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Principal's Letter

Dear TJ Parents/Guardians, Teachers, and Students:

This is my final PTSA Newsletter as Principal of TJHSST. During my six years at this wonderful place, I have been privileged to work with some of the finest young people, educators, and parents that I have ever known. You have enriched my personal and professional life in so many ways. I have come to work every day assured that it would not be dull, that I would find joy and laughter and often inspiration.

TJ has undergone a number of changes during these six years. Among my proudest accomplishments are the addition of 60 outstanding educators to our faculty as teachers, counselors, and administrators. These newcomers to TJ have quickly assumed leadership positions within the faculty and enriched the lives of our students as sponsors and coaches. They have complemented the outstanding veteran faculty who remain, many since the founding of the school 20 years ago. Our faculty's increased focus on professional growth has been reflected in invitations to be presenters in state and national conferences and to write about their work at TJ in many publications.

With the help of many we have strengthened the focus of the school on math, science and technology. The Freshman IBET program has been enhanced with the technology portion transformed by new faculty into a more cohesive and challenging introduction to the use of technology as a tool for research.

Likewise Chemistry, Physics, and Geosystems have improved their teacher collaboration and delivery within each discipline. We have added the first non-AP Biology electives to the science program and further increased post AP offerings in math. The required Senior Research Project in Sci/Tech has become more student- and research-centered

with students working in multiple labs if needed to complete their projects. We are expanding our offerings in emerging technologies and retooling some of our "old style" research lab programs. Our mentorship program has more than doubled with the addition of summer mentorship opportunities. Chemistry was added to summer school, resulting in our AP chemistry program becoming one of the largest in the nation. All of these changes have resulted in our students' increasing recognition and performance at higher levels of scientific research and in competitions and publications.

With all of this focus on Science and Technology, our Humanities, Languages, and Music programs have continued to flourish. Students have gained flexibility in fulfilling their Social Studies requirements with the addition of numerous semester electives. Seniors have been given further options from our Globalization program to the Senior Seminar in Humanities. We now have a growing Chinese program, and Japanese and Russian have added their first AP courses. We have expanded the Music options with an AP Music Theory and Composition program. This year we were named the Blue Ribbon School for Music as all three programs won the top honors in their respective Choral, Orchestra, and Band competitions.



The focus on our core missions has produced a resurgence of our original mandate to be a Research high school. This has resulted in the development of a Research Curriculum. Now every area of the curriculum is finding ways to enhance our students' skills and capacity to perform original research which culminates in their Senior Research Project.

Our athletic programs have grown and are thriving. We now joke that the old bumper sticker "TJ – we came for the sports" is not such a joke. Our success in the classroom, on the stage and the playing fields simply confirms what we all know about gifted young people. Their talents have few boundaries and extend into all fields of interest.

While we have increased the substance of our academic program, we have done so with a parallel concern about helping each of our young people to be morally and ethically strong. Life in high schools presents many temptations and challenges that require strength of character in making the right decision. As the lure of the internet adds to the challenges that modern teenagers face, our teachers and students have worked to bolster students' strength of character through a variety of Character Education programs, including the Sophomore Ethics Forum, Building a Better Community and Big Sibs programs. We have an ongoing initiative to imbed ethical teaching and learning in all classrooms as teachers model and promote ethical behavior. Additionally our Student Government which initiated the Honor Code during my first year at TJ will be further enhancing it so that it becomes an even more effective partner to ethical behavior.

This robust academic and activities program is made possible by the volunteer and financial support of our wonderful school community. During my tenure at TJ I have been blessed to work with amazing parent leaders whose dedication is inspiring. I have been so impressed with all of the support our various booster groups give to our school. Our PTSA has been truly an outstanding supporter during my six years here. One of the best additions to the TJ support network is the Jefferson Partnership Fund (JPF) which has become a very effective proponent for TJ in the philanthropic community of individuals, corporations and foundations. Chief among the philanthropists have been current and former TJ parents whom I salute. As a professionally run organization, we are now seeing JPF annual budgets of over half a million dollars to support our many programs.

One of the most obvious changes at TJ is its growth in membership. This is the result of the FCPS School Board's efforts to deal with both the need for increased diversity and the public demand for more students to attend this special school. The growth has resulted in 13 trailers added to the 2 we already had for PE and the prospect of 8 -10 more in the next 2 years. More students and faculty are crowded into our permanent facility which has been a challenge for all of us. But with each obstacle we have tried to make "lemonade out of lemons" and shown that two Homecoming Musical Extravaganzas can actually be double the fun. Next year we will welcome 1800 students to the campus in the second of four years of new 9th grade classes of 480 students. My goal has been to preserve the climate of the school as much as possible within the needs for safety and security. We are increasingly diverse, and our school climate remains relaxed and respectful.

Dealing with the challenges of growth in a 1964 building that was never meant to house a school for science and technology will continue to consume much of the new principal's time. It is time for the FCPS Superintendent and the School Board to step up to the challenge of creating a structure that will support and enhance the mission of this unique Regional Governor's School for Science and Technology. This will require the active financial support of the business community, the governments of both Virginia and the United States. With national and state leaders calling for better education for all Americans in math and science, TJ stands as a model for how to create and deliver a high caliber program. It is a model that has and can be replicated even without selective admissions. In my new role, I will be a community and state advocate for TJ and for raising the academic standards in all areas of learning for all students in the USA.

As I close this reflection on my six year tenure, I must do so with the realization that all of these things have been accomplished during one of the most tumultuous times in our recent history. The memory of being at TJ on 9/11 will be with me forever. Who can forget having homecoming inside during the sniper scare, receiving duck tape and plastic to combat biological and chemical warfare, sending staff and family members to Iraq, and learning about tsunamis, earthquakes and hurricanes as generosity poured from our students to the victims. And yet TJ never missed a beat and continued to show its big heart and huge mind despite the events of the world around us. None of this would have happened without a collective team approach to improvement and commitment that even a great school like TJ could do better. To this wonderful TJ team of teacher, student and parent leaders, I am eternally grateful.

So as I travel off into the sunset, I will carry a heart and head filled with good memories of this very wonderful place called TJ. May it continue to thrive and live out its mission to produce the leaders of the future in all fields of endeavor but especially in the areas of science and technology. Thank you for entrusting TJ to my care for the past six years. I have tried to be a good steward of this very precious school and its very talented students.

May your summer be full of good books, including our all school book, The Night Trilogy, by Elie Wiesel. I am excited to read it again. I look forward to seeing many of you at our end of the year activities, at Graduation and the All Night Graduation Party.

With warm regards,

Elizabeth V. Lodal
Principal TJHSST



President's Message

Dear TJ Family and Friends,

I wanted to address my final President's letter to our TJ community as family and friends because over these past four years, I have come to feel that TJ is family and we have made so many wonderful TJ friends. I will surely miss seeing everyone at the many functions I have had the opportunity to attend, however, I do hope to continue working with the PTSA in our dedicated efforts to keep our visionary building initiative moving forward. So I look forward to keeping in touch with the PTSA.

As I began the school year last summer as President, I thought that it would be an uneventful year, after all we were celebrating our 20th Anniversary and there were no controversial issues on the horizon. I must say that my plan of having an easy year was a bit naïve, because it is TJ and life here is far from uneventful! The first item to come to our attention was the serious health and safety issues facing our students and staff because of the disrepair and age of the school building. We then discovered the lack of proper FCPS planning for furniture and placement of the new classroom trailers and furniture for the new science classrooms within the building. We also learned about the enlarged fuel tanks for the refueling station in our backyard!

The PTSA took up the challenge of addressing these issues by making a detailed assessment of the building needs and safety concerns, and talking extensively with Fairfax County leaders to determine what could be done to correct these problems. Our focused plan of action resulted in FCPS reassessing the building needs, and equipment repairs and replacements being implemented. We met with many Fairfax County legislators to help them become aware of the building needs and they agreed that these needs had to be addressed immediately. Our PTSA has come a long way this year in raising awareness of our building needs, yet the goal of having a building that will meet the science and technology mission of TJ for the 21st Century has still not been accomplished. Many items that seriously need replacing, such as bathroom appliances and stalls, are deemed "renovation items" (i.e., to be taken care of, at the earliest, in 10 years). Our electrical system still gets overloaded easily and there is still concern about how we can house the increased student enrollment for this fall and the coming years. We know we must continue to address these issues.

We have found support for the building needs from many levels of government, however, we still need the support of our business community to actually achieve our goal of having a building that supports the educational mission of our students and staff. We must continue to speak up for the basic right to have a safe

learning environment in a center of excellence which Jefferson has always stood for. I feel optimistic that our goals can be accomplished if we join together as a community to make it happen. Please partner with the PTSA to make our dream of a 21st century building for our students a reality. We need your support!

Congratulations, Class of 2006! I would like to congratulate our graduating seniors, as they stand on the threshold of a wonderful new life experience. Ever since freshman year, I have watched our son, Wil, and many of his classmates grow and develop into fine young adults and I want all of the seniors to know that we are very proud of you and what you have been able to accomplish in this unique center of learning. Your leadership and caring attitudes towards those less fortunate than yourselves have been a model for the underclassmen to follow. I want to wish each of you all the best as you now begin your next adventure, perhaps even your greatest adventure, of moving from being a high school student to being a university student. Enjoy your Graduation and have fun at the All Night Grad Party with your friends. ***Best Wishes and Good Luck!***

Welcome, Class of 2010! While our seniors are leaving, you are waiting to join this wonderful community of learners and we welcome you! Every student who attends TJ leaves with something special that they learned about themselves. We know you are excited to be joining the TJ community and may be wondering what special talents you may have. It might be that you're a student leader, or an athlete, or love quiz competitions. Here at TJ, you will find that you have the unique opportunity to do one or all of these things – so enjoy your four years and learn something special about yourself.

