

Principal's Letter

I am excited to welcome the TJ community to a new school year. As your new principal I am privileged to be working with some of the finest young people, educators and parents that I have ever known. I am looking forward to meeting and speaking with all of you.

TJ has been far from quiet this summer. We have had over 1000 students engage in learning experiences, either through TJ Summer School classes or specialized middle school programs like FCPS's Quest or TJ's Summer Tech Institute. In these middle school programs, students had opportunities to learn the "TJ way" where teachers facilitated creative and inquiry-based approaches in unique disciplines, including biotechnology, webpage design, calculator robotics, merging art and technology, and non-fiction writing.

We have had several maintenance and facility upgrades this summer. Our new Learning Cottages have arrived to respond to our growing student population. Their arrival has fortunately not affected our parking, but we will need to create new tennis courts to accommodate the needs of our team. In addition, our locker room bathrooms are being renovated to bring them into ADA compliance.

One focus area this year will be thinking about TJ's future. We will be examining and evaluating our programs as we prepare for the accreditation visit in the spring by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. TJ faculty and staff will use this evaluation process since the last accreditation visit in 2004 and our thinking towards an opportunity to reflect on our progress and think towards new directions in learning.

Additionally, the FCPS superintendent's office has expressed interest in helping TJ develop its vision for the future. Subcommittees related to facilities planning and curricular/extracurricular programs will be formed to initiate conversations and propose recommendations later this year. The ideas and suggestions will involve a cross section of TJ stakeholders, including TJ administration, faculty, parents, and community leaders.

In addition to nurturing the academic lives of our students, it is critical that we continue to model, teach, correct and encourage our students to be moral and ethical giants. The electronic and non-electronic temptations and challenges that our students confront are huge. The task for adults is to foster our students' strength of character through a variety of school Character Education programs, including the Sophomore Ethics Forum, Building a Better Community and the Big Sibs programs. At school, at home, and in the community, we must model and promote ethical behavior for our children and engage them in reflective conversations. At school, we must work consistently throughout the year to promote an understanding of the Honor Code. Our students must always be armed with the strength of character to do the right thing when they witness, for example, academic dishonesty, theft, and disrespect to others. Students must live honestly, with integrity, and assume responsibility for their actions and help others do the same.

I invite your support as I attempt to be a good steward of this very special school and its extremely talented students. Our academic, athletics and activities program are robust and varied. My goal is for TJ to continue to thrive and fulfill its mission to produce the leaders of the future in all fields of endeavor but especially in the



*Photo of Principal Evan Glazer
Courtesy of Brian Trompeter, the Sun Gazette*

areas of mathematics, science and technology. Additionally, we must emphasize creative problem solving and intellectual risk taking in all disciplines because many of our students will embark on careers that are yet to be invented. We want to create an environment that empowers students to be ambassadors to the future. I look forward to seeing you at our Back-to-School night on September 20 to meet our faculty, staff, and administration. Don't hesitate to contact me at 703-750-8300 or [Evan.Glazer at fcps.edu](mailto:Evan.Glazer@fcps.edu) if you have feedback and suggestions that will help make TJ an even better place for learning and growing.

Looking forward to a great 2006-2007!
Evan Glazer, Principal

President's Message

On behalf of the TJ PTSA, welcome to all new and continuing students and parents to the 2006-2007 school year!

We are fortunate to have so many committed and talented parents involved in PTSA activities. They have been busy this summer. I would particularly like to thank our outgoing Volunteer Coordinators, Cindy Carter and Dorry Emmer and incoming Volunteer Coordinators, Cindy Doughty and Wendy Hecker for overseeing the huge task of stuffing and distributing the Back to School packets over the summer. Thank you also to our dedicated Cluster representatives for hosting gatherings for freshmen students and parents. This really helps new families connect with each other and become familiar with our school.

