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**March 2, 2008**

**This Weeks schedule: C A B A B**

**Wednesday March 5 TAKS test grades 9-11 – Seniors come in at noon.**

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**Week of March 3, 2008**

Thank you to all the parents, students, teachers, and staff who came out yesterday to the Freshman Choice Sheet day. We had a great turn out for both sessions. We have over 250 8<sup>th</sup> graders who have completed their enrollment contracts for the coming year. In addition, we have 16 upperclassmen indicating they plan on attending LASA this year. We are very happy and very proud to have these students and their parents join the LASA family and look forward to meeting them at the Zip Code parties in April.

**Monday and Tuesday:** Students may register and pay for AP tests in the cafeteria during LASA lunch. Each test is \$54 and \$13 for qualifying students.

**Tuesday, March 4** – Please don't forget to vote!

Students will not be able to bring backpacks or any other bags to the testing rooms so they must leave them in his her or a friend's locker. Please see Ms. Payne to acquire a locker before the end of the day on Tuesday.

**Wednesday March 5:** On that day, all students will report to their advisory classrooms. Students who have advisory in the dungeon will have to check the lists of teachers posted in the hallways the morning of the test.

It is very important that all electronic devices be completely turned off or left at home on this day. Devices that sound off or are being used will be confiscated and not returned until the fine is collected and a parent/guardian comes to retrieve the device from an administrator.

Seniors do not have to report to school until 12:45. All students will attend 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> period after the test concludes.

**Thursday: March 6** 8:00am "Coffee with the Principal"

**Friday: March 7** PFLASA Meeting at 8:00 am

Sophomore Ice Cream Social, LASA Lunch, Fine Arts Area: Bring your ID!

**Important Upcoming Info:** Week of March 9 – 16: Spring Break!

March 17: Freshmen begin their choice sheet process.

3 Late Starts Remaining: March 27, April 3 and April 10

## **Lady Jaguar soccer varsity games have been CHANGED**

Monday, 3/3, LBJ vs Vista Ridge at Vista Ridge at 7:45 pm

Saturday, 3/8, LBJ vs McCallum at Burger Stadium at 9:00 am (this will be the final regular season game)

### **Counselors Corner**

#### **AP Exam Registration**

Counselors will be in the cafeteria with registration forms during lunch on Monday & Tuesday, March 3 & 4

The cost is \$54.00 per exam or \$13.00 per exam for students that qualify for free or reduced lunch. Students registering after March 4 will pay a late fee of \$40.00 per exam along with the regular registration fees. Students can pay by check or with exact cash. Money will only be collected during lunch. Students must register for exams prior to spring break in order to have the opportunity to take an AP exam. Exams will be administered May 5<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Summer Opportunities**

**Washington University in St. Louis** High School Summer Scholars Program – for students entering their senior year. Classes will be offered in foreign languages, sciences, humanities, the arts and social sciences.

Eligibility requirements: 16 years of age, academic average of B+ or better and

Have a combined SAT score of at least 1800, combined PSAT score of 180, or a composite ACT or PLAN of at least 25. For more information go to the website.

<http://ucollege.wustl.edu/programs/highschool> Or contact [mhussung@wustl.edu](mailto:mhussung@wustl.edu) (866) 209-0691

**Vanderbilt** Three summer sessions will be offered that will serve the needs of highly gifted rising eighth through twelfth grade students through a fast paced academic enrichment program on the beautiful Vanderbilt University Campus. For more information call (615) 322-8261 or [pty.Vanderbilt.edu](http://pty.Vanderbilt.edu)

**Curie Academy** One week summer residential program for high school girls who excel in math and science, enjoy solving problems, and want to learn more about careers in engineering.

For more information contact <http://engineering.cornell.edu/curie>

**Catalyst Academy** One-week summer residential program for underrepresented high school students who excel in math and science, enjoy solving problems, and want to learn more about careers in engineering. For more information contact

<http://www.engineering.cornell.edu/catalyst>

### **TAKS Testing**

We'd like to remind parents of the importance of the TAKS tests, the first of which is Wednesday. Passing certain tests, marked with an asterisk, is a requirement for graduation. High-school level TAKS tests for 2008 are:

Wednesday, March 5: Grade 9 Reading, Grades 10 and 11\* English-Language Arts

Tuesday, April 29: Grade 10 Math

Wednesday, April 30: Grade 11\* Math

Thursday, May 1: Grade 9 Math, Grades 10 and 11\* Science

Friday, May 2: Grades 10 and 11\* Social Studies

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

**German students** for their great accomplishments this past weekend at the State German Contest hosted by the University of Texas. LASA earned the first place sweepstakes award! In addition, student Chelsea Lewis won \$500 for her essay on Texas-German culture that took 3rd place.

**First Ladies** competed this past weekend at Akins HS. We won Team Sweepstakes, Officer Sweepstakes, Presentation, Choreography, Projection Awards as well as being the Novelty Champions middle size team division for "Parents Just Don't Understand". The First Ladies "Newbies" (JV) won a Presentation Award for their Jazz Dance.

These young women as well as one wonderful young man worked VERY hard and we should all be very proud of them!

**Latin students** competed in Area F competition last weekend in Pflugerville and once again had an outstanding showing, taking third place sweepstakes in overall point totals.

For the third time this year, LBJ had a team place in each level of certamen. The novice team, made up of first-year students Avery Baker, Marta Johnson and Benji Nguyen, won second. The lower team, made up of second-year students Indy Prentice, Thomas Littrell, Aaron Pellowski and Adam Khan, won first and will move on to state competition in April. The upper team, made up of students in the third year of Latin or above, placed third. They are: Navo Ghosh, Victor Huang, Michael Massad and Charles Yu. Additionally, LASA students won first place in Olympika sweepstakes. Students who placed are: Jensen Malloy, Michael Massad, Benji Nguyen, Indy Prentice and Aaron Price.

