

It was very nice to see many of you at the LCFEF Gala Saturday night. Thank you for participating in the paddle pledge and raising more than the goal for the Wellness Center which will be opening soon on campus. A hearty congratulations to Mr. Jim Cartnal for being permanently named LCHS principal. We are so very fortunate to have such a qualified, compassionate and hardworking administrator at the helm of our high school. We look forward to many years of collaboration with Mr. Cartnal and are here to support his vision and efforts one hundred percent.

This is a busy week for PTSA, I hope you will join us this Thursday for our monthly meeting and help elect the 2019-2020 PTSA Executive Board. We hope to have an update about the Wellness Center and as usual our administration will be in attendance to update us about campus news. Thursday night is our Founders Day celebration. Please take an hour of your time and come and celebrate our honorees who have worked so tirelessly for our school. We gather at 6:30 p.m. with music and refreshments and the program starts at 7:00 p.m.

Please review the call for volunteers in the article below. I am delighted that two parents have stepped up to help us so far: We have found our Webmaster and also our Spiritwear Chair. Thank you so much for responding to our call for help and I am hoping that this week we can fill two more of the jobs listed below.

Have a wonderful Spring Break!

Warmly, Tamar Tujian LCHS 9-12 PTSA President Founders Day Reception - March 21 - 6:30 p.m. - LCHS Auditorium Please join us on March 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the LCHS auditorium as we celebrate our dedicated staff, teachers, parents and community members. LCHS 9-12 PTSA is honoring: Justin Valassidis- teacher Frances Delgatty-parent Laura Deans-staff Susan Moore-teacher Judy Qwon- parent LCHS PTSA Meeting - March 21 - 8:45 a.m. - Staff Lounge Please join us for our March PTSA meeting on Thursday, March 21 at 8:45 a.m. in the Staff Lounge. We will be voting on our slate for the 2019-2020 PTSA Executive Board. .

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

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 <u>ptapresident@lchs912.org</u>

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

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.

AP Exam Sign-Ups Deadline - March 22 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 (<u>lchsspartans.net</u>).

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 \$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 Equestrian Competition - March 24 - Hanson Dam Horse Park The LCHS Spartans Equestrian Team will be sending riders to compete in Show #2 of IEL (The Intercollegiate Equestrian League) on Sunday, March 24 at Hanson Dam Horse Park (11127 Orcas Avenue, Lake View Terrace, CA 91342) from 8:00AM - 4:00PM. The team has riders competing in Dressage and Hunter/Jumper (Novice, Freshman, Junior Varsity and Varsity) classes. IEL is comprised of over 70 public/private Schools in Southern California. It is a super fun day for anyone who loves horses and/or horse riding and there is no charge to attend.

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 Session Two: July 1st- July 19th

If you are interested or have any questions, please email Mr. Valassidis at <u>jvalassidis@gmail.com</u> or <u>Click Here</u> 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.

10th & 11th Grade - College Admissions Case Study - April 23 The LCHS Counseling Department cordially invites 10th and 11th grade students and parents to an exclusive look inside how colleges evaluate firstyear applications for admissions consideration.

The evening will consist of students and parents in small group workshop sessions led by college admissions officers to review three sample college applications. Your role as a participant will be to evaluate and decide which applicant will be admitted, wait-listed, and denied to the "case study" college. We anticipate insightful discussions, informative news from college reps, and a chance for our families to better understand the various factors for admissions.

Due to limited seats available, each person planning to attend **MUST RSVP by March 29** using <u>this link</u>. For more information <u>click here</u>.

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 <u>Home Tour Online Form</u> to sponsor as a family or business, buy tickets, or sign-up to volunteer at the event.

Questions? Please contact event chairs at <u>HomeTour@lchs78.org</u>.

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. <u>DOWNLOAD PHYSICAL FORM HERE</u>

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 <u>dmoreland@lcusd.net</u>