



Kang Crier

Lake Washington High School PTSA

PTSA

A Note from the PTSA

As we are all aware, programs and events in our school district are currently in flux due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Recommendations from both Public Health authorities and the school district are evolving on a daily basis. The LWHS PTSA Kang Crier team is doing our best to communicate accurate information regarding PTSA, School, and Community Events. At the time of this publication, events found in this newsletter are still proceeding to the best of our knowledge. We will publish updated or corrected information in our newsletter distributed on March 24.

Danelle Mathews
LWHS PTSA Kang Crier Editor

March 25 PTSA Meeting and Parent Ed On Hold

We had hoped to host a short meeting followed by an opportunity for you to hear from Principal Thomas and other guest speakers at our regularly scheduled March 25 General Membership Meeting. However, in light of current Public Health guidelines encouraging restrictions on non-essential public gatherings, we are electing to cancel this meeting for now. Should something change, we will let you know. In the meantime, please mark your calendar for our last membership meeting and parent ed for this school year, which will be held on **May 20** beginning at **7:00 pm** in the LWHS Library.

Denise Campbell
LWHS PTSA President

LWHS PTSA Seeking Board Members for 2020-2021

Connect and Be a Part of the LWHS Community

Want to put your skills to good use? Want to make a difference? Want greater insight into your student's school? The LWHS PTSA Nominating Committee is looking for people to serve on the 2020-2021 PTSA Board.

We are especially looking to fill the following Board positions:

- Executive Vice President
- VP Student Programs
- VP Student Support
- VP Ways and Means

There are other opportunities to get involved, so don't hesitate to contact us if you're interested. All positions can be shared by more than one person. [Click here](#) for complete

job descriptions.

If interested and/or would like more information, contact the Nominating Committee at nomcom@lwhsptsa.org

Denise Ferguson, Barbie Collins Young, Dan Olson
LWHS PTSA Nominating Committee

College Application Workshop

Presentations postponed until March 25

The previously-scheduled presentations on March 11 and March 18 are cancelled in compliance with Lake Washington School District guidelines. Our next talk will be on **March 25**. Juniors and Sophomores are invited to join us in the **Library at 12:55 pm**, right after school.



Upcoming presentations:

March 25: Get to Know Your Colleges: College Visits and College Fairs

April 1: Bridging the Gap

All presentations will be held on Wednesdays after school at 12:55 pm, with pizza and snacks provided. Presentations are open to all students at no cost. Registration is not required. We encourage parents to ask their kids what they learned at these student-only presentations.

[Click here](#) for information on each topic. Find answers to [Frequently Asked Questions here](#).

Questions? Contact [Judy Shed](#), LWHS PTSA College Application Workshop Chair

Parents of Juniors and Seniors: Help Needed for 2020 Senior Party

Junior parents needed for:

Check-In Process only: after graduation, the graduates attending the party go through a check-in process prior to boarding buses. Volunteers needed on June 15 from 9:00-10:30 pm. Location is UW Alaska Arena. Training will be provided prior to that evening.

Junior and Senior parents needed for:

Chaperoning at this all-night event. **Junior** parents, get a sneak peak before you have a Senior next year. **Senior** parents, get the opportunity to be part of this LWHS tradition and spend time with a great group of students before their next journey begins. **Junior** parents are needed at 9:00 pm on June 15 for check-in at US Alaska Arena. **Senior** parents are needed after the graduation ceremony is over, when students are loading onto buses. Everyone returns to LWHS on June 16 at 6:00 am.

If interested or need more information, contact [LWHS Senior Party Chairs](#)

Congratulations Council Award Winners from LWHS

The Lake Washington PTSA (LWPTSA) Council held its annual Founders' Day Luncheon at the Sahalee Country Club in Sammamish on February 28 to celebrate its 40th charter year and the 123rd anniversary of National PTA. Each

year at the luncheon, the LWPTSA Council recognizes individuals and organizations for their outstanding work on behalf of children and youth. Seven individuals and one organization were honored this year including two LWHS parents and PTSA Board members!

