



LASA High School is pleased to bring you *Lots of LASA*, a weekly electronic newsletter designed to keep you updated with important news, dates and links. To unsubscribe please send an email to [unsubscribe-pflasa@yahoogroups.com](mailto:unsubscribe-pflasa@yahoogroups.com).

Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

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

**VISITORS: Be sure to bring your ID with you and sign-in to get a visitors pass.**

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**Special schedule for Monday.** After second period, students will go to 3<sup>rd</sup> period and then Forum rather than Forum and then 3<sup>rd</sup> period. This allows LASA the use of the gym for the fundraiser and field day results.

**Magnet Fair:** Thank you to all the faculty, staff, students, and families who helped out with the Magnet Fair. We received many compliments for how smoothly it was run and I thank everybody for their help.

**Monday 12/8:**

**Forum:** Field Day and Kiss the Pig Fundraiser results will be revealed in the Gym. Students will report to their advisory and then their forum teachers will walk them down to the gym.

**PTSA General Meeting, Haynes Theater, 6:00 pm.**

The programming for the event is Teen Dating Violence with guests: Bronwyn Blake, Women's Advocacy Project and Carolyn Mosley, Mother of Otralla Mosley. There will also be a special performance by LASA Student Marzavia Crayton and friends.

**AISD Board Recognition, Channel 22, 7:00 pm.**

LASA will be recognized by the Board of Trustees for its 7 Golden Performance Awards, 7:00 pm.

**Tuesday 12/9:**

**Choir Winter Concert in the Haynes Theater, 7:00 pm.**

**Friday 12/12:**

**Band Winter Concert, Haynes Theater, 7:15 pm**

**Upcoming:**

December 15: 2nd period and 4th period final and will attend 6th and 8th period

December 16: 1st period and 3rd period final; Early Release, 12:10 pm

December 17: 5th period and 7th period final; Early Release, 12:10 pm

December 18: 6th period and 8th period final; Early Release, 12:10 pm

## **College Rep Visits**

Juniors and seniors interested in attending a session must sign up in advance in the LASA office.

## **December Visits**

15<sup>th</sup> – Monday Northwestern University – 1:30 p.m.

\*LASA alum and current Northwestern student Jesus Salazar will meet with interested students.

## **Naviance – Family Connection**

We are pleased to introduce Family Connection by Naviance, a Web-based service that students and parents can use to help in making decisions about colleges and careers. On Monday, December 8, student and parent registration codes and letters of introduction will be distributed to all students in their English classes. We hope you will find this resource helpful as you navigate the college search.

**Tuesday, December 9th is the absolute deadline for seniors to request official transcripts from LASA Registrar Mrs. Boothe.** Please be aware that before transcripts can be requested, students must have already completed a record's release form. These forms are available from Mrs. Boothe or you can download them from the web site at <http://lasaonline.org/requestingTranscript.html>

**Mark Your Calendars! ALUMNIGHT** will be held on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. Students and parents will have the opportunity to ask questions of LASA graduates about their college and campus life experiences. \*If you know of any LASA alumni who might be interested in sharing their college experiences with current students, please have them contact Ms. Kocian at 512-414-1903 or by email: [Jamie.Kocian@austinisd.org](mailto:Jamie.Kocian@austinisd.org). Mark Your Calendars for more! PSAT Interpretation Night (and introduction to Naviance and Early College Start). Wednesday, January 14, 2009. Note, students will receive their PSAT scores on Monday, January 12th. PSAT Interpretation Night is the same night as the Sophomore class' Renaissance Fair - sophomore families can catch a bit of both events!

**FIELD DAY "lost and found"!** A great day was had by all at Field Day - but a lot of students seemed to have left behind sweatshirts, jackets, shoes and even a cell phone and watch. If you're missing something from Field Day, please go to the LASA office and check with Mrs. Foree, Guidance Secretary. Items not collected by the end of the semester will be donated to charity.

**ONE FINAL CHANCE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION SURVEY!** If you haven't weighed in yet to the AISD/Capital Metro/Magnet School Transportation Survey, you have one last opportunity before the end of Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. AISD Transportation is looking for parent input regarding the current morning and afternoon buses. Please take this quick survey so that we can communicate to AISD Transportation your feedback and comments on the current AM and PM bus service. We will ask AISD Transportation to consider our responses as they set the magnet school transportation plan for 2009. Please respond to the on-line transportation survey at this link

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=ptk1OGPPRc1ivIZg5PHsw\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=ptk1OGPPRc1ivIZg5PHsw_3d_3d)

Please respond once per household. If you have any questions, please call Cathy Cocco at 512-426-0546 or email at [ccocco@us.ibm.com](mailto:ccocco@us.ibm.com) Thank you.

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

**LASA Debate Team and team sponsor Mr. Jibladze** for their success at the Round Rock Tournament November 21st. John Buterbaugh won the tournament in the Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Caitlyn Bates made it to the quarterfinals in the same event.

