

LASA High School - Austin's newest high school - is pleased to bring you *Lots of LASA*, an electronic newsletter designed to keep you updated with important news, dates and links.

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NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

We hope you are enjoying your summer. We are working hard to get things ready for the upcoming school year. In this month's edition of LASA Online, our new e-mail newsletter, you'll find information on course changes and requests and other

housekeeping info, plus a reminder of important dates. We'll be sending out another *Lots of LASA* in July, with even more news, including information about our new website. Please encourage all your friends to join this listserv so they can be plugged in to what's happening on campus.

*Rene Sanchez
Principal, LASA High School*

COURSE SCHEDULES AND CHANGE REQUESTS:

This week, your student will receive the list of courses for which he/she is currently scheduled. If you notice any errors, please send a note to Dr. Bashara in the LASA office at mary.bashara@austinisd.org, and we will try to accommodate your requests.

After July 16, please send your requests to jwade@austinisd.org.

Our master schedule is built on student course requests, so we have hired teachers and scheduled courses based on student's requests. We will review all course change requests and corrections and likely honor those that arrive in our office by the end of the last LASA prep day, Friday, Aug. 17. However, after that date, course request changes will only be honored for courses for which a student has earned credit (e.g., summer school, ACC dual credit, distance learning, etc.). Requests to change a course level (magnet to topics or topics to magnet) or an elective course will not be honored until after the end of the second week of school.

CALENDAR INFORMATION

LASA Upperclassman Prep Days:

Students receive lockers, parking permits, student IDs and take care of other housekeeping items.

Prep Days for upperclassmen are 9 a.m.-1:00 pm.

10th grade: Monday, Aug. 13

11th grade: Tuesday, Aug. 14

12th grade: Wednesday, Aug. 15

Make-up day will occur Friday, Aug. 17, from 12:30 - 2:30 pm.

Note: Next year, all students will be required to wear student IDs at all times on the LASA campus and in order to board the magnet buses.

Freshman orientation and Prep Days:

Learn your way around campus, meet teachers and students, learn the ropes about LASA in the morning; get your locker, student ID, and course schedule in the afternoon.

Orientation: 8:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

LASA Prep Day: 12:30-2:30 p.m. (Parents are invited to come join the students for the afternoon prep day.)

9th grade, last names A-M: Thursday, Aug. 16

9th grade, last names N-Z: Friday, Aug. 17

Freshman Picnic: Saturday, Aug. 18, at Deep Eddy. Details to be announced!

Note: All students participating in Marching Band practice will be released to attend their respective orientations.

First day of school:

Monday, Aug. 27. **Please Note Change** -- The school day will run from 8 a.m. - 3:40 p.m.

IMMUNIZATION RECORD:

Please make sure that your immunization record is up to date before the school year begins. This way, your student will not have to sit out any class time because the record is not complete. Please visit

<http://www.austinisd.org/academics/parentsinfo/immunizations/index.phtml> to find out more about AISD's immunization requirements.

PHYSICALS and P.E. WAIVERS:

If your students plan to participate in athletics this year, they will need to have a physical examination performed by a physician. The form is located at

<http://www.austinisd.org/academics/sports/forms.phtml>

Austin ISD's Physical Education department will only accept requests for P.E. Waivers until the 1st day of each semester this coming school year. So if your student is planning on taking P.E. off campus this coming year, you will need to visit the following webpage to download the proper documents and to read the instructions.

http://www.austinisd.org/academics/curriculum/subjects/pe/ocpe_procedure.phtml

REQUEST FOR DIGITAL CAMERAS AND PERIPHERALS

LASA will be offering art, film, and digital graphics classes next year. If you have old digital cameras you no longer use, please consider donating them for use by students in these classes. Please send your digital camera to the LASA office, and be sure to attach your name to it so we can send you donation information for tax purposes. Peripherals such as batteries and memory cards also would be very welcome.

*****PFLASA NEWS*****

Parents and Friends of the Liberal Arts and Science Academy is the booster club for Austin's newest high school. The organization's goals are to:

- secure resources to support teachers, students and academic curricula
- enhance communication within the LASA community
- strengthen and grow the LASA community and expand outreach to prospective LASA families

LASA is part of the larger school community that includes LBJ High School. The PTSA will continue to play a critical role in engendering support and building community for the whole school, and PFLASA will work closely with PTSA leadership to enhance the quality of life for all students on campus. While PFLASA's primary focus is to help coordinate events and efforts specific to the LASA community, such as recruiting and fund-raising, the group also will work closely with PTSA on various events.

LBJ/LASA CARPOOL DATA BASE

Hoping to arrange a carpool next fall? Sign up on the LBJ/LASA Carpool Data Base and see if there is someone near you to share rides with. Sign up by joining the LASA listserv, sign into the yahoo group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pflasa> and select the database option.

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. (Note: This is an Announce-only list)

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.