



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.

November 25, 2007

**This week's bell schedule: C A B A B LATE START This Thursday and Dec. 6th
PFLASA Meeting - Friday, November 30th at 8:00 a.m. in the Library**

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- Spirit Bus Info – Reservations required
- Wish of the Week
- Need Holiday Gifts? Passbooks still available or go to the Book Fair at BookPeople to benefit *The Composer*, LASA's literary magazine.

This year's LASA/LBJ High School directories have been printed and mailed. If you pre-ordered a directory at Back to School night, it should arrive by mail. If you would like to check on whether you pre-ordered one, didn't receive it or would like to put in your order now at a cost of \$5 each, contact Sharon Dunn - prenticedunn@gmail.com or 478-3349.

If you notice that your listing has not been included in the directory, please contact Sharon. There will be a "directory update" printed and mailed to add additional names.

LIBERATOR SUBSCRIPTIONS

If a parent wants to subscribe to the school paper, PTSA charges \$15 for the year's subscription. That's 6 papers at \$2.50 a paper, this can be prorated (\$10 for the rest of the year). Parents can send a check made out to PTSA to Anabel Kuhr 2904 Loyola Ln, Austin Tx 78723.

CLASS OF '08

The next Class of '08 mini-celebration will be held Friday, Dec. 7, during the two lunches in the Fine Arts Hallway. They are going to make gingerbread houses, and it's going to be awesome.

We could use about 10 parent volunteers from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you would like to help, please call Kate Fitzgerald at 445-5748. If you would like simply to help with a donation, they can be left in the main LBJ office. We will need many boxes of graham crackers, lots of icing and various candies to decorate the houses with like gum drops, small candy canes, red hots, etc.

FRENCH WINTERFEST

On Thursday, December 13 from 6 to 8 pm in the cafeteria, Madame Brockington's students will be presenting and sampling some food from the francophone country they have chosen. Parents and staff are invited and volunteers would be greatly appreciated to help make this event successful. Contact Liliane.Brockington@austinisd.org if you would like to help.

The new LASA t-shirts are available for ordering. Please have your students stop by Ms. Payne's office to review the options on her bulletin board. Students or parents can choose the color of the logo (including glow in the dark), the color of the t-shirt or hoodie, long or short sleeves, and if you would like to add your class year or some other wording on the back you may do so. Some of the options will require an extra charge.

The base costs of the shirts are \$10 short sleeve, \$15 long sleeve, and \$25 for hoodie.

LASA finals schedule. The times and last three periods will be solidified this week and will be included in the next *Lots Of LASA*.

Friday, 12/14, full day, 8th period final, 2, 4, lunch, 4, 6

Monday, 12/17, full day, 1st period final, 3, 5, lunch, 5, 7

Tuesday, 12/18, early release, 12:10, 2 exams (likely 2,7)

Wednesday, 12/19, early release, 12:10, 2 exams (likely 3,6)

Thursday, 12/20, early release, 12:10, 2 exams (likely 4,5)

Counselors' Corner

On Monday, Nov. 26, counselors will meet with juniors to distribute AISD's "Focus On Your Future - High School Planning Guide for Students and Parents." Please review the information with your student. We will be posting an online version of Focus On Your Future on www.lasaonline.org along with adapting certain sections to be more LASA-specific. You can also check it out at http://www.austinisd.org/academics/sss/gc/focusonyourfuture_2005_2006.phtml Continue to check for updates on this process in Lots Of LASA. Counselors will be meeting with freshmen and sophomores in December to review the Focus on Your Future materials.

LASA Financial Aid Night - Tuesday, Nov. 27, at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. Come and hear a representative from Tx Guaranteed Students loans, and Mr. Sanchez discuss the financial aid process.

In the next week or two, we will post a more extensive calendar and agenda of online information and evening meetings that will be held beginning in January, including a PSAT Parent Night, a Scholarship Night, Junior Parents Night, and more.

Tell your friends about the Magnet Fair!

Parents and middle school students are invited to learn about the Liberal Arts & Science Academy at LBJ High School at AISD's **annual Magnet Choice Fair** on Saturday, Dec. 1. The event is from 9 a.m. to noon at Kealing Middle School, located at 1607 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Also represented at the fair will be the Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders; the Fulmore Middle School Humanities & Law Magnet for International Studies; and Kealing Middle School. Each school will provide program information, applications, demonstrations, and performances.

The Magnet Choice Fair schedule is structured to allow families to drop in and browse at their convenience and interact with administrators and students of each campus. For more information, contact AISD's office of Advanced Academic Studies, 414-9986.

Congratulations!

The LASA Science Olympiad team traveled to Houston last weekend for the CyFalls Invitational and swept the tournament. LASA fielded two teams, one of which came in first overall, and the other of which came in second overall. Way to go team LASA! Individual medal winners are listed below. I want to also let you all know that the behavior of every student was exemplary. They worked hard, studied well, had fun, and were very supportive of each other. Overall, a great team effort!