**LASA SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM** who put in an awesome performance at the GreenHill Invitational in Dallas. LASA fielded three teams, winning 1st, 3rd, and 4th overall out of 28 teams!! In addition, LASA won the Spirit Award-- presented to the team which bests exhibits good sportmanship as observed by the judges! It is nice to be officially recognized for this, and I want to let you know that it is true. The students are consistently respectful, helpful, supportive, and focused. They do LASA proud.

Because there are SO many talented students, too many to post on this LOL, please check out the link on Monday, Dec. 8th at [www.lasaonline.org](http://www.lasaonline.org) with proper congratulations to all of LASA's talented SciO students!

Special thanks to SciO coaches Alicia Ruch Flynn and Tara Spence and to the following parents who helped get our SciO students to the competitions so far this year by driving, feeding, proctoring, and encouraging the students. These are Ann Hillis, Ann Vanderburg, Howard Liljestrand, Wade McDonald, Lisa Powell, Lisa Sands, Joan Balash, Don Holzgrafe, Lisa Holzgrafe, Susan Rankin, Hau Ling, Wei-Na Le, and Lee Vanderburg. Many other parents volunteered to help as well. What a wonderful problem to have to have more than enough volunteers to help to create these great opportunities for our kids

## **ON (or OFF) LASA CAMPUS NEWS:**

On December 5th, AP Environmental Science (APES) students went on a field trip focusing on tallgrass prairie, one of the most endangered ecosystems in North America. Students visited the City of Austin's Indiangrass Wildlife Preserve to examine an intact tallgrass prairie remnant, along with a soon-to-be developed site (near the intersection of Brodie Lane and William Cannon Drive) and participated in the Native Plant Rescue Program. They dug up native prairie grasses (mainly Indian Grass and Little Bluestem) and various other native plants at the site, transferred them to the Walnut Creek Preserve (3 blocks east of LBJ) and replanted them as part of an effort to restore vegetation to areas disturbed by construction from a flood control project along the creek. Special thanks to APES teacher, Tim Fennell for making this opportunity available to students!

## **LBJ/LASA NEWS:**

Parents of the Class of 2010 will meet at Central Market (4001 North Lamar), upstairs in the café at 1:30 pm, on Sunday, December 14th, to talk more about Senior festivities for our students at LBJ/LASA. For questions or more information, contact PFLASA Junior Class Representative Cindy Stewart at [austew@austin.rr.com](mailto:austew@austin.rr.com)

## **PFLASA NEWS**

### **It's not too late to SUPPORT PFLASA/LASA \$!**

There is still time to make a contribution to PFLASA and get a tax-deduction before the end of the 2008 tax year! PFLASA would like to thank all of the donors who have generously contributed to this year's appeal. Funds raised to date have purchased four digital cameras (two for the art department and two to be checked out by any LASA teacher), digital projectors, textbooks for science and foreign language courses, books for social studies, mRNA RF-PCR kits and scales for science courses, Great Ideas field trips, along with professional development funds for over seven teachers, \$100 stipends for every teacher, funds for recruiting events, and support for community building events such as Freshmen Picnic, Field Day, Pumpkin Painting and more! You can download a form and mail in a contribution or pay online by going to: <http://lasaonline.org/supportLASA.html>

Your contributions are greatly appreciated and truly benefit all of the students on the LASA campus! If you have any questions about contributions and how PFLASA invests its resources, please contact PFLASA co-chairs Ann S. Graham at [annsgraham@gmail.com](mailto:annsgraham@gmail.com) or Sharon Dunn at [sadunn15@gmail.com](mailto:sadunn15@gmail.com). Thank you!

### **WISH OF THE WEEK (WOW!) - More Magazines!**

The LBJ/LASA Library could use current magazines for student use. If you have 2008 issues of magazines of all sorts - news, sports, popular culture, finance, science, academic, automotive, etc. - please deliver them to the Library. You can contact Librarian Karen Donelan at [kdonelan@austinisd.org](mailto:kdonelan@austinisd.org) or 414-7065 if you have any questions.

### **LASA BUMPER STICKERS - now available for \$1**

Have you spotted one of the new "European style" b&w oval LASA bumper stickers? They are available for \$1 and can be purchased in the LASA office or at any special LASA event. Keep your eyes peeled for them on cars-around-Austin and get one for your own vehicle!

**THANK YOU TO MAGNET FAIR VOLUNTEERS!** Special thanks to the PFLASA parents who volunteered at Saturday's Magnet Fair. LASA was well represented by administrators, teachers, students and parents alike and put on a great spread along with representatives from Kealing, Fulmore and the Ann Richards' School.

## **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@yahoogroups.com](mailto:pflasa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). (Note: This is an Announce-only list)
- **Class of 2009 Yahoo Group** Send a blank email to [lbjlasa2009-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:lbjlasa2009-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).
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- **Class of 2012 Yahoo Group** Send a blank email to [lbjlasa2012-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:lbjlasa2012-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

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