



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.

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Sunday, February 21, 2010

This week's schedule: C A B A B Thursday is a Late Start Day

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Parents and friends:

Please be sure to watch or keep up with the budget discussions taking place at the superintendent and board level. Statesman.com has a story on it. <http://www.statesman.com/news/local/trustees-weigh-budget-options-at-monday-s-board-261935.html>. Other information is available on the board website:

http://www.boardbook.org/apps/bbv2/public/detail_wrapper.cfm?MeetingKey=MjAwNDI3ODE%3D

Also, this past week, the board took up the option of ranking only the top ten percent of students in AISD high schools. This policy is located in AISD Board policy EIC. The board was prompted to review the policy as several districts in Texas, namely Highland Park, Southlake Carroll, and now Eanes, have changed or are considering changing the policy of ranking all students in a grade level. Eanes' policy goes to a vote Monday night.

Have a great week!

Monday: Beginning of the 5th six weeks.

9th graders will learn about choice sheet options in Forum.

Tuesday:

Juniors will sign up for classes during their A-day English classes.

Girls' Basketball will play their 3rd round playoff game against Pflugerville Hendrickson.

Boys' Basketball will play their 1st round playoff game against Hutto.

Wednesday:

Juniors will sign up for classes during their B-day English classes.

Thursday: Late Start: Students need not arrive until 10 am.

Sophomores and Seniors sign up for AP exams at lunch. AP examination order forms are available in the LASA office near the receptionist's , Ms. Rivera, desk.

Friday:

All students who have missed signing up for exams must sign up at lunch. AP exam order forms are available in the LASA office near Ms. Rivera's desk.

Saturday: LBJ Jazz Band Dinner at Region XIII, 6:30 pm.

Next week :

Wednesday: Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors will all take the ELA TAKS.

Counselor's Corner

Financial Aid Saturdays in February and March: Parents and students who would like personal assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) may attend any of the Financial Aid Saturdays events to get assistance. For more information and a full schedule these events, visit: www.collegereadyaustin.com. Assistance is also provided to help students/families complete other financial aid applications as needed, including the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) and scholarship applications, to help secure financial aid that may be needed to ensure students are able to go to college. Tax preparation services will be provided by Foundation Communities Community Tax Centers at select sites. **Services at these events are free and open to the public.**

ACC Early College Start Advising – Second opportunity: A representative from ACC will return to campus on Friday, February 26 from 9:30 to 3:30 to finish Early College Start Advising sessions. Students who have all documents completed will be advised at that time. Students must have the following information completed:

- Applied online at www.austincc.edu/apply
- Typed and printed the Residency Information Form
- Completed the ACC 101 Checklist
- Have either been cleared through PSAT scores for entrance or have taken the Compass test at an ACC campus

All forms are due to the student's counselor no later than **Thursday, February 25th**. When all of these forms are completed and submitted to the counselor, then the student

will be able to meet with the ACC representative. Please be sure to fill out forms completely and look for places that require a parent signature. This will be the last time that an ACC representative will be available on campus. If the necessary documents are not completed by this Thursday it will be the student's responsibility to take all documents to an ACC campus.

Summer enrichment opportunities for current 10th graders: The Texas Governor's School is a three-week, residential program for rising Texas 11th graders (students currently in 10th 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 is February 26th: <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 26th: <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 6th: <http://gate.tamucc.edu>

Governor's School for Leadership Development held at Lamar University, July 5 -24; application deadline is May 28th: <http://dept.lamar.edu/education/education/index.php> and click on Texas Governor's School

Have you visited the LBJ/LASA Senior Celebration 2010 On-line Auction yet?

Bidding is only open for one more week (until 11 p.m. February 28), so don't miss your chance to catch a bargain while you support our senior class.

Senior parents, you'll want to bid on keepsakes commemorating your student's activities this year, including soccer balls, uniforms, newspapers, photo albums, yearbooks and posters donated by many of our teams and organizations. Not to mention getting a head start on spring festivities with prom tickets!

Congratulations

Hey Band! Congratulations to the LBJ High School Winterguard! They placed second at the Winter Guard International (WGI) regional yesterday (comparable to DCI - Drum Corps

International for marching bands) at Akins High School. This was the first time the winterguard has competed in a WGI event. And, they achieved their highest score of the regular season in four years! The students are working hard and are off to what is sure to be an exciting season. Our next competition will be Saturday, March 20, at Rouse High School in Leander, TX, followed by the State Championships on Friday, March 26, at Texas State - San Marcos. Come cheer on the LBJ winterguard to a successful season as they prepare for the State Championships!

If you would like to help us set up our stage at our final two contests; or if you have any questions, please contact Fernando Hernandez, LBJ colorguard director, at nando0215@yahoo.com. Students who help can earn 8 to 12 volunteer hours for each event. GO LBJ WINTERGUARD!