Almost 30 students placed in the academic tests, which measure knowledge in areas ranging from ancient geography to Greek derivatives to mythology. Those students who placed are: Avery Baker, Paul Bussard, Navo Ghosh, Jeffery Holzgrafe, Victor Huang, Becca Hubbard, Marta Johnson, Adam Khan, Thomas Littrell, Jensen Malloy, Michael Massad, Riad Nassar, Benji Nguyen, Aaron Pellowski, Indy Prentice, Caleb Ray, Lily Reed, Emma Renault-Varian, Gabriella Rodriguez, Laura Springer, Nathalie Tenorio, Hannah Thompson, Joseph Timmons, Laura Waelbroeck, Leah Weiser, Charles Yu and Nathan Zsalwinski,

Special congrats to these students, who were high scorers in their contests, spanning all three levels of competition: Thomas Littrell in Ancient Geography, Laura Waelbroeck in Reading Comprehension Poetry and Aaron Pellowski in Pentathlon.

For a complete list of winners and their categories, see [lasaonline.org](http://lasaonline.org) at xxxxx.

**LBJ Choir Members** who received superior ratings on their UIL Solos: Rebecca Garza-Pate, Chloe Werth, Claire Trowbridge, Corinne McLeod, Emily Withers, Joseph Jaffe, Krista Nicklaus, Natalie Bixler, Sophia Anyatonwu, and Victor Huang.

Our seven-member "Weep O Mine Eyes" Ensemble also received a superior rating. Sidney Olivarez, Natalie Bixler, Victor Huang, Joseph Jaffe, Ryan McDermott, Chloe Werth, and Sidney Anyatonwu were all members of this group.

Mr. Martin is very proud of every student who participated. We brought home 17 medals with nine soloists and seven ensemble members going to Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest!

**The LBJ 2007 Yearbook** has been featured in Taylor Publishing Co.'s "Yearbook Yearbook" - a compilation of the best High School Year Books they publish (from a pool of 15-20,000) around the country! Kudos to Yearbook Teacher Janet Elbom and her 2007 Yearbook team!



## PFLASA News

Have a safe, healthy, fun and restful Spring Break to all our LASA families!

**WELCOME CLASS OF 2012!** This past Saturday, choice-sheet day was held for incoming freshmen. New sophomores and juniors will meet March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm – this is also a make-up day for freshmen who missed. We've invited the new LASA families to join the listerv so that they can start learning about campus goings-on.

**TAKS WEDNESDAY – 5 or 6 PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** this Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. in the LASA office *to assist staff with calling households of LASA students who are not in attendance by 8:30 a.m. that morning.* If you can help out, please contact Marcella Duran at [Marcella.Duran@austinisd.org](mailto:Marcella.Duran@austinisd.org) or Tammy Underwood at [tammy.underwood@austinisd.org](mailto:tammy.underwood@austinisd.org)

PTSA is providing breakfast foods for all the teachers and staff - to be set out on both floors - on Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup>. *We invite LASA parents to participate in this by dropping off their food items in the LASA front office.* Contact info Anabel Kuhr [andeku@gmail.com](mailto:andeku@gmail.com)

### **COFFEE HOUSE - STUDENT TALENT NEEDED!**

Coffee House - the annual LASA Student Talent Showcase - is scheduled for Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 7-10 p.m. at Fiesta Gardens. If you are a LASA student with talent and gumption (do you sing, dance, play music, slam poetry, and more...?), please contact student talent coordinator, LASA teacher Matt Kelly at [MDKelly@austinisd.org](mailto:MDKelly@austinisd.org) or drop by his room #264. The Coffee House Committee will also be seeking parent volunteers and delectable food/beverage donations at a later date...but for now, mark your calendars for April 11<sup>th</sup>, 7-10pm!

### **SOPHOMORE ICE CREAM PARTY!**

This Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 12noon-1pm in the Fine Arts hallway, sophomores will be treated to an ice cream party. A few more parent volunteer ice cream scoopers are needed. If you can help out, please contact Cindy Stewart, PFLASA 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Level Chair, at [austew@austin.rr.com](mailto:austew@austin.rr.com)

### **JUNIOR ICE CREAM PARTY!**

Juniors...watch Lots Of LASA for the date of your upcoming Ice Cream Party...you have not been forgotten. Juniors will also be voting on their Senior Class T-Shirt design!

### **ZIP Code Parties**

In early April, PFLASA will once again be hosting the ZIP code parties for LASA families. Check Lots Of LASA after Spring Break for dates and details.

### **JAGUAR EXTRAVAGANZA THANKS!**

Thanks to PTSA President Anabel Kuhr, parent specialist Audrey Morgan and everyone who helped put on last week's Jaguar Extravaganza - the LBJ High School Student Talent Showcase. A good time was had by all.

### **THANKS TO OUR Silent Auction Business Donors @ Jaguar Extravaganza**

Macaroni & Grill

Einstein Brothers Bagels

El Mercado

Vinny's Italian Restaurant

Firebowl Café

360 Primo

Slick Willies

Main Event

Galaxy Highland 10

River Place Country Club

Castle Hill Specialized Fitness

The Crossings

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Run Tex

Premier Family Dental – Netsanet Temesgen, DDS  
(former LBJ grad)

Bed Bath and Beyond

Blue Moon Glassworks

City of Austin

The Treetop Studio

Flash Fiction Gems

The Liberator Newspaper

Arbor Car Wash

## 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)

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

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