

# MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT SERVICES NEWSLETTER

*Quarterly Newsletter from LBMS Student Services*

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## WELCOME TO LAKE BRADDOCK!

*Dear Parents/Guardians,*

*Welcome to Lake Braddock! The 2021-2022 school year is right around the corner with Bruin Blast, the First Day of School, and Back to School Night quickly approaching!*

*We are looking forward to getting to know our new families and students, and working with you to make sure all of our Lake Braddock Bruins have a successful school year.*

*This newsletter contains a lot of great information on upcoming events and some helpful hints to assist you in navigating Lake Braddock. Please take a minute to read through this information and mark your calendars!*

*MS Student Services Team*



Bruin Blast  
August 19th

First Day of School  
August 23rd

New Parent Coffee  
September 10th

MS Back to School Night  
September 22nd

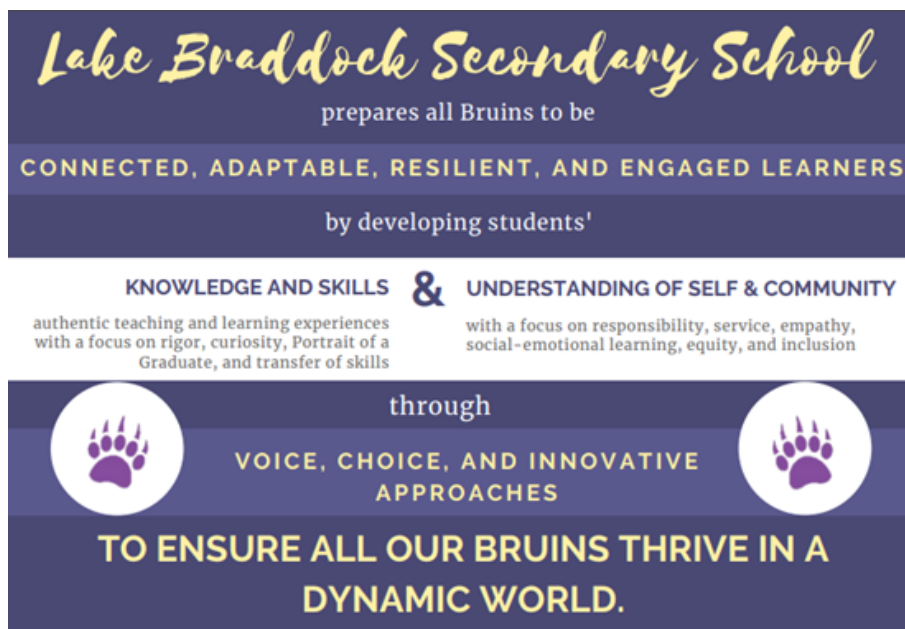


# BRUIN NATION: UNDERSTANDING OUR NEW SHARED VISION

At the start of the 2019-2020 school year, Lake Braddock set out to develop a new shared vision of learning. A Shared Visioning Committee led the process and sought input from all stakeholders in our Lake Braddock Community. Using school data, conducting site visits to other schools and school systems, and guided by FCPS and Virginia Department of Education priorities, the Shared Vision Committee crafted our new vision for learning. Learn how our new vision was developed and how our new path was charted by watching our Shared Vision video.

This vision has inspired and focused our work as it influences daily instruction and decision-making processes. Our new vision guides our work to prepare all students to become Connected, Adaptable, Resilient, and Engaged learners by developing their knowledge and skills while emphasizing the importance of growing their understanding of themselves and their community to thrive in a dynamic world. These four attributes can be found in our motto #BruinsCARE, student recognition, foundation of our advisory lessons, and more!

Grounded in work of the Shared Vision, Lake Braddock will launch its new 2021-22 theme, "Every Bruin Has A Story." Together, all Bruins will embark on their own journeys of self-discovery through authentic learning experiences to showcase their most authentic selves. Please join us as we grow from the story of learning that we have been telling as we create the story that we want to tell.



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prepares all Bruins to be  
**CONNECTED, ADAPTABLE, RESILIENT, AND ENGAGED LEARNERS**  
by developing students'

**KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS** & **UNDERSTANDING OF SELF & COMMUNITY**

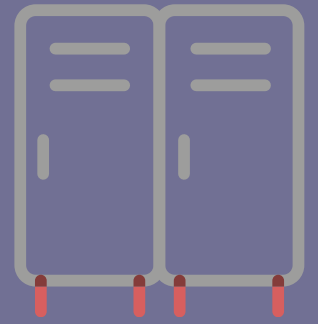
authentic teaching and learning experiences with a focus on rigor, curiosity, Portrait of a Graduate, and transfer of skills

with a focus on responsibility, service, empathy, social-emotional learning, equity, and inclusion

through  
**VOICE, CHOICE, AND INNOVATIVE APPROACHES**

**TO ENSURE ALL OUR BRUINS THRIVE IN A DYNAMIC WORLD.**

Want to learn more? Visit our [Interactive Shared Vision Webpage](#)  
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## Request a Locker:

This year we will be distributing lockers by request only. This method will allow for greater student safety against prohibited items as well as improve student health with less touch surfaces and crowded areas.

