



Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology  
Parent, Teacher, Student Association (PTSA)  
6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22312

Dear Parents and Students,

**WELCOME!!!** We hope you are having a great summer and are eager to begin the 2011-12 school year.

This Back-to-School packet contains information from many TJ student and parent organizations, including the PTSA, the Partnership Fund, and separate booster groups for academic teams, athletic teams, band, chorus, crew, drama, and orchestra. For more information about these parent groups, please see the Guide to Giving at <http://www.tjhsst.edu/supportingtj/ptsa/forms-docs.htm>

Please take the time to read these documents. Students benefit when they and their parents fully understand TJ's wonderful opportunities and overall structure. The best way to obtain that knowledge is by staying informed and becoming involved to the maximum extent possible. The PTSA is here to facilitate your understanding and involvement, so please contact us with any questions!

***A few things require your immediate attention.***

**Register or Update (if needed) your information in the PTSA Database at**  
<http://www.tjhsst.edu/supportingtj/ptsa/login.htm>

We use the database to keep you informed about upcoming events and developments and to help fill TJ's many volunteer opportunities. Most importantly, information entered by September 9<sup>th</sup> is used for our Directory. Please input or update your database information right away! Also, be sure to purchase your TJ Directory on Back-to-School night, or, to make it easier, pre-purchase it online right now at [https://www.tjhsst.edu/supportingtj/ptsa/payments.htm#online\\_ptsa\\_directories](https://www.tjhsst.edu/supportingtj/ptsa/payments.htm#online_ptsa_directories). Then, on Back-to-School night, you can simply pick it up at TJ! Also, think about buying one for your car and your home.

**Complete the Parent Volunteer Information at** <http://www.tjhsst.edu/supportingtj/ptsa/volunteer.htm>

Please review the attached Parent Volunteer Form to find volunteer options you will enjoy. You can sign up anytime. However, only information inputted by September 9<sup>th</sup> will be forwarded to team leaders and PTSA committee chairs for initial scheduling of volunteers. Don't miss out!

**Become a Member of the PTSA at** <http://www.tjhsst.edu/supportingtj/ptsa/support.htm>

The yellow PTSA membership flyer describes PTSA-sponsored activities that directly benefit our TJ community. The PTSA's primary sources of income are membership dues and free money programs. Please join today, by returning the flyer to the front office or joining the PTSA online!

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

**Thursday, September 1 - Back-to-School Bash for parents, faculty and students – 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, September 6 - First Day of School**

**Thursday, September 8 - First PTSA meeting, 7:30 p.m., Library – Everyone welcome!**

**Wednesday, September 21 - Fall Forum "Navigating TJ - Parent Tips," 7:30 p.m., Auditorium**

**Wednesday, October 5 - Back to School Night**

We look forward to an exciting and rewarding school year. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us by email at [ptsa@tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa@tjhsst.edu).

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