I would like to wish our Principal, Mrs. Lodal, all the best as she retires this summer after an outstanding six years of service to our TJ community. Jefferson's academic mission has benefited from Mrs. Lodal's visionary leadership and commitment to educational excellence. Working side by side with parent leadership, Mrs. Lodal has focused our energy and attention on key issues in curriculum development, student citizenship and ethics, faculty professional development, and the increasing importance of public awareness of Jefferson's unique learning community. Her leadership and drive for excellence within an ethical and caring environment have been appreciated by TJ parents during these past six years. Mrs. Lodal, we would just like to say ***Good Luck, we wish you well, and please keep in touch!***

Thank you to our current PTSA officers for serving our community with the highest degree of professionalism, tireless energy, positive problem solving and always working together as a Team. I do appreciate all of your advice, encouragement and friendship throughout this

year. I would also like to thank our entire Executive Board for participating so actively in all decision-making discussions and supporting our community by volunteering to serve in our parent leadership positions.

I want to wish the new PTSA officers good luck this coming year and to thank you for volunteering to serve the TJ community with your dedicated leadership and your willingness to advocate for educational excellence for our students. *May you have a great year!*

In closing, best wishes to all of you and thank you so much for supporting our students, the faculty, the staff, and our organization. It has truly been a privilege and honor to serve as your PTSA President this year. My family and I will always remember the many unique and wonderful experiences we have shared with our *TJ Family and Friends*.

Enjoy your TJ Experience!

Debbie Kilpatrick
PTSA President

PTSA Update

Highlights from the May General Membership and Board Meetings

- **2006-07 PTSA Executive Board Officers:** The officers elected at the general membership meeting are: President: Bernadette Saperstein; 1st VP: Esther Yook; 2nd VP: Nassmah Brooks; Treasurer: Eileen Swoboda; Recording Secretary: Janet Kerr-Tener; Corresponding Secretary: Cheryl Tarpeh.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Main point was that expenses for TJ@20 are being offset by savings with Legislative and Diversity committees; all other expenses and disbursements are in order.
- **Building Initiative:** For immediate needs, expected are 9 new water fountains; one bathroom renovation to ADA standards; internal painting and pedestrian cross-walk to the trailers. Parent fundraising is being considered for some needs. Anyone wanting to serve on the "Immediate Needs Committee" and "TJ Visionary Committee" committees should contact Bernadette Saperstein, [pta.firstvp at tjhsst.edu](mailto:pta.firstvp@tjhsst.edu).
- **Volunteers:** Volunteers are needed to chair several committees for next year. Please contact Dorry Emmer or Cindy Carter, [pta.volunteers at tjhsst.edu](mailto:pta.volunteers@tjhsst.edu) if you are able to help.
- **ANGP:** Theme is "Night with the Stars/Hollywood". ANGP needs many more underclassmen volunteers for the party. Please sign up on the web site. Contact Joanne Rehm, [angp06 at tjhsst.edu](mailto:angp06@tjhsst.edu), if you can help.
- **Faculty Allocations and Student Allocations:** Funding of \$1410 towards faculty registrations at 5 conferences/seminars was approved by the Board. The total funding disbursed by FAC for faculty conferences and school presentations for 2005-06 is \$13,396.

Student allocation funding of \$504 was approved to cover registration fees for 4 students to attend Int'l FPS event.

- **Diversity:** Curriculum will be enhanced over the summer as the program expects significant increase in enrollment. Ravi Tallapragada ([ravi.tallapragada at gmail.com](mailto:ravi.tallapragada@gmail.com)) if you would like to help with tutoring.

Building Initiative Update: Where do we go from here?

We have accomplished a number of our goals in making the county address our issues with the school building. However, progress does seem painfully slow. We continue to lobby the School Board about these needs. We would appreciate it if everyone would sign the on line

petition: <http://new.petitiononline.com/tjptsapetition.html> as we will be closing the petition on June 16th and

submitting it formally to the School Board at its regular board meeting the following week. There are currently over 1300 signatures on the petition

but we think we can do much better! Make sure your student has signed it also.



The Immediate Needs Committee has recently made a detailed inventory of all the student restrooms in the building to document every faucet, tap, toilet etc and whether it was in "working order". These reports have been filed with the school which will turn them in to work orders for the county facilities folks to take care of.

We have been told that everything that is in the school must be in working order. We hope that this will prove in a systematic manner how many items are not working properly and need attention of the most basic sort.

Many items, such as bathroom stalls, are deemed to be "renovation items" which will not be



addressed by the county until a formal renovation is undertaken - predicted for TJ in approximately 10 years or more. Frankly, if we want to get some of these more cosmetic issues taken care of immediately, we will have to consider raising funds. If you wish to donate to this important effort, please make your checks payable to TJ PTSA, mark them Building Needs and send them in to the office or TJ PTSA, 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22312.

As I move on to the role of President of the PTSA for next year, I would like to introduce Bill Montgomery (parent of Jacqueline '09) who will take over the Chair of the Immediate Needs Committee. Of course, we do hope that our "services" won't be needed too much longer! If you can help Bill on this committee, please email him at [wmontgomery at wbinc.com](mailto:wmontgomery@wbinc.com) or give him a call at 703 787 0963.

Bernadette Saperstein, 1st Vice President, TJ PTSA

TJ Community Picnic a Success!

The president of the PTSA would like to thank all who attended the 20th Anniversary Community Picnic celebration on Sunday, May 21st. Visiting with us were our current families, alumni students and parents, retired faculty and staff as well as rising freshmen families. A special Thank You to School Board Chairman Ilryong Moon, current TJ parent of '06 and '09 students, Del. Chuck Caputo, TJ alumni parent and first PTSA President, to Dr. Merten from GMU, and Del. Steve Shannon, for joining us in the celebrations. Special thanks also to Don Okazaki for displaying his personal artwork and photography throughout the hallways and giving us a look at the past twenty years of students and staff. Thank you to Bettie Stegall for providing yearbooks from the past twenty years and taking photos of the day. Also, Ed Montgomery videotaped the activities. Thank you to our students for displaying their science projects and student club activities, the Chess Team matches, It's Academic quiz games, as well as the



Athletic and Academic Boosters for providing food and all the booster groups for displaying TJ merchandise throughout the day. Lee Ann Hennig and the Astronomy Club hosted a packed Planetarium with the Night Sky Tour. Lucy LaSalle and the Swing Dance team kept picnic goers dancing and tapping their feet to the music, as did the DDR club. Kids of all ages enjoyed the moonbounce, obstacle course, and soccer kick in the gym. The musical performance and program in the auditorium were outstanding. Thank you to Allison Bailey, Luke Frels, Mary Ulrey, and the Colonial Singers for their participation in the performance of the new Thomas Jefferson Alma Mater, composed by Libby Larsen. The TJ PTSA also appreciates the philanthropic gift presentations to TJ provided by the recognized donors during the program. A special thank you to Ellen Ranard, Dorry Emmer and Cindy Carter for their invaluable help as PTSA volunteers. It couldn't have been a success without their help and dedication! It was a great day for reunions and celebrations. Thank you for sharing the day and participating in this memorable event!



Fairfax County Council of PTAs

FCPS has proposed the strategic governance, which will re-define the responsibilities of the school board and county officials. Several information sessions were being organized around the county, and parent attendance and awareness is encouraged.

Serving the TJ Community

Volunteers

How to Get Your Flyer in the Summer Packets!

Flyers 101: Are you a club sponsor, a booster group, an advisor or a PTSA committee chair? Would you like to put a flyer in the Back-to-School packets? Here is what you need to know:

- Please bring 1850 copies of your flyer, along with one or two volunteers from your group, to the TJ cafeteria on **Friday, July 14 between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m.** **We will begin stuffing packets promptly at 10:00 a.m.** If your flyer is not there by 10:00 a.m., it will not go in the packets. Don't let your group down!
- Arrange to have your flyers printed before July 14th – arriving at TJ on the morning of the 14th expecting to print your flyers is not a good idea. If you are unable to get your flyers there by the 14th, contact the volunteer coordinators at [ptsavolunteers at tjhsst.edu](http://ptsavolunteersat.tjhsst.edu), in advance, to make other arrangements.

Thank you for your cooperation. With enough volunteers, we will finish stuffing packets before noon. Rising juniors and seniors can earn service hours. We look forward to a successful packet stuffing on Friday, July 14th. See you then!

New Volunteer Coordinators: Cindy Doughty (Class of 2008 and 2010) and Wendy Hecker (Class of 2008) have graciously agreed to replace incumbent coordinators Cindy Carter and Dorry Emmer for the 2006 – 2007 school year. The PTSA sincerely thanks Cindy and Wendy for stepping forward and taking on the challenge!

THANK YOU to Our Wonderful Parent Volunteers: The Volunteer Coordinators extend their sincere appreciation to the many parents who generously devoted their time, talents, and energy in so many ways over the past year. Whether filling a regular shift at TJ, delivering baked goods for an event, standing watch during JLC or Open Gym, chaperoning or proctoring, driving students to tutoring locations, or doing one of the many other volunteer "jobs," parent volunteers were ever present! Some came in regularly, some on short notice, and some worked from home, but all contributed in some way to making TJ run a little more smoothly. A HUGE thank-you to all of you for a job well done! It has been an absolute pleasure working with you and getting

to know you these past two years. You certainly made our job much easier. Many, many thanks to all of you for your hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm. We trust you will give the new coordinators the same support you showed us.

With gratitude, the Volunteer Coordinators, Cindy Carter and Dorry Emmer.

