

Principal's Letter

Dear Parents, Guardians, Teachers, and Students,

We are moving into the heart of the first semester with a successful homecoming season behind us. Student-centered learning activities are pervasive in many of the classrooms I have visited this past month. Dr. Torrence's AP economics students participated in a face-to-face stock market simulation where they rapidly traded commodities. Señora Gendive's class celebrated Hispanic Heritage month with a *fiesta* where students dressed and role-played as different prominent Hispanic leaders throughout modern history. Topics in globalization students led seminars across multiple classes to teach and learn about critical issues around the world, such as the World Bank, the Avian Flu, NAFTA, outsourcing, digital piracy, blood diamonds, and much more. Senior science and technology lab and mentorship students are deep into their research experiences where some students have already had their work accepted for publication in professional journals. There are many more examples to share, in and out of the classroom, so please talk with your child about his or her learning experiences.

Safety and security continues to be important at TJ. We have had inspections from external agents, including the Fire Marshal and a FCPS security team. The administrative and security teams have made routine trips through the hallways during high traffic times. The school has conducted fire and lockdown drills so teachers and students know how to respond in the event of an emergency. I am pleased to see the TJ community respond efficiently and effectively during these practice drills.

We have started conversations about the future of TJ. Two mechanisms have been created to structure our strategic planning: the SACS five year review and the TJHSST Task Force. SACS accreditation is a very thorough external evaluation of our past five years and areas of focus for the next five years. Eight faculty committees have been created to orchestrate the participation of our stakeholders, including students, parents, and the community. Please contact Heather Sondel (**Heather.Sondel at fcps.edu**), assistant principal, if you would like to be involved in the team that solicits parent ideas. The TJHSST Task Force,

headed by Superintendent Jack Dale, has organized two subcommittees to make recommendations for a new building, one to address facility options and the other program needs. Both subcommittees include representatives from several stakeholder groups, including parents, administration, business, and higher education. The program subcommittee has initiated a series of surveys to gather stakeholder input, starting with future student outcomes (values and skills), then curricular needs to respond to the student outcomes, and then instructional and building needs to respond to the future curricular needs. These findings will be brought forward to the superintendent through a series of recommendations to build a facility that supports our future programmatic needs. We appreciate your continued contribution of ideas throughout the year.

Please contact me at 703-750-8300 or **Evan.Glazer at fcps.edu** if you have feedback and suggestions that will help make TJ an even better place for learning and growing.

Have a terrific Thanksgiving holiday,
Evan Glazer

President's Message

I don't know about you, but as I write this piece, I am just getting over the big homecoming events! That was quite a weekend! Thanks to our parent community for all the work they did to make this a safe and responsible weekend. From chaperoning the dance to driving the kids (and boy were there a lot of parents driving, by the look of that line of cars on Braddock Road at 11:30 p.m. on Saturday night!), to helping them build the floats and supporting all the many other activities - thank you parents for supporting all the fun of Homecoming Week.

Here at the PTSA, we have quickly settled in to our routine over the past month. Committees are up and running and working on our events and programs that are coming up throughout the year. Parents are busy on various school committees relating to the school accreditation process and on the county's task force regarding the future vision of TJ and the issue of the building. I do hope you will keep yourself informed by attending our next PTSA meeting which will be held on **Monday, November 13th, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.** Arrive at 7:15 p.m. for some cookies and networking with

other parents. I intend to set aside some time this month for some follow up discussion on the Parent Forum on Youth, Ethics and Technology. I'd like to get some feedback from parents and discuss suggestions for our next parent education program in the spring.

Finally, this month, our wonderful Hospitality Committee provided the refreshments for the Principal's Coffee meeting. Thank you to Atti Galvin and Carrie Kilgore for doing such a beautiful job on that! Additional thanks are due to the community-minded parents and students who stepped up to the plate to help with the TJ prep course run by the PTSA Diversity Committee which also got started this past month. Your help is very much appreciated.

Please send me an email if you have any concerns or suggestions.

