

Lake Braddock

PTSA Weekly eNews

March 18, 2013



Due to Spring Break, the next eNews will be published on March 31, 2013.

CALENDAR

- Mar 18 LB Theatre Boosters General Meeting, 7:00pm, N111
- Mar 19 Senior DC/Government Field Trip
100 Days to Graduation, 7:00pm, Cafeteria (doors open 6:15pm)
- Mar 21 Battle of the Bands, 7:00pm, Little Theatre
- Mar 22 LBABC Brick Prices Increase to \$150.00 - Order now!
- Mar 25-29 Spring Break

[Lake Braddock Calendar](#)

Senior Parent Meeting

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Get information about Graduation, Prom, the All Night Grad Party, the Mulch Sale, Baccalaureate, and volunteer opportunities. Parents will have an opportunity to pay fees, register for ANGP, and buy graduation yard signs from 6:15pm to 6:50pm, and then again after the meeting.

Happy
100
Days!

Let's
Recap

Principal's Coffee:

On March 4th, Mr. Thomas held his third quarterly coffee to answer parent's questions and concerns. Lake Braddock's school board representative, Megan McLaughlin, was present along with school administrators and parents. The following topics were discussed:

1. The turf field was discussed and although it is mostly advertised as benefiting all sports teams (the football team actually gets less time/use of it than other Spring sports), Mr. Thomas and Mrs. McLaughlin commented that it actually has instructional/educational benefits as well. PE classes can be held on the field since it is sturdier and more weather-resistant than grass, thus freeing up hallways during inclement weather when they have to hold class inside but the gym is being utilized for testing. Band can use it for marching practice and not get uniforms/shoes all muddy. Graduation and other special events can be held on the field (pro: saving money not having to rent out GMU, cons: parking, inclement/heat weather brought up). Currently only about two school board members are supportive of the turf fields proposed by other schools in the county with Mrs. McLaughlin being one of them. Please spread the word that the turf field is of great benefit to the entire community and will help promote healthy activities for our youth through local and school sport clubs/teams, band, increase instructional time for PE, etc.

2. A parent commented that teachers are not posting on Blackboard as often as they should. Mr. Thomas said they were having a staff meeting later in the week and he would address it with them.

3. Bruin Block was also mentioned. Most parents loved having it 5 days a week with the extended time on Wednesday. They believe it is very productive for students. However, middle school students would like more freedom of choice and not be assigned to go to certain classes every day except for Wednesdays. Mr. Thomas commented that the reason is to help provide structure for the middle school students, as well as to help keep track of them. One parent asked if teachers can "require" students to do certain things during Bruin Block. For example, her high school student taking AP Calculus is given a grade up to 5 points if the student uses five Bruin Block hours to help tutor other students. The only set rule about Bruin Block is that teachers are not to use that time to

introduce new material.

4. The later start time was brought up, and Mrs. McLaughlin said that the school board did not approve of the "no cost" plan proposed in 2009 because it affected the start time of the middle school and elementary school kids. Research shows that teens benefit from going to school later, so a "hybrid" plan may be most beneficial, pulling ideas from surrounding counties that have been successful in implementing later start times for high school. They are hoping to put a plan together so that the 7:30am start for LBSS would be moved to an 8:00am start by the 2014-2015 school year, without having the elementary school and middle school kids starting any later. A parent wondered where the funding would come from since we are already \$30 million in deficit.

5. A parent asked about a "study hall" class that used to be offered at LBSS for those students taking 3 or more AP classes. While it was offered in previous years, only about 3-5 students ever selected that class as an option. Mr. Thomas said it was too costly to have a teacher for only 5 students, so it is no longer being offered.

6. Question of how lockers are assigned. Ms. Prieto said they are computer generated and randomly assigned but they try to group the classes together. However, lately there have been issues with students sharing lockers and then wanting to change the locks when they have a falling out. She reminded them that they are never to share locker combinations for this very reason.

LBSS ANNUAL MULCH SALE

To order online, click www.pay4schoolstuffonline.com.

To mail in your order, click [Mulch Order Form](#).

This is the final week to order your mulch! Ordering deadline is next Sunday, March 24, 2013. If you have already ordered, the graduating students who will benefit from the sales thank you. Students rely on donations and proceeds from the mulch sale to provide nearly one-third of the financial support for the All Night Grad Party.

Orders of 15 bags or more will be delivered to your home on April 6 or 7, and smaller orders can be picked up at the school.

If you still would like to order mulch this year, please download a form from the LBSS PTSA website, www.lbssptsa.org, fill it out, and mail it AND a check to the LBSS PTSA by this Sunday, March 24.

