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

**September 9, 2007**

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### **Hello LASA Parents,**

Two weeks down and they seemed to have gone very smoothly. I would like to let the parents know how much the teachers and staff have been working to make the transition feel as seamless as possible. It's been fun and I look forward to continuing a great year.

Here are some things coming up.

### **Progress reports**

The first half of the six weeks ends on Friday. Teachers will export their grades on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Should you have an email address on file with your SR290, you should begin receiving grade reports from individual teachers soon after that. In addition, if you picked up a Parent Participate handout at Back to School Night or use the information later in this newsletter, you should be able to see information about your student on <http://access.austin.org>.

### **Attendance**

Signing in and signing out or dropping off of doctor's or parent's notes for absences please report to Room 285. Ms. Roberta Estrada is the LASA Attendance Clerk and she will help you with your attendance issues. If she is not available, please report to the LASA office and we will help you.

### **NACAC College Fair Meeting**

As many of you know, the National Association for College Admissions Counselors (NACAC) is hosting its national conference here in Austin September 27-30. Holly Ingram and I are coordinating the volunteers for the Austin College Fair that will be on Sunday, Sept. 30 from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

If you are available to volunteer for this event, there will be a volunteer meeting on Wednesday, September 12 at 6:30 PM at the Baker Center, Room 208, 3908 Avenue B. We need volunteers for a variety of functions from manning the front door, helping college reps, acting as runners, and Spanish speakers might be helpful in answering questions.

Volunteers can be students, parents, school district employees, etc... If you plan to attend this meeting please RSVP to Holly Ingram at 414-0174 or via e-mail at [hingram@austinisd.org](mailto:hingram@austinisd.org).

If you cannot attend the meeting on Wednesday, September 12 at 6:30 PM but would like to volunteer, please contact Holly Ingram at 414-0174 or Rene Sanchez at 414-2589.

### **African American Men and Boys Conference**

Once again, AISD will partner with community organizations to offer the African American Young Men's Conference Series. This community-based organization, under the leadership of Michael Lofton, has developed monthly programs that include guest speakers and work sessions focusing on helping our students to understand the importance and value of academic success and developing a winning attitude in school and life.

The first event is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 22, 2007, at LBJ High School. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Frank Jackson, Mayor of Prairie View, Texas and Vice President of Prairie View A & M University. If you are interested, please be sure to attend.

### **Late Start**

The first late start date is September 27. School will start for the students at 10:00 am. If you have questions about the bus transportation on that day, please check with AISD transportation at

<http://www.austinisd.org/schools/bus/>.

### **School Pictures**

LASA students will take their yearbook pictures in their English Classes on September 18 and 19. Please have them check with their teacher for the exact day and period.

*René Sanchez*

*Principal - Liberal Arts and Science Academy*

### **PARENT PARTICIPATE**

**Parent Participate** is an application developed by AISD's Management Information Systems department to allow parents/guardians to have secure access to your child's information - updated every 24 hours.

Here is some of the information available to parents:

<i>Student Profile</i>	<i>Student Demographic</i>	<i>Parent/Guardian</i>	<i>Current Grades</i>
<i>Course History</i>	<i>Current Schedule</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	
With Links to:	<i>AISD Calendar</i>	<i>School Website</i>	<i>School Bus Information</i>

From your computer, follow these simple instructions:

1. Open your Internet browser.
2. Type in the web address: <https://access.austinisd.org/>

3. Press Enter.
4. Click on the box labeled “Parents”.
5. Click on the box labeled “Register”.
6. Follow the instructions in the application to complete and submit your registration.  
*Note: From the log in page, you may also click on the documentation link for step-by-step instructions to Parent Participate.*
7. Upon registration you will be sent an email confirming your registration. This email will contain further instructions.

After your registration has been processed, you will be able to log in to **Parent Participate** to view your child’s information from home, work or *anywhere* that you have access to the Internet!

## Counselors Corner

We complete another great week! Back to school night was a great success. It was wonderful attaching faces to the e-mails and phone calls we have received. The last schedule change requests have been received and are being processed. The counselors have an informational assembly planned for the seniors Monday during advisory. We will discuss the folder system, which covers the information required for the faculty to write letters of recommendation. The registrar will speak to the group and spell out the process for requesting transcripts. Individual senior conferences will start Wednesday and run through September 20<sup>th</sup>. Please make a note that we have rescheduled our senior parent night due to a conflict with another event.

10	Senior Assembly during advisory	
<b>10</b>	<b>Vassar College</b>	<b>10:30</b>
10	Deadline for the October 6 <sup>th</sup> SAT <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Tufts University</b>	<b>1:30-2:15</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Haverford College</b>	<b>2:45</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Emory University</b>	<b>3:00</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>University of Chicago</b>	<b>11:10</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Swarthmore College</b>	<b>3:00</b>

**Juniors and seniors planning to attend an on-campus college visit must sign up in advance in the guidance office. Students are allowed to attend 10 on-campus visits per year.**

**Senior Parent Night has been changed to Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>  
from 6:00-8:00 in the theatre.**

## Library to open September 10<sup>th</sup>.

In a previous newsletter we mentioned that the library would be open at 7am for students arriving early. Regular hours will be Monday – Thursday 7am-4:30pm and Friday 7am-4pm.

## LASA SOPHOMORE SWIM

- WHO:** LASA 10<sup>th</sup> Graders  
**WHAT:** A pizza pool party to kick off your sophomore year!  
**WHEN:** Saturday, September 22nd, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm  
**WHERE:** Deep Eddy Pool, 400 Deep Eddy Avenue (near MoPac and Lake Austin Blvd.)

**WHAT ELSE:** Bring \$2 for the pool's admission fee (\$3 for adults)  
*Parents: PLEASE be sure to pick up students by 1:00 pm!!*

### **Wish of the Week**

PFLASA is looking for a one-, two- or three-drawer file cabinet to store our materials/files in the LASA office. As long as the drawers open and close...a used cabinet is just fine. (One keyed/lockable drawer is even better.) Please let us know if you or your business has one you can donate. Remember - *All contributions are tax deductible* as allowable by law and will be acknowledged by a PFLASA receipt. Thank you!

### **LASA/LBJ Student Directory – Deadline is Wednesday Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>!**

Each year, to help students and their families get to know one another, the PTSA publishes a Student Phone Directory. This contains the names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of students and families in all grades and is for the exclusive use of LASA/LBJ parents, guardians, staff, and students. Most families choose to be included in this publication; needless to say, it's a great help if your student needs to contact classmates for homework assignments or group projects.

To enter information for the 2007-2008 LASA/LBJ Student Directory online  
go to: [directory.lbjptsa.org](http://directory.lbjptsa.org)  
enter username: jag7  
enter password: jag7

For help, send an email to [directory@lbjptsa.org](mailto:directory@lbjptsa.org)

If you would rather print a form and mail it, the form can be found **HERE**:

<http://www.lbjptsa.org/ptsa/download/07-08%20Directory%20Entry%20Form.pdf>

Remember, the more complete the directory is, the more useful a tool it will be for our students. Please take a moment and submit your info today. If you have questions, please contact the LBJ PTSA Directory chair, Sharon Dunn at [prenticedunn@gmail.com](mailto:prenticedunn@gmail.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@yahoogroups.com](mailto:pflasa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). (Note: This is an Announce-only list)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact PFLASA co-chairs  
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Please have items in by Thursday afternoon if you want something listed that week.