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This Weeks schedule: Holiday A B A Finals begin

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Parents:

It has been a great week for LASA.

First, we were named the 95th ranked high school in the nation by *Newsweek*. The index upon which the rankings are based is the number of AP exams taken divided by the number of graduating seniors. This is the last ranking we will share with LBJ. Next year, we will be ranked independently. Had we been ranked independently this year, we would have had an index of nearly 6.0, giving us a ranking of #16.

Secondly, we received our TAKS scores this week and your students scored extremely well on the tests they took. Since accountability ratings the state releases have quite a few components besides the scores themselves, it will likely be August before we know for sure what category (Acceptable, Recognized, or Exemplary) LASA earned in its first year.

We were able to pick up the official TAKS student score reports on Friday. Your students will have them in hand on Wednesday. We will likely have a temporary advisory class for the students to attend for about 10 minutes at the beginning of one of the periods for distribution.

Weekly Information:

Monday, May 26 Memorial Day (Student and Staff Holiday)

Tuesday & Wednesday, May 27 & 28

AISD High School Exit Survey – Seniors will go to computer labs with their English IV classes to complete Austin ISD's High School Exit Survey.

Wednesday, May 28

Faculty Softball Game – The second annual LASA Faculty vs. LBJ Faculty Softball Game will take place at Noack Fields beginning approximately at 5 pm.

Thursday, May 29

Seniors' Cap and Gowns - Delivery during Lunch bring money if you have not yet purchased yours.

Friday, May 30

Finals

Second semester final examinations begin. Second and fourth period finals will take place. The finals will be followed by one lunch for both schools and then 6th and 8th periods.

Wildflower Center Volunteer Opportunities - Carrie McDonald, the Director for Volunteer Services for the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, will visit LASA on Friday during lunch (12:15 pm in the Library) to present summer and school-year opportunities for LASA students to volunteer at or for the Wildflower Center. In addition, Ms. McDonald would also like feedback for future possible opportunities to collaborate with LASA students in both the academic and service realms. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend this event.

Saturday, May 31

Hispanic Futures Conference at ACC Eastview Campus, 9:00 am-12:00 noon.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, June 2: Final exams: 1st and 3rd period: Early release at 12:10 PM

Tuesday, June 3: Final exams: 5th and 7th period: Early release at 12:10 PM

Wednesday, June 4: Final exams: 6th and 8th period: Early release at 12:10 PM

Wednesday, June 4: LAST STUDENT DAY

Thursday, June 5th: LAST DAY FOR TEACHERS

Thursday, June 5th: Senior Salute, Dell Jewish Community Center, 7-10 PM

Saturday, June 7th: Class of 2008 Graduation, Frank Erwin Center, UT Campus, 9:00 am

Saturday, June 7th: Senior Celebration, 300, 11:00 PM – 6:00 AM

Second Semester Finals Bell Schedule:

Ma6 26 – Monday HOLIDAY

May 27 – Tuesday A Day

May 28 – Wednesday B Day

May 29 – Thursday A Day

May 30 – Friday

8-10 2nd period Exam

10:10-12:10 4th period Exam

12:10-1:10 Lunch (both schools)

1:15-2:25 6th period

2:30-3:40 8th period

June 2 – Monday

8-10 1st period Exam

10:10-12:10 3rd period Exam

Lunch provided by cafeteria as a sack lunch

June 3 – Tuesday

8-10 5th period Exam

10:10-12:10 7th period Exam

Lunch provided by cafeteria as a sack lunch

June 4 – Wednesday

8-10 6th period Exam

10:10-12:10 8th period Exam

Lunch provided by cafeteria as a sack lunch

Yearbooks have arrived! If you have not yet bought one, the price has gone up to \$65. Don't miss this opportunity to have a copy of the most awesome yearbook in the history of the universe. No kidding.

2008 Seniors & Families

Parents and Friends of LASA cordially invites you to attend Senior Salute honoring the Class of 2008 at the Liberal Arts and Science Academy. It will be held on Thursday, June 5th at 7pm at Agudas Achim Synagogue at the Dell Jewish Community Center campus at 7300 Hart Lane, Austin Tx 78731. Extended family and friends are welcome. The program will include faculty and student speeches, musical entertainment and awards and all graduating seniors will receive their Magnet Endorsement.