The big news is that the TJ PTSA has arrived in the 21st century! Huge congratulations are due to Nancy Sharma, with input from Linda Maxfield, for pulling out all the technological stops and making our directory information collection process and volunteer sign up all online, password protected and a breeze to use. How much easier it will be to produce the directory without having to decipher all those handwritten forms! Thanks also to our web masters Vicky Linnell and Qi Wang for keeping on top of our web site and making changes so efficiently. By now, you will have received a notice to go online and update your PTSA directory information or input it for the first time. The deadline is September 7, so visit this site soon if you want to appear in the directory:

<http://s95132875.onlinehome.us/TJHSST/lo gin.php>

As we all gear up for the coming school year, please take some time to check the materials in the PTSA packet that you received. Our new membership chair, Karen Emmons, is eager to encourage your membership in the TJ PTSA. The TJ PTSA supports a wide variety of programs and activities for students, staff and parents. A large part of our budget goes directly to support staff development for training, to attend conferences, and to underwrite technology in the school. Additionally, the TJ PTSA supports many student programs including Ethics Day, Techstravaganza, Big Sibs, Science Fair, Building a Better Community, Shakespeare Troupe, Mentorship Fair, Reflections, All Night Grad Party and more. We provide funding and volunteer help to the school throughout the year for directory and newsletter output, landscaping, hospitality, Jefferson Learning Community, Curriculum Advisory Committee, outreach to local and state legislators and much more!

We have few fundraisers - only Jacket sales and Directories are sold. Our programs are funded by the annual generosity of parents like you who make a tax deductible donation in addition to their membership fee to the TJ PTSA. We are very grateful to TJ parents who make all this work possible by contributing many volunteer hours and funds. I hope you will join with us in supporting these efforts.

Finally, I'd like to welcome you to our monthly PTSA meetings, generally the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the school library. This is the best way to stay informed about the school and to hear from the Principal each month. I also look forward to seeing you at Back to School night on September 20 for our general membership meeting at 6:15 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Welcome again to TJ from your dedicated and energetic PTSA board and volunteers! If you have any questions or comments, contact us at [ptsa at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa@tjhsst.edu) and bookmark our web site: <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/index.htm>

Thank you for your support!
Bernadette Saperstein, PTSA President
[ptsa.president at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.president@tjhsst.edu)

PTSA Update

PTSA Meetings: All are Welcome!

Don't miss this unique opportunity to come together with your fellow parents to discuss what's going on around school (the myths and the magic) and to hear from our Principal and staff and student representatives!

PTSA meetings are generally held the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the TJ library. The first meeting of the year will be held on Monday, September 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the library. The PTSA budget will be voted on at the General Meeting of Members at Back to School night on September 20 at 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium. Please visit the web site for the latest information: <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/>

Membership

JOIN THE PTSA!!

Research shows that students benefit greatly when parents are involved in their education. Joining the PTSA is one of the best ways to know what is going on in our school and to share ideas, concerns and experiences with other parents and the educators in our community. Also, as the largest volunteer child advocacy association in the nation, the national Parent Teacher Association (PTA) provides parents and families with a powerful voice to advocate on behalf of every child while supporting local organizations and parents in helping their children to be successful students.

For only \$15, you can support an important organization that benefits the entire Jefferson community. Money for the PTSA funds student programs and equipment, activities, landscaping, and professional development. A membership form is included with this newsletter; the programs are listed in more detail there. Please join us. Karen Emmons, Membership Chair, [ptsa.membership at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.membership@tjhsst.edu).

Serving the TJ Community

Directory

The TJHSST PTSA Student Directory update deadline is Sept. 7. If you haven't verified your student/parent data after Aug. 12, please do so by

sending an e-mail to [ptsa.directory at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.directory@tjhsst.edu) for your usercode and password. New directories go on sale for \$10 on Back-to-School Night, Sept. 20.

Volunteers

Cindy Doughty and Wendy Hecker are the new volunteer coordinators for the 2006-2007 school year.

The PTSA is looking forward to a great year! Please remember to sign up online for your volunteer preferences (new and returning volunteers). When you update your directory info, simply scroll down to the volunteer. There are many different opportunities for you to help out!

We do have an urgent need for a Reflections coordinator. This person would help organize a great competition that recognizes literary and artistic talents of students. The previous coordinator is available to assist. If interested, let us know at [Ptasa.volunteers at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.volunteers@tjhsst.edu).

Thank you! Cindy Doughty (Jennifer '08, Christina '10) Wendy Hecker (Kelley '08).

Thank You to summer volunteers!

