

PALS NEWS

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF LOUISIANA SCHOOL

March 2010

GRADUATION PARTY

Friday, May 21
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PALS Board Meeting
Saturday, April 24
2 P.M. LSMSA Board Room

Board members who are unable to attend in person may attend via conference call. Please e-mail Jean Taraba (taraba@bellsouth.net). Plans will be finalized for the Graduation Party and summer events will be planned. All board members should try to attend.

All parents are welcome at all PALS meetings. Board members should rsvp to tarabe@bellsouth.net. Any board member who cannot attend should please designate one of the representatives from his/her region as proxy. All regional representatives are encouraged to attend.

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FACULTY APPRECIATION WEEK

March 29 – April 1

Here's Your Chance to Say Thanks to LSMSA!

PALS' official week-long thank you to LSMSA faculty and staff is coming up and we are calling on parents to help!

- **Donate a door prize for the April 1 luncheon.** Faculty and staff love door prizes! Door prizes may be delivered to Emily Shumate or Jackie Jacoby on the second floor of the CPT Building for safekeeping. Door prize monetary donations may be made payable to PALS and mailed to LSMSA, Attn: Jackie Jacoby, 715 University Pkwy, Natchitoches, LA 71457.
- **Compose a clever group thank you on behalf of all parents.** This will go in all faculty members' mailboxes on Monday.
- **Arrange for goodies in the faculty lounge and at the two dorms for faculty and staff.** Need several volunteers to organize for two separate days.
- **Need several parents to clean up and jazz up faculty lounge on Sunday, March 28.**
- **Prepare invitations for the luncheon to go in faculty mailboxes.**
- **Assist with Thursday's luncheon, including set-up and clean-up.**
- **We encourage all parents to write a personal thank-you card or send a personal thank-you e-mail to faculty members.**

Contact Cindy New at cindynewpals@yahoo.com or call her at 985-397-2745 if you have any questions or can volunteer to help.

If you can send a door prize, please e-mail cindynewpals@yahoo.com to let Cindy know. Thanks!



GRADUATION EVENTS

Friday, May 21- Saturday, May 22

LSMSA's 26th graduation class will celebrate in style on Friday, May 21 and Saturday, May 22. LSMSA's graduation ceremonies and celebrations cover a two-day period. Here's how it all works:

Friday, May 21, 7:30 p.m.: The Senior Recognition Ceremony is attended by all students, faculty and staff, friends, and families. College/university or other career choices are announced for each graduating senior and individual achievements are celebrated. This year, LSMSA's first sophomore class will be graduating.

Friday, May 21, immediately following the Senior Recognition Ceremony until midnight: PALS hosts a huge graduation party in the LSMSA gym, complete with inflatable games, music and dancing, food, fun, senior gifts, and door prizes. All students participate and family, friends, and faculty are all invited.

Saturday, May 22, 2:00 p.m.: Graduation Ceremony. This is the big event – royal blue caps and gowns, faculty members in all their regalia, graduates marching across the stage, tossing caps upon graduation – and next year's seniors and juniors bringing up the rear. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase roses for their graduates and attach personal messages – watch for notification from Medical Explorers on the roses purchases.

Saturday, May 22, following graduation: Time to move out of the dorms...

PALS GRADUATION PARTY

Friday, May 21
*Junior & Sophomore Parents –
 You are Hosting this Party!*

At this year's Graduation Celebration, over 130 graduating seniors and their juniors and sophomores will be treated to a huge graduation party held in the LSMSA gym and hosted by the Parents' Association.

Traditionally, junior and sophomore parents "work" the party so that parents of seniors can relax and enjoy the fun.

Volunteers are needed now for taking charge of the following. Purchases of food items and supplies will be reimbursed by PALS.

- **Set up for the party during the day**
- **Beverages and ice**
- **Pizza**
- **Cakes/Cookies**
- **Monitor/supervise inflatable games**
- **Assemble senior gifts**
- **Distribute door prizes**
- **Clean up**

DOOR PRIZES are all donated by parents and are given away to our graduating seniors during the last hour of the party. This is the highlight of the party and we need as many door prizes as possible. Last year, door prizes included flat screen tv's, a laptop, USB drives, Wii system, cameras, printers, headphones, LSMSA throw, pocket video camera, gift cards, etc.

FOOD AND OTHER COSTS are covered by asking each family (of sophomores, juniors, and senior students) to contribute toward the budget of purchasing food and games. A card is attached to this newsletter for this purpose. Please also indicate on the card how you can help with the party.

E-mail Cindy New on how you plan to help with the party (cindynewpals@yahoo.com).

PALS Contacts

Questions on PALS activities? These parents can answer your questions.

Listed below are the PALS officers and board members for 2009-2010. If you are interested in becoming involved in PALS at this level, please e-mail taraba@bellsouth.net We also have regional representative vacancies in various regions. Our goal is to have a representative for each grade level in each region. Scattered as we are throughout the state, it takes a lot of us to accomplish great things! If you are interested in filling one of these positions, please advise.