If your neighbors, friends, or acquaintances would also like to order mulch, direct them to the website or have them contact Don Metcalf or Ed Hartman at lbssmulchman@gmail.com to have an order form emailed to them.

VOLUNTEER, it takes a village



Call for MULCH DELIVERY STUDENT VOLUNTEERS!

We have a shortage of 46 STUDENT volunteers for the Saturday AFTERNOON shift (April 6), and 16 additional STUDENT volunteers are STILL needed for the Sunday MORNING shift, April 7.

At present the Saturday MORNING shift on April 6 is FULL! However, if any student volunteers switch from Saturday MORNING to Saturday AFTERNOON, we may have space for more volunteers Saturday MORNING. If Saturday MORNING is the only time you can help, please contact Mrs. Sands anyway to sign up.

There will be no more sign ups in the cafeteria during high school lunches. Monday, March 18 will be the LAST day for sign up on the clip board in Mrs. Edward's Career Office.

From now on, those students who still want to sign up to volunteer, please email Mrs. Sands directly at lbssvolunteer@verizon.net, indicating your name, a good email address, good phone number and desired shift. (Sat-PM from 1-6 PM; Sun-AM from 7 AM - NOON)

ADULT MULCH VOLUNTEERS - Mulchman Don Metcalf still needs more PARENTS to volunteer to help drive or load mulch trucks, serve as team chiefs, and drive their vans and cars to transport the teams of student volunteers the weekend of April 6 and 7. Contact Don Metcalf at lbssmulchman@gmail.com to volunteer either

SAT AM, April 6 from 7 AM - NOON

SAT PM, April 6 from 1 - 6 PM

SUN AM, April 7, from 7 AM - NOON



Student Tutors Needed at Kings Park ES

Kings Park Elementary School is looking for LBHS students that need service hours for the 2012-13 school year. Their need is for tutoring in Math, Science and English (verbal and written expression). LBHS students will make direct arrangements with the elementary school parents to meet at the library or other places they agree upon.

If interested, please contact Pilar Dwyer (parent liaison at Kings Park) at 703-426-7039 [begin_of_the_skype_highlighting](#) 703-426-7039 [FREE](#) [end_of_the_skype_highlighting](#) or via email pdwyer2@fcps.edu.

BRUIN BUZZ, school happenings



The Spring SOL schedule has been posted.
Click: [SOL Schedule](#)

The Writing SOL for all 8th and 11th graders will be administered Wednesday, March 13 through Wednesday, March 20. Students will be testing with their English classes, with the exact testing dates/periods/locations to be announced by their English teachers.



Purchase a Brick to Support Turf Field

Click: <http://www.lbsports.org/turf.html>



Volleyball Interest Meeting

The meeting will be held on Monday, March 18 at 2:15pm in C106 (Driver's Ed room).

Partners Club

High School Partners Club will meet on Monday, March 18 from 2:20-3:15pm in

Room B121. We are in need of about 15 responsible volunteers to help out during the meeting. Service hours will be awarded to active participants. A sign-up sheet is located outside of Room J204. Questions? Please see Ms. Webb or Mrs. Beckett in Room J204.



The next meeting of Dumbledore's Army will take place after school on Thursday, March 21 in J240. Bring t-shirt ideas and your love of all things Potter. Accio good times!



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Flamingo Flocking

The National Junior Honor Society is sponsoring Flamingo Flocking from March 18 to March 21. For \$1 a small flamingo with your personalized message will be taped to your friend's locker. For \$5 a large flamingo with your personalized message will be taped to your teacher's door. Flamingoes will be sold at A/B lunches. Please provide the teacher's room or student's locker number when you

purchase.

Give Blood...



Give Life.

Blood Drive

Attention high school students! The blood drive is back and will take place on Monday, April 8. If you'd like to sign up to donate blood, please stop by Room H215 to pick up the parent permission form. You must be at least 16 years old and weigh at least 110 lbs. to donate. Make your lifesaving appointment today!

Folger Shakespeare Festival



Thursday, March 21 at 6:00pm, LBT and MSLBT will combine to present their Folger Shakespeare Festival productions in the Lake Braddock Little Theatre. The entire evening will last 60 minutes and is completely free. So see the middle school's 25-minute version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and the high school's production of *Shakespeare Love Scenes* set to John Hughes' 80s teen films entitled *Whoever*

Loved That Loved Not at First Sight? Also, as a special bonus, LBSS Shakespeare Champion Senior Zach Newby will perform a monologue from Hamlet.