Cindy Carter, Dorry Emmer, Cindy Doughty, and Wendy Hecker extend their sincere appreciation to all the student and parent volunteers who helped out this summer at TJ. In July, an enthusiastic assembly line of volunteers stuffed over 1800 PTSA packets! On August 15 & 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., parents and students distributed Back2School packets, answered questions, and welcomed students. Many thanks for giving up precious vacation time to help out. TJ volunteers rule!



Landscaping Committee

Community Service Hours = Landscaping = Curb Appeal

Enjoy Mother Nature as you beautify TJ. There are plenty of service hours available. Or, are you a chauffeur who'd like to get out and enjoy the sunshine while you wait to pick up your student? Please help maintain TJ's gardens planted by students and parents. For information, please contact Michele Pitler, PTSA Landscaping Co-Chair, [Mb1955 at aol.com](mailto:Mb1955@aol.com).



News Round-Up and Awards

National High School Music Institute: Congratulations to **Michael Gold** and **Karen Bullen** (2007) who attended this prestigious program at **Northwestern University**. This highly selective five-week course brings together the talents of 180 students, introducing them to a curriculum of music studies similar to that of a first-year School of Music student.

Class News

2007 – Seniors

Upcoming Senior Events:

Homecoming preparation time is here again! The senior class will focus much of its energy this September on putting on its best homecoming show yet. Lunch meetings to organize homecoming committees will be held the first few weeks in September after the school and class themes are decided at the SGA retreat August 26-27. Musicians, actors, artists and engineers listen up:

We need your help! Even if you don't think you have any of these skills don't hesitate to stop by and lend a hand or donate materials. For more information visit the Class of 2007 web page or ask an officer or counsel member.

2008 - Juniors

The Class of 2008 will be hosting a Back to School Pizza Palooza on Saturday, September 2, from 12 to 3 p.m. Students can come to catch up, chat, meet the new incoming juniors, play sports, and, of course, eat! The event will be in the Millenium Courtyard, and will cost \$5 to eat, or \$3 if some sort of dessert is brought. We are still looking for chaperones, so if you are able to volunteer, please email us at [tjhsst08 at gmail.com](mailto:tjhsst08@gmail.com). Thank you!

2009 – Sophomores

Welcome back to TJ as we begin the challenges and fun of sophomore year. Our faculty advisors are again Nancy McCormick and Judy Bello, who have met with class officers over the summer. Here are a few highlights:

- Our class sponsors the TJ sock hop on Sept. 15, so we need chaperones, as well as parents to check-in attendees and to help with refreshments.
- The Homecoming Dance is Oct. 21 – remember last year? Would you like our class parents to handle the coat-check area again?
- Lastly, review the "TJ Student Timetable for College Planning" found on page 15 of the Student Services handbook 2006-2007 to start preparing for you senior year. This booklet is a super resource.
- If you need a schedule of class 2009 events for the year, please contact the PTSA Liaison Ann Besson ([bessons at cox.net](mailto:bessons@cox.net)).

2010 - Freshmen

Welcome new TJ parents and students of the Class of 2010! PTSA Liaisons for the Class of 2010 are responsible for providing support to the class officers and faculty sponsors. The student class officers and the faculty sponsors plan the class activities and fundraisers, and the parents help by chaperoning events and providing other assistance. An overview of the year:

- For homecoming, we will need a family who lives near TJ to offer their garage for float building during October and other parents to help with driving students and chaperoning (after school).

- We will need parents to chaperone at the Homecoming Dance (October 21) and at the Class of 2010 sponsored Sock Hop (in September or October).

- The biggest freshmen events of the year are in the Spring – the IBET Symposium and the Freshmen Lock-in (an overnight at TJ, held on a Friday night in May). We will need parents to help with chaperoning and organizing food donations.

- If you have questions or would like to help freshmen events, please contact us: **ESRanard at aol.com** or **tmarkham at verizon.net**. We look forward to meeting you.

Ellen Ranard (Daniel '10 and Ben '07) and Sheryl Markham (TJ '10)

TJHSST Partnership Fund

Giving to Sustain Educational Excellence

Despite TJ's national reputation, our school is in desperate need of some of the most basic equipment and supplies, as well as cutting-edge technologies. The situation is so serious that a nonprofit foundation was formed to help meet the need!

The Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology Partnership Fund, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization of volunteer parents who raise funds to support research and educational excellence at TJ. The Fund accepts contributions of cash, grants, and in-kind gifts from corporations, foundations, alumni, and parents for distribution to TJ programs.

Thanks to your generosity, the 2005-2006 school year was a record-breaking year for parent donations! The TJ parent and alumni parent community donated over \$230,000. Parent contributions provided specialized equipment for research labs, computer monitors and calculators for math and computer science classrooms, GPS systems and digital cameras for the IBET, and funds for faculty development. Contributions also supported the Partnership Fund's operations. With the help of parents, we also received funds from corporations and foundations, including a \$100,000 gift for technology for the lecture hall, a \$10,000 grant awarded to 28 students for their research, a \$15,000 UV/Visible Spectrometer, \$15,000 to fund Teknos – and these are just a few of the generous gifts.

Please read our *TJ Partners* newsletter and donation form in your back-to-school packet – or visit our web site at www.tjpartnershipfund.org.

Would YOU like to help TJ? Volunteers are welcomed for all our committees. The Parent Committee is looking for representatives from any class, but especially from the classes of 2009 and 2010. If you are interested, please contact Ellen Ranard (Chair, parent '07 & '10) at **esranard at aol.com**. We usually meet at lunch at TJ on the second Wednesday of the month. Other Parent Committee members are: Janet Kerr Tener (Vice Chair) (parent '09), Bonnie Perman & Nancy Carter (parents '07), Nancy Welch, Cora Yamamoto, Diana Lem Chung, & Smita Trivedi (parents '08), and alumni parents: Ernie Isenstadt, Elaine Conner, Cheryl Landseadel, Alan Krishnan, Debbie Kilpatrick.

TJHSST Boosters

Band Boosters

Marching Colonials: Students attended weekly sectional practices and three weeks of band camp to prepare for marching season. The highlight of band camp was the annual one-week retreat to Shrine Mont at Orkney Springs, Virginia. The Band Boosters would like to thank Rick Eudy and the many parent volunteers who made band camp possible.



Support All Band Programs: Your Safeway purchases can benefit TJ Band programs. Register your club card at Safeway Club Card (www.safeway.com). To locate our group, enter

zip code 22312, scroll down and find the **Thomas Jefferson Band Boosters**. Encourage your family and friends to do the same. It costs nothing!

Fund Raisers: Gourmet Pies – A Taste Sensation! – [tjpies at gmail.com](mailto:tjpies@gmail.com); **Citrus Sales** – A TJ Tradition! – [tjcitrus at hotmail.com](mailto:tjcitrus@hotmail.com); **White House Ornaments** – Ideal Gift - \$18 - [walchmosh at comcast.net](mailto:walchmosh@comcast.net); **Scrip – Gift Cards** – Starbucks, Borders, Giant, I-Tunes, etc. – [pllee10 at aol.com](mailto:pllee10@aol.com); **Charitable Donations** – TJHSST Band Boosters, Inc. – Mail to Band Boosters c/o Director of Bands, TJHSST.

Colonial Athletic Boosters

Did you know that the Colonial Athletic Boosters funds TJ sports teams? Fairfax County Public Schools provide some support, but they only pay for the coaches' salaries, lights, buses for some away games and officials at regular season games. Everything else, from the football players shoulder pads to the field hockey uniforms to the continuous upkeep of our fields are paid for by the Boosters. We need help raising this money! Our primary fund-raiser is Booster membership and we need EVERY family to join. While you paid large fees when your kids played club sports, support for the Boosters is much less expensive. Memberships start at only \$35 per year, but for \$250, your family will receive 4 passes to EVERY home regular season sports event, plus VIP parking next to the field for home football games. Join the Boosters at <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/boosters/members.php>. We also need volunteers at many events. Boosters run the concession stands (and the profits go 100% to the athletics), ticket gates and announcers box, sell merchandise, etc. Show your student that you support him/her and their teammates!! Please volunteer either through your team liaison, or by contacting the Booster President, Barbara Sando ([sando.bh at pg.com](mailto:sando.bh@pg.com)). For more information about sports at TJ-membership, schedules, rosters, results, merchandise, contacts --- visit our website at <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/boosters>.

