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Hello LASA families! I hope the summer is going well so far. We've been very busy closing up the school year by inventorying supplies and books. (If you have one of our books sitting at home, please, please return it - the district charges the school for every book that turns up missing.) We have no more faculty or staff openings and have been that way for a while now. We're heading into July with an eye to hopefully get some rest and relaxation before the school year starts up again.

All student schedules will be mailed out on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Students' locker numbers will be pre-assigned and will be included on their schedule mailout. Students who are in Band will receive their lockers through Band. If a student is not in Band and does not receive a locker number, they will need to contact Ms. Payne at either LASA "Take Care of Business Early" days, the Freshman Orientation, or after the school year begins.

*Freshman orientation* will be held on August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Freshmen whose name begins with the letter A-M will attend on the 12<sup>th</sup> and N-Z will attend on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Orientation begins at 8:00 a.m. so students need to be in the cafeteria by no later than 7:45 a.m. so we can assign groups.

10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders will have two LASA "*Take Care of Business Early*" days. These days are August 11<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup>. Students may clean up their schedule if they have a hole in it, have received credit for a class over the summer, have already taken the class and received credit or not have met a prerequisite for the course. No other schedule changes will be allowed. They can also register for a LASA/LBJ parking permit. We may or may not be taking ID pictures that day.

*Freshman parent orientation* will take place on Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Don T. Haynes, Jr. Theater.

Students will receive a daily planner with the LASA student handbook on the second day of classes. The first week of school, beginning on August 25, will be a CCCAB week. Students will report to their advisory as their first class for the first three days of school.

*LASA Registration Dates for students new to the District*  
August 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Time: 8:00am - 6:00pm

*LASA/LBJ Back to School Night* \_ Date: September 3 and it will begin at 5:30 pm.

**LASA Administrators 2008 Summer out-of-the-office dates:**

Ms. Underwood: Out June 24; Returns July 23

Ms. Payne: Out July 21; Returns July 29

Mr. Sanchez: Out June 30; Returns July 9

**Summer LASA Telephone Numbers**

If you need assistance over the summer with LASA issues, the following staff people will be able to help you:

Paula Boothe – Registrar (transcripts, diplomas, enrollment)  
Room 281 414-7081

Elaine Thompson - PEIMS specialist (TEA forms, name and address changes)  
Room 279 414-7085

Joselyn Wade - Principal's Secretary (for all other information about the school)  
LASA Office 414 2589 and 414 6581

***Starting staff dates for 2008-09***

- Teachers return August 18th.
- Students return August 25th.

**LASA Counselors 2008 Summer out-of-the-office dates:**

Dr. Qualls (A-Ha) and Ms. Adams (He-Pa): Return August 11

Ms. Malone (Pe-Z) and Ms. Kocian (College Counselor): Return August 7

**From Ms. Kocian:**

The **Colleges That Change Lives College Tour** is coming to Austin! The Colleges That Change Lives are a group of 40 schools that are noted for their emphasis on community and strong living and learning environments that focus on the liberal arts and sciences. Among them are Texas' own Austin College and Southwestern University.

The CTCL event will be held on **Saturday, August 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** at the **Hyatt Regency Austin** at 208 Barton Springs Road Austin, TX 78704. The program begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. with a 30-minute information session, and a college fair begins immediately afterwards, lasting approximately 1.5 hours.

The CTCL events are free to the public, and pre-registration is not required. For more information about the event and to view a list of participating colleges, go to <http://www.ctcl.com/events/programs.htm>. We hope that you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn more about these remarkable colleges and universities!

**Monday, June 30th, 7pm Class of 2009 Parent Meeting** - One Highland Center, 314 E. Highland Mall Blvd. Contact Gina Allen at [gina@somearchitect.com](mailto:gina@somearchitect.com) or Penny Sutton at [pennysutton@austin.rr.com](mailto:pennysutton@austin.rr.com) for more information.