Class of 2010 Parent Meet-and-Greet and Plan-A-Little Get-Together

On Saturday, May 31, at 10 a.m., parents of the Class of 2010 will hold a brief meeting at Central Market Cafe (on North Lamar) in the upstairs seating area. We want to meet one another and talk, very informally, about our children's junior and senior high school years. In other years, parents have begun to meet on a more regular basis in the spring of their students' Junior years. This is an early meeting to discuss in general terms what the next two years will hold. It's also an opportunity to meet parents with whom we will share the journey. Questions? Please contact Cindy Stewart, PFLASA Representative for Class of 2010, 467-1352 or austew@austin.rr.com

Theatre Action Project Summer Volunteer Opportunity! Do you like to work with kids? Appreciate theatre and other creative arts? We have plenty of summer volunteer and internship possibilities working with Austin and Round Rock youth. Assist at one of our fun-filled summer camps where elementary-aged children use their creativity to express themselves. Or, be a part of our June "Pageant in the Park" project where several area elementary schools will explore the myth, "The Woman Who Outshone the Sun" to create a beautiful bilingual performance incorporating masks, puppets, scenes and music to be featured in a culminating community event, the Summer Pageant in the Park on June 21, 2008. If you are interested, contact Ann Graham, TAP Board Member and PFLASA Co-Chair or Sarah McCafferty, Volunteer Coordinator for details at (512)442-8773 or sarah_mccafferty@theatreactionproject.org.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LASA QUIZ BOWL TEAM!

From Mr. Flowers and the Quiz Bowlers:

Parents:

The tournament has ended for LASA A Team after a great run. We beat our in-state rival St. John's A by 30 in the first round of the playoffs. We beat Dorman A of South Carolina in round 2 - a team consistently ranked #1 in the nation for most of the year - in possibly the greatest game our team has ever played. We lost our next two games - one to Thomas Jefferson and the last to Dorman A. After a 2-2 record in the playoffs, LASA A Team finished 7th in the nation. Our B team won five games on Saturday and missed the playoffs by only one question.

I cannot possibly tell you how proud I am of these guys. They all played their hearts out over the last two days, and with the B team's strong finish, the future looks bright for our team.

PFLASA NEWS

LBJ/LASA Senior Celebration is Saturday, June 7th!

Beginning at 11pm until 6am on Sunday, June 8th at 300 Austin, 9504 N. IH 35 between Rundberg & Braker Lane exits. No one admitted after midnight. No early exit without parent pick-up. Tickets are just \$15 for LBJ & LASA seniors, \$75 for guests and can be paid for with cash or checks (payable to "LBJ/LASA PTSA Senior Celebration.") Tickets will be on sale during lunch on school days, May 27-30th by the front entrance of the school. When students buy tickets they MUST submit a contract/release signed by their parent or guardian. Please make sure you sign front & back!

Senior Celebration 2008 Activities: Hypnotist, Mike Reeves; Extreme Bowling; Billiards; Karaoke; DJ & Dance Floor; Photo Booth; Jousting; Boogiehead Video; Chair Massages; Makeovers; Casino Tables; Food & Prizes. For more information or a copy of the contract/release form go to www.lbjptsa.org or contact gflatau@austin.rr.com.

Wish of the Week

Parent and Teacher Volunteers Needed for the Night of Senior Celebration (11pm-6am). Senior Celebration is an alcohol-free, all night party the night of graduation, held at 300 Austin. This event, sponsored by the LBJ/LASA PTSA, is planned by parents and students and provides all seniors their last celebration with their fellow students. We need help running check in, casino tables, Karaoke, Dancing Boogie Heads, Photo Booth, Food, and much more. There are active jobs and calm jobs -- something for everyone! If you can help for part or all of the evening, please email your name and phone number to audreyglaser@yahoo.com. Thanks for your involvement!

An invitation to Junior parents - have fun helping with Senior Celebration!

The Class of 2008 will be very appreciative of any Class of 2009 parents who volunteer at this year's Senior Celebration

If you are a parent of a rising senior and haven't yet joined the Class of 2009 Yahoo Group, please do so by sending a blank email to lbjlasa2009-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Questions about other Class of 2009 ideas/opportunities should be addressed to PFLASA Class of 2009 Parent Representative Penny Sutton at pennysutton@austin.rr.com

Get Connected

- 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
- **PFLASA Yahoo Group (Parents and Friends of LASA)** Send a blank email to pflasa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. (Note: This is an Announce-only list)
- **Class of 2008 Yahoo Group** Send a blank email to LBJ_Class_of_2008-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.
- **Class of 2009 Yahoo Group** Send a blank email to lbjlasa2009-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.
- **Class of 2010 Yahoo Group** Send a blank email to lbjlasa2010-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.
- **Class of 2011 Yahoo Group** Send a blank email to lbjlasa2011-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

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

Ann Graham at annsgraham@gmail.com or LaDonna Massad at ladmassad@hotmail.com.

If you have suggestions for this publication, please contact Karen Foree at editorLOL@grandecom.net
Please have items in by Thursday afternoon if you want something listed that week.