



# LCHS 9 - 12 PTSA online NEWS

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We have had a few busy days at school welcoming the WASC accreditation team to campus. On Sunday afternoon the committee met with a group of parents and asked some penetrating questions about our school and our role as parents in the school. It was wonderful to see a cross section of our parent community present who all provided candid and thoughtful responses to the questions asked. At the end of the session, the accreditation team thanked the parent participants and were truly impressed by the level of commitment, knowledge about school life and interest we all had. They have been to schools where not one parent has come to the parent session of the accreditation visit. I felt very proud to be among you. Sometimes in our own search for bettering ourselves and our children, we forget that as a group we are doing many things right. It was comforting to hear the team complement our school, and our parent community for doing so many things well. As a group we were candid about where we needed to do better and we felt reassured that the way we face our challenges as a community makes us better and stronger.

It was an opportune visit coming on the heels of the Outlook article last week. The school was blindsided by an article written without their knowledge about student behavior at a basketball game which was unacceptable and wrong. Sitting with the group of parents during the accreditation visit, I felt a sense of calmness for the first time since the article was published. We were a diverse group of parents from different races, religions, nationalities and walks of life. We were able to answer questions about our school and discuss its strengths and weaknesses in a respectful and thoughtful way. Unfortunately, that is not how the Outlook chose to report about the incident at the basketball game. I am confident that the aftermath of this incident will prove who we truly are as a community and not how we were depicted in the article.

Warmly,  
Tamar Tujian  
LCHS 9-12 PTSA President

### PTSA Needs Your Volunteer Help

One goal of the PTSA is to make our family larger by having new members involved in our leadership as well as our day to day committees. We are well on our way to achieving this goal. Below are some opportunities where you can lend a few hours of your time and really help our organization not only function better but also have the strength of drawing from a wide group of our parents. Most of these positions can be shared with a friend. Please contact Tamar Tujian with any questions [ptapresident@lchs912.org](mailto:ptapresident@lchs912.org)

Under **Ways and Means**, the fundraising arm of PTSA, we are in need of volunteers who can help take on:

**Spiritwear:** Working with a vendor, help identify new designs for spiritwear merchandise and help distribution once the product arrives. Takes 10-15 flexible hours over the summer and the beginning of school.

**Value Card:** The PTSA sells value cards as a fundraiser. The job entails contacting vendors to confirm that they wish to continue participating in the value card and reach out to new local businesses as space on the card becomes available. Contact the printer at the end of summer to get cards into production and mail out cards after the on line orders are complete. Takes 10-25 flexible hours over the summer.

Under **Volunteers**, this year we are looking for someone who can help us with:

**Hearing Testing:** Conducted by the LCUSD Nurse in the fall. One or two school days are set aside for hearing tests. The Chair is responsible for contacting volunteers and scheduling them during the day(s) the hearing test is conducted to help the school staff. The Chair does not need to be present during testing days. Takes 2-4 hours to coordinate via emails.

Under **Programs**, we have the following Openings:

**Founders Day:** Coordinate the Founders Award nomination, selection and on site ceremony. The PTA Founders award is given to teachers, staff and parents who have gone "above and beyond" to help our school. Nomination forms are circulated in late fall and selections made in January. The District wide reception is usually in March. Total hours are 12-15 sprinkled throughout the year.

Under **Membership**, we have the following openings:

**New Family Social:** is a reception that we host with the middle school to welcome new families to our District. It takes place on a weekday late afternoon the week before school starts. The Chair coordinates with the administration as to program details and coordinates with hospitality chairs for reception snacks. This position requires 10 hours of coordination over the summer.

**Freshman Family Coffee:** We are bringing back the welcome coffee for freshman parents. This event will take place while freshman register. Parents are invited to have coffee and ask questions and hear presentations from the administration and PTSA. This job takes 2-4 hours total of coordination with administration and freshman families.

#### Summer AP English Preparatory Workshop

This summer workshop is taught by Mr. Justin Valassidis and is designed to bridge the gap between the expectations of 10th grade and the demands of AP English Language & Composition. The class will focus on the critical reading, writing, analytical and argumentative skills necessary in an Advanced Placement English class in rhetoric. Each session will be an intensive introduction to the demands of close reading of formal prose, timed and formal essays, and the intricacies of the multiple choice exam.

