

The topical themed homecoming dance was a success! It took a little for the students to warm up, but once those first brave souls found their way to the dance floor, that's all it took to get the cafeteria rockin'! A thank you shout out as well to the staff members who participated as chaperones and to our housekeeping staff. This was a group effort and we appreciate everyone giving up their Saturday night.

If your student lost something at homecoming, they can look for their items on the lost and found table across from the main office Wednesday morning. We'll put all the purses, backpacks, and shoes there. If we found more expensive items (phones, earbuds, etc.) those will be kept in the main office.

This is going to be one bizarre week. Students aren't on campus until Wednesday and then Thursday and Friday are Bring Your Parent to School Days. There is a ton of information about those days farther below in this message, but I wanted to highlight a few things while I have your attention...

****All grade levels are welcome.** Yes, junior and senior parents, that means you as well! Don't let your student tell you not to come. It isn't their decision.

**** Unless absolutely necessary, please do not have your phone out during class time.** If you have to take an important call, step into the hall. Otherwise, be present and get the real student experience. Keep your phone off and away. This is particularly important this year with students not allowed to have any personal communications devices out during the school day. Give it a try! If you can't keep from checking email, scrolling through your social media or playing games through the NY Times – well, now you can better empathize with your kiddo's day to day school life.

**** Remember, staff need to be focused on our students.** If you want to talk with a teacher, counselor or administrator you are welcome to email any of us to set up a time. Do not corner staff on these days hoping to meet or talk with them.

Weekly Schedule

- **Monday** – No School for Students
- **Tuesday** – No School for Students
- **Wednesday** – Regular A Day
- **Thursday** – Regular B Day
 - Bring Your Parent to School Day
 - Pop Up Book Club (at lunch in the library)
- **Friday** – Advisory A Day
 - Bring Your Parent to School Day
 - Class of 2029 meeting during advisory
 - Club Fai
 - First UIL Eligibility Check
- **Saturday** –
 - Water Polo Districts Day #2
 - 3rd Annual PFLASA Gift Card Gala (details in the announcements section)

We Have a Graduation Date!

The Class of 2026 graduation will be Monday, June 1 at 2:00pm. We will be at Burger Arena, same as last year.

Club Fair is Here!

The LASA Club Fair will be September 26 during lunch. Only clubs that are official by the middle of the day Wednesday, September 24 will be eligible to participate. So, if your student has been talking about starting a club or has been procrastinating restarting their club from last year – let them know they need to get on it. Sponsors have until the end of the day Wednesday to request a table at the Club Fair. To be clear, students can still start their club, they just cannot participate in this particular event. If your student thinks their club is good to go, have them check the club list on line. If they see their club – they are right! If not, then they may have forgotten to print the email they received and have their sponsor and myself sign it. I signed everything I had on Friday, though there were three that need a quick meeting before they'll get approval.

One more thing to mention about Club Fair. If your student is new to LASA, they might find this event more than a little overwhelming. They may come home wanting to join twenty different clubs. This is your opportunity as a parent to celebrate their varied interests yet curb the feeling that they need to do everything. No student can actually join all the clubs they find interesting. There just isn't enough time in the week. Encourage them to go to a meeting or two for the clubs that they find *most* intriguing and then if those don't turn out to be what they hoped, they can look at others. It's so easy for our students to overbook themselves and Club Fair does feed that monster a bit. So, make sure your student realizes that they cannot do it all –none of us can. They will have to make choices and that's OK. This is a skill adults use all the time.

Oh, and yes, Club Fair is on one of the Bring Your Parent to School Days this year. Feel free to peruse the club tables and watch the organized chaos take place, but please do not monopolize the club leaders, give the students a chance to ask their questions – you can just be the often mentioned “fly on the wall”.

Nine-Weeks and UIL Eligibility – If your student is in a Fall UIL activity please read!

This is an important one. If your child participates in any fall activity that is related to UIL (Cross-Country, Tennis, Water Polo, Football, Band, Cheer, Drill, Volleyball, Debate, etc.) the first eligibility check is still at the six weeks mark. High school principals fought to move to nine weeks for a long time, but we all agree there is one big downside, and this is it. It's easy for both staff and students to lose track of this first eligibility mark. The grade check to determine eligibility will be this Friday, September 26. If a student who participates in UIL is failing any class at that time (for the means of eligibility only, failing is defined as below a 70 in a regular weighted class and below a 60 in an AP, honors, or advanced class) then they will lose eligibility beginning October 3. I will work hard to keep reminding my staff, so they keep up with their grading and they have that date on their radar. Please make sure your student understands the importance of this Friday as well and ensures they have everything turned in or made up by that point. Any student not passing a class by the end of the day Friday will lose eligibility beginning Oct 3.

