

LAKE BRADDOCK SECONDARY SCHOOL CHORUS TO PERFORM AT MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE IN NEW YORK

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BURKE, VA – *Over one hundred outstanding student singers from Lake Braddock Secondary's Chorus will perform at the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade 2002* on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, as part of "America Sings!" *America Sings!* is a select group of high school students from across our nation, under the direction of John Jacobson, and will be featured on the *Today* show with Katie Couric and Matt Lauer during the opening and closing of the parade. Over 800 students (grades 9-12) have been chosen to participate throughout the country. Lake Braddock's chorus, under the direction of Jennifer Jacobson, will represent our area and State as a participant in the parade.

America Sings! is a performance and service-oriented group that performs uplifting, spirited events in major cities. It provides opportunities for combining choral groups from around our nation to use their talents and share inspiring music with others, as well as serve those in need through community service projects. For the community service portion of the project, Lake Braddock Chorus will be accepting canned food donations as well as toiletry items to take to New York for three organizations: City Harvest, Covenant House and the Coalition for the Homeless. Students will participate in sorting and distributing donations the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

A dress rehearsal is scheduled for Monday, November 18, 2002, beginning at 7:00 p.m., as well as a demonstration performance at Lake Braddock's Little Theatre at 8:30 p.m. It is open to the public and media are invited to attend.

Lake Braddock Vocal Music Boosters is sponsoring the Lake Braddock Chorus in *America Sings!* at the Macys Day Thanksgiving Day Parade 2002, and has helped students raise over \$100,000 towards the trip. Lake Braddock Chorus will also be touring New York City and plans to visit the Empire State Building, Times Square, a Broadway musical, Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick and St. Thomas' Cathedrals as well as many other NYC sites. Any monetary donations for the trip will be gratefully accepted through Lake Braddock Vocal Music Boosters.

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