OFFICERS

President Jean Taraba, Region 3, Monroe
 Secretary Deneen Spinella, Region 8, Thibodaux
 Treasurer Cindy New, Region 8, Berwick

BOARD MEMBERS (SHOWN BY REGION)

Region 1 Kathy DeSoto, Stonewall
 Region 2 Olevia McDonald, Ruston
 Region 3 Jean Taraba, Monroe
 Region 4 Paul Johnson, Pineville
 Region 5 Karen Robertson, Sulphur
 Region 6 Jim Reed, Broussard
 Region 7 Bridgett Ross, Denham Springs
 Region 8 Kathy LaRocca, Berwick
 Region 9 Ajay Jain, St. Rose
 Region 10 Lisa Geary, Mandeville
 At-Large Cindy New, Berwick (Region 8)
 Jennifer Bergeron, Houma (Region 8)
 Deneen Spinella, Thibodaux (Region 8)

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES (SHOWN BY REGION)

Region 1 Ann Johnson, Natchitoches: *Junior*
 Neeru Deep Natchitoches: *Sophomore*
 Jana Maggio, Natchitoches: *Soph.*
 Region 2 Stephen & Tracy Treadway, Jonesboro: *Junior*
 Region 3 Sarah Howard, Monroe: *Junior*
 Sara Beth Howard, Lake Providence: *Junior*
 Region 4 Mandy Barnett, Alexandria: *Senior*
 Vickie Chen, Alexandria: *Senior/Junior*
 Region 5 Valerie Johnson, Lake Charles: *Senior*
 Region 6 Paula Mitchell, Opelousas: *Senior*
 Tatiana Milton, Carencro: *Junior*
 Emma Derousselle, Keionne: *Soph.*
 Region 7 **VACANT**
 Region 8 Kelly Hash, Gray: *Junior*
 Felicia Cowen, Thibodaux: *Sophomore*
 Region 9 Lisa Weinell, Destrehan: *Senior*
 Guzel Bilyalova, Destrehan: *Junior*
 Region 10 **VACANT**

WHICH REGION ARE YOU IN?

- 1 Bossier, Caddo, DeSoto, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Webster
- 2 Bienville, Claiborne, Jackson, Lincoln, Union, Winn
- 3 Caldwell, E. Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Monroe City, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, West Carroll
- 4 Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle, Rapides, Vernon
- 5 Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis
- 6 Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Iberville, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, Vermillion
- 7 Ascension, Assumption, Baker City, E. Baton Rouge, E. Feliciana, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, W. Baton Rouge, W. Feliciana, Zachary Community
- 8 Lafourche, St. James, St. Mary, Terrebonne
- 9 Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John
- 10 Bogalusa City, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington

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ORDER FORM – FUNDRAISER ITEMS

PALS has several fundraiser items to support its primary annual activities: Matriculation Ceremony reception, Academic Weekend student 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.

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)							\$20.00	\$
SCRUBS with LSMSA and Eagle imprint at top of thigh (royal blue scrubs, gold imprint) (drawstring)							\$20.00	\$
FLANNEL PJ PANTS (royal and gold plaid flannel pants with LSMSA in white down the leg) (elastic waist)							\$20.00	\$
LSMSA Throw – 100% cotton afghan throw featuring LSMSA crest – 50”x70”- machine washable/dryable							\$40.00	
Acrylic LSMSA Christmas ornament							\$10.00	\$
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.								\$
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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715 University Parkway ▪ Natchitoches, LA 71457

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LOUISIANA SCHOOL CUSTOM WOVEN COTTON THROW

PALS is once again selling the ever-popular afghan throws! These throws feature the LSMSA crest and are wonderful gifts and keepsakes for our students. They measure 50 x 70 inches and are made of 100% cotton (made in the U.S.A.) so are machine washable and dryable.

Afghans may be ordered and picked up at school or may be mailed. Please complete order form below and mail with your payment to: LSMSA, Attn: Jackie Jacoby, PALS THROW ORDER, 715 University Parkway, Natchitoches, LA 71457.

LSMSA COTTON THROW	
Quantity Purchasing: _____	@ \$40.00 each = \$ _____
Mailing fee: _____	throws @ \$5.00 each = _____
Check No. _____	TOTAL Enclosed = \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> I plan to pick up throw at LSMSA when contacted. Please contact me at:	
Name: _____	e-mail: _____; phone: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mail throw to: Name: _____	
Address: _____	

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Parents' Association of Louisiana School **GRADUATION PARTY 2010**
Friday, May 21

Donation enclosed for Graduation Party food and events:

\$15 \$20 Other _____

Offers to help at the party: _____

I plan to donate the following door prize for graduating seniors:

We will be at the Graduation Party.

Number of people attending (exclude student) = _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Student's Name: _____

Senior Junior Sophomore

Return by April 30 to:
Jackie Jacoby
LSMSA
715 University Parkway
Natchitoches, LA 71457