Bernadette Saperstein
[ptsa.president at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.president@tjhsst.edu)

PTSA Update

Highlights from the October 16 PTSA Meeting

- *Treasurer's report:* Net income for fiscal year to date is \$40,249.45. PTSA membership dues collected through 10/16 total just under \$17,000. Costs of publishing the PTSA directory were greatly reduced this year as a result of special initiatives by the Directory Committee Chair.
- *Membership:* Approximately 1,203 parents, alumni parents, students, and faculty have joined the 2006-07 PTSA. In addition to paying dues, members have made charitable contributions of over \$9,000 to the PTSA to date.
- *Diversity:* 61 middle school students are participating in the Diversity Committee's minority prep program this fall. More math volunteers are needed on Saturday mornings. Contact Ravi Tallapragada ([pkt325 at aol.com](mailto:pkt325@aol.com)) for more info.
- *Letter jacket sales:* Sales are off to a solid start and are expected to increase through the fall.
- *Principal's report:* (1) The county-wide task force on TJ's future is studying options for facilities improvements. A significant part of this enterprise is examining what the curriculum should look like. Ideas will continue to be solicited and analyzed over the next several months. (2) The school is conducting a security audit. Various procedures will be updated and drills practiced to ensure smooth operation in the event of an emergency.
- *Special announcements:* A workshop specifically designed to encourage participation of TJ parents from different cultural backgrounds will be held November 8, 7:00 pm in Room 214/215. Interpretation will be

available if a sufficient number of families request assistance in a particular language. Contact Esther Yook ([ptsa.firstvp at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.firstvp@tjhsst.edu)) for more info.

Membership

Thank you to all of you who support TJ by joining the PTSA. Your dues and donations help pay for a myriad of student programs, equipment, and professional development.

The exciting news on the membership front is that we have had \$9,535 in donations made to the PTSA this year. That is more than last year and we are delighted with the increase. However, we are substantially behind last year in the number of parents, teachers and students joining the PTSA. We currently have 1,226 members, of which 42 are from staff and alumni and multiple members of only 767 families. When you think about the number of families there are at TJ and about the tremendous enthusiasm that we all have for this school, there is **excessive room for improvement!**

It is never too late to join the PTSA. The membership form will be on our website all year. Take a moment and fill it in –your dues are important for many TJ programs. As a token of our appreciation, next month, we will be printing the list of PTSA members to thank them for their support!

Serving the TJ Community

Volunteers

Thank you! Many thanks to TJ's fantastic volunteers for taking time from their busy schedules to assist with so many activities at the school. Whether it is chaperoning a school dance or field trip, or baking goodies for an event—we really appreciate it! There are so many activities that occur at the school and volunteers are helping in many different ways. You do a tremendous job!

Archivist Position available: We are still looking for a volunteer to take on the position of Archivist. This person would be responsible for organizing, preserving and storing various paper and photographic records of life at TJ. Please email us at [ptsa.volunteers at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.volunteers@tjhsst.edu) if interested. Pat Groves is also available to provide more information ([pat.groves at fcps.edu](mailto:pat.groves@fcps.edu), or 703-750-8315).

Safety/Security

Principal Glazer has been very pro-active towards providing a secure and safe place to learn. County expert opinions were sought to find ways in which TJ could improve, an "in house" study of the current crisis management plan was undertaken, a one page "guide"

for crisis management including 3 Level lockdown procedures was distributed to all teachers, the first school-wide lockdown drill was executed, and weekly Administration Team meetings are being held. Valuable information has been gained towards improvements and parent participation is being asked for.

Since parent participation is so noticeable and appreciated, the Principal is creating a separate volunteer "Security Task Force" under the direction of the Principal's office. Tasks would involve things such as main entrance visitors, special events security, JLC day, rear building security, and so on. The idea is to obviously increase the number of eyes that would look for potential problems, NOT to deal with them, should they arise. Members of the TJ Security Task Force would assist by informing the Principal's office about any potential problems that may be observed so TJ can deal with the issue appropriately preventing any potential crisis situation.

If you have any questions or if you are interested, please forward your contact information to [rdmccormick at fcps.edu](mailto:rdmccormick@fcps.edu). As soon as a sufficient number of volunteers come forward, a "Volunteer Security Task Force" meeting will be convened with the Principal, the Safety/Security Staff, and the school SRO to analyze how best to serve TJ students.

Curriculum Advisory Committee

The Curriculum Advisory Committee is advisory to the principal and faculty on curricular issues. This year, the committee is serving as a sounding board for parental and student concerns about policy issues related to the TJHSST curriculum. CAC is working to expand intellectual connections with the external scientific, engineering, and technological community, and will help provide feedback to the school on draft versions of strategic plans. Anyone in the TJHSST community who wishes to assist in the committee's work is cordially invited to participate.

The committee will hold its next working meeting (rather than the originally-scheduled community forum) on Wednesday, November 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Career Center.

Millennium Courtyard Tradition Rocks!

Do you want to share in a great TJ tradition? The Millennium Courtyard, a brick patio beautification project, continues to expand with each new class, as parents, graduates, and friends continue to memorialize their TJ experience.

Located in the front of the school between the cafeteria and the library, the Millennium Courtyard provides a campus-like setting where students, faculty,

administration and visitors to the school can gather to study, relax and socialize. It features an interior brick courtyard with a raised brick seat wall, and brick walkways. The project is funded by the tax-deductible sale of engraved bricks, which are incorporated into the paved interior courtyard and walkways.