- Golden Acorn: Colette Ulloa (second from far right)
- Outstanding Service Award: Brandi Comstock (far right)



[Read more](#) about these amazing people and organization and why they were honored.

LWPTSA Scholarships Available for Graduating Seniors and LWSD Staff

The Lake Washington PTSA Council is pleased to roll out its 2020 Scholarship Program! Each year in the spring, Council offers several student scholarships and two \$500 staff scholarships. This year's Student Scholarship Program will include 13 scholarships of \$1,250 each.

Applications for both staff and student scholarships are due by 12:00 Noon on April 2, 2020. The Scholarship Program is funded by money raised at the Council's annual Scholarship Basket Auction, by annual donations from the 44 PTSA's in the LWSD and LWEA, and by donations from the greater community.

- Download the [Student Scholarship Application](#)
- Download the [Staff Scholarship Application](#)

For more information, contact Scholarships Co-Chairs Andrea Stoppani and Reva Racmachandran at scholarships@lwptsa.net.

School

LWHS Theatre Company Presents: *Miscast Cabaret*

Friday, March 20 at 7:00 pm

Enjoy a night of musical theatre, performed with a twist! All performances will be done by someone you would not expect. For example, female identifying people will perform male songs. A typical character or comedic actor may play the princess. The princess may play the villain! All your expectations will be turned on their heads for the night!

Tickets: Admission is free, suggested donation \$5. Located in LWHS Theater.

[Jennifer Malick](#)

LWHS Theatre Boosters

From the Counseling Center

Planning a College Road Trip?

Spring or summer vacation is the perfect time for juniors and their parents to pack their bags and head off to college campuses. For many students, these visits are the deciding factor where applications will be sent in the fall. Here are some things to keep in mind:

1. Colleges go to great lengths to impress both the student and the parents (those who pay the bills). Expect perky, engaging tour guides to show you the very prettiest parts of the campus. If you know this from the beginning, you will not be (as easily)

- swept off your feet.
2. One of the best ways to get a feel for any college campus is to break free of structured tours and hang out—in the student union building or a local coffee shop near the campus.
 3. If possible, have your student stay the night at one of the dorms, eat in the cafeteria, take a jog through the campus, and/or attend a sporting event. Keep in mind that if it is summer, some of the buildings will be closed and, more importantly, the campus won't be nearly as crowded as it will be in the fall.
 4. Take an unofficial copy of your student's high school transcript and know their test scores. Make an appointment for your student to meet with an admissions person and sit down with a list of questions. Have them go prepared with comments and questions that reflect their interest and knowledge about the school.
 5. Talk. Talk to students and adults on campus. Talk to the barista at the coffee bar or the salesperson at the bookstore. Just talk.
 6. Take pictures of each college and log where the picture was taken. You will be surprised at how similar college dorms and buildings and rec centers start to all look alike.

And if you're not planning a road trip? No problem. Get online and take a virtual tour of the campus. (Be sure to reread #1 above.) Read the campus newspaper and student run blogs. This is a great way to learn about the issues the planned tours don't mention (issues with the administration and budget cuts, for example). Take a look at the list of clubs available; clubs grow out of student interests.

Remember, it is all about fit. While one student will see the gym as paradise, another will look to the library. And that's what makes this search an adventure—and extremely personal. Keep in mind, though, that if your student isn't admitted to their 'perfect fit' school, there will be their second choice, and even third. And if statistics are correct, they will still love the school they end up attending.

Marilyn Hargraves
LWHS Counseling Center

LWHS Mini College Fair

Wednesday, March 25 at 12:55 pm

Students and parents are invited to attend the LWHS Mini College Fair on Wednesday, March 25 from 12:55pm to 2:00pm in the Commons. Admission representatives from 10-15 colleges and universities will be available to speak about their institutions and provide valuable information to students and their families.

