

LASA High School - Austin's newest 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@yahogroups.com.

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Schedule this week is A B A B because of Labor Day

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Hello parents,

Thank you for the first great week of many to come. It has been great walking around and seeing the teachers back in the classrooms and the students walking the hallways to the classrooms. It is a very vibrant feeling having everything back in place. Hope you have felt the same way too.

Back to School Night:

Back to School night will take place on Wednesday, September 5 beginning at 5:30 pm. The final program is not set but we are planning for it to look very similar to last year. First, there will be a sports and band pep rally and then a period of time for students and parents to check out clubs and organizations on campus. Finally, parents will follow their student's schedule for the 8 period day.

Parents are encouraged to bring their student's schedule with them or we will have the schedules for parents of LASA at a table with your student's counselor. Follow the signs and pick up his or her schedule some time before the class visits get under way.

Immunizations:

Some students will be called out of class this week in order to address issues with their immunization records. If your child's immunizations are not up-to-date, you

will be called to come pick up your student in order to get the immunizations up-to-date. If you have any questions about this, please call our school nurse, Sheryl Harrison at 414-7024.

Campus Advisory Council:

We will have our first CAC meeting for LASA one week from Tuesday at 4:30 pm. I need to recruit one more parent, a business representative and a community representative. Please email lasa@lbjhs.

Revised Late Start Dates for 2007 – 2008

The district has revised the Late Start dates for all Austin high schools. LASA will begin at 10am on these days, and busses will run on an adjusted schedule. Here are the revised dates – so mark your calendars!

Thursday, September 27, 2007
Thursday, October 4, 2007
Thursday, November 1, 2007
Thursday, November 29, 2007
Thursday, December 6, 2007
Thursday, January 17, 2008
Thursday, January 31, 2008
Thursday, February 14, 2008
Thursday, March 27, 2008
Thursday, April 3, 2008
Thursday, April 10, 2008

Again, thanks for this great week! I am sure you and your students are looking forward to the short one coming up. Be sure to come out and support our teams and arts organizations when you get a chance.

René Sanchez
Principal
Liberal Arts and Science Academy

Counselors Corner

Remember that students are assigned to counselors based on their last name.

Dr. David Qualls, Student last names A- HA
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Ivonne Malone, Student last names PE-Z
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Listed below are some important dates that may be of interest to you in the next couple of weeks.

- 4 Duke University 2:00
- 5 Back to School Night
- 5 7:00 Duke University, Discover Duke, Renaissance Austin Hotel
- 10 Senior Assembly during advisory
- 10 Vassar College 10:30
- 10 Deadline for the October 6th SAT www.collegeboard.com
- 11 Haverford College 2:45
- 11 6:00-8:00 Senior Parent Night
- 12 Emory University 3:00
- 13 University of Chicago 11:10
- 14 Swarthmore College 3:00
- 15 ACT, late registration August 17-24 www.actstudent.org
- 11-21 Individual Senior Conferences through English Classes

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.

Duke University

Duke University will visit LASA on TUESDAY, September 4th at 2:00 p.m. Interested juniors and seniors must see Dr. Qualls before then to receive a pass for this important college visit.

ACT CEEB Code:

Starting Wednesday, LASA will have its own code when students register to take the SAT, ACT, PSAT, and AP tests. LASA's number is 440 069. Please use this number so we can accurately review our students' data for these examinations.

Schedule changes:

Our Guidance staff has been working very diligently on the requests students have been leaving with them. Here is our plan and policy for this coming week.

New Schedule Change Information

- * ALL schedule change request forms must be turned into the counseling office by 4:00 Thursday, September 6th.
- * NO schedule change request forms will be accepted after 4:00 September 6th.
- * Schedule changes will be completed by the end of the day Monday, September 10th.
- * Level changes (magnet to topics and vice versa) will be honored at this time.
- * No schedule changes will be done after this date without written permission from Mr. Sanchez.

Schedule Change Form Procedure

- * Counselors will fill out a SCHEDULE CHANGE FORM to give to the students.
- * Students MUST report to the DROP teacher to receive a signature. The signature indicates that all books and other materials have been returned.
- * The SCHEDULE CHANGE FORM goes with the student to the ADD teacher. The ADD teacher SHOULD NOT allow the student into their class without the signature of the DROP teacher
- * The student should return the SCHEDULE CHANGE FORM to the Counselor's office with both the DROP and ADD teacher's signature.

And, again, please remind your students that they must attend the classes for which they are scheduled. Should they choose to go to the classes that they think they will be enrolled in, they will be counted absent in their actual class. These absences will not be cleared and will be considered unexcused.

Library to open September 10th.

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.

AFS Seeking Host Families

American Field Service is still looking for Austin families to host students for the 07-08 school year. It's not too late! This is a wonderful opportunity to open your home and show a foreign student what the U.S. is really like. Students usually speak English well and have their own spending money. Host families provide room, board, and regular family living.

One particular AFS student who needs an Austin home is Faisal from Saudi Arabia. He is 16 and likes to go swimming, watch movies, and play video games. If you are interested in hosting Faisal or another AFS student, please phone or contact: Diane J. Soto at 866-237-8721 or dsoto@afs.org.

SENIOR CELEBRATION FUNDRAISERS

Senior Celebration is an all night, substance free party on graduation night. We need the entire LBJ/LASA community to help give the 2008 graduating classes of LBJ and LASA a safe and awesome event to celebrate their accomplishment of earning their diploma!

Here are two ways you can help:

- * Austin City Limits Music Festival raffle (valued at \$290): Win a pair of three-day passes for the ACL Music Festival in Zilker Park, Sept. 14-16. Raffle tickets are \$5 each

or 5 for \$20. Drawing will be Sept. 7. Your chances of winning are WAAAAAY better than playing the Lotto!

* Buy a Passbook: Passbooks are FULL of coupons for food, entertainment and much more. Ask your child for the flier that was sent out last week that has LOTS of info on the rewards for selling.

How to get them:

* Find the silver Honda minivan in the front parking lot every school day from 7:15-8:15 a.m.

* Back To School Night, Wednesday, Sept. 5

* Contact Cathy Willmann at cwillmann2@austin.rr.com or 444-9676 (h) or 751-3938 (c).

Make checks payable to: LBJ PTSA Sr. Celebration

PFLASA news

Thanks to all who came Friday to the first PFLASA meeting. We had a wonderful turnout and were delighted to see so many new faces. Future meetings will be on the second and fourth Fridays of the month, and all LASA parents are always welcome.

We encourage everyone to come out for Wednesday's Back to School Night. As mentioned above, if you bring your child's schedule, you won't have to wait in a long line at the counselor's table. The good news is if you forget the schedule, you'll be able to meet your child's counselor and put a face to name. To help you find your way around this confusing campus Wednesday night (or anytime!), we've put a map on the website that you can print out and bring with you: http://www.lasaonline.org/campus_map.pdf

Also, don't forget to bring your completed directory information and PTSA membership forms. For more information check out the website www.lasaonline.org

Lastly, please remember that anytime you are on campus during the school day, stop by the LBJ main office on the first floor to pick up a visitor badge.

Get Connected

We now have almost 450 members on our listserv! Please continue to share the following sites with others who have not yet heard about it.

* 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)

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If you have suggestions for this publication please contact
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if you want something listed that week.