Spaces are still available for you to purchase an engraved brick with your student's name or personal message. The bricks may be engraved with up to three lines of text and two emblems to reflect the honoree's achievements, activities, or character. Orders must be received by mid-March in order to be included as part of our June 2007 installation. For more information, including a full display of available emblems, please see our [website at: http://sports.tjhsst.edu/boosters/millennium2006.php](http://sports.tjhsst.edu/boosters/millennium2006.php)

Landscaping Committee

If you have seen and enjoyed the new seating around the Millennium Courtyard at TJ you can thank Jamie McAtamney. He did an excellent job with his Eagle Scout project! Congratulations. The TJ Landscaping committee could use more garden hoses.

About a dozen scouts from Jamie's Troop 664, some scouts from other troops, and his family helped with this project. They replaced all of the boards in the 7 benches around the courtyard as well as damaged ones in the 10 picnic tables benches. They ended up replacing almost all of the table boards. The scouts also weeded and replaced the gravel in all the circles underneath the tables. The Home Depot down the street from TJ gave Jamie a discount. The group worked for close to 20 hours over a weekend. Mr. Tyson was kind enough to get the project approved and scheduled.

The TJ Landscaping committee could use some more garden hoses. If you have an extra, we would put it to good use at school. Contact Michele Pitler, TJ Landscaping Co-chair, at [Mb1955 at aol.com](mailto:Mb1955@aol.com).

Website Committee

The popular **Daily Announcements** feature has returned. This is a PowerPoint presentation of the announcements made in school each morning. You can access it through the PTSA website's home page, <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa>.

Student Services Board

The Student Services Advisory Board met on October 19. Parents who attended joined in on interesting discussions about Tech labs, blackboard assignments, student surveys of teachers, extra hours for the Library,

and much more. The next meeting will be held on November 16, at 7:30 p.m., in the Library. All parents and students are invited to attend. For more information check the SSAB link from the PTSA website or contact Karen O'Connor at karen_tj_ssab@hotmail.com.

All Night Grad Party

ANGP needs you! ANGP is an alcohol- and drug-free all-night celebration immediately following graduation. It is a gift to our students so they can celebrate their accomplishments in a safe and fun-filled environment. This event is sponsored by the PTSA and organized by the ANGP Committee. Plans are already underway for this year's party, which will take place following the Graduation Ceremony on June 16, 2007. This is a huge undertaking! We need the support of *all* senior parents to make this a special event for our kids. June seems a far way off, but we need to start planning NOW! Please step forward and get involved. All committees need help, but the following committees are crucial right now:

Volunteer Committee: recruit and schedule volunteers. Senior parents are needed to help plan the event; underclass parents are needed to "shadow" senior parents and get the event underway while senior parents are at graduation.

Publicity/Marketing Committee: create a strategy to get the word out about ANGP (website, flyers, newsletter, etc). Design a fundraising effort by soliciting area businesses and organizations.

If you think you don't have time for this, please keep in mind that there are excellent records, suggestions, contacts, and materials from previous years, so you will not be starting from scratch. In many cases, it is no more than inserting "2007" in previous years' material!

Underclass parents, especially junior parents, now is the time to get involved. You will be doing this for your students before you know it, and you will need the help of underclass parents. This is your chance to see first hand the planning and inner workings of this event. Also, if you want to observe ANGP 2007 in action, you need to volunteer. For safety/security reasons, only parents who have a volunteer assignment are permitted to attend ANGP. So, sign up now!!

The ANGP Committee meets once per month on the third Tuesday, at 7 p.m., in the Career Center. **Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 21st.** Please plan to attend. The ANGP chair is Bob Hobart (Angela '07), vanative11@msn.com. Thank you!

Academic News

Spanish News

The Spanish Honor Society had a wonderful *cena* and *fiesta* honoring our students and families of Hispanic Heritage on Thursday, Nov. 2 in the Cafeteria. Besides wonderful food of *arroz con pollo* everyone sang Spanish pop songs and danced to *El Tiburón*. We were also entertained by our new Spanish teacher, Peggy Gendive, who with her partner expertly danced the tango and rumba for us. ¡*Qué divertido!*

The Spanish tutoring program is well underway. If anyone wants peer tutoring during JLC Thursdays, there is a Spanish Honor Society student ready and able to assist in Room 106.

Class News

2007 – Seniors

Congratulations seniors on a great homecoming victory! The 2007 class government would like to thank all the parents and students who donated their time, resources and skills to make the home coming week go off without a hitch.