Current attending universities include:

Arizona State University
Boise State University
Central Washington University
Duquesne University
Hawaii Pacific University
Oregon State University
University of Alaska Fairbanks
University of Idaho
University of New Hampshire
University of Redlands
Washington State University

This is a great opportunity to explore college options and learn more about the college process. All students are welcome. For more information about the event, please contact the LWHS College and Career Specialist, Mrs. Conroy.

Senior Party: Looking Ahead

Don't wait to purchase tickets to this once-in-a-lifetime evening for Seniors. Ticket price increases from \$185 to \$200 on April 1 and Seniors must purchase a ticket to do Bus Sign-ups which will start after Spring Break. Tickets include transportation, food, activities and entertainment all-night long. They are non-refundable.



What's needed to attend:

- Purchase a ticket online or by form
- Complete a Release Agreement – submit to Main office or at Bus Sign-ups. Note: Per the venue requirements, a parent/guardian and student must sign the Release Agreement regardless of whether the senior is 18 or under, now or at the time of graduation.
- If student has any life-threatening allergies, complete an Emergency Care Plan - submit to Main office or at Bus Sign-ups.

Contact us regarding scholarship information.

When: Monday, June 15 - after Graduation Ceremony

Start Time: 9:30 pm (check-in begins) at Alaska Airlines Arena

End Time: 6:00 am on Tuesday, June 16, at LWHS, diplomas available for pick-up

Questions? Contact Pam Hay and Christy Hentges
LWHS PTSA Senior Party Co-Chairs

Student Auditions for Musical Performances and Speakers at Graduation and Senior Salute

Parents of the Class of 2020: Do you have a student who is musically inclined? Does your student have a passion for public speaking and might want to make a speech at Graduation or Senior Salute? If so, tell them to sign up for auditions, scheduled to occur on March 25, 26 or 27 after school. Interested students need to email Dr. King, Associate Principal, with their name, what they would like to do (speech or music number) and their preference of audition date. Speeches should be no longer than 7 minutes in length, and music must have accompaniment arranged for the audition. A committee of administrators, teachers, staff and counselors will determine the final program choices.

We look forward to hearing from all interested students soon!

Questions? Email Dr. Justyna King, LWHS Associate Principal

Community

Lake Washington Schools Foundation Annual Spring Luncheon Moves to Virtual Format

Out of concern for the safety and well-being of our community, the Lake Washington Schools Foundation is taking their annual fundraising luncheon to a virtual format. This decision comes in light of updated recommendation of King County Department of Public Health.

As we shift to the virtual platform, we need your support more than ever. Funds from the luncheon account for more than \$250,000 of our annual budget to deliver programs to LWSD students and provide school grants.



Stay tuned for updates at www.lwsf.org/bethebridge. You can still “Be the Bridge” of support for students. [Click here](#) to show your support.

Helen Sernett
Executive Director
Lake Washington Schools Foundation

Adulting 101 for High Schoolers

When: Saturday, March 28, 11:00 am-4:00 pm

Where: LWSD Resource Center

Details: [Download the flyer](#)

All high school students welcome! Come learn about:

- Finance 101
- Writing a resume
- Interview workshop
- Life skills management

[Register online](#)

Questions? [Email Danit Erlich](#), LWPTSA Family and Community Engagement VP

Parent Education in Spanish

Padres Unidos Por La Educación with support from Redmond High School PTSA, Lake Washington PTSA Council and Lake Washington Schools Foundation is presenting a series of parent education talks in Spanish during the month of March.

- March 23 - Fortalecer los límites, la conexión y los valores en el hogar
- March 30 - Aumente la autoestima y la autonomía de sus hijos

All talks will start at 6:00 pm at Redmond High School, 17272 NE 104th St, Redmond, 98052. [Please share this flyer](#) with dates and details in Spanish.

Events

March 13: No school (District LEAP Day)

March 25: LWHS Mini College Fair

March 28: Adulting 101

April 2: LWPTSA Scholarship Applications Due

April 6-10: No school (Spring Break)

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