Special Thanks and Fond Farewell to Dorry Emmer: For the past two years, Dorry Emmer (Geoff, '06) served as Co-coordinator of the Volunteer Committee. She devoted countless hours to TJ and volunteered in just about every area of the school. She approached every task with a can-do attitude, unbelievable work ethic, and friendly demeanor. We will surely miss her energy, enthusiasm, voice of experience, but most importantly, her friendship! Good luck, Dorry, and thanks again!

Please Chair a PTSA Committee: We are seeking committee chairs for the following:

- **Hospitality:** two people are needed to oversee and coordinate the set-up, serving, and clean up for various events during the school year. Mostly daytime.
- **Reflections:** one person is needed to coordinate aspects of this competition that recognizes the literary and artistic talents of students.
- **Curriculum Advisory Committee:** one person is needed to chair this committee which meets bimonthly in the evenings to discuss curriculum and research new ideas.
- **Letter Jacket Co-Chair:** one person is needed to Co-chair the committee which involves selling/fitting jackets for a week in September and November and then deliver them in November and February.

For more details about these positions, please contact Cindy Carter or Dorry Emmer at [ptsavolunteers at tjhsst.edu](http://ptsavolunteersat.tjhsst.edu)

SUMMER HELPERS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed on **Friday, August 9th, Monday, August 11th** and the morning of **Tuesday August 12th** to distribute the Back-to-School packets. There will be three shifts on Friday and Monday: 8:30 to 11:30; 11:30 to 2:30; 2:30 to 5:30. Tuesday will only have the first morning shift. Students may accompany parents; rising juniors and seniors can earn Honor Society service hours. If you are among the few remaining people in the area during August and would like something to do while everyone else is on vacation, then please consider signing up for one (or two!) of the shifts! Contact the Volunteer Coordinators at [ptsavolunteers at tjhsst.edu](http://ptsavolunteersat.tjhsst.edu).

TJHSST PTSA
PARENT, TEACHER, STUDENT ASSOCIATION



TJ Principal Selection Panel

The PTSA would like to thank everyone who volunteered to serve on the Principal Selection Panel in response to Mrs. Lodal's announcement of her retirement. There were over 70 responses and it was difficult to choose the final six candidates to submit for consideration for the parent panel. The goal was to have a wide representation from the parent community. The six names that follow were submitted to Dr. John English, Cluster III Assistant Superintendent. Instead of selecting three parents, as was originally planned, his office decided to select a total of four with two alternates in order to have a better representation of our parent community. The TJ Principal Selection Panel will be an advisory panel made up of four parents, four teachers, the SGA President, and FCPS representatives. All the parents who volunteered to serve on the panel are very talented, supportive and concerned individuals and their willingness to volunteer for this important panel is admirable. Please know that your talents and support are needed in many areas of the TJ community and the PTSA urges all to stay involved and make a difference in the school. The interest demonstrated towards the selection of a new principal proves that parents want the best for TJ and the school needs all this support. To serve in other capacities, please contact the PTSA Volunteer Coordinators, [ptsa.volunteers at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.volunteers@tjhsst.edu).

The following TJ PTSA parent representatives were selected to serve on the Principal Selection Panel by Dr. John English, Cluster III Assistant Superintendent:

- **Nassmah Brooks:** current Corresponding Secretary and incoming 2nd VP of the TJ PTSA, also involved in the activities of the Curriculum Committee and Cultural Liaison Committee and serves as the County and Cluster liaison.. (Classes of 07, 08, & 09) Prince William County.
- **Barbara Cackler:** involved with activities in Band and Athletic Boosters. (Classes of 03, 05, 08) Falls Church.
- **Bernadette Saperstein:** current 1st Vice President and incoming President of the TJ PTSA, also involved in Freshman Lock In, Sophomore Auction and All Night Grad Party. (Classes of 05, 08) Great Falls.
- **Cora Yamamoto:** involved in the activities of the TJ Partnership Fund and Band & Athletic Boosters. (Classes of 04, 08) McLean.

Named as Alternates:

- **Alternate #1 Stephanie Ruth** - involved with activities in Athletic, Choral and Theater Boosters, two daughters at TJ Classes of 07 & 09, Oak Hill.
- **Alternate #2 Thomas Goodwin** - currently serves on the Board of the Partnership Fund and incoming Chairman of the TJ Partnership Fund, one son at TJ Class of 08, Vienna.

Landscaping Committee

Summer community service hours available! Weeding and mulching need to be done prior to the beginning of the new school year. Interested? Email Michele Pitler, PTSA Landscaping Co-Chair, [Mb1955 at aol.com](mailto:Mb1955@aol.com). Have you noticed that TJ's gardens reflect the school's colors of red, white and blue? They also celebrate America's 400th Anniversary. The Virginia Cooperative Extension has developed the America's Anniversary Garden to help individuals, communities, and groups mark America's 400th Anniversary with a signature garden planting of red, white and blue color schemes. For more information, see the Extension's website: <http://www.ext.vt.edu/americasgarden/>

2006 – 2007 Directory & Volunteer Info

Class of 2010: Thank you to everyone that has already signed up for the 2006-2007 PTSA Directory. If you have not done so, please remember to provide your information to us at <http://www.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/welcome.html>

Current TJ Students: If you are already in the directory, you will be receiving an email over the summer with information about how to update your directory and volunteer information.

The online link provides access to both the directory information and volunteer interest forms. If you have questions about the form or directory, contact: Ellen Ranard at [ptsa.secondvp at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.secondvp@tjhsst.edu) or Nancy Sharma at [ptsa.directory at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.directory@tjhsst.edu).

SGA

The newly elected SGA leadership team for school year 2006 –2007 is the following: President - Sylvia Chen; Vice President – Ian Carter-Condon; Secretary – Shannon Casey; Treasurer – Winn Chen. The SGA Representatives will be: Jackie Byrd, David Phillips, Ben Lash and Rohan Siddhanti.

ANGP

****Ticket Purchase
Deadline is June 1****

Party News: This year's party will be awesome. Food, fun and fantastic activities. Great prizes and surprises. What a great way to celebrate 4 years of hard work and amazing accomplishments. No graduation party this year will top this one!

Tickets Not Sold at Door: If you were waiting until the last minute to buy your ANGP ticket, time's up! No



tickets will be sold after June 1st. Don't let your child make the mistake of missing out on this one last, once-in-a-lifetime event with their TJ classmates. They may not realize it now, but if they miss it, they will look back and regret not attending.

Volunteers Still Needed: YES, we have a desperate need for over 150 volunteers for the Set-up, Activities, Casino, Security and Wrap-up committees. Only half of our senior families are represented and non-senior parents are very appreciated. If you haven't yet stepped up to the plate to help make this event happen, don't feel guilty. Be a role model and volunteer. It's simple, it's easy and it's fun. Contact Cindy at [ANGP_Volunteers at msn.com](mailto:ANGP_Volunteers@msn.com) today.

"Pizza for the Party" Fun - June 1: Go to www.tjhsst-angp.org and download your coupon for the official ANGP Spirit Night at Unos. Six Unos will open their doors to TJ families to raise money for the ANGP. Take your coupon in on June 1 to one of the participating Unos and up to 20% of your check will go to benefit the ANGP. Bring your friends!

Academic News

Spanish News

The Spanish Honor Society's J-Day *Quesadilla* sale was *un éxito* (success). Everyone had fun and our new inductees participated to make it even more fun. Elections have been held and Jeewon Kim was elected as *Presidente* for the next school year, Vidya Avadhanam as *Vicepresidente*, Lizzy Sein as *Secretaria*, Angela Hobart as *Tesorerera* and Victor Zhu and Jessica Dobis as *Co-historiadores*. Spanish 5 class will be going to the National Art Gallery and will have a guided tour in Spanish.

Japanese News

The following students will be inducted to JNHS, Japanese National Honor Society, on June 7: Andrew Baik, Jack Bowman, Thomas Chen, Tim Chen, Nicole Dallaire, Nora Evans, Mingou 'Jerri' Fan, Nabeem Hashem, Yang Jiao, Samantha Keyser, Ji Eun Kim, Sharon Lam, Jessica Lee, Karen Liu, Robert McMullin and Cassandra Xia. Current JNHS members are looking forward to working with the new members to make the TJ Japanese Program more active and fun! JNHS members would like to thank its outgoing officers who managed and directed various activities this year: Sam Davis, President, Esther Won, Vice President, and Alice Zhang, Treasurer. *Doomo arigatoo gozaimashita.*

Recently, names of the Youth for Understanding Program scholarship recipients were released. Jonathan Berkahn, and Kelly Pierce, Japanese 3 students, and Sam Davis, a Japanese 4 student, received an all

expense paid, six-week visit to Japan this summer. Moreover, Katherine Hsu, a Japanese 3 student, was selected to be the recipient of a four-week Japan Study Tour Program sponsored by the U.S.- Japan Culture Center. Ariel Lepon and Nicole Dallaire, Japanese 2 students, were chosen for the 10-day High School Diplomats Program at Princeton University. Wan-Ting 'Cindy' Hui was selected to participate in a three-week all paid State program, the Virginia Governor School, Japanese Language Academy at Virginia Commonwealth University. *Omedetoo gozaimasu.*

Class News

2006 – Seniors

Prom: Westfield country club, June 9th 9 p.m. There is no fee to attend prom, but due to security reasons, students must register to attend on the TJ Intranet.

Baccalaureate: Word of Life Church located on Backlick and Braddock Rd., June 13th, 7pm

Senior Graduation rehearsal: June 15th 1pm (senior picnic follows after in the millennium courtyard) Students MUST resolve any outstanding obligations from any of their 4 years before they will be issued their cap and gown.