November is shaping up to be a busy month for seniors. **Friday, November 10th** is **senior night**, the last home football game of the year. Senior streak is traditionally held that night. Order forms for the senior spirit pack (sports bras, shorts, t-shirts and sweat shirts) should be available soon.

The annual **powder-puff** football game between the senior and junior girls will be held **Friday, November 17th 4:30-6:30**. Don't miss the senior girls showing off their athletic skill, the pep of the senior boys' cheerleaders and the annual half time freshman-sophomore tug-of-war match. Tickets will be \$5.00.

Seniors! Looking forward to graduation? Well, step one of the process will take place at a senior meeting on **Monday, Nov. 27 during 8th period TA**. A representative from Balfour will be coming to provide important information about graduation materials and paperwork for caps and gowns and will be taking measurements. If you can't be there, please contact either Alice Chung (achung6@gmail.com) or Shannon Ready (summersun10@gmail.com).

Parents of Seniors: Information about purchasing graduation announcements and other materials will be given out at the Senior Parents Night on **Wed, Nov. 29** from 7-9 pm. A representative from Balfour will be present to explain the process and answer any questions.

2008 - Juniors

After finishing up an extremely exciting Homecoming Week and First Quarter, the class of 2008 is now looking forward to the rest of the year. On Saturday, October 28, many juniors traveled with the class of 2009 to the Six Flags annual FrightFest event and had a blast! The Powderpuff game is next on the agenda, and we are looking for girls interested in playing and boys interested in coaching or cheering. The event is on Friday, November 17, and we know it'll be a success! In the more distant future, Mr. Colonial is coming up in February, and we are in the planning stages for that exciting event. Thanks for all of your support in chaperoning and helping our class out, parents. If you ever need more information or have questions or concerns, feel free to contact the officers at tjhsst08@gmail.com. Go 2008!

2009 – Sophomores

- **Silent Auction Meeting.** Parents are invited to attend an information meeting on November 2 at 7 p.m. in Learning Cottage No. 9, for the Class of 2009 Silent Auction Fund-raiser. The one-hour meeting will be conducted by Kathleen Ryan, student chairperson of the event. Parents are needed to head and support a variety of committees, as well as to donate items for the auction. A second, parent co-chair is also needed. The Silent Auction will be held on April 27, 2007, in the cafeteria. The class has set a goal of raising \$20,000.
- **Homecoming Dance Coat Check.** For the second year in a row, parents of the Class of 2009 took on the challenge of organizing and staffing the Homecoming Dance coat-check service. Chair Monajean Bergeron created a new system to better serve the attending students and led more than 30 parents in implementing it. The Principal and Ms. Nancy McCormick joined the second shift in helping to return more than 1,000 Trader Joe paper bags to their owners. Thank you to all parents who volunteered.
- **Homecoming Float Hospitality.** Thank you to Gene and Gail Zukosky for opening their home to the sophomore class to build its blue-ribbon 2006 Homecoming Float. Your hospitality and transportation support were greatly appreciated by all.
- **Faculty Luncheon.** Thank you to sophomore parents Ann Besson, Karen Emmons, Karen O'Connor, Jean Neitzke, and Felicia Schwenk who came to the support of Nancy McCormick by helping to serve a pizza and salad luncheon to faculty on PTSA Day, Oct. 18.
- **Fright Fest.** Monajean Bergeron, Randy and Maria Marris, Mary Jo Patterson and Gene Zukosky are sophomore parents who chaperoned 240 sophomores and juniors who visited Six Flags Fright Fest on Oct. 28. Thank you for giving your Saturday to such a fun event.

2010 - Freshmen

Thank you to all parents who helped with homecoming activities. The Class of 2010 would not have been able to build their float without the Buckley family (not only the parents, Kathy and Jeremy, and Logan '10, but also his brother and sister) who generously gave up their home for several weekends to the freshman class. Thanks also to Liz Nuti, Mary Schumann and Tammie Koenig who helped with the flatbed truck, generator and building materials for the float. I know the class is appreciative of the parents who drove the kids to and from the float building and provided snacks. And I don't want to forget our faculty sponsors, Amanda Hurowitz and Jonathon Osborne – the class is grateful to them for all of their support. Although new to TJ this year, Ms. Hurowitz and Mr. Osborne jumped right in to help the Class of 2010. Finally, we were glad that the freshman parents certainly did their part at the homecoming dance – with over 30 chaperones. Freshman parents have also been actively helping out on IBET field trips, in the front office and all over the school – what a great class! If you would like to join our freshman parent volunteer list of over 100 names please send an email at ESRanard@aol.com.

