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Sunday, February 28, 2010

This week's schedule: C A B A B Wednesday is TAKS – see below for details  
PFLASA meeting in Library conference room--Friday, March 5, 8am

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Hello Parents and Friends, This was a very busy weekend for LASA students and the LASA Community. Both softball and baseball teams had tournaments, soccer had district games, and the Jazz band had a dinner and dance. Our wrestlers and swimmers competed at state and Science Olympiad won its local regional to advance to state at A&M. Our girls' basketball team lost to Corpus Christ Ray in the fourth round of playoff and the boys won their second round game against Boerne Champion. The boys' basketball team will play against Lake Travis Monday night.

**TAKS** This is also a very important week upcoming. On Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> graders will take the English Language Arts TAKS test. Students need to get a good night's sleep and have a nourishing breakfast that morning. Students will not be allowed to bring backpacks or other bags—purses only—to their test room. They can also only bring a pencil and a book to read for when they finish taking the test. (This does not include textbooks.)

***Students may not have or use electronic devices in their test room.*** *If your student's phone goes off, his/her test will be invalidated, the phone confiscated, and the parent/guardian must come and retrieve it. Students may hand over their phones to their test administrator before the test and will not be subject to the penalty. If the student goes to the restroom and the device is on their person (the restroom monitors will ask them to empty their pockets before entering the restroom) their test will not be invalidated but the confiscation penalties will still apply.*

Seniors do not need to report to campus until 12:20 pm. (Due to testing conditions, seniors will not be allowed upstairs until after 12:00 noon.)

After the test concludes, we will have a shortened B day schedule.

### AP Test Registration

Any students who have not ordered AP tests must order and pay on Monday or they will have to pay a late fee. Please see Ms. Meyer for ordering the tests.

### Faculty v. Student Quiz Bowl

**Tickets will go on sale this week.** According to Mr. Flowers, the students should destroy the faculty this year. The destruction will take place on Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, during Forum.

## Enrollment deadline

If you have a student who was recently admitted or waitlisted, the deadline for accepting our offer is Monday March 8th. Please submit the enrollment form as soon as you are able.

Have a great week and thanks!

## Counselor's Corner

**Summer enrichment opportunities for current 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders:** The Texas Governor's School is a three-week, residential program for rising Texas 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders (students currently in 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade). There is no cost for these programs, other than travel to and from the university and personal expenses. Tuition, housing, entertainment, and meals will be covered in the program. Four opportunities are available; click on link for more details and to access application:

- **Governor's School in Mathematics and Science** held at the University of North Texas, June 6 – 26; application deadline has been extended to March 26<sup>th</sup>; (*this program is open to current 10<sup>th</sup> graders only*): <http://web3.unt.edu/tgs/index.htm>
- **Governor's School in Arts and Humanities for Urban Leadership** held at Texas A&M University – College Station, June 6 – 25; application deadline is March 26<sup>th</sup>: <http://governorschool.tamu.edu>
- **Governor's Academy for Teaching Excellence** held at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, June 13 – July 3; application deadline is April 6<sup>th</sup>: <http://gate.tamucc.edu>
- **Governor's School for Leadership Development** held at Lamar University, July 5 -24; application deadline is May 28<sup>th</sup>: <http://dept.lamar.edu/education/education/index.php> and click on Texas Governor's School

The Equal Opportunity in Engineering (EOE) Program at The University of Texas at Austin proudly presents: **My Introduction to Engineering (MITE) Summer Camp**  
Session 1: June 6 - 11, 2010      Session 2: June 13 -18, 2010

MITE is a **free** 5-day residential summer camp at UT Austin devoted to exposing current high school **sophomores and juniors** (2009-2010 academic year) to engineering. Outstanding African American, Hispanic and Native American students, as well as those who have overcome any social or economic hardship, are strongly encouraged to apply. All students may apply.