LASA PUBLICATIONS NEWS The national award-winning Liberator (newspaper) once again appears in the most recent edition of the "Best of High School Press" publication which features and honors the top award-winning publications in the nation. This is the sixth time The Liberator has appeared in this prestigious book.

Stetson (yearbook) is featured in the recently published "Yearbook Yearbook" which honors the top five percent of all yearbooks published by Taylor Publishing Company--

approximately 150,000 books. It is recognized for its theme development and overall excellence. This is the fifth time the Stetson has appeared in the "Yearbook Yearbook."

Newspaper co-editors are Erin Austin and Natasha Smith.

Yearbook co-editors are Nova Hubbard and Natasha Smith.

Newspaper and yearbook adviser is Janet Elbom.

LBJ Girls Hold on to Regional Title, Boys place 5th Two points behind heading into the final event, the LBJ Girls Swimming & Diving Team knew they had to dig deep if they were to defend their Region VII-4A title. They did exactly that. Taking the lead from the very start and never looking back the Jaguar ladies dominated the 400 Freestyle Relay and wrestled the title away from a determined Lake Travis team. The LBJ Boys team had a much tougher time of it. In arguably the strongest boys 4A Swimming Region, the LBJ boys had a much tougher time battling their way to 5th place.

The winner of each event plus the next eight fastest times across the state, qualify for the UIL State Championship meet at the University of Texas February 26-27.

Qualifiers for the State Meet from LBJ are;

Girls

Lara Slesnick	200 Ind. Medley, 500 Freestyle
Kara McCormack	1m Diving (Highest qualifying score in the state)
Erin Lowe	200 Freestyle, 100 Butterfly

Kylie Ternes 50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle

200 Medley Relay, 400 Freestyle Relay

Boys

McCrae Kempf 50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle

Kevin Ku 200 Ind. Medley, 500 Freestyle

The Austin Japanese Speech Contest, we won all the divisions we were eligible for, except in Division III where we took the number 2 and 3 spots.

Division I 1. Fernanda Argudo 3. Mariah Park

Division II 1. Lizzie Buehler 2. Nathan Bendich 3. Ana Perez

Division III 2. Annie Woldman 3. Megan Shen

Division IV 1. Aileen Brotherton

TOKYO ELECTRON SUPPORTS LASA'S JAPANESE STUDENTS TRIP TO

"THE JAPAN BOWL" Special thanks to Tokyo Electron who generously donated \$500 to the Japanese language program to support sending Japanese teacher David Shimizu and 9 LASA students to "The Japan Bowl" in Washington, D.C. in April 2010.

The Japan Bowl is a national academic competition that quizzes high school participants on a variety of topics related to Japan such as language, history and geography. Thanks to David Shimizu and PFLASA's Wish List Chair, Ann Graham for writing and submitting the proposal!

WISH OF THE WEEK (WOW!)

ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF MUELLER?

Remember the Zip Code parties that welcomed you and your freshmen to the LASA community? We're now looking for a Mueller resident who can reserve the Northwest Greenway Pavilion for LASA's East Area Zip Code Party scheduled for Sunday, April 25th. PFLASA will pay for the reservation fee, we just need an official resident to make the request on our behalf. If you can help, please contact PFLASA's Zip Code Party Chair Rebecca Yohe at 656-2458 or ryohe@sbcglobal.net.

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

Please help make Wednesday's TAKS a bit easier on our teachers by providing "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. If you can stay to set-up, that would be helpful. Email Elaine Martinez at geand6ms@gmail.com to let her know how you can help out. Donations are also welcome and 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. Thank you!

The award winning LASA Robotics team is in need of a webmaster.

We have an existing website but need a volunteer (either student or parent) to maintain it. Please contact Tony Bertucci, our coach, at bertucci@austinisd.org or 414-7043 if you are interested. We welcome you as an addition to our team!

Get Connected

- 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
- **PFLASA Yahoo Group (Parents and Friends of LASA)** Send a blank email to pflasa-subscribe@yahogroups.com. (Note: This is an Announce-only list)
- **Class of 2010 Yahoo Group** Send a blank email to lbjlasa2010-subscribe@yahogroups.com.
- **Class of 2011 Yahoo Group** Send a blank email to lbjlasa2011-subscribe@yahogroups.com.
- **Class of 2012 Yahoo Group** Send a blank email to lbjlasa2012-subscribe@yahogroups.com.
- **Class of 2013 Yahoo Group** Send a blank email to lbjlasa2013-subscribe@yahogroups.com.

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If you have suggestions for this publication, please contact Karen Foree at editorLOL@grandecom.net Please have items in by Thursday afternoon if you want something listed that week.