Graduation: GMU Patriot Center June 17th at 8:00 p.m. The Patriot Center is large enough to hold all friends and relatives!

2007 - Juniors

- Are looking forward to congratulating their new officers. Thanks again to all the parents and faculty who took time out of their busy schedules to chaperone, donate, or otherwise help out with a Junior or school event.

- **Are almost seniors!** And while we are looking forward to the prospect of being the schools ruling class, we will miss this years seniors, and salute them as they head off to college!

2008 – Sophomores

Class of 2008's High School years are half way towards completion. It goes by so quickly! A big thank you to all the Class of 2008 students and parents for supporting the Sophomore Class this school year. Our biggest event, the silent auction, generated about \$17,000 to the class fund. Thanks also to the parents for volunteering for the many events throughout the year including Ethics Day and several dances. It is this support by parents that makes TJ such a wonderful school. Have a relaxing summer. Looking forward to seeing all of you at next year's many events.

2009 – Freshman

- More than 160 parents chaperoned about 400 members of the Class of 2009 during TJ's traditional Freshmen Lock-in, May 12-13. "Parents' Central" (aka the principal's conference room) nearly overflowed with

generous donations of food, drink and prizes. Ms. Nancy McCormick and Mrs. Judy Bello, TJ Class of 2009 Faculty Advisors, worked with Ann Besson (David), PTSA Liaison, and Mrs. Jean Neitzke (Katie), Mr. Mike McCord (Cameron) and Mrs. Lynn Borton (Eric Kolker), volunteer shift coordinators, to partner with class officers, Christianna Hay, Kathleen Ryan, Alice Chae, Kiara Savage, Dave Ramish, Courtney Brown and Toby Lowenstein, to lead their classmates to successfully raise money toward 2009 TJHSST Graduation Day expenses. Other key individuals who made the long night a fun and safe event were Ms. Mary Ann Bosley, assistant principal; Mr. Dale Hamby and Mr. John Lafever, tech teachers; Mr. Clinton Behling, substitute teacher; and Mr. Harry Smith, custodian. Thank you to other teachers, administrators, parents, student committee members, and the Senior Class who graciously supported the event.

The major fund-raiser for next year will be the annual Sophomore Silent Auction, scheduled April 27, 2007. If you are interested in chairing this event, or serving as a committee member, please contact Ms. McCormick, [amccormick at fcps.edu](mailto:amccormick@fcps.edu), or Mrs. Bello, [judith.bello at fcps.edu](mailto:judith.bello@fcps.edu), as soon as possible as planning begins now.

A flyer with all Class of 2009 social events and fund-raisers, tentatively scheduled for next year, was handed out at the Lock-in. This flyer will also be available at the 2006 IBET Symposium on June 6 or by e-mailing Ann Besson, [bessons at cox.net](mailto:bessons@cox.net).

If you would like to serve as the PTSA Liaison for the Class of 2009 during its sophomore year, please e-mail Ms. McCormick or Mrs. Bello. In this position, you would maintain the data base of blue-chip volunteers to help coordinate volunteer needs, attend monthly PTSA meetings, and submit a monthly article for the PTSA newsletter.

2010 Incoming Freshmen

Welcome Class of 2010. This newsletter has been mailed to the Class of 2010 courtesy of the TJ PTSA. Please remember to look for the PTSA membership form in the Back to School packet in August. The PTSA mails its monthly newsletter *Tech cetera* to members only. *Tech cetera* may also be viewed on line on the PTSA website. New issues are posted on the first school day of each month.

News Round-Up and Awards

Students

- Senior Jesse Geneson was presented the 2006 award April 20 in the youth category from **Volunteer Fairfax** for three summers of teaching math (Algebra I,

Geometry and Algebra II) in the Fairfax County public school summer program.

- Congratulations to 4 TJHSST students out of 7 Fairfax County Public Schools students who have been named winners of college-sponsored scholarships by the **National Merit Scholarship Corporation**: Jacqueline Andros (education, Brigham Young University), Margaret Darocha (law, Ohio University), Andrew Punnoose (aerospace engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology), Jesse Yang (medicine, Northwestern University).



- Thomas Jefferson High School Team consisting of Sunaina Kapoor, Varun Bansal, Aditya Palepu, Rahee Ghosh, Rashmi Reddy, Debjani Saha and Ankit Kapoor (Kilmer Middle School) received the coveted **Runatra Fusca Award** at the OM Regional Competition in March 2006 for their creativity and teamwork on Ancient Egypt problem, Division III. This award is presented to a team that shows extreme creativity and exemplary teamwork in solving the problem. Their team was the only team amongst 144 teams selected to get this award.

- Congratulations to the 30 students from TJHSST out of the 32 students selected from Fairfax County Public Schools from the **National Merit Scholarship Corporation** to receive \$2,500 National Merit Scholarships. The students are part of a group of approximately 2,500 National Merit finalists chosen to receive scholarship financed by companies, foundations, and other business organizations. The students are: Rahul Agarwal, Rebecca Butler, Stephen Chi, Peter Diao, Elina Edson, Spencer Fogg, Jesse Geneson, Alice Gissing, Samuel Gross, Catherine Hartman, Steven Herbst, Jessica Ho, Liang-Kang (Thomas) Hsu, Men Young Lee, Lisa Marrone, Rachel Miller, Colton O'Connor, Gregory Osborn, Long Ouyang, Sarah Penney, Veronica Pillar, Rachel Ruskin, Daniel Schafer, Charlotte Seid, Melissa Shue, Whitney Soble, Justin Solomon, Jeeyoung Won, Yu Xiang and Elizabeth Yang.

- Senior students Monica Kumar and Lisa Marrone comprised the 3rd consecutive team from TJHSST (and one of only 3 teams from Northern Virginia this year) to

be selected to argue before the Justice of the Virginia Supreme Court in the **Model Judiciary** competition, and also became the 3rd consecutive team from TJ to be adjudged the winners of their round by the Justices of the Court!

- The following TJHSST students have been selected to participate in the Summer Residential **Governor's School program: Humanities** - Alice Chung, Sana Idress, Michael Romais, and Alexandra Simone; **Agriculture** - Aisha Mondal and Helen Zhang; **Visual & Performing Arts** - Winn Chen, Nora Diamond, Ji-Hyeun Kwon and Vanessa Miller. The following TJHSST students have been invited to attend the summer program at **Governors Schools:** Eleanor Diamond, Sana Idrees, Lisa Nguyen (math, science & technology). The waiting list nominees are: Connor Fleming, Ji-Hyeun Kwon, and Anne Rohlfing.

- Congratulations to sophomore Tessa Zeng for having one of her writings chosen by Campbell Hall School in Studio, California to be in the National magazine called *Surrounded*.

- Congratulations to the following students have been recognized by the **Alliance for Young Artist and Writers, Inc.:** Kathleen Ferraren and Kathleen Ryan from teacher Jennifer Seavey's class. And students Vida Ess, Lauren Krachenfels, Colton O'Connor, Charlotte Seid, and Winston Yan from teacher Bettie Stegall's class.

- The **Washington Statistical Society** (WSS) sends judging teams to each of the 5 regional Science Fairs and awards prizes to students. Senior students Charlotte Seid and Lisa Marrone tied for 1st place for excellence in the use of statistical methods in their projects!

- Congratulations to TJ Senior students Ben Cohen and Ben Kuebrich competed as team and bested 588 other teams to come in #1st place in the *Washington Post* region of the **Virginia Stock Market Game** (SMG), spring competition. The team also ranked 2nd in the Commonwealth of Virginia, competition against 2,127 other teams.

- Congratulations to the team of TJ Students junior Colin Buss and senior Crystal Zheng who made it to the final round of AAA contemporary policy debate at the **VHSL State Debate Tournament** in Lynchburg, Virginia on April 21st. They placed second for the tournament as a whole. Also congratulations to TJ student's sophomore Bryan Chun and freshman Daniel Holohan who made it to the semifinals in classic policy debate and placed 3rd in that category.

- Jonah Perlin'03, former TJ **Debate Team** captain and BBC chair, was one of nine students honored with a "Spirit of Princeton Award". The award recognizes undergraduate students who have made positive contributions to various facets of the University, including the arts, community service, student organizations, residential living, religious life and athletic endeavors. Further information is available at the Princeton site.

- The TJ It's **Academic Team**, competed in a tournament at UVA on April 22nd. Team A with students: Charlotte Seid (Captain), Ao All Fan, Evan Silberman, and Dan Schafer received 2nd place. Team B: Robin Levy (captain), Keshav Pillai, Maddie Whittle, Phil Graves, and Evan MacDonald received 5th place. Team C: Arjun Ramesh (captain), Mahit Iyyer, Raza Mir, and Tom Smilack received 11th place.

- TJHSST received the 2006 results of the **DuPont Challenge Science Essay Awards** Program April 24th. In the senior division, Rebecca Chung placed as a finalist, her mentors being teacher Dr. Paul Cammer and Mrs. Jennifer Seavey. In the junior division, teacher Mrs. Seavey's student placed as follows: Justin Wang – Finalist; Margaret Wood – Honorable Mention; Katie Zettler – Honorable Mention; Daniel Markwalter – Honorable Mention; Viola Li – Honorable Mention. Finalists win \$1,000 and honorable mentions \$250.

- TJ seniors David Cramer, Benjamin Kuebrich, and Daniel Quinn placed 3rd in the **Video Fairfax High School Competition** with their project: "Creating Realistic Claymation".