**Important times and dates:**

LASA Bell Schedule 08-09

**LASA will not follow bells on regular A and B days.**

Regular Bell Schedule				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
C	A	B	A	B
1st 8:00-8:43	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
2nd 8:48-9:31	8:00-9:35	8:00-9:35	8:00-9:35	8:00-9:35
Advisory 9:36-10:16	3rd	4th	3rd	4th
3rd 10:21-11:04	9:40-11:20	9:40-11:20	9:40-11:20	9:40-11:20
4th 11:09-11:52	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Lunch 11:52-12:28	11:20-12:20	11:20-12:20	11:20-12:20	11:20-12:20
5th 12:33-1:16	5th	6th	5th	6th
6th 1:21-2:04	12:25-2:00	12:25-2:00	12:25-2:00	12:25-2:00
7th 2:09-2:52	7th	8th	7th	8th
8th 2:57-3:40	2:05-3:40	2:05-3:40	2:05-3:40	2:05-3:40

**LASA will follow bells on these special bell schedule days.**

Late Start				
A Day	B day	Blocks	Beg	End
Prof. Learning Communities Meetings			7:45	9:45
1	2	Block 1	10:00	11:12
3	4	Block 2	11:17	12:29
			LASA Lunch	12:29
5	6	Block 3	1:09	2:23
7	8	Block 4	2:28	3:40

Pep Rally Schedule				
A Day	B day	Blocks	Beg	End
1	2	Block 1	8:00	9:30
3	4	Block 2	9:35	11:05
			LASA Lunch	11:05
5	6	Block 3	11:50	1:20
7	8	Block 4	1:25	2:55
<b>Dismissal</b>			2:55	3:10
<b>Pep rally</b>			3:10	3:40

## **08-09 High School Late Start Days**

September 25, 2008, "A" day schedule  
October 9, 2008, "B" day schedule  
October 30, 2008, "A" day schedule  
November 20, 2008, "B" day schedule  
December 4, 2008, "A" day schedule  
January 15, 2009, "B" day schedule  
January 29, 2009, "A" day schedule  
February 5, 2009, "B" day schedule  
February 26, 2009, "A" day schedule  
March 26, 2009, "B" day schedule  
April 2, 2009, "A" day schedule

## **Pep Rally Dates**

September 4 Akins  
September 26 Lanier (Homecoming)  
October 17 McCallum  
October 31 Reagan

**Incoming Freshmen:** Join us for the 2008 Freshman Picnic, Saturday, August 23 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at Deep Eddy Pool and Eilers Park. PFLASA will provide pizza for freshmen, but students will need to pay their own entrance fees for the pool (\$2 for 12- to 17-year-olds). We encourage parents to stick around to meet other LASA families.

Deep Eddy is located just south of Lake Austin Boulevard on Deep Eddy Lane between MoPac (Loop 1) and Exposition Boulevard. If you have additional question, contact Susan McLeland at [mcleland@austin.rr.com](mailto:mcleland@austin.rr.com).

## **LASA NEWS:**

### **Congratulations!**

Last week, LASA rising junior Andrew Levihn-Coon was named to the 17-4A all-district first team in baseball. He is a pitcher and outfielder for the LBJ Jaguars, batting .391 on the season with four home runs and 23 RBIs.

**Resurgam! for \$10@** Brad Sharp, LASA English II Topics teacher and sponsor of the literary magazine **Resurgam!**, has received the final copies of this impressive literary collection, written and illustrated by LASA students. Mr. Sharp will be selling these copies as follows:  
Saturday, July 12 at the North Lamar Half-Price Books from 10am-1pm. If you have any questions about purchasing a copy, please email Mr. Sharp at [bsharp@austinisd.org](mailto:bsharp@austinisd.org)

## **LBJ SWIMMING & DIVING TEAM**

Any LBJ student wishing to join the LBJ Swimming & Diving team for the 2008-2009 season, please contact Coach Lee Willing by July 31, 2008. [lwilling@austinisd.org](mailto:lwilling@austinisd.org)

## **SENIOR INFORMATION:**

**Diplomas** IF you have not yet picked up your real diploma, please do so from the LASA Registrar's office (Room 281) between 8:30am and 3:30pm. Parents who would like to do this for their student must present a photo ID. Students with obligations to LASA AND/OR LBJ MUST have them cleared before their diploma will be released.