Crew Boosters

After first place finishes at 2006 regional, state, and national competitions, TJ rowers participated in 2 world competitions this summer: Men's Varsity made it to quarter finals at the *Henley Royal Regatta* in England and Joel Peterson (2006) was

selected to compete on the USA team in the 4+ category at the FISA World Rowing Junior Championships in Amsterdam.



Men's Varsity 8 carrying the boat

The success of the TJ Crew program is a tribute to our wonderful coaches, the dedication of the rowers and the support of their parents. Most freshmen that join TJ Crew have never rowed before. They just have a desire to be a part of the TJ Crew's "Winning Tradition". Through daily practice sessions with the top rowing coaches in the area, they get into top physical condition, develop an outstanding work ethic and refine their teamwork skills. The rowing season runs from late March through May and TJ Crew sponsors a winter training program that begins in mid November until the first practice sessions in late February. Crew is open to both boys and girls.

The TJ Crew Boosters is an organization responsible for managing the crew program. To find out more about TJ Crew, check out the Crew website <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/crew/> or contact Head Coach Matt Shoop at [shoop2 at cox.net](mailto:shoop2@cox.net). For Booster questions, contact Leslie Norko, President, at [lnorko at gmail.com](mailto:lnorko@gmail.com). Students interested in rowing should contact the Crew Captains at [crew at tjhsst.edu](mailto:crew@tjhsst.edu). There will be a Crew Interest Night on October 17.

Please support TJ Crew by purchasing Sally Foster wrapping paper at www.sallyfoster.com using Group Account #397474.

Orchestra Boosters

The TJHSST Orchestra Boosters provide volunteer support and supplementary funds for TJ Orchestras, under the skilled leadership of Ms.

Allison Bailey. This includes, but is not limited to music, equipment & instrument purchases, scholarships for orchestra trips, recording of concerts, pre-concert dinners for musicians, as well as support for the very popular Viennese Balls.

Current Booster leadership is: President: Larry Jones, [lawrencemjones at aol.com](mailto:lawrencemjones@aol.com); Vice President: Bill Miller, Treasurer: Monica Lijewski, Secretary and Fund Raising: Pam Tuben; Viennese Ball: Addie Chang.

A busy year is already planned and we welcome all parents, and particularly those of the new freshman class, to join and participate in our Boosters organization. Our first Booster Meetings will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday September 12 at the school. Booster Application forms were included in your students packets and may be turned in at Back to School night on September 20. You will also have an opportunity at that time to purchase Booster merchandise such as socks, towels and CD cases that directly help support the Orchestra program. Our first concert will be on the evening of October 11. Additionally the auditions for this year's Northern Virginia Regional Symphony Orchestra will be at Chantilly High School on Saturday September 16. We are looking forward to an exciting year and encourage your support.

Theatre Boosters

Drama Club and Shakespeare Troupe Kick Off the New Year: The TJHSST Drama Club, under the direction of Mr. Vincent Pollet, and Shakespeare Troupe, sponsored by Mrs. Judy Bello, are ready to kick off the 2006-2007 school year with a variety of shows offering something for everyone's taste.

This year's shows begin with Frosh Fest and The Taming of the Shrew on November 3. The Drama Club will then present The Inspector General, on November 16, 17 and 18. Additional shows include All's Well That Ends Well (January 1, 2 and 3) and The Merchant of Venice, as well as the annual Knight of One Axe (February 1, 2 and 3). The selection of a spring musical is underway. The schedule can be found on the Theatre Booster's webpage at <http://arts.tjhsst.edu/theatreboosters/> - click "2006-2007 Show Schedule" for details .

The Drama Club and Shakespeare Troupe welcome new members - watch the drama bulletin board in the Aud Lobb for information about upcoming shows, auditions and other activities, or see Mr. Pollett or Ms. Bello for more information. Theatre Boosters also welcome new parent members. Visit the Theater Boosters webpage (<http://arts.tjhsst.edu/theatreboosters/>) for information on how you can get involved and support drama at TJ.