Bring Your Parent to School Days (BYPTSD)

One of the LASA traditions I love is Bring Your Parent to School Days. This year, BYPTSD will take place this week on Thursday,

September 25 and Friday, September 26. I encourage everyone who can move around their schedule to attend one (or both) of these days. Parents meet in the library before school and then proceed to attend their student's classes. We alter nothing during the class periods for these days. Whatever the teacher plans to teach – that is what will happen. Your experience is completely authentic. You might sit in a class and listen to a lecture or discussion. You might be asked to participate in a debate or take a quiz/test. Please be open to any and all of these experiences. Here are some other reminders...

- This is Bring Your *Parents* to School Days. All parents and guardians are welcome. However, no siblings, grandparents, cousins, neighbors, etc. I get it, if you are busy, you want someone else to be able to be there for your student. Unfortunately, we have limited space in the classrooms, so we will not accommodate anyone other than our students' parent(s) or guardian(s).
- Badges and schedules will be printed in advance for pre-registered attendees or as you arrive for last-minute attendees.
- Avoid the lines: [BYPTS2025 Pre-registration](#)
- Pre-registration closes on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd, to give us time to print the badges. If you do not pre-register, you can still come to the office to check in and receive your badge. This just saves time.
- You're welcome to arrive and leave at your convenience; **however, to keep the class running smoothly, please enter only at the start of the period and leave at the end.**
- See bell schedule here: lasahighschool.org/bells; Attend 1 class or all day (either day or both) - that's up to you!
- PARKING – Parents are welcome to park in lots B or C. The staff who typically park in these areas have graciously agreed to adjust their parking for these two days. I've attached a map to this PM so you can see where lots B and C are located. We encourage carpooling (either with your student who drives or another parent) as parking is limited.
- If you have pre-registered and are attending the first class of the day (5th or 1st period), check in at a table in the main hallway by the front office. If you come at any other time during the day, go to the front office to 1) pick up your pre-printed badge if you pre-registered or 2) show your Driver's License/ID to get a badge printed.
- Please set your cell phone to silent or vibrate. If you need to take a call during class, feel free to step out into the hallway. Students are not allowed to have personal communication devices out during the school day. This means you should not have YOUR phone out unless absolutely necessary. And good grief, don't lean over in the middle of class and start showing your student something on your phone!
- All grade levels are welcome. Trust me, the junior and senior classes are VERY worth visiting. You will feel smarter after just one period!
- Do not let your child tell you not to come. This is your decision, not theirs. If they are truly mortified by the idea of you visiting their class, consider attending the same class at a different time. We can help you work this out.
- Parents may bring their own lunch or purchase from the cafeteria. You can eat with your student or in the designated room with other parents. (506, Mr. Mueller)
- I suggest printing a copy of your student's schedule prior to arriving each day. I've attached the student map to this PM as well – you might want to print that out also.
- If you want to volunteer to distribute pre-registered badges, sign here: [BYPTS2025 Volunteer Signup](#)

This is a great way to get a small glimpse of what your student experiences each day. We hope to see you there!

Announcements

LASA Online Family Directory - Parents Please fill out this form to be included

PFLASA is preparing for the annual launch of the LASA Online Family Directory - a mobile, private, and secure password-protected directory platform customized for our school, sponsored by PFLASA. The LASA Family Directory, accessible from a computer or smartphone, contains parent names, home phone, home address, parent email addresses and student names, grade levels, as well as school staff contact information.

AISD requested permission from you during the annual Registration process, but typically 30% or more of families don't give permission during registration, AND of the families who gave permission, **AISD will only release the information for 1 parent per student to have access.**

To ensure that your family's data is correct, please Opt-In to the LASA Directory at the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/LASADirectoryOptin2526>

The Opt-In form will be open until September 24st. After all data is collected and uploaded to the directory, families will be informed by email in early October when the directory is available for use.

Free Webinar: Creating a Successful Leadership Project

Tuesday, October 21st, 2025 • 6:00-7:00pm CST

Link to Register: <https://calendly.com/accesscollegeamerica-team/webinar-creating-successful-leadership-project-10212025>

Admissions officers want compelling stories that show initiative, creativity, and impact. A Leadership Project, or Passion Project, can transform personal interests into real-world action. Whether it's building an app or leading a community campaign, the key is authenticity, alignment with goals, and follow-through. This webinar will show families how to create and leverage a project that gives students a true admissions edge.

Access College America is an Austin-based leader in college planning. Learn more: <https://www.accesscollegeamerica.org/>

Pajama Pant Fundraiser (benefitting LASA Swim and Dive Booster Club)

The LASA Swim and Dive Team is selling cozy navy flannel pajama pants complete with **pockets** and the LASA Raptor logo! These pj pants should arrive in mid October, just in time for cooler weather. Show your school spirit all winter long, in these male and female sized pants priced at \$35.