The two identical sessions will meet daily from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. The fee for each session is \$375 and seating is limited.

Session One: June 10th - June 28th  
July 19th

Session Two: July 1st-  
July 19th

If you are interested or have any questions, please email Mr. Valassidis at [jvalassidis@gmail.com](mailto:jvalassidis@gmail.com) or [Click Here](#) for additional information.

*\*This workshop is not affiliated with LCUSD. Furthermore LCHS PTSA 9-12 does not endorse or support this program and is disseminating this information to our school community as it is open to any student who wishes to enroll and may be of interest to our school community in general.*

## AP Exam Sign-Ups

AP Exam Sign-Ups Deadline is March 22, 2019.

Print and complete the AP form under "Academic Planning" and then "AP Exam Info and Ordering" under the "Counseling" tab on the school website ([lchsspartans.net](http://lchsspartans.net)).

Take completed form in person to Mrs. Hicklin in the counseling office before school, after school, lunch and break only - Mrs. Hicklin is not available during class time. Only one form per student is needed for all exams.

- **Fee increases to \$115 from February 25 - March 15**
- **Fee increases to \$130 from March 18 - March 22**

**Checks should be made out to LCHS-AP Exams.** Combine the cost of all tests per student on to one check if possible. Similarly, only write one check for multiple students in the same family, if possible. If paying cash, please have exact change.

**Please note that absolutely no late signs ups will be taken or refunds given after March 22, 2019.**

Tests will take place from May 6 through May 17.

## LCHS PTSA 2019-2020 Executive Board Slate

Below please find the proposed slate for the 2019-2020 PTSA Executive Board. We will be voting on the board at our March meeting.

President - Tamar Tujian\*\*

1st VP Programs - Frances Delgatty and Sharon Grey

2nd VP Ways and Means - Suzanne Jensen\*\*

3rd VP Volunteers - Doreen Aitelli\*\*

4th VP Communications - Betty Bredemann  
5th VP Hospitality - Mona Massabki & Lamia Bolotin  
6th VP Membership - Lisa Henderson and Ellen Portantino  
Treasurer - Kelly Armaly\*\*  
Auditor - Catherine Rayer  
Financial Secretary - Doris Lee\*\*  
Recording Secretary - Billie Melillo\*\*  
Historian - Cheryl Trowbridge\*\*  
Parliamentarian - Lisa Dick\*\*

\*\* Denotes returning in the position

La Canada Spring Home Tour - May 3

La Cañada's 33rd Annual Spring Home Tour is just around the corner! This is our largest annual PTA/PTSA fundraiser which directly impacts our La Cañada High School 7/8 and 9-12 students. Attendees will enjoy Tours of four local homes, all selected and showcased for their architectural interest and inspirational design. An After-Party Celebration with live music, food and drink will be held at a fifth home. Returning this year is an all-day Marketplace where attendees may shop with a variety of vendors and enjoy food truck dining in the garden of a sixth local home. We hope you will invite your friends and family to join us for this fun day in our community celebrating and supporting La Cañada High School 7/8 and 9-12!

Please visit the [Home Tour Online Form](#) to sponsor as a family or business, buy tickets, or sign-up to volunteer at the event.

Questions? Please contact event chairs at [HomeTour@lchs78.org](mailto:HomeTour@lchs78.org).

Athletic Clearance for 2019-2020 Beginning May 1

Athletic Clearance for 2019-20 School Year Teams will open on May 1st. Athletic clearance is required for tryouts. Make your doctor appointments now for Physicals. [DOWNLOAD PHYSICAL FORM HERE](#)

Tryouts will take place in summer prior to the start of the next school year, most immediately after the school year ends, some will be the week of school Registration. The detailed schedule for tryouts for 2019-

20 school year high school teams will be sent out in March. If you have any questions contact the Athletic Director, D.R. Moreland, at [dmoreland@lcsd.net](mailto:dmoreland@lcsd.net)