Announcements and Information

Cluster/County Gatherings and Updates

Soon after the admissions letters were sent out, all Cluster and County Representatives enthusiastically mobilized to welcome the 2010 TJ freshmen and their families. For example:

The **Arlington/City of Falls Church** pot luck and picnic at Bon Air Park were well attended. The group had a chance to network and hear from current freshmen about life at TJ. The class created its own Yahoo group and contact list, to be added send an email to Lynn Borton at [LBorton at aol.com](mailto:LBorton@aol.com).

Loudoun County new students who missed the picnic and the orientation tea, please e-mail Nancy Stoecker at [nstoecker at aol.com](mailto:nstoecker@aol.com) with your name (or nickname), address, phone number and e-mail addresses for you and your parents, so you can be added to the list for updates on such events and TJ news and added to the Loudoun County directory which is very handy for carpooling, homework, and keeping in touch will all the new friends you will be making on the bus ride.

The gathering of the **Prince William County/Fauquier County** had families pleased to see how the PWC/FAU TJ families can be creative in networking and helping each other. If you are a PWC or FAU County resident, and have a question please contact Nassmah at 571-437-9573 or at [Nassmah.Brooks at verizon.net](mailto:Nassmah.Brooks@verizon.net).

The **Cluster I** had "Experienced" TJ students and parents available to talk about TJ classes, activities, carpooling and volunteer opportunities for parents. If you live in Cluster I and have questions, please contact Louise at 703-917-7960 or at [lepstein at cox.net](mailto:lepstein@cox.net).

The **Cluster 8 (Oakton, Westfield and South Lakes high schools)** met at an orientation party in Reston and is compiling email, phone and

carpool lists for before and after school activities such as sports and band, chorus and orchestra. To be included, please email Cindy Wagner at [cindywagner2 at gmail.com](mailto:cindywagner2@gmail.com).

TJ Jackets on sale

Most Fairfax County schools reserve the right to wear a "letter jacket" just for the kids who earn a letter. As usual, TJ is a little different. Our students are allowed to purchase "letter jackets" to wear with or without letters because just attending TJ is something to celebrate.



The PTSA buys these high-quality jackets directly from the manufacturer and sells the jackets for less than retail price, earns the profit to spend on TJ's needs, rather than a retailer, and saves you some time and hassle. Most Fairfax County schools simply send you to a local retailer, but no retailer is local to our community and why should you pay more than you need to? The funds raised by the PTSA support programs that benefit all TJ students and teachers. Each of the 3 jacket styles is lined, wool, personalized, has "Science and Tech" on the front,



and "JEFFERSON" on the back. They can be worn with or without a letter – parents and teachers even wear them! About 25% of all students buy one

during their years at TJ. Why not buy one early and wear it all 4 years?

The two sales for the 06/07 school year are **during Lunch in the Cafeteria: Sept. 20-22** (Wed – Fri) for late November delivery **or Nov. 20, 21, 27** (Mon, Tues, Mon) for February '07 delivery. We'll have sample jackets for you to try on. Sizes seem to vary each year so you must TRY A JACKET ON before ordering!

The order form and more information are available on the PTSA web site. If you have questions about the jackets or would like to help out, please contact Marilyn Mutchler at (703) 690-3429 or at [vamutchler at aol.com](mailto:vamutchler@aol.com).

Spaghetti Dinner before Back-to-School Night: This year's spaghetti dinner will be held on **Wednesday, September 20 from 5 to 7 p.m.** in the TJHSST cafeteria before Back-to-School Night begins. Dinner includes: spaghetti with sauce, garlic bread, salad, beverage, and dessert. The spaghetti dinner is a fundraiser for the band programs and is open to the whole school. Advanced reservations preferred, \$9 per person; contact [ph712 at aol.com](mailto:ph712@aol.com). Also see order form in PTSA package distributed with 2006 schedules. Tickets sold for \$10 at the door, while food is available.

TJ Customized License Plate Frames: Welcome **Class of 2010**; attention all classes, athletes, thespians, musicians, all club members, and all boosters...we have a license plate frame for you! Show your school or team spirit! Order one or more license plate frames. Contact: [Sylvie at wrtc.org](mailto:Sylvie@wrtc.org), (703) 342-0215. See frame samples at: www.toward.com/tjbandboosters/Fund_Raisers/license_plate_frames.htm



Holiday Wreaths, Swags, and Poinsettias: It is not too early to think about the holidays. The Band Boosters are selling fresh beautiful holiday greens. Order by October 8 for delivery/pickup on December 2. Contact: [sherwoodfam at yahoo.com](mailto:sherwoodfam@yahoo.com), (703) 249-0999. Also see order form in PTSA package distributed with 2006 schedules.