Additionally, we have found a trend over the years that many students rarely utilize their lockers, which has had a positive impact on more on-time class arrivals.

If you wish to request a locker for your student, please complete the following Google form: <https://forms.gle/7iyZHaZUzM65UyTB8>

# Getting to Know Your Subschool

At Lake Braddock each student is assigned to a subschool. In middle school subschools are assigned by grade level. Below you will find some helpful information regarding why you may contact your subschool.

## Subschool 1: 7th Grade

Office number: 703-426-1110  
Attendance Line Number: 703-426-1181  
Administrator: Josie Rodriguez-Walhout  
Administrative Assistant: Denisse Gordon

## Subschool 2: 8th Grade

Office number: 703-426-1120  
Attendance Line Number: 703-426-1182  
Administrator: Lance Jackson  
Administrative Assistant: Leslie McAndrew

## Absences:

LBSS has an attendance line for each subschool. Parents/Guardians should use the attendance line when calling in their student's absence or tardy or complete the [online form](#).

## Late Check-Ins:

Students arriving late to school must enter the school at the main entrance and check in at the security desk. The student will be given a tardy pass from the security kiosk. A note or phone call from a parent is required for an excused pass to class. Students must make contact with all teachers for any class missed.

## Early Check-Outs:

Students should bring a note to their subschool in the morning. They will then be provided with a pass to leave class. Notes must include the name of the person picking up the student. This person must also be listed as an emergency contact.  
Students must sign out of school through their subschool before leaving the building.  
Students will meet parents/guardians inside the main entrance (Door #1) at the security desk. The person picking up the student **must come in** and **show their ID** at the security desk.

## Locker Issues:

Locker repair forms will be available in subschool offices during the school year. Students should complete this form if they are having issues with their locker.

# SIS ParentVue & StudentVue Accounts



**SIS ParentVue** will provide access to view your child's student information, including attendance, report cards, class schedules, gradebook (for middle and high school students), course history, discipline, health, and school information.

A mailing will be sent during the week of August 9th to all newly registered students' parents. A second mailer will go out during the week of September 13th to parents of any new students registered between August 7th and September 10th. These mailers will include detailed instructions on how to create your account. You have each been assigned a unique activation code which you must use to register. The user must provide a valid email address to create the account. After these two mailings, parents will need to request an account at <https://www.fcps.edu/resources/technology/student-information-system-sis-fcps/sis-parent-account-overview>

Please note: SIS will be live on August 19th, but grades will not be available until September 7th.

**SIS StudentVue** will allow students access to this information as well. Students will use the same login they use to access school computers. Students can access StudentVue through [https://sisstudent.fcps.edu/SVUE/Login\\_Student\\_PXP\\_OVR.aspx](https://sisstudent.fcps.edu/SVUE/Login_Student_PXP_OVR.aspx)

**Schoolology** will be taking the place of FCPS 24-7 (Blackboard). This tool will be used by teachers to post classroom materials; to provide a safe forum for students to discuss their ideas and collaborate on projects; and to assign and collect homework electronically. It helps students stay organized and it keeps the class connected. A Schoolology Parent Account gives you access to: your child's classes, upcoming assignments, and school, class, and group announcements. Parents will use their SIS ParentVue account to login to Schoolology. [CLICK HERE](#) to view a brief overview of Schoolology.

# Back to School Events

## BRUIN BLAST

Join us in celebrating the start of the 2021-2022 school year at Bruin Blast!

MS Bruin Blast will take place on **Thursday, August 19th** between **10:00 am and 12:00 pm**. Please keep in mind that this is an open house and you do not need to be there right at 10:00 am. There are a few things you will want to do at Bruin Blast, but they do not need to be completed in any particular order.

Prior to Bruin Blast be sure to complete your paperwork! The following forms must be completed prior to the start of school:

- Update your Emergency Care Information in weCare
- Complete the Health Form in weCare

Additional forms can be found on our website. Hard copies of all forms will also be available in the library.

Don't forget that 7th grade students cannot begin school in August without documentation of a Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis booster (Tdap), and Meningococcal vaccine (MenACWY). Please send updated immunization records to Angela Santizo at [assantizo@fcps.edu](mailto:assantizo@fcps.edu).

### Student Schedules

Schedules will be **LIVE** in **SIS StudentVue** and ParentVue **Thursday, August 19th at 6:30 am**. Pro Tip: Skip the line in the cafeteria by taking a screenshot of your schedule on your cell phone! Printed copies of student schedules will be available in the cafeteria including a map and locker information (if requested). Remember, lockers will only be provided by request.

Complete [this form](#) if you would like to request a locker for the upcoming school year. Counselors will be available in the foyer outside the cafeteria to address any schedule concerns.

### Find Your Classes

Use your printed schedule and map and plan your fastest routes to get from class to class!

Make sure to check out places like your subschool, clinic, library, and cafeteria!

SCA, SGA, and Student Ambassador students will be available to assist you in locating classrooms and opening lockers.

Ambassador help stations will be noted on your map.