- TJHSST **Certamen** team won 1st place at the State Championship at James Madison University. The winning team members are: Natalie Villacorta, Maia Wei, Lily Hsiang, SoonWook Hong, Steven Drodge, Lucas Carreno, and Steve Kim. Soon Wook "Drusus" Hong led the team to victory in the final round. After 4 years the Latin 1 team members: Colton O'Connor, Allie Perez, and Abi Sawant recaptured the 1st place glory. The Upper Level TJ Latin Certamen team: Allie Perez, Jesse Wong, George Leef, and Timmy Hunter-Kilmer captured 3rd place at the State Finals. Student Allie Perez was recognized for her achievement in Certamen.

- Congratulations to sophomore Olivia Bonin, one of only ten finalists in the 17th annual **English Speaking Union's Shakespeare Competition** at the Shakespeare Theatre Company. Bravo, Olivia!

- Congratulations to junior Johnny Sando for winning first place in the **Brain Prose literature competition** which was part of Brain Awareness Week. He receives a certificate and a cash award for his entry, "A Curious Occurrence" which he read at the National Medical Library at NIH as part of the High School conference on Neuroscience.

- Congratulations to the TJ **Science Bowl** team of Charlotte Seid, Dan Schafer, Neel Kotra, and Logan Kearsley for their performance in the National Science Bowl. They placed 1st in their Interactive Science Activity, which earned them \$250 for TJ. In the Science Bowl contest, they went 9-0 before losing to the champion team, State College HS. This placed them 5th out of 65 Regional teams, and earned \$1,000 for TJ. CNN had come to TJHSST and interviewed the Science Bowl team 3 weeks before the competition and broadcast this interview on April 29.

- TJHSST **Oceanography Laboratory** was selected as one of five in the nation to participate via web with

an International Red Sea Expedition. "We selected the top marine science students in the nation to follow the progress of the expedition and participate in near-real time Q&A with the team," said Philip Renaud, executive director of Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation, the organization leading the expedition. Other organizations partnering with the Foundation for the Red Sea Expedition include: Saudi Arabian National Commission for Wildlife Conservation and Development, Regional Organization for Conservation of the Environment of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, Lantra: the UK Sector Skill Council for the Environmental and Land-based Sector, Trident Trust, U.K., Cambridge Coastal Research Unit, University of Cambridge, U.K., National Coral Reef Institute, University of Washington School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences.

- Congratulations to Senior Stephany Reaves received an Achievement Award from the **Virginia High School League** in recognition of outstanding efforts in the classroom and through extracurricular activities.
- Congratulations to Freshmen Kathleen Ferraren who has been recognized by the **Alliance for Young Artist and Writers, Inc.** she is the recipient of the Silver Award for her Personal Essay Memoir on *What is Beauty?*
- Congratulations again to senior Justin Solomon who was chosen for team #1 as one of the **top 20 students in the USA**, in an article entitled "USA Today's 2006 All-USA High School Academic Team" biographies published by Tracy Wong Briggs. Published in the USA Today paper on May 18th. Congratulations to senior student Charlotte Seid who was chosen for the same article to represent their team #3!
- Congratulations to the following TJ students: Sophomore Jacob Steinhardt, Junior Thomas Morgan, and Junior Peiyu (Jonathan) Wang have received invitations to attend and compete at the USACO (USA **Computing Olympiad**) training camp on June 1-9 at the campus of Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The 3 TJ students will be joined 20 nationally selected students. Four students in this June competition will be chosen to represent the USA at the 18th IOI in Mérida, Yucatan, Mexico, Aug 13-20, 2006.
- Andy Strat ('06) was recently named one of six men to represent the USA at the Junior **World Orienteering Championships** this summer. He will travel to Druskininkai, Lithuania to compete against athletes from across the globe the week of July 2nd.
- Erin Godla has won the Character Award for Fairfax County!
- At the **Intel International Science and Engineering Fair** senior Justin Solomon won a second award in Computer Sciences presented by the Intel Foundation: a scholarship from United Technologies Corporation; an award from the American Association for Artificial Intelligence; a scholarship award from Mu Alpha Theta; and an honorable mention from the Association for Computing Machinery for "Three Dimensional face

Recognition From Video: Facial Surface Reconstruction and Analysis Using Tensor Algebra and Differential Geometry."

- Senior Lisa Marrone won the third award at the **Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in the Medicine and Health** field, presented by Merck Research laboratories, for "A Novel Function of Lactate Transporter MCT1 in Gastric Restitution."
- Both the Girl's and **Boy's Lacrosse Teams** finished the regular season in 3rd place.
- The **girl's tennis team** finished as the regional runner-up with a loss to Chantilly. They will travel to Mills Godwin HS (in Richmond) for the state quarter-finals on Tuesday, May 30th.
- Congratulations to Leslie Hansen who was crowned Liberty District **Girls' Singles Tennis** Champion and to Will Pelak who won the Liberty District **Boys' Singles Tennis** Championship 5/11/06. Also, the Leila Lam/Kristin Rhodes student pair took 3rd place in the Liberty district girls' tennis doubles.
- Congratulations to the TJHSST Girl's **tennis team** finished their regular season as undefeated District Champions.
- Congratulations to the TJHSST **Boy's tennis team** finished tied for the District Championship.
- Congratulations to the **Boy's and Girl's track teams** on winning the district championship!
- The following students have been selected for all **district boys' soccer teams**. 1st Team; Connor Ahearn, 2nd Team; Andrew Lloyd, Harry Beddo and Peter Swigert. Honorable Mention; Peter Bojo, Alex Carney, Ben Ellis, and James Ramadan.

Alumni

- Amazing Alumni story: David Banh TJ Graduate 05' is completing the **University of Virginia's** undergraduate program in only one year! He has undertaken an intensive course load combined with his numerous High School AP credits (he came to UVA with 72 hours of AP credit), and the Echols scholar program which helped him achieve 120 credits for graduation. David is majoring in math and physics! Congratulations!!
- Alumni Gregory Bowman 2002 is one of the most outstanding seniors at **Cornell University** and has been chosen as a Merrill Presidential Scholar by the dean, has selected staff member Dr. Omar Acio as the secondary teacher who has made the most significant contribution to his education.
- Alumni Helen Durden 2002 is one of the most outstanding seniors at **Cornell University** and has been chosen as a Merrill Presidential Scholar by the dean, has selected former staff member Mrs. Kathy West as the secondary teacher who has made the most significant contribution to his education.

Faculty

- TJ Principal Elizabeth Lodal has been appointed by Governor Tim Kaine to **The Education Commission of**

the States as one of four Virginia delegates. Governor Warner was the president of this group last year. The group meets to advise the Governors about both state and national educational policies.

- TJ staff member Maggie Xu has been awarded a full scholarship by the College Board to attend the 3-week **AP Chinese Summer Institute** in Beijing China during the summer of 2006. This is the first year that the program will be presented overseas.
- TJHSST teacher Mr. Michael Stueben has been selected for the **2006 Edyth May Sliffe Award for Distinguished Mathematics Teaching in a High School**. He was nominated by his TJ students: Jesse Geneson, Daniel Schafer, Haita Mao, Peter Diao, and Men Young Lee.
- Congratulations to TJ staff member Shane Torbert and Michael Stueben for their recent publication of **"Advice for Solving Equations"** in the *Mathematics Teacher* publication April 2006. The publication of this article is a significant accomplishment, as only a small portion of the manuscripts that are received get published.
- The Bio IT Coalition has selected TJHSST staff member Joshua Strong as their Educator of the Year in Fairfax County.
- IBM and the **Computer Science Teachers Association (CSTA)** announced that they will collaborate to accelerate computer science & technology skills among high school students. TJHSST computer science teacher Shane Torbert participated in the 6 week pilot program for this software. Soon IBM and (CSTA) will provide 36,000 teachers with free access to this computer science curriculum.

TJHSST Partnership Fund

TJ@20: Great Expectations

The **TJ@20** Birthday Celebration on Sunday, May 21st highlighted the Reinsch-Pierce Family Foundation for their major gift donations that are supporting Jefferson's Video Technology and Communications Laboratory, and the establishment of the Reinsch-Pierce Gallery of Jefferson Achievement in TJ's main entrance lobby.

Chairman John McCauley announced the student winners of the Reinsch-Pierce Gallery, and each was presented a \$100 savings bond award: Lauren Gilchrist (2006), Aaron Perman (2007) Sam Eberspacher (2008), Amilie Napier

(2008) and Emily Wetzel (2008). The construction of the new lobby display will be completed during the summer for dedication in September.

The Reinsch-Pierce Family Foundation's generous support also enabled the commission of TJ's new Alma Mater on the occasion of its 20th Birthday. The original musical composition, **Thomas Jefferson Alma Mater** was publicly premiered at the Birthday Celebration on Sunday afternoon and performed by the Symphonic Orchestra, Symphonic Wind Ensemble and TJ's Colonial Singers.