Please purchase at <https://www.lasaswim.com/shop>. All orders and payments are due Friday, September 26th. Thank you for your support, and Go Raptors! Questions? Email michelehffenton@gmail.com

Unsolicited plug from Ms. Crescenzi – I got a pair of the new PJ pants last year and they are amazing!! Super cozy and versatile. It cracks me up every time I see a student wear them to school as pants. Trust me – you might want to buy a pair for your kiddo and hide them away for the next gift giving opportunity in your family. Or buy a family set and don't worry what picture should be the front of this year's holiday card!

Girls Soccer Donation Drive for Dobie MS

Hello Raptors! The LASA Girls Soccer team is going to begin running a donation drive the next few weeks (September 29th through October 10th) outside the front office, library, and Mr. Goodell's class, 307. We're looking for any new or lightly used cleats or shin guards, or new soccer socks, to donate to the soccer team at Dobie Middle School (Each pair of cleats, 2 pairs of shin guards, or 3 pairs of socks can be counted as one sponsored NHS hour). Let's help the Dobie Roadrunners gear up for a great season!

PFLASA's 3rd Annual Gift Card Gala

We are kicking off this school year's Great Gatherings with our 3rd Annual Gift Card Gala! All ladies are cordially invited to join us for this unique gathering, hosted at the home of 2026 parent Brandy Smallwood, on Saturday 9/27, 6-9pm and benefiting the 2026 Project Graduation fundraiser.

Instead of buying a ticket, we are asking you to bring an unused gift card (suggested value of \$25 or more) as your entrance "ticket fee". We will take all of these gift cards and add them to the Class of 2026 Silent Auction in November. Have unused Gift Cards laying around your house? You can donate those too! If you are going out to buy a new gift card for this event, please consider a restaurant, a store or somewhere popular that you *know* will sell in the auction.

Please view details and register at [Gift Gala Sign Up](#).

This is a great way to get to know some other LASA parents and help give the Class of 2026 a fantastic Project Graduation. See you there!

Accolades

All City Orchestra

Congratulations to the students who will be representing LASA in the All City Orchestra this week.

Donmoyer	Eliot
Estrada	James
Greene	Alexander
Lee	Clint

Perez	Finn
Revesz	Charlotte
Saether	Atticus
Weintraub	Anya
Zalles	Matthew

National Merit Commended Students

Please join me in congratulating the 97 (that's right 97!) members of the LASA Class of 2026 who were recognized as Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program

Cale Acker	William Hurt	Saul Scott
Carlos Aguirre	Ayan Issac	Sahana Selvaraj
Arushi Ahmed	Kiara Leigh Jaroszewski	Elliot Semar
Teya Arya	Ryan Jin	Nikhil Shah
Lauren Bai	Cole Johnson	Eemaan Sheikh
Esme Barker	Quinn Kart	Justin Shi
Tomas Bellavia	Kiran Kini	Ezekiel Simeloff
Ankit Bhasi	Jonas Klumpp	Luca Sims
Elizabeth Bircher	Esther Kwan	Benjamin Stewart
Melbourne Boynton	Izna Ladhani	Kathryn Stout
Angela Bryan	Traver Laudadio	Zachary Jacob Sunga
Isabela Castano	Peyton Lauv	Clara Swartzendruber
Yang Fan Chau	Elias Lee	Aloysious Tasch
Avery Chen	Colin Liu	Liam Teltow
Anna Cho	Victor Martinez	Harene Thrune
David Choi	Eleanora Mason	Nicolas Torres
Margaret Clayton	Collin McCasland	Kieran Tower
Jonah Coleman	Kieran McDonald	Stephanie Tsoi
Lukas Cooke Mazur	Dia Mishra	Nikolas Ueber
Jiya Dani	Rishan Momin	Anna Ugarte
Cain Matthew Darling	Hanxiang Mu	Rebecca Van Bavel
Hrishikesh Deosthali	Jeongyoon Park	Arun Varadarajan
Lucas Dudley	Lillian Poland	Noah Volk
Edwin Feng	Arianna Pople	Alyssa Wang
Finley Frierson	Poet Proctor	Lee Wang
Madeline Golby	Pasan Ranatunga	Adel Wells
Rebeca Gonzalez	Kira Rice	Aarya Yadav
Calum Grieve	Matthew Robson	Mikayla Yu
Benjamin Grubert	Neev Sabhani	Mayya Zaslavskaya
Eliza Hawley	Auriane Saint-Laurent	Rhea Zhang
Phoebe Herbert	Jacob Salas	Elena Zon
Bianca Hill	Anya Sanchez	
Elise Howell	Isabella Santos	

Attachments:

[Parking Map BYPTSD.docx](#)

[Student Map.pdf](#)

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