

Thanks again to those of you who helped us so much last year. Also we wanted to congratulate all of our parents who had seniors graduate from Lincoln High School. If you are receiving this email and no longer will be with us at LHS, please hit reply and let the PTSA sender know that you would like to be removed from our email list. We have added several families who are not yet members of the PTSA but who plan to join in the fall. You can join online now with our convenient PayPal account or feel free to join during LHS orientation in August.

Thanks to all of our families who attended the brainstorming meeting at Amy's home June 18. We are going to delineate the different activities that we plan to have this year at LHS for our school. Please send an email to Amy Schiff at schiff.amy@gmail.com if you would like to chair any of the activities or be involved with any specific activities. We need you!

Our general meetings will be tentatively held on the following dates, but are not yet set in stone because we are waiting for the master calendar so we will try to avoid conflicts if possible: Thursday, October 16 (membership meeting), Thursday, February 26 (audit) and elections on Thursday, April 23. All Meetings will be at 7 pm in the Media Center! One month before our membership meeting in October, we will post our budget in our box in the office. If any of you would like to see the budget in detail, it can easily be emailed to you personally as an attachment. We also have many small meetings to accomplish things amongst different committees etc.. We try to communicate via email as much as we can due to our busy lives.

The activities that we will plan for and which we would love to have volunteers for are:

Orientation: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 13, 14 and 15 at LHS from 8 am - noon except for Friday which is until 2 pm. It is great if two people can be at the booth every 2 hours to spell each other. Multiple sign ups are needed! It is a fun way to meet people and last year we sold LHS spirit wear (sweatshirts, sweatpants, etc...)

Back to School Breakfast: Our faculty and staff are supposed to be back at work on Friday, August 22 and it is so nice for them if we can host a back to school breakfast for them. We need a chairperson for this day. Last year we were able to get donations from Panera and Zanottos and Costco. Also we have several terrific chefs and people made some great breakfast things as well as the usual good stuff like bagels and fruit platters etc... Planning for this event takes place in the summer so let Amy know if you would like to help with this or chair it!

Back to School Night: Planned for Thursday, September 18. Last year we sold pizzas and drinks etc... before going on and meeting our teen's teachers. We would love to have a chairperson for this night and it is also a way to meet families and get more members. We do not need to do the same thing as we did last year. New ideas are always welcome!

Monthly Faculty Meetings: Once a month our faculty has a meeting where we host food for them. These consist of homebaked goodies, savorys and sweets. The staff loves it and it is real "feel good" event. I love to have sign ups for each month of the year except June, July and August of course. We also do a special Holiday event which is super fancy and festive!

Day of the Teacher: This year, our principal, Ms. Zeller would love to have a special event on this day (it is in early May). We have never done this before, but I think it is a great idea. A chairperson for this event would be welcome! The event could be a special lunch, breakfast or treat. All ideas welcome!

Freshman Welcome: This was the first year that we did this at LHS and it was a great success. We had almost 1/3 of our incoming class attend and all who came really loved it. We met so many new families and helped create a feeling of community for all. We helped with this event and had a booth there. Volunteers needed. The date has not yet been set but it is sometime at the end of May.

Grad Night: This is a very important job. Kimberly Cope has been beyond outstanding in her efforts for two years. She will definitely help out next year, but she may be returning to school full time for an advanced degree. Let us know if this interests you.

Fundraising: We would love to have a fundraising chairperson. We are in a good place financially because most of us donate our time and other things. However we could do more with more money! If you are interested in this, we would be thrilled!

Senior Awards Night: Refreshments should be provided by the PTSA for this special night and although we have never done this before, Ms. Zeller thinks it would be a nice touch. If this interests you, please let me know. This is held in June.

Elections for 2009 -2010: Many of us have been involved in PTSA for almost 3 years now, and we will lose some outstanding members after this year. I know that many of you can make a difference for the PTSA in 2009-2010. Please think about your leadership for the following year. Get your feet wet this year by volunteering in at least one area of PTSA. If you are like many of us, you will love it and want to do more! We need you because there is nothing more bittersweet than saying goodbye to dear friends and not feeling confident that an organization you loved is in good hands. We all want to leave PTSA in trust for the next graduates of LHS. Open positions for 2009-2010 will include: Membership, Treasurer, Activities, Student of the Month, Auditor and scholarship/grants...If you think about what you might like to do now, you will feel more prepared for the following year.

Again, I wish to thank our amazing Kimberly Cope for her incredible attention to Grad Night which was an entire year in the planning. Due to her perseverance, she was able to arrange a refund for ALL of our participants of \$33. per student due to the snafu for which Disneyland took responsibility. Fortunately all of our seniors had a great time regardless and this money is to offset the loss of the Blast Off Party! Kimberly I was thrilled with this and felt that it was fair! These checks will be sent out over the next 2 weeks to the addresses that the students had on their registration forms. If anyone has moved, they should call USA Travel directly at 1-800-234-4723.

Remember to send an email to Amy Schiff schiff.amy@gmail.com regarding your volunteer activities for the upcoming year. Thank you all very much and I look forward to seeing you during Orientation!

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