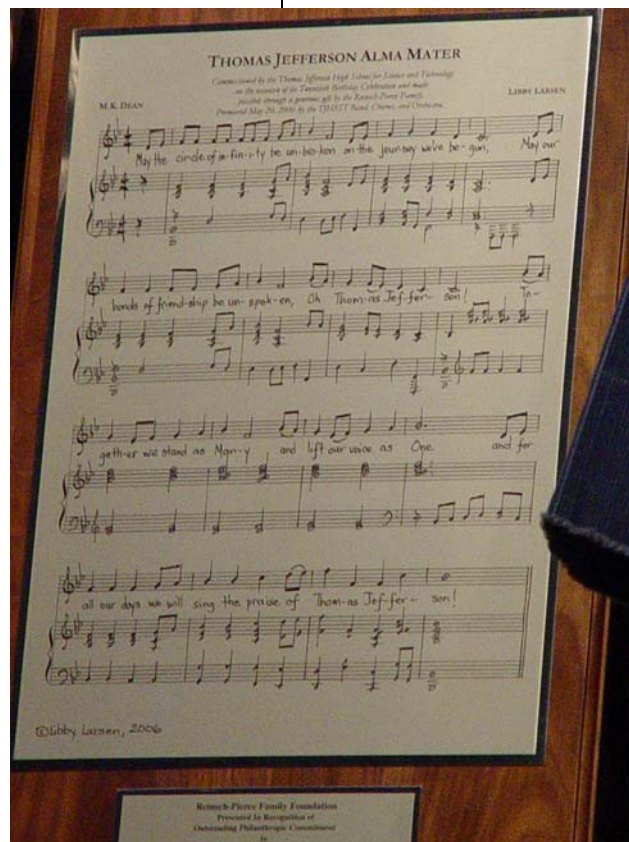
Chairman McCauley introduced Douglas Hastings, Senior Partner (Parent '05), of D.C. law firm Epstein, Becker & Green, and received the firm's second \$10,000 donation to healthcare and life sciences student research.

Northrop Grumman Mission Systems came to TJ's Birthday Party and Dr. Paul Carlock (Parent '10) presented Northrop Grumman's gift of \$10,000 to enable TJ to acquire a CNC Plasma Cutter and Milling Machine to support Jefferson's Prototyping and Automation & Robotics Labs.

The BIG announcement at the Party came from Jim Condon (Parent '07) who represented the **Catherine B. Reynolds Foundation**. Jim announced a **\$100,000 donation** to TJ that will provide major technical upgrades to Jefferson's Lecture Hall over the next three years.

It was quite a Party! Our very special thanks to these caring partners for their generous contributions to "removing the ceiling" for student research excellence at TJ. Thank you also to Debbie Kilpatrick and the TJ PTSA for organizing this wonderful birthday celebration.

Jefferson Partnership Fund Elects New Officers: The Jefferson Partnership Fund's Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors held on Monday, May 22nd elected new officers for two-year terms, including Chairman -Tom Goodwin (Parent '08), Treasurer - Fred Baerenz (Parent '08), and as Secretary, Jean Stevens (TJ Biology Teacher).



Committee chairs serving for the next academic year are Parent Committee Ellen Ranard (Parent '07, '10), and as co-chairs of the Corporate Development Committee Jim Condon (Parent '07), Nancy Carter (Parent '07), and Barbara McDuffie, Senior Vice-President of Cassidy & Pinkard. Carolyn Cukierman (Parent '07 and '10) will serve as Communications Committee Chair and Immediate Past Chairman John McCauley (Parent '05) will serve as Chair of the Finance/Audit Committee.

Thank you Phonathon Volunteers and Donors: The Jefferson Partnership Fund's first "Annual Parent to Parent Phonathon" held on Sunday April 30 made personal calls to nearly 1,000 TJ community households. Many thanks to Nancy Carter and Janet Tener, Event Co-Chairs, and our 35 parent volunteer callers who made this event so successful and to all those who have responded to their calls with first-time gifts to the Jefferson Partnership Fund.

And Thank You Everyone!

And last (but by no means least) -- the Jefferson Partnership Fund extends its sincere thanks to the many hundreds of TJ families -- current parents, alumni parents, and alumni alike -- who have thoughtfully and generously donated during this year by mail, e-mail, and telephone appeals, and online at www.TJpartnershipfund.org, and at their workplaces through the United Way/CFC Campaigns. Your generous support is making a difference in student research, new equipment, curriculum innovation and professional development for our faculty.

Congratulations to the Class of 2006! And our very best wishes for your continued academic success!

TJHSST Boosters

Academic Boosters

- TJ's **Chess Team** ended the year on a high note. In the National High School Chess Championship, competing against over 1400 players from hundreds of schools nationwide, our "young team" (3 juniors, 6 sophomores, and 2 freshmen) took fifth place! Congratulations, Eddie Lu, Byron Hood, Tim Chen, Atul Kannan, Yang He, Jacob Steinhardt, Tom Chen, Emma Pierson, Brian Hu, Alissa Perman and Nick Loffredo!
- And the year is not over yet. During May and early June, two of our policy debate teams will be competing in the CFL national debate championships, four of our Odyssey of the Mind Teams will be participating in this year's the international competition, and many of our students will be competing for spots on the U.S. physics, math, and biology teams.

If you want to hear how our students have done and congratulate them, please join us on Wednesday, June

7, at 6:30 in the cafeteria, for Academic Boosters' annual awards ceremony. There will be plenty of food, and at 7 we'll hear our students report on all their accomplishments during the past school year.

Thank you for your support during this year and please continue to support Academic Boosters next year!

Band Boosters

Uniforms Donated to Mississippi High School: The Band Boosters, assisted by the generosity of UPS Freight and an anonymous donor, have donated TJ's previously owned marching band uniforms to a Mississippi high school severely damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Tracy Yura and Felicia Schwenk were instrumental in coordinating the transfer and transportation of the uniforms to Mississippi, without cost to our band program.

Tax Preparer Needed: The Band Boosters are looking for a volunteer to audit our books, and to prepare and file our tax form. If you can help, please contact: [TReinsel at msn.com](mailto:TReinsel@msn.com).

Virtual Tag Day: Letters were recently sent out requesting donations in support of the TJ Band program. Most high school band programs solicit donations each fall through Tag Day fund drives. Band members travel door-to-door throughout their neighborhood. Thomas Jefferson can't solicit funds in this way because our physical neighborhood is so vast and far reaching; therefore, we must rely on our virtual neighborhood. **Be a good neighbor;** please mail your charitable donation to TJHSST Band Boosters, Inc., c/o Director of Bands, TJHSST.

TJ License Plate Frames: Attention all classes, advertise your academic achievements with enthusiasm and pride; order one or more customized license plate frames. Contact: [jfhurl at yahoo.com](mailto:jfhurl@yahoo.com), (703) 323-9710. See frame samples at: http://www.toward.com/tjbandboosters/Fund_Raisers/license_plate_frames.htm.

Gift Ideas for Fathers, Grads, and Teachers: Purchase scrip and/or gift cards by contacting: [PLLEE10 at aol.com](mailto:PLLEE10@aol.com). A list of available scrip and gift cards is available at: http://www.toward.com/tjbandboosters/Fund_Raisers/scrip.htm

Glory Days Grill Fund Raiser: Hold your neighborhood sports party at Glory Days Grill and raise money for the TJ bands program. Through June, eat at any Glory Days Grill on Monday through Thursday, and TJ Bands earn 10% of your purchase! Ask server for a copy of your guest check (not credit card receipt) and drop it in the labeled box in TJ's main office, or mail to Felicia Schwenk. Contact: [fns5 at aol.com](mailto:fns5@aol.com).

Colonial Athletic Boosters

▪ The Colonial Athletic Boosters would like to congratulate all the TJ athletes, especially our seniors who will be continuing playing sports on the collegiate field next year. They include: Seyi Ayorinde, Football at Davidson; Cheli Bleda, **Lacrosse** at Davidson; JR Carr, Lacrosse at Tufts; Will Lipovsky, **Football** at Columbia; Matt Wong, **Football** at Washington University in St. Louis. Congratulations to all of you.

▪ Congratulations are also in order for several of our spring athletes who set records this season. They include Cheli Bleda who shattered the old career TJ **lacrosse goal record** of 76 by scoring an amazing 112 during her years as a Colonial. In **boy's lacrosse**, Junior Peter Gudmundsen set a new record for goals in one year with 53.

▪ The girl's **soccer** team would like to say a big "Thank you and farewell" to Coach Jake Sauer who will be unable to continue his coaching job due to a greater responsibility at the State Department. Thanks for all your time and we will miss you.

▪ Seniors, Did you know that for only \$25 you can buy an alumni pass that will get you into every regular season home TJ athletic event for life? Your parents are eligible to buy one also as long as they don't still have children attending TJ. You can get the membership form here:

<http://sports.tjhsst.edu/boosters/ALUMNIPASSFORM.htm>.

Crew Boosters

Thomas Jefferson Rows to Victory at the Virginia State Championship, the Stotesbury Cup Regatta and the SRAA Nationals.

▪ May was quite a month for TJ Crew. It began with the Ted Phoenix Regatta on the Anacostia River. This championship regatta was for lower boats only and our Men's 4th 8 taking home first place and gold medals. On May 13, TJ had 8 boats participating in the **Virginia State Championships** on the Occoquan River. Of those 8 boats, 5 came away with first place trophies and



medals. Our Women's 2nd, 3rd 8s and Men's 1st, 2nd and 3rd 8s all took home gold.

▪ On May 19 and 20, the same 8 boats raced in the oldest and largest high school regatta in the world, the **Stotesbury Cup** in Philadelphia. This year's entries



included over 5,000 rowers representing 180 schools and 830 boats. Many of the entries were from private or preparatory schools that place a high priority on their rowing programs. As usual, however, our TJ rowers came through with some outstanding performances. 6 of the 8 boats made it to the semifinal races and of those, 3 went on to the finals. The Men's 2nd 8 took 4th in their final, our Women's 2nd 8 took 2nd in their final and brought home a silver medal. And last, but not least, the Men's Varsity (or 1st) 8 won the prestigious Stotesbury



Cup. This is only the second time a DC area school has won the cup since 1969 (the other time being 2004, also won by the TJ Men).

▪ The final regatta of the year was the **Scholastic Rowing Association of America Nationals** held at Saratoga Springs, NY on May 26 and 27. Crews from as far away as Illinois and Florida came to compete against the best in the country. Again, TJ Crew came through with some outstanding races. Of 7 boats entered, four boats moved on to the finals. The Men's 1st 8 won gold,

The Men's 2nd 8 and Women's 2nd 8 won bronze, and the Men's 3rd 8 placed 5th.

