



*Lake Braddock Secondary School:  
National School of Excellence for  
Parent Involvement  
PTSA E-News (Week of 9-5-10)*

### Calendar

- **Sept 7 - First day of school! Summer assignments due. PURPLE DAY!**
- **Sept 14** - Senior Parent Student night - 7pm Little Theatre
- **Sept 20** - High School Back to School Night, 7pm (PTSA Volunteers needed)
- **Sept 21** - Middle School Back to School Night 7 pm (PTSA Volunteers needed)
- **Sept 23** - Underclass pictures!! Smile@
- **Oct 11** - **Columbus Day Holiday!**
- **Oct 12** - PTSA General Membership Meeting 7pm, Lecture Hall
- **Oct 13** - PSAT administered to 9th, 10th and 11th grade students
- **Oct 22** - Homecoming Parade 5pm - Bite of Braddock 5-8pm
- **Oct 23** - Homecoming Dance 8pm - 12am

### News to Note

- **High School Back to School Night** - Come and meet your child's teacher and follow the same schedule he/she does. Can you find all the classrooms?
- **Middle School Back to School Night** - Come and meet your child's teacher and follow the same schedule he/she des. Can you make it to the class on time?

### School News

- **Middle School Note** - Summer assignments for English and math are on our LBSS website in the gold box beneath the scrolling pictures. Note there are different assignments for English GTC/honors classes and general education English classes at both grade levels. The same is true for math honors and general education math.

- **The Fairfax County School Board requires that all students read at least one book during the summer months.** There are additional summer assignments for high school students enrolled in AP courses. For a complete list of summer assignments and recommended titles, go to the Lake Braddock web page or simply click on the link below. Enjoy your summer and (at least) one good book!  
[http://www.fcps.edu/LakeBraddockSS/summer\\_assign2010.htm](http://www.fcps.edu/LakeBraddockSS/summer_assign2010.htm)

- **PSAT Testing** On Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, LBSS will administer the PSAT to all 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. A letter was mailed home along with a registration form with instructions to return completed forms to LBSS High School Counseling Services office, mailed back to LBSS (attention: Amy Soos—Assessment Coach). Ninth and eleventh grade students, who have paid \$17.00 to cover the cost imposed by the testing service, will have their tests scored. FCPS will cover the costs of all tenth grade students.

- **National Honor Society Information** All rising 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher are invited by the National Honor Society to seek membership. The National Honor Society is a prestigious national organization that encourages four core values; Scholarship, Leadership, Character and Service.

If National Honor Society membership is something you would like to pursue, please visit the NHS page on the LBSS website to view the Student Information Packet. All prospective members must fully and accurately complete the packet by the deadline listed in the packet. All packets will be reviewed by the NHS Faculty Council, where they will determine if you have met all core values of NHS. If you have fully met the four core values as evaluated by the Faculty Council you will be extended membership.

Please take this time over the summer to familiarize yourself with the packet, if you have further questions we will be holding an interest meeting on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 2:15 p.m. in the Lecture Hall. We look forward to a productive and exciting 2010-2011 school year.  
Katie Mann and Dan Maxwell, NHS Sponsors.

- **Special Education Parent Involvement Survey** - All parents of school-aged children and youth who receive special education services in Virginia's schools are encouraged to complete the Department of Education's annual Parent Involvement Survey. This is a great opportunity for parents to provide input to help guide efforts to improve services and outcomes for their children. Your responses will be kept anonymous and never be personally linked to your child. The results of this survey will be made available to the public.

The survey will be available till **September 30, 2010.**

This online survey can be found at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Parent-Involvement-2010E>

If you are unable to take the survey online, your child's school will provide paper versions for your use. All paper versions of the survey will include a pre-addressed postage paid return envelope. All responses will be sent directly to the Virginia Department of Education.

If you have any questions concerning the Parent Involvement Survey, call Gloria Dalton ([Gloria.Dalton@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Gloria.Dalton@doe.virginia.gov)) at the Virginia Department of Education at (804) 371-7420.

*Si usted tiene alguna pregunta relacionada con la encuesta acerca de la Participación de los Padres o desea una copia de la encuesta en Español, por favor llame al Centro de Padres que abogan por la Educación Especial de sus Hijos (PEATC) al 1-800-869-6782.*

### PTSA News

- **BOX TOPS - BOX TOPS - BOX TOPS** - Don't forget to collect your box tops. Let's make the 2010-11 school year a record year so that LB will have the best year ever with the highest number of box tops collected in a school year. Each box top is worth ten cents. You would be surprised how quickly they add up and help the school with much needed items specially with the budget cuts. Every box top helps!
- **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).

### Reminders

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- **It's time to join the PTSA for the 2010-2011 new school year !** It's never too late to increase our PTSA numbers, increase our strength, and increase our ability to serve students and teachers. Visit [www.lbssptsa.org](http://www.lbssptsa.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.

## 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



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