Calling All Juniors and Sophomores ... Here's a great opportunity to help you prepare for the SATs.

The Lake Braddock Academic Boosters will be offering a SAT Practice Test on April 6, 2013. Students will have an opportunity to take a full length SAT test. In addition, parents and their students will be provided with a 1-on-1 score consultation on April 25, 2013. Score consultations will be held from 5:00-9:00pm. Don't miss this great opportunity to prepare for the SAT and receive personal feedback on where to focus to maximize your scores.

The practice test and consultation is a great buy for \$20. All proceeds go directly to the Academic Boosters for academic enrichment within our school.

Click on this link and register no later than April 2:

<http://bit.ly/LakeBraddockSATpracticetestregistration>



Bruin Basketball Summer Camp

Basketball players of all ages, come take advantage of this opportunity to sharpen your skills this summer at the LBSS Basketball Camp! Lake Braddock is offering summer basketball camps for boys and girls from rising 3rd grade to rising 12th grade! Check it out and sign up today.

For more information, please feel free to contact the basketball office at

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703.426.1068 FREE end_of_the_skype_highlighting or click: [Basketball Camp](#)



Congratulations All State Band and Orchestra

This past weekend, eight orchestra and five band students made All-VA Band and Orchestra. Auditions took place in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Congratulations to all!

Orchestra Members: Michael Romans-Violin, Jin Hee Park-Violin, Madison Lee-Violin, Austin Cho-Violin, Karen Ko-Violin, Mike Kim-Viola, Patrick Kim-Cello, and Daniel Song-Cello.

Band Members: Alana Hutchinson-Flute, Colin Harrington-Trumpet, Zach Pramenko-Trumpet, Daniel Cox-Tuba, and James Adelsberger-Percussion.

Alternates: Andrew Reynolds-2nd Bass Trombone, and Stephen Foster-1st Euphonium.



Jack and Jill History Bowl Winners

On February 24, William Curry-Johnson, 9th grade, Madeline Manhertz (team captain), 12th grade, Marcus Dunlap, 12th grade, Andie Koko, 12th grade and Nathaniel Smith, 12th grade, placed 2nd at the annual Jack and Jill Black History Trivia Bowl. Please join Dan Maxwell and Sonja Curry Johnson in congratulating our students for their hard work and great performance at this year's competition.



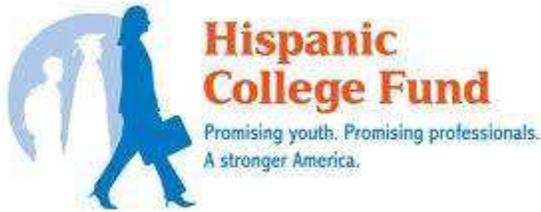
Lake Braddock Key Club

Congratulations to the Lake Braddock Key Club for winning the "Key Club of the Year" award this past weekend at the Capital District Convention. There are 256 Key Clubs within the Capital District, and Lake Braddock was selected as the best Key Club for this school year. Also, congratulations to the following Key Club officers for their "Distinguished Officer" awards: President Michael Phan, Vice-President Vanessa Martinez, Secretary Marisa Paipongna, and Treasurer Jeannette Essimi-Menye.

Congratulations to Key Club Members Allyson Biersack and Rebecca Biersack for winning the "Above & Beyond" award this past weekend at the Capital District

Convention. This award recognizes outstanding Key Club members. Allyson and Rebecca have been devoted club members since they first joined Key Club, and their passion for community service is evident in every project that they participate in.

The Hispanic Youth Institute (HYI)



The Hispanic Youth Institute (HYI) is a three-day, two-night college empowerment program hosted on college campuses throughout the country. The Greater Washington HYI will take place at Marymount University on August 7-9. The HYI emphasizes college, career, and community. With hands-on sessions

and workshops, the students become committed to graduating from high school, achieving a four-year college education, pursuing a professional career in business or STEM, and giving back to their communities.

The program allows high school students to:

1. Experience college first-hand;
2. Meet role models and mentors;
3. Develop strategies to overcome real and perceived obstacles to success;
4. Learn about resources and tools to get accepted to and pay for college;
5. Obtain a long-term vision of career possibilities; and
6. Learn about the importance of giving back to the community.

We are looking for students who are currently in the 9th and 10th grade, have at least a 2.5 GPA, receive a free or reduced lunch, and would be a first-generation college-goer.

In order to apply, students must go to <http://symposiums.hispanicyouth.org>. The application is now open and the deadline will be May 3 (no exceptions).



