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December 2, 2007

**This week's bell schedule: C A B A B LATE START This Thursday**

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### **PTSA AND LBJ/LASA HIGH SCHOOLS PRESENTS -- TEEN DATING VIOLENCE**

Bronwyn Blake, Women's Advocacy Project AND Carolyn Mosley, Mother of Otralla Mosley  
**Teen Dating Violence: What Parents Need to Know.....** Find out how to spot the red flags of dating violence and how to speak to your child about this issue! Wed. Dec. 5, 2007 from 6 - 7:30p.m. in the Don T. Haynes Performance Arts Center (Theater)

*For more information contact Audrey Morgan, Parent Support Specialist at 414-1945.*

### **Counselors' Corner**

#### **All Parents**

We would like to say thank you to all of the parents and students that participated in Tuesday nights financial aid night. We had approximately 90 people in attendance. The presentations from Ms. Peebles of Texas Guarantee Student Loans and Mr. Sanchez were outstanding and very helpful.

#### **9<sup>th</sup> Parents**

During advisory Monday, the counselors will meet with the freshmen to discuss the districts *Focus on Your Future* guide.

#### **10<sup>th</sup> Parents**

The counselors will meet with the 10<sup>th</sup> grade students during advisory on December 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss the districts *Focus on Your Future* guide.

#### **11<sup>th</sup> Parents**

We met with the juniors, Monday and passed out some great information to help them with the transition into their senior year and reminded them of the importance of registering for an SAT or ACT early in the spring. If your child has not shown you the information please ask for it.

**12<sup>th</sup> Parents -- Monday December 7<sup>th</sup> is the last day for seniors to turn in folders for deadline dates through January 15<sup>th</sup>.** Seniors, make sure and have all information filled out on the applications with the exception of the information that has to be provided by the counselor.

Seniors continue to check the AISD website for scholarship opportunities.

## **Have Fun (and do a good deed) While Learning New Vocabulary!**

A fun new website to test your vocabulary skills and learn new words is [www.freerice.com](http://www.freerice.com) Recently featured on PRI's "The World" radio program, [www.freerice.com](http://www.freerice.com) was designed by a father for his son who was getting bored reviewing vocabulary words for an upcoming SAT exam. [www.freerice.com](http://www.freerice.com) is a contagious way to engage a whole family in word play. (Proceeds from advertising on the site - and rice donated from your correct answers - go to the World Food Programme.) For other sites where you can subscribe to free "words of the day" try:

<http://wordsmith.org/words/> <http://dictionary.reference.com/wordoftheday/>  
[www.dictionary.com](http://www.dictionary.com)  
<http://www.princetonreview.com/college/research/wdjsubscribe.asp>  
<http://www.oed.com/cgi/display/wotd>  
[www.nytimes.com/learning/students/wordofday/](http://www.nytimes.com/learning/students/wordofday/)

**This Feast of Carols** is a Renaissance-themed play accompanied by a night of food, fun, and revelry that welcome the holiday season. As if by magic, the LBJ HS cafeteria shall be transformed to a feasting hall from days of yore. The Feast shall include fowle, side dishes, sweet biscuits, and Wassail to toast the Yule Prepared by purveyors to the Royal Household ☞ Pok-E-Jo's Barbecue. For the unequalled value of \$15 per adult or \$14 per student. Contact Mr. Martin for reservations *no later than December 5.*

**CLASS OF '08** Senior fun! The December mini-celebration for seniors is Friday, Dec. 7, in the Fine Arts hallway during the two lunches. Come hungry and bring your creativity -- celebrate being a senior! Donations for gingerbread houses are still needed. Please call Kate at 445-5748 or drop graham crackers, frosting or candies at the front LBJ office.

**The LASA Language Fair is coming your way!** Thursday, December 13th, 2007  
Willkommen & Bonjour! Hello parents, family members, and friends. In whichever language you prefer, we welcome you to the first LASA Language Fair featuring booths from the German and French speaking regions from around the world. Each booth will be host to a different country or region, including booths representing the culture, food, and histories of Germany, France, northern Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Belgium, Lichtenstein, and many more. This project serves as the final project for most of the students, so please come by and see all of their hard work in action. You will also be able to taste different foods from the regions! The fair will be held in the LBJ cafeteria from 6:00 to 7:30 pm on Thursday, December 13th. Please mark your calendars, and we hope to see you there!

**The new LASA t-shirts are available for ordering.** Stop by Ms. Payne's office to review the options on her bulletin board or go to <http://www.lasaonline.com/order>. 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)

## **Congratulations!**

**Model U.N. Delegates** Mr. Moody, Model UN adviser, took a delegation of 49 students to the annual Model United Nations conference in San Antonio this week, and the group made a wonderful showing. Awards are given to delegates in their respective committees based on their skills at diplomacy, public speaking, staying in character, and their apparent knowledge of the topics. There are 3 levels of awards: honorary delegate, distinguished delegate, and best delegate, the top award given. Seven LASA students received these special recognitions. They are:

Best Delegate - Prashant Raghavendran

Distinguished Delegates - Charles Yu, Jordan Sessler, Alex Rodin

Honorary Delegates - Andrew Miller, Zane Rankin, Travis Gray

Those three levels also apply to the awards for the delegations as a whole. LASA was awarded the honorary delegation award. Given that almost 900 students from 22 different schools attended, this was a huge accomplishment.

These students deserve praise for their preparation and hard work, as does Mr. Moody.

**The LASA Robotics club**, known as the "Purple Haze", won the state championship at the 2007 Texas BEST robotics competition hosted at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, on November 30-December 1, 2007. In addition to winning the first place overall competition award, known as the "BEST Award," the team won first place awards for Best Project Engineering Notebook and Most Photogenic Machine. In addition, Purple Haze placed third in the head-to-head game competition among 47 teams that participated in the game.

## **WISH OF THE WEEK - Portable Display/Exhibit Panels**

Does your business or place of work have extra Portable Display/Exhibit Panels? Before we make such a purchase, we'd thought we'd see if someone had an extra system they could donate. Administration can use them for events such as Showcase and Magnet Fair, Art can use them for class exhibits both on/off campus, other classes/clubs could use them for special events! (An example of such a system can be found at:

[http://www.wallfixtures.com/asp/show\\_detail.asp?sku=BS1443&PiID=2032216&refid=MP115-BS1443\\_2032216](http://www.wallfixtures.com/asp/show_detail.asp?sku=BS1443&PiID=2032216&refid=MP115-BS1443_2032216)

Email [annsgraham@gmail.com](mailto:annsgraham@gmail.com) if you have any leads! Thank you.

**Special thanks** to Mary Jo Wright, Tina Morton, Alice Andrews, and Kathleen Guido for stepping forward with donations of magazines.

Magazines of all (reputable) sorts may continue to be donated to the LBJ Library. Librarians will let LBJ/LASA faculty know that they are available for use in the classroom and by all students.

## **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](mailto:cwillmann2@austin.rr.com).

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

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