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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@yahoogroups.com.

There will be one more Lots of LASA before school starts, so check your e-mail Sunday evening, August 26th, for any late breaking information.

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First Day of School: Monday Aug. 27. 8:00 a.m. - 3:40 p.m. Students should enter the main building and go upstairs where they will find their names and Advisory Classes listed on the walls. Students will report to their Advisory at the beginning of every day for the first week of school. Students will receive their final schedule of classes in Advisory. There are no schedule changes for the first two weeks.

Note: some Advisory's may be in the portable buildings (behind the school) or in "the dungeon" (in the basement). Students may want to give themselves a little more time on the first day to locate their Advisory.

For students whose busses arrive early or who need to be dropped off early, the Cafeteria opens at 7:00 a.m. (and serves breakfast until after 8am); the Library opens at 7:30 a.m.

E-mail grade sheets are available this year. Be sure to include a parent e-mail address on the first-day document called the SR290 so a parent receives course grade sheets from each of their students' teachers every three weeks.

Attention Juniors and Seniors:

If you are interested in taking dual credit courses at ACC during the fall semester, you must contact Ms. Norma Saavedra by Aug. 22 in order to sign up on time. E-mail her at nsaavedr@austinisd.org

Picnic thanks!

The rain stayed away, but scores of kids and their parents showed up for the Class of 2011's picnic and swim party Saturday at Deep Eddy/Eiler's Park. Thanks to Gina Allen, PFLASA freshman rep, for putting together the food and fun, and thanks to Principal Sanchez and Assistant Principals Melanie Payne and Tammy Underwood for coming out and meeting everyone.

Parents needed for district Calendar Committee:

LASA is looking for parents to serve on the district's Calendar Committee, which sets the academic calendar for 2008-09. Representatives attend an orientation and four meetings between Aug. 30 and Nov. 15. For more information and an application, click on this link on the AISD website:

<http://www.austinisd.org/newsmedia/releases/index.phtml?more=1344&lang>

or contact Mr. Sanchez at rensanch@austinisd.org. We must submit names by Aug. 28.

Late Start:

You may have seen in the Austin InSiDer, the district newsletter mailed to every AISD family, that all Austin high schools will be starting late on 11 days during the 2007-08 school year so that teachers on each campus can have common planning time and professional development. The dates are: Sept. 24, Oct. 22 and 29; Nov. 26, Dec. 3; Jan. 14 and 21, Feb. 11, March 24 and 31, and April 7. On those days, classes are expected to begin at 10:15 a.m. Bus schedules will be adjusted. We'll provide more details as they become available. Note that Jan. 21 is listed as both a Late Start day and is on the AISD calendar as a school holiday. We have a call into AISD about that.

Vote for the Drum Line!!

The LBJ Drum Line will be featured during halftime of the Dallas Cowboys/Houston Texans game at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug 25, as part of the CBS 42 Marching Band Challenge.

Drum batteries from area high schools take turns performing during preseason game telecasts. After halftime, go to <http://keyetv.com/marchingbandchallenge> to vote. You can vote once per day, and voting ends at noon Aug 28. The top four vote getters will compete in the finals and have the opportunity to win cash and prizes.

Magnet Buses:

Visit <http://www.austinisd.org/schools/bus/busstop.phtml> on the AISD website to determine your bus routes.

PFLASA – Improving communication

One of the goals of PFLASA is to enhance communication within the LASA community, and you're helping us do that. Our listserv has grown to more than 400 members and continues to grow each day.

Judging by the questions and nice e-mails we receive, we know parents see the listserv as a valuable resource. Please continue to spread the word to families who may not yet know about the listserv by forwarding them this e-mail, which has information at the end about how to subscribe. We try to keep the messages to a minimum so as not to clutter up your in-boxes, and that's why we do a Lots of LASA news digest each Sunday evening. LoLASA will start coming weekly now that school is just a week away. If you have ideas for what you'd like to see included, e-mail editor Karen Foree at kbforee@grandecom.net.

Get Connected

Please keep an eye out for ways to get involved in LASA and campus-wide events. In order to do that, we encourage every parent to join both the PFLASA and PTSA listservs. Each of these listservs is announce-only, so your inboxes won't be clogged with e-mails. Please forward the links to friends who may not be on these lists and encourage everyone to keep up to date on what's happening on this creative campus!

* 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@yahoogroups.com <

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Interesting Links for Parents and Students

* LBJ PTSA website has some wonderful links – everything from information about the school to homework help sites for students – go check it out!

* <http://www.austin.isd.tenet.edu/schools/website.phtml?id=017> this will take you to the LBJ website, click on PTSA tab at the top and then click on the Links tab.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact PFLASA co-chairs Ann Graham at anngraham@austin.rr.com or LaDonna Massad at ladmassad@hotmail.com.