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## Newsletter of the LBSS Parent\*\*Teacher\*\*Student\*\* Association

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### Message from the President, Robert Shaw

Dear Lake Braddock Parents, Teachers, and Students,

Can you imagine that the end of the school year is just around the corner? As I sat in the school cafeteria on Wednesday night for the 100 day meeting with the senior parents it dawned on me that fairly soon the number 11 will soon be painted in gold on the purple wall adjacent to the sports field welcoming the next senior class. Wow, times flies!

As we prepare to graduate our seniors let me take this opportunity to say "Congratulations and best wishes" to all the graduates and to also "Well done" to every parent and sponsor for their help to the graduates of class of 2010. I would also caution our seniors not to let complacency set in, but encourage them to "Keep your eyes on the prize!" You have come too far not to finish this race.

As many of you know one of the purposes of the 100 day meeting is to introduce new parents and reacquaint former senior parents to the All Night Graduation Party (ANGP). This celebration is specifically for seniors and it takes place on the night of graduation. Lake Braddock's senior class traditionally celebrates this specific function at the Wakefield Recreational Centre. It is an alcohol and drug free party which enjoys sponsorship from the PTSA, merchants and well wishers in the community and the beneficiary of labor from parents, friends and well wishers.

As I have mentioned in past communications, committee chairs and their associates are hard at work planning and locking into place contracts for games, food and selecting superb selection of prizes for the students. Some committees still need **YOUR** help, especially from non-senior student parents. I hope that we can count on your support to be a volunteer. For planning purposes the ANGP is June 21, 2010.

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### Attention Seniors!

The 2010 PTSA Scholarship is now available for your application. As in the past there will be several \$500.00 scholarships offered to qualified students. You can get a copy of the application from the LBSS Scholarship data base in the Career Center or download it from the PTSA Website ([lbssptsa.org](http://www.lbssptsa.org)). The link is [http://www.lbssptsa.org/scholarship\\_2010.pdf](http://www.lbssptsa.org/scholarship_2010.pdf)

Please note that the deadline for turning in your applications to the Career Center is NOON, April 23, 2010. The PTSA looks forward to receiving your applications and also would like to wish you all the very best in your future endeavors.

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"Gratitude helps you to grow and expand; gratitude brings joy and laughter into your life and into the lives of all those around you."

- Eileen Caddy

## Class of 2010 Graduation Events and Announcements

### Baccalaureate

All graduating seniors and their families and friends are invited to attend the 2010 Lake Braddock Baccalaureate ceremony at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2010. This year the ceremony will be held at Immanuel Bible Church.

This year's theme is "GRAD-itude". Graduates are encouraged to watch the Senior Facebook page for info on auditions which will be held in late April or early May. Start thinking of ways you can express gratitude for all you have achieved and all you will achieve in the future!

The Baccalaureate committee is looking for additional student and parent volunteers to help with the event. For more information, please contact Janelyn Price at [Janelprice@aol.com](mailto:Janelprice@aol.com).

The Baccalaureate is a traditional, non-denominational ceremony to celebrate graduation. This program is sponsored by the PTSA and funded by donations. We are seeking donations for printing materials and the cost of renting the facility and audiovisual tech. Please send donations to Baccalaureate Ceremony, c/o Judy Diokino, PTSA Treasurer, P.O. Box 11252, Burke, VA 22015. Please join us in celebrating our wonderful graduating seniors and their families!

*Note: Baccalaureate is a PTSA-sponsored event. It is not affiliated with FCPS.*

### ANGP



It's time to register your graduating senior for this year's All-Night Grad Party!

ANGP provides a safe, alcohol-free environment for our celebrating seniors immediately following graduation on June 21. The party is from 11:00 P.M.-5:00 A.M. at the Wakefield Recreation Center.

As one of the biggest events organized by the PTSA, dozens of volunteer parents have been busy planning a night filled with activities, food and fun! The students can try their hand in the "casino", go for a bungee run, have their caricature drawn, make memories in the photo booth, enjoy a swim in the pool and much, much more! Prize drawings will be held throughout the night and a smorgasborg of food will be available in the cafe. Especially exciting is the ANGP "store", where your student can buy lots of great stuff with all the "money" they've won at the various activities.

Register now and save! Cost is \$55 if received by April 1, 2010. After that the cost is \$65. Reservation forms can be found at [LBSSPTSA.org](http://LBSSPTSA.org)

## Time Flies! We're Having Fun!

It's hard to believe that graduation is less than a 100 days away!

