it’s a great reason to eat more delicious bread. So off to the bakery we go to nominate the LBSS PTSA to host Baker for the Day! If we receive enough nominations, we’ll be part of the voting held from September 2 to September 13 to host a Great Harvest Bread Company sales event. For more information, visit <http://www.greatharvestburke.com/BakerForADay.html>. (You must specify Lake Braddock **PTSA**, and not just Lake Braddock—Thanks!)

### Bruin Pride

- **Show Your Bruin Pride!** Visit [www.lbsports.org](http://www.lbsports.org) and get your Spirit. Spirit Gear will also be available at
  - Meet the Coaches Night (Aug 25)
  - Bruin Blast (Aug 27)
  - High School Back to School Night (Sept 22)
  - Middle School Back to School Night (Sept 24)
  - ALL Home Football Games

## Caring by Sharing

- **Add an item or two to your shopping cart.** We are collecting backpacks, binders, spiral notebooks, graph paper, pencils, pens, glue sticks, and other school supplies for students in need. Please bring items to Middle School Guidance or the PTSA table at the Bruin Blast. Thanks!!

## Booster Club News

- **The Academic Booster Club** promotes academic success and achievement for all students at LBSS. Your membership provides funding for academic clubs & competitions, teacher grants, college scholarships, practice SATs, Academic Letters, awards receptions and publication of the Honor Roll in *The Bear Facts*. Look for the membership form in your Bruins 2008-2009 folder or download it at [www.fcps.edu/LakeBraddockSS/parent\\_organizations/parent\\_acad.htm](http://www.fcps.edu/LakeBraddockSS/parent_organizations/parent_acad.htm). Please feel free to contact the newly-elected Booster Club officers regarding any questions about the organization. Officers for the 2008-09 school year are as follows: President, Lois Doyle; Vice President, Jenny Rudebusch; Secretary, Cathy Wimer; Treasurer, Judy Dioquino; and, Membership, Karen Horvath.

## Handy Links and Other Tips

- For LBSS PTSA membership, volunteer and other important information: [www.lbssptsa.org](http://www.lbssptsa.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.

Have a great summer,  
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