Medal Placement

Cell Bio	3rd Place	Wesley Chen	Aditi Ghatok Roy	
Disease Dect	1st Place	Katie Singh	Anjali Jotwani	
Health Science	2nd Place	Wesley Chen	Kelly Huang	
Herpetology	1st Place	Bunker Hillis	Emily Liljestrand	
Ecology	3rd Place	Ryan Doubrava	Bunker Hillis	
Astronomy	1st Place	Pranay Mohan	Bunker Hillis	
Rocks and Minerals	1st Place	Ryan Doubrava	Rose Kent-McGlew	
Oceanography	1st Place	Frasier Liljestand	Prashant Raghavendram	
Food Science	1st Place	Katie Singh	Anjali Jotwani	
Exp. Design	1st Place	Pranay Mohan	Aditi Ghatok Roy	Emily Liljestrand
Five Star	2nd Place	Wesley Chen	Pranay Mohan	
Cell Bio	1st place	Jen Fan	Navo Ghosh	
Health Science	1st place	Jen Fan	Jordan Sessler	
Ecology	1st place	Angela Liu	Zane Rankin	
Rocks and Minerals	2nd Place	Ivy Nguyen	Angela Liu	
Oceanography	2nd Place	Erika Parks	Angela Liu	
Circuit Lab	3rd Place	Eliza McDonald	Terry Coleman	
Chem Lab	3rd Place	Navo Ghosh	Erika Parks	
Forensics	3rd Place	Qiaoyi Wang	Ivy Nguyen	
Boomilever	3rd Place	Eliza McDonald	Zane Rankin	
Exp. Design	2nd Place	Megumi Takeda	Zane Rankin	Jordan Sessler
Five Star	1st place	Cailynn Povioli	Navo Ghosh	
Fermi Q	2nd Place	Martin Lin	Heather Baird	

Congratulations to Victor Huang, Wendell Mayes, and Chloe Werth for advancing to the final round of auditions in the TMEA All-State Choir Audition process. They will represent the LBJ Choir at Area auditions in San Antonio on Saturday, January 5th.

LBJ SWIM TEAM was the only 4A team in the top 8 (boys or girls) with 52 teams competing. Boys placed 2nd, Girls 5th- overall. We broke 2 pool records (Ryan Sittig in the 500 Freestyle and our boys 200 freestyle Relay - D. Kempf, M. Kempf, A. Ortega & N. Slesnick.) and 4 school records. 11 LBJ swimmers qualified for finals in at least one event.

The Jags next meet is Nov. 29 vs. 5A Belton and 4A power Copperas Cove in Belton.

The LBJ Jaguars defeated Houston Furr 57-16 on Saturday, advancing to the third round of the state playoffs! Props to the band members, cheerleaders, First Ladies, faculty, students, parents and all the fans who made the trip on a chilly holiday weekend.

Next up for the 10-2 Jags are the Lamar Consolidated Mustangs, on Saturday, Dec. 1, at 4 p.m. at Kyle Field in College Station. Kyle Field holds more than 80,000 fans. We may not be able to fill our half, but know that, once again, the LBJ Athletic Booster Club invites students, parents and faculty to ride a **CHARTERED spirit bus** to the game. The cost is \$20 per person, but you must sign up in advance. The bus, which will leave LBJ at noon Saturday, can hold 56 fans, and the \$20 does not include admission to the game.

If there is enough interest and pre-registrations, the booster club can get multiple buses, but it must have commitments by noon Thursday.

Contact Carol Brantley at 577-9141 or 421-8421, or Shirley Jones at 367-9097 for questions or reservations. **GO JAGS!**

NEED HOLIDAY GIFTS?

WHAT WOULD MAKE A GREAT STOCKING STUFFER?

A **2008 ENTERTAINMENT PASSBOOK** ! We are still trying to raise as much money as possible to put on a great Senior Celebration party for our graduating seniors. Please contact Cathy Willmann, 444-9676 home, 751-3938 cell or by email cwillmann2@austin.rr.com.

BOOK FAIR @ BOOKPEOPLE (603 North Lamar) Dec. 1-2, 2007

To support *The Composer*, LASA's award-winning literary and arts journal go to www.lasaonline.org and get a copy of the flyer to present to the cashier at checkout. A percentage will go to our school. For more information contact Mr. Sharp at Bradley.Sharp@austinisd.org

Get Connected

- 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@lbjptsa.org
- **PFLASA Yahoo Group (Parents and Friends of LASA)** Send a blank email to pflasa-subscribe@yahogroups.com. (Note: This is an Announce-only list)

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

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If you have suggestions for this publication, please contact Karen Foree at editorLOL@grandecom.net
Please have items in by Thursday afternoon if you want something listed that week.