Ellen Ranard & Sheryl Markham, Class of 2010 liaisons

News Round-Up and Awards

STUDENTS

- **National Hispanic Recognition Program Honors 21 FCPS Students:** The National Hispanic Recognition program (NHRP), a College Board program providing national recognition for exceptional academic achievements by Hispanic high school seniors, has recognized 21 students from Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) as National Hispanic Scholars or Honorable Mention Finalists. Congratulations to our own: Jessica Dobis, Claudia Solis-Roman, Kendrick Castro, Alieza Durana, Marcos Carzolio, Nicholas Larounis, and Christine Contreras.
- Congratulations to this year's five TJHSST Semi-Finalists in the **Siemens-Westinghouse Science Competition:** Wei Hao – Physics, Frederick Mako – Engineering/Physics, Jonathan (Peiyu) Wang – Biophysics, William Zeng – Biophysics, Angela (Han) Zhang – Biology. Best of luck TJ Semi-Finalists!

TJHSST Partnership Fund

Giving to Advance Educational Excellence

Thank you to the TJ families that have supported TJ through the Partnership Fund's *Back to School Campaign* -- \$23,790 so far! **But there are many families still to be heard from!** As you know, public funds do not come even close to supporting TJ's mission of research and educational excellence. Therefore, the Fund's

mission is to generate a "self-sustaining fund to fulfill the ongoing needs of the educational programs of TJHSST."

You may support TJ when giving through **United Way** or the **Combined Federal Campaign**. Please designate the Partnership Fund's new number: **8705**. Parents will also have the opportunity to show their support for TJ in the annual year-end campaign.

Please join in the giving! When the Partnership Fund seeks gifts from foundations and corporations, it helps to say we have 100% parent participation. No gift is too small. Donate online at www.TJPartnershipfund.org or by mail to TJPF, 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22312-2291.

The Partnership Fund welcomes our new **Director of Corporate and Community Relations, Gary Bottorff**. Gary brings a wealth of fundraising experience and a network of contacts to the Partnership Fund. Gary is a retired Air Force Colonel who has worked both overseas and in the Pentagon. Gary has also established consulting businesses and a non-profit foundation to provide scholarships for military spouses. We know he will help the Partnership Fund achieve its mission and provide tremendous benefit to TJ!

Questions? Contact us at [Jeffersonpartnershipfund at tjhsst.edu](http://Jeffersonpartnershipfund.at.tjhsst.edu) .

TJHSST Boosters

Academic Boosters

TJ's academic teams have started this season with very notable wins.

- **It's Academic** teams competed at the 25 September tournament at the University of Maryland. Team A (Allan Fan, Keshav Pillai, and Captains Michael Romais and Evan Silberman) placed 2nd in a hard-fought match with the Maggie Walker Governor School. Our B team (Bo Fan, Phil Graves, Tom Smilack, and Brian Terrill) took 3rd place. The C team (Mattie Whittle, Raza Mir, Mohit Iyyer, and Corinna Pan), missed the quarterfinals, but nevertheless won half their games.
- **Model United Nations (MUN)** has begun with first place wins. On September 29-30, TJ MUN won first place (Secretary-General's Award) at the George Mason High School Model United Nations Conference. Two weeks later, they won again at the Robinson Model United Nations Conference.
- **Debate Team** has continued its winning momentum. At the Washington-Arlington Catholic Forensics League I (October 21), Alex Kim (4-0 record) and Sumit Malik (3-1 record) placed first and second respectively, at the Junior Varsity division of Lincoln-Douglas (LD) Debate. Sumit won third-best speaker. In the Varsity division, Teddy McNeill placed first (4-0

record) and won second-best speaker. Steven Chen won Best Speaker. In Junior Policy Debate, Curtis Mill and Arvind Rachamadugu placed fourth (2-2 record). Curtis and Arvind won sixth and fourth best speaker, respectively. Alex, Sumit, Teddy, Curtis, and Arvind have all qualified for the March 2007 Metrofinals. At the Broad Run Invitational (October 28), Viola Li won first speaker and qualified for the semifinal rounds in Junior Varsity LD Debate. In the Varsity LD division, Alex Kim and Francis Deng won second and third speakers, respectively. Both qualified for the semifinals where Francis won first place overall. All five varsity LD debaters had 3 wins/1 loss records as the Team took home the **LD Sweepstakes Award**.

Support our great academic teams! **Join** Academic Boosters! **Find** the membership form at: <http://academics.tjhsst.edu/aboosters/membership.htm>.



Alex Kim and Francis Deng with their speaker medals and the team LD Sweepstakes Award trophy

Band Boosters

Marching Colonials: Our show is based on the works of Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich. A few downpours couldn't dampen our spirits! We've been successful, finishing first in our division in every band competition. Anticipating our final competition at the U. S. Naval Academy in Annapolis on November 11; we're thankful for parent volunteers who make these experiences possible.

