

PALS NEWS

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF LOUISIANA SCHOOL

January 2012

PALS MEETING

Saturday, February 4, 2012

12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

Prejean's Restaurant, Lafayette

Welcome and Roll Call by Region

LSMSA Update & Comments – Dr. Pat Widhalm

Minutes of Prior Meeting

Treasurer's Report

New Business:

LSMSA Foundation

Faculty Appreciation Week – April 24-27

Graduation Party – May 25

Fundraising Items

Adjourn

Please RSVP for this meeting by Wed., February 1, to cindynewpals@yahoo.com. This is a lunch meeting and attendees will order and pay for their own meals. Menu may be previewed at <http://www.prejeans.com/menus/lunch/>

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CALLING FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Faculty Appreciation Week
April 24 – April 27

Graduation Party
Friday, May 25

Spring semester is a busy time for PALS. Our two largest events require parent leadership and volunteers to continue the successes of past years. We need parents now to organize each event and volunteers to work at each event. Donations of door prizes for both events are also needed.

Faculty Appreciation Week – April 24-April 27:

A full week of thank you's to LSMSA faculty and staff feature stocking the faculty lounge with coffee and snacks, thank you notes from parents, students, and alumni, daily goodies in the lounge and dorms, and a catered luncheon on Friday. A highlight of the luncheon is drawings for door prizes that are donated by parents.

"Blue and Gold Day", when students present the results of their Distinction work, is Saturday, April 28, so if your child is presenting, please consider helping with the Faculty Appreciation luncheon on Friday.

Graduation Party – Friday, May 25:

All students, families, and faculty may attend. Imagine the LSMSA gym transformed into a playground of inflatable games, a dance floor, food, and fabulous door prizes for seniors and a gift from PALS for each senior. The celebration begins immediately following the Senior Recognition Ceremony and is always held the night before the Graduation Ceremony. This is a really fun event for all our students.

Traditionally, sophomore and junior parents "work" the graduation party event so that parents of seniors may enjoy the party. However, parents of all students may volunteer. If you can help with either or both events in any way please email cindynewpals@yahoo.com.

SENIOR SALUTE YEARBOOK PAGES

Parents of seniors: It's time to dig through your photos and reserve a special section of the LSMSA yearbook for your graduate! You may purchase a full page for \$140, ½ page for \$75, or ¼ page for \$40. Deadline to submit your layout, photos, and payment is March 1. Contact Emalie Dunn (edunn@lsmsa.edu) or yearbook editor, Torie Bamburg (victoriabamburg@student.lsmsa.edu) for further information. An email was sent with additional information to parents on January 17.

LSMSA FOUNDATION PHONATHON

The Phonathon is almost here!

January 30 - February 2

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Current students are eager to tell you how every donation makes an impact during the LSMSA Foundation's 3rd annual phonathon. Consider pledging your support during this fun event. Recently changed your phone number? Want to participate in the fun? Email your contact info to Foundation@LSMSA.edu.

LSMSA APPLICANTS FOR 2012-2013

Know any students who you think could do well at LSMSA? Applications for 2012 enrollment are now being accepted. www.LSMSA.edu/admissions

WILL YOUR SENIOR BE IN THE SENIOR SLIDE SHOW?

We are putting together a senior slide show! This was done a few years ago by one of our parents and the students absolutely loved it! Don't let your student be left out! Send the following: a baby picture, a senior picture, and a picture that means LSMSA to your child. Send these to Jackie Jacoby at LSMSA or e-mail them to Cindy New at cindynewpals@yahoo.com.



BIRTHDAY CLUB

Is it your child's birthday? (Or any other important date for him/her?)

Buy him/her a cake from Birthday Club! For \$8, a small group of students will bake a cake and ice it for your child. If you'd like, the group can even sing "Happy Birthday" or another song that might be more suitable. To order, send an e-mail with the type of cake and icing to lsmsa.bdayclub@gmail.com. Please make the checks payable to LSMSA Birthday Club and mail them to Savannah Billings, 715 University Pkwy, Natchitoches, LA 71457. Please give us two weeks' notice.