MITE participants:

- Receive information about UT Austin including freshman admissions, financial aid, housing and scholarship availability
- Attend interactive workshops highlighting each discipline of engineering
- Tour research facilities and work on a team design project to reinforce math and science concepts used in solving engineering problems
- Attend workshops focusing on essay and resume writing

All fees paid with exception of travel to and from UT Austin. Application deadline: **materials must be postmarked by April 1, 2010**. To download an application and view eligibility requirements, visit: <http://www.engr.utexas.edu/eoe/precollege/mite/apply>. For answers to frequently asked questions about MITE: <http://www.engr.utexas.edu/eoe/precollege/mite/faqs>

Have questions about the financial aid awarding process or financial aid in general? There will be a **Financial Aid Q&A session** offered on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m. This brown-bag lunch session is targeted to senior parents, but students are welcome to attend as well. Location will be announced in next week's LOL. For more details, contact Ms. Kocian at [jamie.kocian@austinisd.org](mailto:jamie.kocian@austinisd.org).

## **Congratulations**

**This past weekend, the LASA Latin Club** competed in the annual “Area F” contest. This competition involves both public & private schools Latin Clubs from around the whole of the Austin area. In total, eighteen schools were represented. Overall, the LASA Latin Club placed third. Below is the list of the individual awards. These were given for student’s competing in a variety of categories from subject exams to art to costume design. As usual, the LASA students worked very hard and performed extraordinarily well.

Hamsini Sririman: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Grammar. 2<sup>nd</sup> place Latin Derivatives  
Adam Khan: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Advanced Grammar. 1<sup>st</sup> place Latin Derivatives  
Roger Cain: 1<sup>st</sup> place Latin Derivatives.  
Rebecca Pittel: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Latin Derivatives.  
Michael Massad: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Latin Derivatives  
Thomas Massad: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Greek Derivatives. 2<sup>nd</sup> place Sight Recitation  
Jason Pan: 1<sup>st</sup> place Greek Derivatives  
Lydia Liou: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Latin Vocabulary  
India Prentice: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Latin Vocabulary. 1<sup>st</sup> place Reading Comprehension  
Sammi Le: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Latin Vocabulary  
Miranda Donnelan: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Mythology  
Austin Le: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Mythology. 1<sup>st</sup> place Greek History  
Daniel House: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Mythology  
Jensen Maloy: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Roman Life  
Jefferey Holzgrafe: 1<sup>st</sup> place Roman Life. 1<sup>st</sup> place Mottoes  
Reed Devaney: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Roman History. 3<sup>rd</sup> place Ancient Geography  
Thomas Littrell: 1<sup>st</sup> place Roman History. 2<sup>nd</sup> place Greek History  
Chris Wang: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Greek History  
Aaron Pellowski: 1<sup>st</sup> place Greek History. 1<sup>st</sup> place Greek Life and Literature  
Charles Yu: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Ancient Geography  
Sarah Kuhns: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Latin Oratory

**Junior Kara McCormack won 'gold'** - a first place finish for Class 4A during the 2010 UIL State Championships for Swimming and Diving this past weekend and also set a Class 4A state record of 479.40 (by 36 points)! Congratulations to Lara Slesnick, too, who took second place in the 500-yard freestyle.

<http://www.statesman.com/sports/highschool/lbjs-mccormack-shatters-class-4a-diving-record-298406.html>

**The LBJ High School Winterguard** just won 2nd place at the Texas Color Guard Circuit competition in Kyle, TX, on Saturday, February 27 AND, they have qualified to compete at the state championships on Friday, March 26. The LBJ High School Winterguard will wind up their regular season on Saturday, March 20 at Rouse High School in Leander, TX. Let's wish them the best of luck as they prepare for state!

Team: Jonathan Clauss, Eric Empson, Daniel Graves, Linda Lam, Lena Melinger, Emily Park, Marty Salinas, Laura Springer, and Ariel Timkovich. Directors: Fernando Hernandez nando0215@yahoo.com & Katie Jordan.

Max Wimberley won 1st in Mathematics at the Austin Regional Science Festival on February 25th. In addition, he won the Best of Fair Award, which allows him to skip the State Science Fair and go straight to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in San Jose in May.