- Members of our medal-winning boats: **Men's Varsity Eight** are seniors Joel Peterson, Nolan Maher, and Erik Douglas. Juniors include Bryan Ward, Ty Otto, Lee Rumph, Dan Muir, and Marcos Carzolio. The coxswain is senior John Hurley.

- The **Men's Second Eight** rowers are Christian Klein, Phil Grisdela, Chris Gear, John Trent, Ben Ranard, Tom Dellafera, Jon Lee, Will Zeng, and the coxswain is Graham Ziemba.

- The **Women's Second Eight** rowers are Aniko Toth, Marissa Norko, Victoria Marcos, Jordan Albright, Kaitlyn Whitt, Laura Williams, Xuefeng Chen, and Caroline Bogdan. The coxswain is Angela Zhang.

- Finally, three TJ Rowers were recognized by the **Washington Post** as **All-Met athletes**. Seniors Ildiko Toth, Joel Peterson and Nolan Maher were the only Jefferson athletes selected for this honor. In addition, honorable mention went to senior Erik Douglas and juniors Jenn Lampen, Marcos Carzolio, and Ty Otto. The Post also recognized Jefferson's Women's 2nd 8 and Men's 1st and 2nd 8s as best boats in the metro area.

Choral and Drama Boosters

- As we go to press, the TJ choir is ending the year with a flurry of activity. The choir was proud to participate in the recording and performance of the new Thomas Jefferson Alma Mater. This commissioned work was heard in its debut during the TJ at 20 celebration. The choir looks forward to performing this work again during graduation ceremonies on June 17th.

- While this may be too late for press time, the choir is fervently working on their Disney-themed show scheduled for June 2, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. This will be followed by the annual picnic, tentatively scheduled for June 4th.

- As we end the year, the choir council is getting ready for the election of officers for the 2006-2007 season. Included in next year's plans is the choir trip to Europe! Details to follow.....

Best of luck to our graduating seniors!



Orchestra Boosters

The TJ Orchestras and Orchestra Boosters held a wonderfully successful Viennese Ball on Friday, May 26th. The cafeteria was transformed into a Spring Cotillion of pastels and flowers with chandelier lighting made possible by the decorating efforts of the Orchestra members. Refreshment tables were laden with an array of hot appetizers and sweet treats, generously donated by Orchestra parents, served and replenished



throughout the evening by a cadre of hard-working parent volunteers. The Ball started off with a dance lesson followed by continuous waltzing to the graceful music provided by the TJ Orchestra, under the direction of Allison Bailey. The TJ Jazz Band, while giving the Orchestra players a chance to relax, performed Swing and Jazz pieces for dancers' enjoyment. From the lovely strains of the Blue Danube and other wonderful waltz pieces, to the linen tablecloths, lavish spread of food and spouting water fountain, to the elegant swirling of the dancers - lovely ladies dressed in their finest long dresses and gents in tuxedos and other formal attire - this was indeed a classy event.



End-of-year "TJ" gifts: If you are looking for end-of-the year congratulatory or graduation gifts for your student, think TJ Orchestra Boosters! The Orchestra Boosters offer some fine TJ inspired products that would delight any TJ student: (1) white roll socks with "Jefferson" woven into the low-cut 1" navy and red cuff - perfect for sports or to accessorize spring outfits! (2) white plush cotton velour 16" x 26" gym towel with the TJHSST orb logo - an excellent size for working on weight machines or to have handy in the gym locker, or even fine enough to serve as guest towels in your powder room! For the music aficionado at TJ, we offer the TJ Music Tote bag and the TJ Music CD holder. These products are available for purchase by email to [tjhsstorchesterboosters at msn.com](mailto:tjhsstorchesterboosters@msn.com), at the June 8 concert or by calling Marilyn Myers (703-560-8163).

On Thursday, June 8, the TJ Orchestras will perform their final concert of the year in the TJ auditorium at 7:00 pm. The concert is open to the entire TJ community. Come enjoy an evening of beautiful music as we remember, recognize and close out the 2005-06 school year.

Theater Boosters

As the final show of the year, *Antony and Cleopatra*,



comes to a close, the Theatre Boosters would like to congratulate all students involved in theater on a fantastic year. The three Drama Club shows, three Shakespeare Troupe shows, VTA, and VHSL shows were enjoyed by enthusiastic audiences, as well as earning critical praise.

Congratulations also to Anna Hunter, Lisa Weber, Elizabeth Stone, Rachel Lazarus, and Cara Dickason for a fabulous Cappies Critics year. This program requires a year-long commitment involving formal training and a requirement to attend and review at least five Cappies plays at other schools. Each of our critics had reviews

published this year in various media outlets. Great job, ladies! We're proud of you!

The Boosters also wish to thank the faculty and staff members who work so hard to support theater, especially sponsors Vinny Pollet and Judy Bello, as well as the many parents who contributed time, effort, and money to support the students' productions. We look forward to an exciting season next year, including a musical production. Watch your summer packets for details and show schedules, as well as information about becoming a Booster. Please visit our website at <http://arts.tjhsst.edu/theatreboosters/> for more information and photos from our shows.

Finally, hearty congratulations to our graduating seniors, many of whom plan to pursue theater in college or the community. Best of luck!



As Antony woos Cleopatra, Caesar comforts Antony's bride, Octavia

Performances

Enjoy an Evening of Great Music and Refreshments: The annual TJ Jazz Cabaret is scheduled for Saturday, June 3, at 7 p.m. in the TJ Cafeteria. Entertainment will be provided by TJ's Jazz I and II Ensembles, and guest artist Jim McFalls. Mr. McFalls is an internationally known trombone player who performed as soloist and lead player with the Jazz Ambassadors component of the U.S. Army Field Band for 17 years. Suggested donations at the door are \$4 student/senior citizens and \$6 adults. Discounted advance tickets are available by calling (703) 425-1714, or email [ppeterson at ncua.gov](mailto:ppeterson@ncua.gov).

Choir presents a Disney-themed show scheduled for June 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the TJ Auditorium.

Orchestra performs its final concert on June 8, at 7:00 in the Auditorium.

Announcements and Information

Botball Robotics Competition

Two teams of TJ students competed against 43 other teams in the DC Regional Botball Competition on March 6 in College Park, MD. The students designed, built, and programmed two Lego robots using motors, gears, light sensors, touch sensors, and a video camera. These robots operated by on-board XBC microprocessors and did not use remote controls. The pairs of robots competed against other pairs on a playing field the size of a ping-pong table. The task this year was to save Botguy (a plush toy) and his Tribble friends (small colored pom-pom balls) while gathering supplies (different sizes of colored poof balls.)

The members of TJ Team #1 included Alex Godofsky, Eric Harmon, Adam Lederer, Logan Kearsley, Asa Kusuma, Robbie Leith, Al Parthum, Andrew Punnoose, Justin Solomon, Andy Strat, and Dan Tran. Their robots finished with an overall rank of 27th.

The members of TJ Team #2 included Andrew Hamilton, Eric Kolker, Jama Mohamed, Mac Stevens, Brandon Vargo, Julian Warchall, and Jacob Welsh. Their robots finished with an overall rank of 16th.

Lots of information about Botball, including video clips of past tournaments, can be found on the web at <http://www.botball.org>.

This year's Botball team was supported in part through PTSA funds. Computer Science teacher Mr. Billington was the faculty sponsor this year.

Reading Program

ONE BOOK - ONE COMMUNITY - ONE JEFFERSON: The Night Trilogy: Night, Dawn, and The Accident, by Elie Wiesel.



It's Not Too Late to Host or

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Too early to be an exchange student. AFS International Program (formerly American Field Service) is looking for families to host high school students from other countries. The students will have their own medical insurance, their own spending money, and excellent English skills. Families are responsible for providing a bed, meals, supervision and LOTS of love and support. Families of all kinds can host: single adult

headed families, 2 adult headed families (whether married or not), families with high school students, families with younger children, families with no children or grown children. For more information on hosting (without obligation), please call Jerene Thomas at 703-759-3166 or Destiny Burns at 703-542-8632.

Spending time in another country, whether for a summer, a semester, or a school year, is an enriching, life-changing experience. You'll gain a greater appreciation and awareness of your own culture by living in a (not better, not worse, just) different culture. You'll gain confidence in your ability to cope with unexpected situations. And you'll definitely gain language skills! You'll form bonds so strong with your host family that you'll want to move that country closer to Virginia (or, at least, delay leaving) when it's time to return to your Virginia home. For more information on going abroad, please call the AFS Information Line at 1-800-AFS-INFO (1-800-237-4636), TJ parent Barbara Swain at 703-426-1907, or Jerene Thomas at 703-759-3166.

Thanks for Legislative Notebooks

Many thanks to Mr. Kummer's students for assembling legislative notebooks for use by the PTSA Legislation Committee! The notebooks provided comprehensive information about the legislators who represent each of the jurisdictions whose students attend Jefferson, including: maps of the various Virginia Senate and House districts, a short biographical sketch of each legislator, assignments to Committees of interest, a listing of legislators by base high school, and the location of participants in Jefferson's mentorship program. Thanks go to: Alexandra Hoeft, Kathy Bian, Vidya Gopinath, and Jean Suh. The PTSA will be using these valuable resources as we expand our legislative outreach efforts.

Summer community service hours !