Marching Band Banquet: The banquet will be on Wednesday, November 15, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., in the cafeteria. Authentic Italian cuisine will be cooked and generously served by **Carrabba's Restaurant of Centreville**. Their signature menu includes chicken marsala, penne pomodoro and caesar salad. Cost is only \$10 per person; children 5 and under eat for free. The evening will include presentations of marching band letters, other awards, and the memorable slide show! Reservations due by Wednesday, November 8. Contact [gendellc at aol.com](mailto:gendellc@aol.com) or [bessons at cox.net](mailto:bessons@cox.net)

Doughnuts for Sale on Election Day: Band students will sell doughnuts at metro stations on **Tuesday, November 7**. Profits will benefit the student Band Council.

Holiday Gift Ideas: See samples at: <http://www.toward.com/tjbandboosters/index.htm>; **TJ Customized License Plate Frames** – Only \$18 – [Sylvie at wrtc.org](http://www.wrtc.org); **White House Ornaments** – Only \$20 – [walchmosh at comcast.net](http://www.walchmosh.com); **Band Sweatshirts** - Prices vary – [careyfamil at cox.net](http://www.careyfamil.com); **Innisbrook Wraps, Gifts, and Chocolates** - [bdlauder at earthlink.net](http://www.bdlauder.com) Order online at www.innisbrook.com (school number 110170); **Gourmet Pies** – Frozen, ready to bake – November 18 delivery – [tjpies at gmail.com](mailto:tjpies@gmail.com); **Citrus Sales** – Sweet, juicy! - November 18 delivery – [tjcitrus at hotmail.com](mailto:tjcitrus@hotmail.com); **Scrip – Gift Cards** – Quiznos, Exxon/Mobil, Amazon, Giant, etc. – [kaycorey at cox.net](http://www.kaycorey.com); **Charitable Donations** – TJHSST Band Boosters, Inc. – Mail to Band Boosters c/o Director of Bands, TJHSST.

Colonial Athletic Boosters

- TJ **Golf** finished District competition with a 5-2 record and finished 3rd at the District Tournament. Senior captain Robert Kalb placed 5th at the District Tournament, advanced individually to the Regional Tournament, and was recognized as an All-District player.



Golf team captain Robert Kalb ('07) & head coach Luke Frels

- JV **Cross Country** season ended impressively. In both the boys' 9th-10th and 11th-12th

grade races at the District Festival, TJ scored five of the top six places. The winners were Alex Witko and Alex Ethier, respectively. The girls' 11th-12th grade team was also victorious. Sarah Watson took top honors in the 9th-10th grade race.

- Varsity **Cheerleader** All-District recognition went to Angela Hobart; second team recognition went to Chris Banh, Alexis Barret, and Casey Little.

- Varsity **Field Hockey** ended the season with a 6-5-1 record, finishing fourth in the District, and qualified for Regional Playoffs.

- November 10th** is our last home **football** game (against Woodson) and senior night for **Football, Cheerleading, and Band**.

- Athletes and their families are invited to our Fall Banquet and Awards Night on Monday, **November 20**. Check the Booster website for details.

- There is a mandatory meeting on Monday, **November 27th**, for parents of athletes planning to participate in a winter sport.

- Booster merchandise is now available on-line at [tjgear.com](http://www.tjgear.com)! Purchase t-shirts, hats, hoodies, etc. with your credit or debit card.

- Booster meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7 PM in the library. All are welcome. We need future leaders.

- Please visit our websites: <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/boosters/> and <http://www.tjgear.com/>.

Crew Boosters

TJ Crew held two successful open houses at our practice facility at Sandy Run on the Occoquan in October, talking to quite a few interested students and parents. Advance **registration deadline** for novice rowers (new team members who have never rowed before, any grade level) is Nov 10, but regular registration is open until Feb 10. If any student is interested in rowing for TJ and has been unable to attend our open houses or interest meetings, please contact Head Coach Matt Shoop at [shoop2 at cox.net](mailto:shoop2@cox.net).

Winter training for any TJ student including all returning and novice rowers will begin on Nov 13 at TJ. These sessions are held after school until 6 PM Monday through Friday. Although attendance everyday is not mandatory, most rowers attend as many sessions as they can in an effort to be fully conditioned before spring practice begins.

The Crew is sponsoring a **Craft Show** on Saturday, Nov 18 in the TJ cafeteria from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Craft vendors from throughout the region will be there to display and sell their wares. We hope you'll come by, find those one-of-a-kind holiday gifts and help support this year's TJ Crew! **Sally Foster gifts** can be purchased online at www.sallyfoster.com. Online orders are shipped directly to your homes for a small shipping fee. To earn money points for online orders, please go to the Sally Foster website and register. Our school number is 397474.

