



# FALCON PRIDE

## LAJES ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL

Lajes, Azores

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### Lajes American School Mission Statement

To develop responsible students who possess the skills, attitudes, knowledge, and values to succeed in a changing world.

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### AAFES LUNCH MENU FOR DEC 17- DEC 21 and BLUE/GOLD Day Schedule (B=Blue Day, G=Gold Day)

<b>B</b> - Monday	Mini Chicken Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Tater Tots, Applesauce
<b>G</b> - Tuesday	<b>Breakfast for Lunch</b> , Turkey Sausage Pattie, Nutrigrain Blueberry, Waffles, Crisp Potato Wedges, Orange Wedges
<b>B</b> - Wednesday	Chicken Corn Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Chilled Peaches, Elf Grahams
<b>G</b> - Thursday	Baja Fish Sticks, Chicken Rice, Broccoli, Chilled Pineapple, Chocolate Chip Muffin
<b>B</b> - Friday	<b>NO LUNCH - 1115 Student Dismissal</b>

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday	18 December	Boys VS Lusitania (Angra) at 1930
Thursday	20 December	Parent Forum in Principal's Office at 0930- all parents are invited
Friday	21 December	Faculty Staff Development - <b>Students will be dismissed at 1115</b>
	<b>Dec 24 - Jan 4</b>	<b>Winter Recess</b>
Monday	7 January	Return to school from Winter Recess

**YEARBOOK SALES** - For those of you who missed the yearbook's early-bird special, take advantage of this **one-time holiday offer**. Yearbooks will be on sale for the **rock-bottom price of \$40 through next week** (ending December 21). *A yearbook receipt would make the perfect stocking stuffer*, so purchase your book now. Make your check payable to LAS and pay Ms. E. in room 130. Books will be \$50 after the winter break.

### **WINTER CONCERT/ART EXHIBITION** - Thank you parents, students and staff!!

CONGRATULATIONS to those involved in our WINTER CONCERT at Ramo Grande Theatre in Praia, Dec. 12, 2007. We filled the house and were well accepted by the American and Portuguese communities. This was a first for Lajes American School students, and a very special opportunity to perform in a professional theatre, assisted by professionals. We had 90 performing musicians and an art exhibition featuring the work of 68 students in grades K-12. What better way for our students to learn cooperation, to feel proud of their accomplishments, and to show appreciation to our Host Nation by offering our talents as a "gift" to the community?

**COACHES CORNER** - The **Lajes Boy's Basketball** team started the 2007/2008 season with excitement in a game against Terceira Basket on Wednesday night. They found themselves up 22-16 at halftime, but were overtaken in the late in the fourth quarter. Down by 8 with two minutes left to play, the Falcons tightened their defense and turned up their offense. Sophomore point guard R. C. sent the game into overtime with a 3-point shot with only 2.6 seconds left on the clock. The Falcons were able to fend off their opponents and pull out their first victory 54-48. Their second game is scheduled for 1930 this Tuesday at the high school gym.

The Falcon Spirit was alive on Wed Dec 12th as the **Lajes Girls' Basketball** team took control of the court for their season opener. They defeated Vitorinos (Praia) 36 to 30! They made the first basket and held the lead the entire game. Great teamwork by the whole team!! A. M. scored 17 points and A. W. added 10 to lead the mighty Falcons to their victory. Hitting the boards hard were C. N. with 14 rebounds and A. and A. each pulling down 8. With many returning players, Coach W. and Coach M. are still concentrating on the fundamentals, but looking forward to an exciting and successful season! Our next game will be on Tues Jan 15<sup>th</sup>. Go Falcons!!

**LYP INFORMATION** - Basketball/Cheerleading season: Registrations began 11 Dec 2007(or basically state sign-ups are ongoing or going on now). Registrations end 9 Jan 2008. Season begins 26 Jan 2008. Basketball/Cheerleading Coaches and Referees are needed. Please contact Scottie Mendiola at DSN 535-3273 or COM 295-573-273 for more information.

**MS STUDENT COUNCIL**- **MS Student Council wants to THANK PARENTS for all their support!** MS Student Council is sponsoring a food drive to help needy families at Christmas. Please drop off non-perishable foods to the collection boxes found in the Student Center and teacher's classrooms throughout the building.

**SCHOOL HOME COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS** - The Base Library has partnered with Lajes Elementary High School to reach our SIP goals by offering Reading Enrichment Program (Themed Story Time) on December 13th and 27th for PreK through K.

The School-Home-Community Interventions Committee would like to encourage the community to contribute brainteasers or problems and puzzles to be published in the weekly newsletter for solutions.

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**PTO NEWS** -Meeting December 11 at 1730. ed please email [LajesPTO@yahoo.com](mailto:LajesPTO@yahoo.com)

Tyson Contest Update

Tyson labels will be accepted until Jan 18. Below are the current standings.

1st place Ms S. Kindergarten

2nd place Ms D. 4th/5th grades

3rd place Ms S. 3rd grade

High School

Continue to collect box tops for our next contest coming in January.

Tyson label contest is ongoing until Jan 18. Bring in all Tyson Project A+ labels for your child's class to win a party!

Volunteers needed for the Winter Wonderland Shop in Dec. Please contact [lajespto@yahoo.com](mailto:lajespto@yahoo.com)

**WINTER BREAK** - School will dismiss at 1115 on Friday, December 21 and will resume on Monday, January 7, 2007. The office will be open Monday-Friday 0800-1500 with the exceptions of December 24, 25 and January 1.