LOST and FOUND is OVERFLOWING

There are many, many sneakers and jackets in the Lost and Found. Have your child look if they are missing anything. Lost and Found is located in the cafeteria. An administrator will open the door. It's best to check more than once, as items often show up later. Anyone missing boots and a zip-up sleeper in a drawstring bag? It's there, waiting to be returned.

After-School Snacks



The indoor concession stand will be open every day after school, selling donuts, pizza, bananas, popcorn, chips, drinks, candy and more!

Human Billboards



The Class of 2015 is offering a "walking billboard" for businesses and families of Lake Braddock students! For only \$50, businesses and families can purchase a line with their name on it which will be printed on the back of a sophomore-designed T-shirt. For \$100, your business card can be printed on the back of the shirt. Just think, 3500+ students advertising your business throughout the Northern Virginia area and beyond!

To participate, click: [Billboard](#) for the advertisement form. Return the paperwork AND PAYMENT to either Ms. Dougherty or Mrs. Allen by March 6 and the Class of 2015 will do the rest! If you know of a business that might be interested, please feel free to pass on this information. We have only two more years to raise money for these future seniors! Don't delay; sponsor today!!!



The Adventure Club is collecting cans to recycle. If you have soda cans or soup cans, please take them to Room M226 or deposit them in the can section of the recycle bins in the cafeteria or hallway. Please bring them from home as well.



Class of 2016 t-shirts are currently available for sale. Purchase them in L202, B225, or see a class officer.



Northern Virginia Post of the Society of American Military Engineers

The Northern Virginia Post of the Society of American Military Engineers will again sponsor high school students in the Northern Virginia region to attend the U.S. Army, the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Navy Seabees, and the U.S. Marine Corps Engineering and Construction Camps in the summer of 2013. Interested students should review the eligibility requirements and download the applications for all camps of interest at: <http://samecamps.org>

For more information, click: [SAME Camps](#)

SENIOR SCENE, class of 2013

For senior information, click: [Class of 2013](#)



Seniors interested in going on the class field trip in June should pick up the necessary forms in Rooms J201, H219 or J231.



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LAKE BRADDOCK **Scholarship Program** **ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB**

The Lake Braddock Athletic Booster Club is pleased to announce its annual award of a one-time grant of \$1,000 each to deserving Lake Braddock student athletes. To be eligible for this scholarship, the applicant must:

- Be a senior at Lake Braddock
- Have at least one member of his/her immediate family currently in the Athletic Booster Club by April 15, 2013
- Have participated in at least one VHSL-sanctioned varsity sport as a player, manager or trainer during his/her senior year
- Have applied to and intend to attend college during the upcoming fall, and have his/her acceptance not later than August 1, 2013
- Be recommended by his/her Lake Braddock coach

We are looking for seniors with that special commitment to their team. This scholarship recognizes athletes who were role models for others in terms of work ethic, sportsmanship, and winning attitude. For more information, click: [LBABC Scholarship](#)

NVCC Campus Tour and Placement Exam



DAY: Wednesday, April 24 (Purple Day)

Thursday, April 25 (Gold Day)

Friday, April 26 (Purple Day)

COST: \$5.00* (Cash or check payable to LBSS)

DEADLINE: March 22

Lake Braddock Secondary School and NVCC are offering this opportunity for seniors interested in attending NVCC. The students will travel to NVCC via school bus, attend an orientation session and take the English placement test. Students **MUST** complete and return the registration packet with the \$5.00 fee by March 22 at 12:00pm to the HS Counseling Office (C138) or Career Center (L102). There are a limited number of seats. Return the completed packet as soon as possible to reserve a seat. First come, first served. Incomplete packets will not be accepted.

Students must report to the Career Center by 7:25am. Students are responsible

for missed assignments as well as returning the prearranged absence form to their subschools. Appropriate dress is required, as well as a picture ID (Lake Braddock ID or driver's license). In addition, students need to wear comfortable walking shoes as a campus tour is planned. A FCPS lunch will be provided and additional lunch items may be purchased in the NVCC cafeteria.

Baccalaureate 2013



All graduating seniors and their families and friends are invited to the 2013 Lake Braddock Baccalaureate Ceremony to be held on June 17 at Immanuel Bible Church. Graduates are encouraged to participate.

The Baccalaureate Committee is looking for additional student and parent volunteers. Please contact Julie Lawhorn at lawhorn5@cox.net.

The Baccalaureate is a spiritual, non-denominational ceremony to celebrate graduation. Baccalaureate is a PTSA-sponsored event not affiliated with Fairfax County Public Schools.

All Night Grad Party T-Shirt Design Contest Theme: Ocean's 13

Designs can have a maximum of three (3) colors.