### Set Up Your Locker

If you requested a locker Bruin Blast is the perfect time to practice your locker combination and bring in your school supplies. Many students struggle with opening their lockers. If you are experiencing difficulty there will be Bruin Ambassadors available to help you, along with other school staff. If you continue to experience issues opening your locker, you can fill out a locker repair form in the cafeteria. The custodial staff will be sure to check each locker before the first day of school.

### Add Money to Your Lunch Account in the Cafeteria

Our cafeteria staff will be available to add money to your student's lunch account. You can also do this through [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com).

### Check Out Our Clubs in the Gymnasium

Make sure to stop by the gym to see all the clubs and activities Lake Braddock has to offer! All students are receiving a **free Jump Start t-shirt** this year - be sure to pick yours up if you haven't already. Don't forget to join the PTSA while you are there!

### Meet Our Staff

Although teachers will not be available during Bruin Blast, they will have QR codes posted on their classroom doors with welcome messages! You can also stop by the Lecture Hall to meet our Special Ed and ESOL Department Chairs, clinical team, SOSAs, SAPS, MFLC, and Dean of Students.

### PE Uniforms

Purchase Your PE Uniform Online and have it shipped to your home (AVAILABLE NOW). Many families may have already ordered their PE Uniform online. If you have not done so already use this link to purchase your PE Uniform: [athleticunion.com/lake-Braddock](http://athleticunion.com/lake-Braddock). For free shipping use code: #LAKEBRADDOCK

### SIS ParentVue Account

Stop by the Library if you need to set up a SIS ParentVue account!

### Lunch on the Blacktop

Food trucks will be on the blacktop starting at 11:00. Reconnect with friends and meet Lake Braddock staff as we get ready for the new school year!

# Back to School Events Continued

## ADMIN MEET & GREET

Come out and meet the admin team at Glory Days in Burke on **Thursday, August 12th from 4 pm to 6 pm!**

## Military Family Potluck

The Military Ambassadors Club is hosting a potluck to welcome our Military Families to the Lake Braddock community. Food and games will be set up in the cafeteria on **Wednesday, August 18th at 6:30 pm**. Let us know what you plan to bring using our [Signup Genius!](#)

## NEW PARENT COFFEE



The New Parent Coffee is a great opportunity to meet with Dr. Smith, Mrs. Kearns, and the Student Services team and have them answer any questions you may still have about Lake Braddock. The New Parent Coffee will take place on **Friday, September 10th from 9:30-10:30 am** and will be virtual.

Be sure to register [HERE](#) to receive your link for the event.

## BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Middle School Back to School Night will take place on **Wednesday, September 22th at 6:30 pm**. Students will be sent home with a flyer for Back to School Night on Friday, September 17th during their 4th period class. Remind them to give you this flyer as it will have a copy of their schedule printed for you along with a map of the building. If your student forgets to give you the flyer you can always pick up a copy of your student's schedule in the Career Center that evening.

Don't forget to arrive a little early as we will be hosting a parent presentation before Back to School Night in the Little Theatre. The program will begin at 5:45 PM and will focus on how to support your student and help them develop a "growth mindset".

# Counselor Lessons: Fall 2021

## INTRO LESSONS

**August 26th - 27th** all counselors will meet with their 7th grade students through English classes.

**August 30th - 31st** all counselors will meet with their 8th grade students through English classes.

**September 7th - 28th** - counselors meet individually with 7th grade students through English classes.

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT

This fall all students will be asked to complete a Needs Assessment. This brief survey is given to all students and lets the counselors know what types of programs we should focus on. It also allows students to note any counseling groups they may be interested in participating in. Parents have the right to opt their student out of the Needs Assessment. If you would like to view the Needs Assessment, please contact your child's counselor.

Counselors will connect with students individually based on any concerns they note on their needs assessment.



## Needs Assessment Opt Out

You have the right to consent before your student participates in any federally-funded survey asking about any of the following: political affiliation or belief of the student or parent; mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family; sexual behavior or attitudes; illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior; critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships; legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers; religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student's parent; and income (other than is required by law to determine program eligibility).

You have the right to opt your student out of participation in any survey, regardless of funding source, that requests information about the topics listed above or that requests medical information, information on student health risk behaviors related to alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs, other information on controlled substance use, or any other information that the School Board deems to be sensitive in nature. This includes the Needs Assessment counselors give to students at the start of the school year.

If you would like to opt-out your child from our Needs Assessment, please contact your child's counselor before Friday, August 27th.

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## Grading & Reporting

Parents will receive an FCPS generated weekly email with their student's grades in all classes. This email will contain the student's overall grade in each class. For more detailed information on your student's grade you will need to access your SIS ParentVue account. Access to student grades will be available starting on September 7th through your SIS ParentVue account. This will be a great tool for you to stay informed of your child's progress in all their academic classes. Weekly progress reports will be sent starting September 13th.

In addition to these weekly progress reports, detailed progress reports will be emailed at interim and at the end of each quarter.

Report cards will be carried home by students at the end of each quarter. For additional information on FCPS grading and reporting policies, please visit <https://www.fcps.edu/academics/grading-and-reporting/secondary>.