Please visit the **new team web site** at <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/crew>. If you have questions email Leslie Norko, President at [lnorko at gmail.com](mailto:lnorko@gmail.com).

Chorus/Choir Boosters

Going once, going twice.....sold! – for a song!

Come one, come all! Mark your calendars now! The annual TJ Cabaret and Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, November 11 at 6:00 p.m. Come enjoy the unique vocal talents of our soloists and ensemble singers....and be amazed as our cafeteria is transformed into a true cabaret! What could be better than sitting back and savoring coffee and dessert while enjoying the truly terrific performances of our choir members as they perform an evening of Broadway-themed works?

While you are there, you will have plenty of time to walk through aisle after aisle of tables filled with items available during our silent auction. Last year's items included theater tickets, tickets to sporting events, weekend getaway packages and an abundance of restaurants from which to choose. All proceeds support the on going needs of TJ's five choral groups. This is the choir's biggest fundraiser of the year so help them out – and complete some holiday shopping at the same time!

Speaking of holidays, the TJ choir will be part of the festive activities in Old Town Alexandria on the evening of December 15 in the Courthouse area – please feel free to stop by and listen!

Lastly – best of luck to those auditioning for Districts on November 11. *Way to go Jefferson Chorus!*



Orchestra Boosters

▪ It is hard to believe how rapidly the school year is unfolding. By the time of this printing you will have already enjoyed an outstanding Showcase Concert on October 11th and the students will have conducted the fall edition of their extremely popular Viennese Balls, where TJ students learn to waltz and are accompanied by teams of the orchestra in a wonderful evening of fun, food and classic waltzes. Many thanks go out to Addie Chang who excels in coordinating all the parent support required for this student led event. It could never be done without her skill, passion and enthusiasm. And of

course many thanks to all the parents who volunteered to make this event such a success for the students.

▪ The Northern Regional Orchestra Concert will be Saturday evening November 11 at West Potomac High School after two days of practice. This year TJ Orchestra students had the highest representation of any school in the county for this highly selective orchestra due to their superlative auditions very early in the school year. Congratulations go out to Violins: Eli Chen (Concertmaster), Erika Lee, Catherine Hsieh, Steven Chen, Jeanette Du, Andrew Lam, Jennifer Jones, Biqi Zhang, Yangbo Xu, Minmin Yen, Sarah Rizor, Rebecca Rattray, Takahiro Nakamura, Justin Wang and Andrew Hong. Violas: Alec Smalley and Eleanor Blakeslee. Cello: Mikas Kuprenas, Andy Menke and Yoomin Ahn. Well done, students! This event, while at West Potomac, is being hosted by TJ. Thus we are required to provide breakfast, lunch and snacks for the teachers involved for both days. If your home school is in the West Potomac area or you will be bringing your student to that school and would like to help in this effort, please contact Larry Jones. Thanks.

▪ Thanks also to all of you who have joined the Orchestra Boosters. If you have not yet taken the opportunity, please let me know and I can provide you a form electronically. By now you should have been receiving a variety of "All Hands" emails announcing various Orchestra events. If you have not, contact me ([lawrencemjones at aol.com](mailto:lawrencemjones@aol.com)) and I would be pleased to add your name to the group listing. Our next Booster Meeting is at 7:30 on Wednesday November 8 in the Principal's Conference Room and don't forget about our next concert on December 14. We look forward to seeing you there.

Theater Boosters

The Theatre Boosters invite you to visit our wonderful webpage, created and maintained by Mark Strickman, parent of a 2003 TJ graduate. Go to <http://arts.tjhsst.edu/theatreboosters/> to view photos from 2001 to the present and for information on opportunities to support theatre at TJ.

Drama Club

Mark your calendar for an evening of comic entertainment November 16 at 7 p.m., and November 17 & 18 at 7:30 p.m. as the Drama Club kicks off its 2006-07 year with *The Inspector General*, directed by Mr. Pollet and student director, Maya Gueron. This comedy by Nikolai Gogol hinges on a case of mistaken identity and ridicules Russian government under the czar with themes of human corruption and the folly of self-deception. The cast list is posted on the web at <http://arts.tjhsst.edu/theatreboosters/>. (Click on Show Schedules and then The Inspector General.)