Cash Prizes! 1st - \$75, 2nd - \$50, 3rd - \$30

For more information, or to see last year's styles, click: [T-Shirt Contest](#)

E-mail entries to MAAllen1@fcps.edu by March 8



Class of 2013 All Night Grad Party, June 19

To register online, click www.pay4schoolstuffonline.com

To mail in registration, click [Registration and Waiver](#)

Class of 2013 Graduation Yard Signs

To order online, click www.pay4schoolstuffonline.com

To mail in order, click [Class of 2013 Yard Sign](#)



[PTSA Scholarship](#)

Deadline: April 8, 2013

[MPEE Scholarship](#)

Deadline: April 12, 2013

Many more available, so stop by the Career Center (L102) for applications and deadlines!

just for **MIDDLE SCHOOL...**

For a complete listing of MS after-school clubs, click: [BRUINS CUBS CLUBS](#)



NEW! Peer Mediation Club

There will be a new afterschool club starting Thursday for Peer Mediators and Peer Helpers. Were you trained in peer mediation last year and are eager to make a difference in your school community? Are you the person in your group of friends that others turn to for help or advice? If so, please join us for the first meeting of the Middle School Peer Helpers club.

The club will meet after school on Thursdays in the Faculty Dining Room. No prior mediation experience is required and all students are welcome. Please see Mrs. Girardin in Middle School Counseling or Ms. Birkenstock for further details.



Purple Pride Spirit Wear Has Arrived!

Please see Ms. McCreedy in M201 before or after school to pick up your purchases.

Rising 9th Graders:



Are you a first generation college student?

If so, please consider applying to the College Partnership Program (CPP). The packets for CPP are available in the High School Guidance Office from Ms. Samek-Smith, or in B215, Mrs. Spille's room. The application packet must be turned in

by March 15.

CLICK & LINK, to published links

To join PTSA, click: [PTSA MEMBERSHIP](#)
Athletic Booster Club - www.lbsports.org
Nick Balenger's Story - www.nickbalenger.com
How to Become an LBSS Volunteer - [LBSS VOLUNTEER](#)
Yearbook Orders - [Order a Yearbook](#)
Pay For School Stuff Online - [Pay for School Stuff Online](#)

PTSA, announcements & links

2013 PTSA Meetings

DATE	TIME	VENUE	TYPE MEETING
4/24/13	7:00pm	Library	Board Meeting
5/22/13	7:00pm	Lecture Hall	General Membership Meeting

Computers for Bruins!

With so many textbooks online, Lake Braddock is desperately seeking computer equipment. Questions: Email Helene Hammer at hlhammer@fcps.edu

GIANT & SAFEWAY FUNDRAISERS

Please remember to register your Giant and Safeway cards so that Lake Braddock will receive a percentage of your purchases. We have participated in these programs for many years. Giant and Safeway both contribute some of their proceeds every time you scan your store card (or type in your phone number) when you shop at their stores if you have registered your card online and chosen Lake Braddock. Even if you registered your card last year and designated Lake Braddock as one of your schools, you must register again for this year.

For Giant, go to: <http://www.giantfood.com/aplus>. Our school number is 01848.

For Safeway, go to: <http://www.escrip.com>. Our school number is 6525530. On both sites, you can also search for Lake Braddock Secondary School. Lake Braddock's registration has been activated for both programs for the coming school year. We have been using the money for the Library and technology, benefiting the entire school. Thanks!

Have News You Want to Publish?

Send me an email with the information you would like published in the PTSA eNews. Spread the word about the great things happening at Lake Braddock!

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FCPS/Lake Braddock Websites

Lake Braddock PTSA: [LBPTSA](#)

Career Center Link (for college and career info): http://www.fcps.edu/LakeBraddockSS/career_center/career_center.htm

Parent Resource Center: <http://www.fcps.edu/ccopr/>

FCPS Website (for information about Fairfax County Public Schools): <http://www.fcps.edu>. This is an excellent resource for parents/guardians and students.

National, State and Other PTA/Education Websites

Fairfax County Council of PTAs: <http://www.fccpta.org>

Northern Virginia District PTA: <http://www.novadistrictpta.org>

Virginia PTA (for information on State PTA issues): <http://www.vapta.org>

National PTA (for information at the National level): <http://www.pta.org>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

Virginia Department of Education: <http://www.doe.virginia.gov>

Virginia Board of Education: <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe>

Unified Prevention Coalition: <http://www.unifiedpreventioncoalition.org>
(dedicated to promoting early intervention for violence and drug use in our community)

Financial Information for students interested in attending college: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

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