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September 16, 2007

**This week's bell schedule: C A B A B**

School Pictures 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> during English class  
SENIOR PARENT NIGHT September 19<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm  
Sophomore Swim Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>

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### **Attendance Reminder**

Parents do not have to call in if their student is out sick for a day. Just send a note to the attendance office, Room 285, when they return.

### **Parent Participate UPDATE**

As mentioned last week, Parent Participate is a new way to see what is going on with your student's attendance, grades and more. There have been several calls concerning registering. The most common concern has been a discrepancy between the information entered and the school's records. A discrepancy can easily occur 1) if the student is listed with only a middle initial by the district and the parent enters the full name or 2) the address is typed in differently (ie. 123 Jones vs. 123 Jones Dr.) These discrepancies can be easily remedied once LASA has someone trained to verify this information and approve the requests. At that time, e-mails will be sent out letting parents know that they have been preliminarily approved. The process will consist of:

- Parents register on-line and are marked as "pending".
- LASA preliminarily approves the registration if the information seems to match well and the person registering is the parent of record. If the person is not the person of record – a letter may be required to allow them access.
- An e-mail will be sent out requesting you bring a photo ID to school. You will then receive authorization and be able to access the information on-line.

I know this sounds complicated, but the safety of our students is paramount, so please bear with us as we go through the training process and get everyone registered.

## Counselor Corner

We had another wonderful week. We met with the seniors Monday and discussed the application process and information needed for letters of recommendation. All senior parents need to be working on their child's brag letters. Seniors should be putting together their senior folders for counselors and teachers. Individual senior conferences began Thursday. Counselors are reviewing senior transcripts with each student and verifying course requirements for graduation. We are also gathering information on their proposed majors and colleges of interest. We have planned a senior parent night for the 19<sup>th</sup>. Parents will rotate through three break out sessions. A representative from St. Edward's will talk about the application process, a LASA English teacher will discuss the application essay and there will be a session on the folder process. We look forward to seeing the senior parents there.

Austin is fortunate to be hosting the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) conference September 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a national college fair Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Convention Center from 1:00-4:00. We highly encourage ALL LASA students and their parents to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather first-hand information from college representatives.

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| 17 | <b>Yale</b>                         | 8:20 New Addition |
| 17 | Reed College                        | 9:45              |
| 17 | <b>Bard College</b>                 | <b>1:00</b>       |
| 18 | <b>The University of Evansville</b> | <b>10:30</b>      |
| 18 | <b>Wesleyan University</b>          | <b>3:00</b>       |
| 19 | <b>Senior Parent Night</b>          | <b>6:00-8:00</b>  |
| 19 | Sarah Lawrence College              | 8:20              |
| 20 | <b>Whitman College</b>              | <b>2:30</b>       |
| 21 | <b>Rice University</b>              | <b>11:32</b>      |

## Senior Celebration Update

**Winner of the ACL Music Festival Raffle:** Liz Banner, Parent of Senior Ethan Banner.

### Winners of the Passbook Sales drawing:

Freshman at LASA, Amy Anderson has won two Saturday tickets to the ACL Festival!

Junior at LASA, Andrew Borel has won two Sunday tickets to the ACL Festival!

**Passbook Sales** have just about reached the halfway mark of what they sold last year. We only have two more weeks to reach the quantity that will guarantee us \$10 profit per book. As the major fundraiser for ensuring a fun and exciting Senior Celebration, *we would like to ask every family to please commit to selling 5 Passbooks (so you can get one free)*. **Sale ends September 27.**

Visit <http://www.entertainment-savings-offers.com/entertainment-book/> to see a list of all the businesses who are in the 2008 Passbook. Many coupons don't expire until December 2008.

Cathy Willmann will be in the front parking lot of LBJ every Mon/Wed/Fri. Feel free to call me 751-3938 if that is not convenient and books can be delivered to you.

**PLEASE HELP TO MAKE THIS SENIOR CELEBRATION  
ONE THEY WILL REMEMBER.**

## **WISH OF THE WEEK**

E-Zine, a 9th grade Signature Course, needs SERVER SPACE to host the class web site. If you or your business can help, please let us know.

Remember - all contributions are tax deductible as allowable by law and will be acknowledged by a PFLASA receipt. Thank you!

Special thanks to Kenneth Kuhr for donating two file cabinets to PFLASA in response to last week's Wish Of The Week! (If anyone has additional file cabinets, a few faculty members have now mentioned a similar need.)

THANK YOU!

## **Congratulations to the Liberator**

LBJ/LASA newspaper, The Liberator is a Pacemaker Finalist. The Pacemaker is the top national award given by the National Scholastic Press Assoc. to scholastic publications. It is called the " Pullitzer Prize of high school journalism. "The award will be presented in Philadelphia at the national journalism convention.

## **Foley accepts position at Ohio University**

Dr. Greg Foley, LASA director from 2004-2006, has accepted the position of Robert L. Morton Chair in Mathematics Education at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Dr. Foley wanted LASA families to know he will always remember his days at LASA fondly and wishes the parents and friends of LASA all the best.

## **PFLASA NEWS**

LASA sophomores, don't forget the pool party Saturday at Deep Eddy Pool from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. You pay to get in the pool, and we'll provide the pizza. Parents, please be sure to pick up your kids at 1 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Cindy Stewart, sophomore parent rep, at 965-4392 or austew@austin.rr.com.

## **Get Connected**

- **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@yahogroups.com](mailto:pflasa-subscribe@yahogroups.com). (Note: This is an Announce-only list)

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