Weeding and mulching need to be done prior to the beginning of the new school year. Interested? Email Michele Pitler, PTSA Landscaping Co-Chair, [Mb1955 at aol.com](mailto:Mb1955@aol.com). Have you noticed that TJ's gardens reflect the school's colors of red, white and blue? They also celebrate America's 400th Anniversary. The Virginia Cooperative Extension has developed the America's Anniversary Garden to help individuals, communities, and groups mark America's 400th Anniversary with a signature garden planting of red, white and blue color schemes. For more information, see the Extension's website: <http://www.ext.vt.edu/americasgarden/>

Parents, We Need You!

This is advance notice for all parents. With a new Principal coming in the new school year it will be even

more important for our school to have the support of the parents. A great way to show your support is by participation – this can range from coming to evening discussion meetings, answering the phones at the front desk, donating cheese and crackers for an event or supervising students in open gym, AP exams or on Thursday mornings during JLC.

Unlike previous years, **ALL** parent participation and volunteer sign-ups will be done electronically beginning in the late summer. When you verify or add to your student's details to go in the directory you will also have the opportunity to show which areas you, as a parent, are interested in.

A paper flyer describing the parent participation and volunteer opportunities will be in the Back to School packets but you **must** go online and access the electronic signup form using the Directory form. We look forward to finding that our parents are just as technologically capable of filling in online forms as our students are (and, if you aren't then ask that student for help!)

Questions? Contact the Volunteer Coordinators at [ptsa.volunteers at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.volunteers@tjhsst.edu).

Thank you so much for all that you do to support TJHSST.

Ocean Bowl Team Competes at Nationals!

TJ Ocean Bowl Team, sponsored by Mrs. Lisa Wu, participated in the 9th Annual National Ocean Science Bowl during May 13 – 15 in Monterey, California. TJ Team A won the Chesapeake Bay Bowl Regional Competition in February held at the American University in D. C., which awarded the team an all expense paid trip to compete in the national competition. Around 2000 students participated in the 25 regional competitions and



Big Sur, left to right: Avi Baehr, Seth Waddell, Helen Zhang, Zack Yang, and Captain Wil Kilpatrick

125 winning students from throughout the nation, including Alaska and Hawaii, competed in the Nationals in Monterey. Before the competition our team arrived early enough to visit Big Sur, Monterey, and sight-seeing in San Francisco. The national competition was held at Asilomar Conference Grounds within an easy walk to the beach. All the students received field trips to Monterey Aquarium and other ocean related locations prior to the competition. The top eight teams in the national competition are awarded a variety of prizes and educational trips. After competing in nine highly competitive rounds throughout the day, our team placed eighth nationally. Prizes include gift certificates for \$500 for scientific equipment and \$500 for marine science textbooks. To learn more about NOSB, check out the website, www.nosb.org or our TJ Ocean Bowl website, <http://activities.tjhsst.edu/oceanbowl>.

Congratulations to TJ's Ocean Bowl Team, consisting of Captain Wil Kilpatrick (06), Avi Baehr (07), Seth Waddell (07), Helen Zhang (08), and Zack Yang (06). *Go Ocean Bowl!*



Pictured after winning award, left to right: Captain Wil Kilpatrick, Zack Yang, Avi Baehr, Seth Waddell, and Helen Zhang.

Champion Debate Summer Camp

The Champion Debate camp is an opportunity for middle school students to get a head start before joining a high school debate team. The camp is will be hosted at the McLean Community Center. All 6th through 9th graders may apply -- you do not need to be a future TJ student. The debate camp will be taught by Crystal Zheng and Sisy Wang, captains of the TJ Debate team. Both have debated for four years and have taught debate at TJ for three years. Crystal will continue debating at Stanford University, Sisy at Dartmouth University. For more information Contact Crystal at 703-343-0291 or [zheng_crystal at yahoo.com](mailto:zheng_crystal@yahoo.com).

Noteworthy Dates

June

- 2 Choir Disney Themed show (7:30 p.m., Auditorium)
- 3 Jazz Cabaret (7 p.m., Cafeteria)
- 5 HRC Meeting (4:00 p.m., College Career Center)
- 7 Athletic Boosters' annual sports physical at TJ
- 7 Academic Boosters Annual Awards Ceremony (6:30 p.m., Cafeteria)
- 7 CAC Coordinating Group (7:30, Career Center)
- 7 ANGP Committee Meeting (7:00 - Career Center)
- 8 Final concert by Orchestra (7:00 p.m., Auditorium)
- 9-14 senior exams (see Guidance section for specifics)
- 9 Prom (Westwood Country Club)
- 12 PTSA Meeting (7:00 p.m., Library)
- 12 Retirement Reception (following PTSA Meeting, Library)
- 13 Diversity Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m., Career Center)
- 13 Seniors: Baccalaureate at 7p.m. at Word of Life Church
- 14 ANGP Committee Meeting (7:00 - Career Center)
- 15 Mandatory graduation rehearsal (1:30 p.m., TJ) followed by Senior picnic.
- 16 ANGP Final Preparations (All day, TJ)
- 17 Graduation (8:00 p.m., Patriot Center, GMU)
- 20 Last Day of School – Dismissal at 10:50 a.m.

Academic Boosters' Awards Reception Wednesday, June 7, 2006 Cafeteria

TJHSST Academic Boosters' annual Awards Reception is the one time each year we gather to recognize the achievements of our academic teams and to thank their coaches.

To keep the program focused on our students and their coaches, we will be using last year's format. Our reception (heavy hors d'oeuvres) and short business meeting will be followed by presentations by students, who will thank their coaches and tell us about their teams' amazing accomplishments during 2005-2006. This should be memorable: our students are impressive speakers and can be counted upon to make their tributes gracious and heart-warming.

Event Timetable:

- 6:30 p.m. Reception begins. If you can contribute a side dish or dessert, please contact Marie Romais ([DEROMAIS at aol.com](mailto:DEROMAIS@aol.com)) or Mary Thornton ([mary.thornton at cox.net](mailto:mary.thornton@cox.net)).
- 7:00 p.m. Business meeting to vote on officers for the upcoming school year:
 - President** -- Qi Wang
 - Vice President** -- Amy Lu
 - Secretary** -- Marie Romais, Mary Thornton
 - Treasurer** -- George He
 - Membership** -- John Repetski
 - Faculty Liaison** -- Pat Gabriel
- 7:15 p.m. Student presentations from each academic team.
- 8:00 - 8:30 p.m. More food and conversation.

We hope all members of TJ's academic teams, faculty coaches/sponsors, and parents can attend!

**PTSA SPONSORED GATHERINGS FOR THE TJ 2010 STUDENTS & PARENTS
BY CLUSTER AND COUNTY**

PTSA Representative	Date-Type	Time	Location
<i>Cluster 1:</i> Louise Epstein RSVP: Lepstein at cox.net	June 17 PotLuck	11 am-1:30 p.m.	1134 Litton Lane, McLean, VA 22101
<i>Cluster 2:</i> Padma Kannan RSVP: padmakannan at hotmail.com	June 10 PotLuck	11 am – 2 p.m.	TJ career Center
<i>Cluster 3:</i> Rita Yaroch RSVP: yaroch at cox.net	June 18 Potluck	6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	4921 Hogans Lake Place, Annandale , VA
<i>Cluster 4 :</i> Catherine Stebbins RSVP: Stebbins5 at cox.net	June 11 Dessert will be served	6:30 -8:00 p.m.	Mount Vernon District Governmental Center: 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria (Across from Sherwood Library)
<i>Cluster 5:</i> Lynn Dudley Ldudley at abcstaff.org RSVP: Marla Ozarowski (H) 703-643-0015 / marlaoz at hotpop.com	June 13 Pizza will be served Cluster 5 & 6 Combined	6-9 p.m.	TJ Cafeteria
<i>Cluster 6:</i> Judith Stocks Judith.stocks at verizon.net RSVP: Marla Ozarowski (H) 703-643-0015 / marlaoz at hotpop.com	June 13 Pizza will be served Cluster 5 & 6 Combined	6-9 p.m.	TJ Cafeteria
<i>Cluster 7:</i> Tricia Cruz: Va_cruz at cox.net	June 3 rd - Potluck	3 p.m.- 5 p.m.	13529 Moss Glen Rd. Clifton, VA 20124
<i>Cluster 8:</i> Cindy Wagner RSVP: Cindywagner2 at gmail.com	<i>June week-end TBD</i> Pizza	TBD	NOT TJ CAFETERIA - CHANGE . It will be Closer to home. Please check for final confirmation with Cindy Wagner
<i>Arlington/Falls Church: Lynn Borton</i> LBorton at aol.com or 703-276-8957	Aug 27 Picnic PotLuck	6-8 p.m	Bon Air Park, Arlington
<i>Loudoun County: Nancy Stoeper</i> NSTOEPKER at aol.com	June 10 Potluck dessert	2 p.m.- 4 p.m.	TJ Cafeteria
<i>Prince William/Fauquier Counties:</i> RSVP: Nassmah.Brooks at verizon.net PTSA Liaison	June 4 PotLuck	3p.m.- 5 p.m.	NOT SAUNDERS M.S. – CHANGE - Please check for final confirmation & any updates your representative or Nassmah Brooks

*Retirement Reception
For
Elizabeth V. Lodal*

*Principal, Thomas Jefferson High School for
Science & Technology*

*Monday, June 12th at 7:30 p.m.
Following the 7 o'clock PTSA
Board Meeting
TJHSST Library*

Hosted by the PTSA

*Please join us to thank Principal Lodal
for her vision and leadership
from 2000 - 2006
and to wish her well in her retirement.*

Refreshments will be served.

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Check List

- Seniors - Good Luck with Graduation and don't forget to buy your ANGP Tickets for the best party in town!
- Class of 2007 – Welcome to your Senior year!
- Have a really great summer!
- Class of 2010 - sign up for the Directory now!
- See you in September!