



LASA High School - Austin's newest high school - is pleased to bring you *Lots of LASA*, a weekly electronic newsletter designed to keep you updated with important news, dates and links. To unsubscribe please send an email to [unsubscribe-pflasa@yahoo.com](mailto:unsubscribe-pflasa@yahoo.com).

January 28, 2008

**This Weeks schedule: C A B LATE START- A B**

**IN THIS ISSUE:**

- Financial Aid Presentation for Seniors Monday 1/28 (advisory)
- Course Grade Sheets
- Blood Drive Tuesday 1/29
- Breakthrough looking for Interns
- Make-up placement testing 1/30
- Cap & Gown session Friday 8am
- LBJ Jazz Dinner
- Upcoming events
- Financial Aid Saturday 2/2 at Akins HS
- Host Families needed for French exchange students
- Counselors Corner – College Acceptances (so far)
- Junior Parent Night 2/5 & My Road Presentation (Career Search)
- Seniors and Midyear Reports
- PFLASA NEWS

**Financial Aid Presentation** Monday, 1/28

Seniors will report to the theater for a financial aid presentation hosted by the LASA counselors during advisory. The seniors will go to their advisory class and then go to the theater.

**Course grade sheets** should begin being sent home by the teachers Tuesday. Progress reports are due to the data processor on this date. If you do not receive a course grade sheet from your student's LASA teacher by the end of the day on Thursday, please email the teacher to request one. You can find LASA teacher email addresses in the directory at [www.lasaonline.org](http://www.lasaonline.org).

**National Honor Society will host a blood drive** all day Tuesday in the library. Students who are 17 years old and weigh 110 lbs or more are eligible to donate.

**Breakthrough Collaborative Wednesday, 1/30 during LASA lunch**

Representatives from the Breakthrough Collaborative will visit with students interested in participating in its summer program for middle school students. High school students will serve as teachers and mentors for this program and will receive a stipend for their service.

**Make up placement testing** for prospective students will take place in the library beginning at 4:30 pm.

**Cap and Gowns** - Friday, 2/1

LASA and LBJ seniors meet at 8:00 am in the theater for a cap and gown session for about an hour. Upon the conclusion of the session, LASA seniors will return to their regularly scheduled class. All other LASA grade levels will go to class at the regularly scheduled time.

**LBJ JAZZ DINNER** – Saturday, February 2nd - Buy your tickets to the LBJ JAZZ DINNER before they sell out! Tickets will be on sale this Tues. and Weds. during lunch outside the cafeteria and on Weds. from 3:30-6:30pm in the Band Hall area. This special dinner-dance to the tunes of the LBJ Jazz Bands is Feb. 2nd from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Education Service Center, Region XIII, 5701 Springdale Road. Tickets are \$15 @ and must be purchased in advance. (Cash or checks written to the LBJ Band Boosters.) Call Jan Hames 789-4716 or Julia Menegay 656-3702 with questions.

### **Advance Notice for upcoming events:**

2/7 Coffee with the Principals “*Gang 411 for Parents*” 8:15-9:00am

2/9, Austin ISD’s Hispanic Futures Conference, at McCallum High School, 9:00 – 2:00

2/14 Late Start

2/17 College Goal Sunday. ACC Eastview Campus, 3401 Webberville Rd. (Building 8000, Room 8500), Austin, TX 78702 Hours: 2 to 4 p.m.

2/18 Senior Panoramic Picture

2/28, 6-8:30 p.m. Save the Date - JAGUAR EXTRAVAGANZA, hosted by the LBJ/LASA PTSA. This fundraising event will include a teacher talent show and student performances, food, and a silent auction. Help is needed to secure silent auction items. Please contact PTSA President Anabel Kuhr to help out [andeku@gmail.com](mailto:andeku@gmail.com), 929-7485.

---

### **Financial Aid Saturday’s**

The Austin Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a series of Saturday financial aid workshops. They are from 9:00-2:00 at the following locations.

February 2	Akins High School	February 23	Reagan High School
February 9	Travis High School	March 29	Travis High School
February 16	Lanier High School		

For more information and other out of district sessions, call (512) 322-5689 or visit <http://www.austinchamber.com/TheChamber/AboutTheChamber/collegeready.html#table3>

Students and parents should apply for a PIN number in order to begin the FAFSA process. You can get a PIN by going to [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

Gather and bring with you income and tax information for both 2006 and 2007. Free income tax preparation services provided by the Community Tax Centers on-site to help expedite the college financial aid application process.