## **Senior Celebration 2008**

Thank you to all the parents and faculty who helped with Senior Celebration. It was a great night and all the graduates who attended had a wonderful, memorable time. Many LASA seniors enjoyed bowling, photo/video booths, makeovers, massages, jousting, darts, karaoke, games and a live hypnotist show. We hope all the families of the incoming senior class will get involved and support Senior Celebration 2009! Gretchen Flatau

## Senior Salute 2008

LASA Senior Salute 08, held June 5th at the JCC was a spirited, student-run salute to the class of 2008. Senior Salute memory books with photos and quotes from the seniors were distributed that night. If you did not attend and would like a memory book please contact Gretchen at [gflatau@austin.rr.com](mailto:gflatau@austin.rr.com) or drop by her house in the next week—a box of books will be on the front porch for seniors or their families to pick up a copy. 1706 Bartoncliff Drive, Austin 78704. If you would like to purchase a 2008 Graduation Keepsake DVD through AISD, go to: [http://www.austin.isd.tenet.edu/docs/Grad\\_Order\\_Form\\_2008.pdf](http://www.austin.isd.tenet.edu/docs/Grad_Order_Form_2008.pdf)

## PFLASA NEWS:

Thanks, again, to those members of the LASA community who stepped forward to serve on the PFLASA Executive Committee and as Committee Chairs for the 2008-2009 school year. They are, as follows:

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Co-Chairs: Sharon Dunn, Ann S. Graham  
Secretary: Barbara Springer  
Treasurer: Patricia Paonessa  
Senior parent rep: Penny Sutton  
Junior parent rep: Cindy Stewart  
Sophomore parent rep: Julie Delgado  
Freshmen parent rep: Susan McLeland  
Chair Emeritus: LaDonna Massad

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Communications Chair: Shannon Bieberdorf  
Recruitment Chair: LaDonna Massad  
ZIP Code Parties Chair: Sharon Dunn  
Hospitality Chair: Suzy Estes  
CoffeeHouse Chair: Suzette Soucie  
Lasaonline.org Web Master: Zhonghui Ning  
LotsOfLASA Editor: Karen Foree

## [WWW.LASAONLINE.ORG](http://WWW.LASAONLINE.ORG) - NEEDS PHOTOGRAPHS

PFLASA is re-vamping LASA's web page [www.lasaonline.org](http://www.lasaonline.org) and we would like to use real images of LASA campus life and students. IF you have any digital photographs that you think would reproduce effectively on a web page, please forward them to [annsgraham@gmail.com](mailto:annsgraham@gmail.com). If the photographs include students, please include written (email is fine) permission from each student's parent/guardian to reproduce their image(s) on the web site. PFLASA reserves the right to crop or not use photographs. Photographs that are used for the web page maybe also be used at a future date for LASA brochures or other print publications. If you have any questions, please contact PFLASA Co-Chair Ann S. Graham at [annsgraham@gmail.com](mailto:annsgraham@gmail.com)

## 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@yahogroups.com](mailto:pflasa-subscribe@yahogroups.com). (Note: This is an Announce-only list)
- **Class of 2009 Yahoo Group** Send a blank email to [lbjlasa2009-subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:lbjlasa2009-subscribe@yahogroups.com).
- **Class of 2010 Yahoo Group** Send a blank email to [lbjlasa2010-subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:lbjlasa2010-subscribe@yahogroups.com).
- **Class of 2011 Yahoo Group** Send a blank email to [lbjlasa2011-subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:lbjlasa2011-subscribe@yahogroups.com).

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