The All Night Grad Party committee has been busy planning and coordinating efforts all year to ensure this year's ANGP comes off without a hitch! From the food, to the activities, to the prizes...you can be assured that your Graduates will celebrate in style!

There are still plenty of volunteer opportunities available so if you are interested in volunteering then please don't hesitate to contact our volunteer coordinator, Vickie Sands, with any questions that you may have [vjsands@verizon.net](mailto:vjsands@verizon.net).

Do you have general questions about the event? You can contact Tammy Kafami [tammykafami@gmail.com](mailto:tammykafami@gmail.com) or Don Metcalf, ANGP co-chair at [donald.metcalf@choicemortgageservice.com](mailto:donald.metcalf@choicemortgageservice.com).

Please remember that the ANGP fees are \$55 now but will go up April 1<sup>st</sup> to \$65 so please register early!



## The PTSA Congratulates Students for Their Accomplishments

Luke Hollenbeck (10th grade) and Kendra Sievers (9th grade) represented Virginia in the United States Fencing Association's Junior Olympic Championships in Memphis, Tenn. over the weekend of February 12-15. Luke placed 6th in the U17 men's epee competition, earning a US medal and national points. Kendra placed 31st in the U17 and U21 women's epee competitions, earning national points in both events.

LBSS students won recognition at the Northern Virginia District Level. The Northern Virginia District includes Alexandria City, Arlington County, Falls Church City, Fairfax City and Fairfax County.

Kailey Leinz won an award of merit for her entry in Dance Chorography. Emily Scheiner won an award of excellence for her entry in Literature. Ansa Woo won an award of excellence for her entry in Literature. Michael Phan won an award of excellence for her entry in Music Composition.

We congratulate these students for their excellent performance! You make us proud!

## Lake Braddock Secondary School Parent \*\* Teacher \*\* Student \*\* Association

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As we get ready to close the chapter on this year there are some events that needs your attention and participation. Elections are approaching and I ask you to contact the nomination committee if you are interested in running for a position. Elections will be held on the last General Membership Meeting of the year, Tuesday May 11, 2010. This is your opportunity to help shape the future of the LBSS PTSA. I am asking all committee chairs let the Executive Board know if you intend to serve in your current position next year. If this will be your last year please give the Executive Board sufficient time to solicit volunteers to fill your position and allow for some turn-over.

Finally thanks to the volunteers who helped with the Principal Coffee hosted by Mr. Dave Thomas, LBSS Principal; your effort made a difference. Watch out for word on the next one.

Robert Shaw, PTSA President 09-10, [rshaw@lmi.org](mailto:rshaw@lmi.org)

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### Missed the 100 day meeting?

The 100 day meeting was a big success thanks to Jesse Watson, the Senior class Administrator, Mark Purdy, the Senior Class Advisor, as well as all the chairpersons for the ANGP, Baccalaureate, and Academic Boosters.

We had a huge turnout but we understand that some were unable to make the meeting.

Both Jesse Watson and Mark Purdy went over the events that lead up to graduation as well as graduation information itself. They also had calendars with the events. For more information on graduation and to pay the senior fees, please contact Mark Purdy at (703)426-6405 OR [MJPurdy@fcps.edu](mailto:MJPurdy@fcps.edu) or Jesse Watson at (703)426-1130 OR [Jlwatson@fcps.edu](mailto:Jlwatson@fcps.edu). Tammy Kafami and Don Metcalf talked about the All Night Graduation Party as well as the fundraising efforts and volunteer opportunities. For more information, please contact Tammy or Don and [tammykafami@gmail.com](mailto:tammykafami@gmail.com) or [donald.metcalf@choicemortgageservice.com](mailto:donald.metcalf@choicemortgageservice.com).

The ANGP committee members were there to represent the various committees to give you an idea of what will go on during the party as well as sign up any volunteers. To volunteer, please contact Vickie Sands, the volunteer coordinator at [vjsands@verizon.net](mailto:vjsands@verizon.net).

Balfour was also there to accept any orders as well as answer any questions. Graduation Yard signs were also available to buy as well as our new trendy LB Bruins ANGP eco friendly grocery bags. To purchase a Graduation Yard sign, please contact Tracey Barry at [Tbarry61@aol.com](mailto:Tbarry61@aol.com) and to purchase some grocery bags, please contact Tammy Kafami at [tammykafami@gmail.com](mailto:tammykafami@gmail.com).