The LSMSA Counseling Center Announces...

Kickoff to College Weekend

March 2 and 3, 2012

Parents of sophomores and juniors are invited to participate in this weekend program with their child. On Friday evening, March 2, the Counseling Center will introduce information on the college and scholarship process by involving students, parents, faculty, and staff in skits, games, and other fun activities. Saturday, March 3 will be filled with sessions on topics such as Scholarships and Financial Aid; Careers in Technology and Engineering; Studying the Arts in College; Exploring Instate Options; Choosing a College Major; Advantages of a Liberal Arts College, and How To Earn College Credit While at LSMSA. For more information visit www.lsmsa.edu.

Look for a "save the date" card with directions to register for Kickoff to College at www.lsmsa.edu

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

January 26-29	Extended Weekend
February 4	PALS Meeting, Prejean's Restaurant, Lafayette
February 11	Sweetheart's Dance
February 17	Dismiss for Mardi Gras Break (return Feb 26)
March 2-3	College Kickoff Weekend (required for juniors)
March 3	Ring Ceremony
March 9	Grandparents' Day
March 9-11	SLAMMT (at TAMS)
March 23-24	Impulse Dance Theatre
March 30	Dismiss for Spring Break (return April 9)
April 21	Prom
April 24-27	Faculty Appreciation Week
April 27-28	Required Weekend
April 28	Blue and Gold Day, Future Scientists Program Banquet, Love's Labour's Lost performance, Spring Concert (Chorale, Mixed Ensemble)
May 3-6	Extended Weekend
May 9	Dead Day
May 10-15	Final Exams
May 17-24	Special Projects
May 24	Spring Fling
May 25	Senior Recognition Ceremony
May 25	Graduation Party
May 26	Graduation Ceremony

PARENT'S ASSOCIATION OF LOUISIANA SCHOOL ORDER FORM – FUNDRAISER ITEMS

***** CLEARANCE SALE *****

PALS has several fundraiser items to support its primary annual activities: Connections Weekend luncheon, Faculty Appreciation Week, and Graduation Party. If you are interested in making a purchase, complete this form and submit with payment to Jackie Jacoby, LSMSA, 715 University Parkway, Natchitoches, LA 71457.

Sizes and quantities are limited. You will be contacted if your requested item is no longer available.

Item Description	Size (indicate quantity of each size)					Total # of each Item	Cost per Item	Total Cost
	S	M	L	XL	2XL			
SCRUBS with LSMSA and Eagle imprint down side of leg (royal blue scrubs, gold imprint) (drawstring)							\$5.00	\$
SCRUBS with LSMSA and Eagle imprint at top of thigh (royal blue scrubs, gold imprint) (drawstring)							\$5.00	\$
FLANNEL PJ PANTS (royal and gold plaid pants with LSMSA in white down the leg) (elastic waist)							\$10.00	\$
LSMSA Throw – 100% cotton afghan throw featuring LSMSA crest – 50"x70"- machine washable/dryable – (NOT ON CLEARANCE) - PREORDER							\$40.00	\$
Acrylic LSMSA Christmas ornament							\$5.00	\$
<i>If delivery method below is "Mail", add \$5.00 for each throw, flannel pants, or scrubs ordered. If delivery method below is "Mail", add \$2.00 for each Christmas ornament ordered.</i>								\$
TOTAL								\$

NAME:			
PHONE:		EMAIL:	

DELIVERY OPTIONS: I will pick up from Jackie Jacoby's office.

Deliver to student _____ at dorm.

Please mail to: _____

Payment Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check No. _____ Amount Paid: _____	Order Filled	<input type="checkbox"/> Picked up by: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Delivered to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Mailed on: _____
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