Twenty-two LASA students attended NAIMUN (North American Invitational Model UN), hosted by Georgetown University students in Wash. DC, February 11-14. This was their 47th annual conference and LASA's first appearance. There were a little over 2000 students who attended the conference from all over the nation and all over the world. Student delegations came from China, Japan, Ireland, UK, Costa Rica, Kenya, etc. It was truly an international MUN conference and a wonderful experience for our students.

*Ran Woodfin, Isaac Griswold-Steiner, and Sasha Heinen all won honorable mentions in their committees.*

## **MODEL UN NEWS**

LASA Model UN students are hosting the **MUNJA conference** (Model United Nations for Juniors of Austin) for middle schoolers on Tuesday, May 18th. This is our second year and we hope to have a great turnout! We already have almost 40 middle school students registered and more to come. Parents can find out all there is to know about the actual conference by checking out the website: <http://munjaustin.weebly.com>

## **PFLASA**

### **STRESS SURVEY**

The Stress Task Force has been working on ways to identify sources of stress for our students in order to implement programs and ways to help them cope with their stress. To that end, and to have various perspectives, we are surveying the students, the teachers and the parents. Below is the link to the Parent Stress Survey, please take a few minutes to complete it by Wednesday, March 10. Please complete it even if you feel your child is not stressed so all the voices can be heard. The individual responses are anonymous; the collective results will be shared with students, parents, teachers and administration. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WMQZPYR>

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey. Your responses will help guide the next steps in addressing student stress at LASA.

### **WISH OF THE WEEK (WOW!)**

#### **LBJ/LASA PTSA Teacher Morning TAKS Snacks Wednesday, March 3rd**

Please help provide "TAKS SNACKS!" Deliver muffins, cookies, danishes, yogurt, fruit, juice, kolaches, fruit, bagels, etc. by around 8:00 a.m. Wednesday March 3rd to the Teachers Lounge on the first floor or the LASA office. *We can't make this a success without your help.* Please e-mail Elaine Martinez at [geand6ms@gmail.com](mailto:geand6ms@gmail.com) to help and what you will be sending or if you have any questions. Donations are also welcome - checks can be made to LBJ/LASA PTSA and left at either school office or mailed to PTSA President MaryJo Fear 2021 Amur Dr 78745.

Please note on the Envelope PTSA Teacher Snacks. We can use all sorts of snacks so please consider helping us feed our 200 teachers and staff. Thank you!

#### **GREAT IDEAS SEEKING PARENT CHAPERONES TO THE BLANTON MUSEUM!**

We are still seeking chaperones for our field trip to the Blanton Museum on March 11. Ideally, chaperones would meet us at LBJ at 8:45 and travel to and from the museum on the bus with us. (We would return by 2:00 at the latest.) If you work at UT, however, we can make arrangements to meet you there instead. If you are able to act as a chaperone during this time, please email Christina Potter at [cpotter1@austinisd.org](mailto:cpotter1@austinisd.org). Chaperones are admitted to the museum free of charge, and you'll get to look at interesting art with interesting students. Thank you!

#### **HOST FAMILIES NEEDED**

LASA's French language students will be hosting students from France between April 17th - April 30th through the FACES Program (<http://www.faces1.com/>)

A few host families are still needed to accommodate one couple (teacher/chaperones) and two high school female students. Students will spend their week days at LASA. If you have room in your home to welcome the chaperones or students or have questions, please contact French teacher Liliane Brockington at [lilianebrockington@sbcglobal](mailto:lilianebrockington@sbcglobal)

## 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@lbjpts.org](mailto:PTSA-News-subscribe@lbjpts.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 2010 Yahoo Group** Send a blank email to [lbjlasa2010-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:lbjlasa2010-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).
- **Class of 2011 Yahoo Group** Send a blank email to [lbjlasa2011-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:lbjlasa2011-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).
- **Class of 2012 Yahoo Group** Send a blank email to [lbjlasa2012-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:lbjlasa2012-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).
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