---

### **HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!**

Ms. Brockington has decided to start a new cultural exchange program with a non profit organization, called **Friends Of America Cultural Exchanges**. While it is very exciting that our students will get to interact with students from France and vice versa, we are faced with a need to find host families for 45 students and 5 teachers from April 28th to May 7th. The Organization’s Director, Mr. Jean Humbert is also going to meet with our students and offer them the possibility to go to France and spend 10 days with a French Family and students. If you could possibly host a student, please contact Lilliane Brockington at 414-3063.

## Counselors Corner

**Seniors** -- Please notify Mrs. Foree when you receive acceptance from a school. We are collecting data on this years senior class. *This information will remain CONFIDENTIAL* and will not be released to anyone for any reason. It is for internal use only.

### **To date our students have notified of acceptance to the following schools:**

Arizona State, Austin College, Baylor, Boston College, Boston University, Colorado School of Mines, Cornell, Grinnell College, Kenyon college, Kettering, Knox College, Lewis & Clark College, Northeastern, Oxford College of Emory, Penn State, TCU, Texas State, Trinity University, Tulane, University of Arizona at Tuscan, University of Advancing Technology, University of Georgia, University of North Texas, University of Richmond, University of San Francisco, University of Chicago, University of Missouri, University of Texas at Austin, University of Texas at San Antonio, Hendrix College, University of Montana

### **SAT Registration – The deadline for the March 1st SAT is January 29th**

### **Junior Parent Night February 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria**

The counselors will hold a junior parent night Tuesday February 5th. There will be a representative from Southwestern University to discuss the college admissions process, Mr. Gross will go over the college essay and the counselors will present information on the FOLDER SYSTEM and financial aid.

### **PLEASE NOTE THIS ADDITION TO PARENT NIGHT**

### **Sophomore and Junior Parents**

There will be a presentation on MY ROADS, a career search engine, from 6:00-6:30 in the cafeteria prior to the break out sessions for the junior parents. This is an excellent tool for those students that exploring career options.

### **Seniors and Mid -Year Reports**

Mid year reports cannot be mailed until the new class rank and GPA are released from central administration. This will be the later part of February. However, we can mail semester grades if a college or university requests them. If you have requested a mid-year report to a college or university and have definitely decided not to attend, please notify your counselor immediately so mid-year reports are not completed and mailed. If you have not turned in your mid-year reports for schools, please turn them in with the stamped envelope to your counselor by February 1st.



### **PFLASA UPDATE:**

Part II of the three-part installment on PFLASA's goals for the year ...

One of PFLASA's three key initiatives is fund-raising. Through the fall semester, PFLASA raised more than \$22,600. While short of our \$30,000 fall fund-raising goal, when you factor in the many in-kind gifts LASA has received, we're actually fairly close to that number. Some of that money is used for standing commitments, such as underwriting Senior Salute, professional development, recruitment, and community-building activities. We also wanted to let you know some of the larger Wish List items from teachers and staff that have been purchased thanks to your generosity:

- Statistics textbooks
- Digital voice recorders for Music and Revolution elective and Topics AP English III classes
- Materials for the Model UN Club and to help develop a Model UN elective for next year
- Software for Video Tech and Ezine classes
- Aluminum welder for Robotics, SciTech and other science classes
- Science Olympiad supplies
- Portfolio cabinet and display board for art students

Among the smaller purchases: support for the Winterfest language fair, college-planning books for the counselors, electric hole punchers for the teacher workroom and much more.

As always, thank you for supporting LASA.

## Get Connected

- [www.LasaOnline.org](http://www.LasaOnline.org) is the parent run website that has Lots of LASA archived, a list of teacher's e-mails and phone numbers in the directory (top right) and much, much more!
- **PTSA Jaguar Tracks E-newsletter** Send a blank email to [PTSA-News-subscribe@lajpts.org](mailto:PTSA-News-subscribe@lajpts.org)
- **PFLASA Yahoo Group (Parents and Friends of LASA)** Send a blank email to [pflasa-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:pflasa-subscribe@yahoo.com). (Note: This is an Announce-only list)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact PFLASA co-chairs

Ann Graham at [annsgraham@gmail.com](mailto:annsgraham@gmail.com) or LaDonna Massad at [ladmassad@hotmail.com](mailto:ladmassad@hotmail.com).

If you have suggestions for this publication, please contact Karen Foree at [editorLOL@grandecom.net](mailto:editorLOL@grandecom.net)

Please have items in by Thursday afternoon if you want something listed that week.