Shakespeare Troupe: Frosh Fest 06: *The Taming of the Shrew*

On October 27, the Shakespeare Troupe kicked off the year with the Frosh Fest 06 performance of *The Taming of the Shrew*. Featuring multiple plots, disguised identities, and every emotion known to man, this comedy offered something for everyone. Directors Christina Beasley, Megan Behm, and Michaela Rothschild and the cast led by Nicole Boyd as Kate, James Janopaul-Naylor as Petruchio, Cara Newlon as Bianca, and Connor Cotton as Lucentio brought this early Shakespearean comedy to life with the help of a large group of fellow Troupe-mates. The entire cast can be viewed on the TJ Theatre Boosters website at <http://arts.tjhsst.edu/theatreboosters/shows/taming.html>. Photos of rehearsals and the show will soon be available on the Theatre at TJ! website at <http://baldspot.net/tjtheater/>.

The Shakespeare Troupe, which is sponsored by Ms. Judith Bello, will continue its season with *All's Well That Ends Well* on January 11, 12 and 13, and *The Merchant of Venice* on May 2, 3, and 4. Visit the TJ Theatre Boosters website at <http://arts.tjhsst.edu/theatreboosters/> for information about all of this year's Shakespeare Troupe productions.



Performances

Drama Club:

The Inspector General – November 16 at 7:00 p.m.;
November 17 & 18 at 7:30 p.m.
Knight of One Axe (an evening of one act plays selected, cast and directed by students) February 1 at 7 p.m.;
February 2 & 3 at 7:30 p.m.
On The Town (musical) April 19 at 7 p.m.; April 20 & 21 at 7:30 p.m.; April 22 at 2 p.m.

Shakespeare Troupe:

All's Well That Ends Well – January 11, 12 & 13
Intro to Shakespeare event and show for younger students

The Merchant of Venice – May 2, 3 & 4



Band:

November 11 – Band Competition - Maryland
November 15 – TJMC Banquet – TJ Cafeteria
December 11 – Curricular Band Concert – TJ Auditorium
January 6 – All-District Band Auditions – Robinson SS

Announcements and Information

Cluster 3 and 6 reps

The Cluster 3 rep is Angie Kirchner and the Cluster 6 rep is Beatrice D'Souza. Their contact information may be found on the PTSA website www.tjhsst.edu/ptsa.

Do You Have a Nominee?

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) sponsors several award programs to recognize excellence among employees. Now is the time to start thinking about potential nominees for the following award programs:

- **Teacher of the Year and Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award** (cosponsored by the Washington Post). The nominee must have at least three years of successful full-time teaching experience in FCPS. The deadline for nominations is **December 1, 2006**.
- **Support Employee of the Year**. The nominee must be a support employee with at least three years of successful full-time or part-time experience with FCPS. The deadline for nominations is **February 23, 2007**. Any FCPS teacher or staff member, student or former student, parent, administrator, or Fairfax County employee or citizen may nominate a candidate for either of these awards. Nomination forms and instructions are available at all schools and work sites. They are also on

New Telephone Parent Information Line - Korean and Spanish

Parents who speak Korean or Spanish have a new resource—a telephone information line—available to help them learn general information about FCPS and to receive support if they are having difficulty communicating with their child’s school due to a language barrier.

The Parent Information Line numbers are: Spanish—703-764-7361, Korean—703-764-7363. A parent may call at any time, leave a message in his or her language, and receive a return phone call in that language from an FCPS staff member within 24 hours.



Noteworthy Dates



November

- 1 CAC Public Forum (7:30 p.m., Career Center)
- 2 Newsletter mailing party
- 6-7 Student Holidays
- 8 Orchestra Boosters Meeting (7:30 p.m., Principal's Conference Room)
- 11 Band Competition – Maryland
- 13 Crew Winter Training Begins
- 13 PTSA Executive Board Meeting (7:30 p.m., Library)
- 14 Diversity Committee Meeting (7:30 p.m., Career Center)
- 15 TJMC Banquet (TJ Cafeteria)
- 16 Student Services Board (7:30 p.m., Library)
- 18 Crew Holiday Craft Show (10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Cafeteria)
- 21 ANGP Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m., Career Center)
- 22 Students Released Two Hours Early
- 22 Newsletter Submission Deadline
- 23-24 Thanksgiving Holidays
- 29 Senior Parent’s Night

December

- 6 CAC Coordinating Group (7:30 p.m., Career Center)
- 11 Winter Band Concert – TJ Auditorium
- 11 PTSA Executive Board Meeting (7:30 p.m., Library)
- 19 ANGP Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m., Career Center)
- 20 Newsletter Submission Deadline
- 25-1 Winter Vacation

January

- 15 Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Holiday
- 25-26 Student Holidays

February

- 19 Washington's Birthday Holiday

March

- 30 Student Holiday

April

- 2-6 Spring Vacation



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