



Lawrence Academy

Hello, Parents of Lawrence Academy,

I want to extend a warm welcome to those of you who are new to the Lawrence Academy community, along with parents of returning students. I am **Maria Beck**, and I will be serving as this year's **Chair of Lawrence Academy Parents' Association (LAPA)**.

I have a son, Jakob, who graduated from LA in 2018 and a daughter, Katerina, who is in the class of 2021. Along with my **Vice Chair, Judy Schuster (Abigail '22, CJ '23, Julia '23)**, I am looking forward to another exciting school year. Whether it's attending an arts event, viewing a sporting match, or participating in a class dinner; we hope to see you (both on and off-campus) as we get to know one another this year.

By the way, there is no better way to kick off the school year than to attend our first LAPA gathering. Join us on campus Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 PM in the Media Conference Center (MCC). Of course, the focus of this first meeting is social time and refreshments. However, future sessions will coincide with Lawrence Academy Board meetings and feature updates from **Head of School Dan Scheibe**. LAPA meetings will also feature volunteer-led activities and LAPA reports.

To that end, I would encourage each of you to note the following LAPA events on your phones and calendars:

- **Regular Meetings:** Thursday, September 12; Monday, November 4; Tuesday, Monday, February 3, 2020 (will be a presentation), and Tuesday, April 21, 2020. Except for November 4 (5:00 PM), LAPA meetings will always be held at 6:30 PM in the MCC.
- **Special Events/Presentations:** LAPA Programs also provide opportunities for educational workshops on topics that align with your student's experience; they are designed by **Libby Margraf, assistant head of school**. The dates of these programs are published on The Page (www.lacademy.edu). So, please stay tuned for details!
- **Parent Association Holiday Party, December 5:** Come for a festive evening and enjoy delicious food and beverages while socializing with fellow LA parents.
- **Parent Spring Social, May 2, 2020:** Enjoy an evening of fun under the stars on the library terrace while supporting the LA fund by bidding on a wide range of silent auction items. Good luck to your students – and your entire family – in the upcoming school year.

Warm regards,

Maria Beck (Jakob '18, Katerina '21)

LAPA Chair

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