PTSA Board 2006 - 2007

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Noteworthy Dates

<p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 School Begins 7 Deadline for updating Directory information 6 CAC Coordinating Group (7:30 p.m. - Career Center) 9 Diversity Committee Reception (2:00 p.m.- Cafeteria) 11 PTSA Executive Board Meeting (7:30 p.m. - Library) 12 Diversity Committee Meeting (7:30 p.m. - Career Center) 16 Band Competition – Westminster, MD 20 Newsletter Submission Deadline 20 Spaghetti Dinner (5 – 7 p.m. Cafeteria) 20 PTSA General Membership meeting (6:15 p.m. – Auditorium – Immediately before Back-to-School Night) 20 Back to School Night (6:30 p.m. - Auditorium) 30 Freshman Parent Coffee (7 p.m.) 30 Band Competition (Herndon HS) <p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 Columbus Day Holiday 20 Homecoming 25 PTSA FORUM (7:00 p.m. - Auditorium) 26 Money for College (7:30 p.m.) 	<p>November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6-7 Student Holidays (Teacher workday) 22 Students Released Two Hours Early 23-24 Thanksgiving Holidays <p>December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25-1 Winter Vacation <p>January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 Martin Luther King Birthday Holiday 25-26 Student Holidays (Teacher workday) <p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 Student Holiday (Teacher workday) <p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-6 Spring Vacation <p>June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 Prom 16 Graduation 18 Last Day of School
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Updates

Academic Boosters

Our mission is to support the outstanding academic teams towards their various pursuits. TJ teams are the **Academic Team** ("It's Academic"), **Biology Olympiad**, **Certamen** (Latin Team), **Chemistry Olympiad**, **Chess Team**, **Computer Team**, **Debate Team**, **Future Problem Solvers**, **Japan Bowl**, **Mathematics Team**, **Model United Nations**, **Ocean Bowl**, **Odyssey of the Mind**, **Physics Team**, and **Science Bowl**.

Last year, funds from TJ's Academic Boosters helped make it possible for more than 300 academic team students to compete successfully at local, state, regional, national, and even international competitions. Participation in these competitions not only allows TJ students to display their knowledge, but it gives them chances to demonstrate the value of teamwork, to thrive with poise under pressure, and to build leadership skills.

Academic team funding came, in part, from the sale of Academic Booster merchandise and from student-led fund-raising activities. But most funding is contributed by parents who joined Academic Boosters last year. So we now urge parents, especially those who encourage their children to participate in academic teams, to become members of Academic Boosters for the 2006-2007 school year. Membership fee is \$30 per family and is entirely tax deductible, as is any additional amount that you may wish to contribute.

All you need to do to join is fill out the membership form, found in your child's August Registration Packet. The mailing instruction is on the form. Alternatively, you can download the form from our website at <http://academics.tjhsst.edu/aboosters>. This site offers updated information about each of our teams. Thank you for supporting your children!

Alumni Parent Alert!

Do you think that your time in the sun at TJ is over now that your student has graduated? Please be assured that it is not! We want to gather together the combined power of the wit, wisdom and grey hair that you accumulated during your student's time at high school and direct it towards making TJ an even better place for those who follow.

Take time out from redecorating that recently acquired bedroom in your home, luxuriating in the peaceful/un-nerving silence of the kitchen at mealtimes or waiting, forlornly, to hear the backdoor slam and the heavy backpack to drop with a thud. Your student may have graduated but you don't have to!

Yes, it is true. We have an opportunity for all parents to continue their association with TJHSST even though their student has now moved on. You could volunteer your time, or your expertise, or maybe even your dollars to the school that helped get your student into that great college and launched into life away from your home.

An opportunity will occur on Wednesday, September 20 when I need the help of a few alumni parents at Back to School Night. So that parents of current students can attend the teacher information sessions a handful of us are needed to sell the much needed PTSA sponsored "Student Directory". Can you join me some time from 7 thru 9 p.m.? This is your chance to share the gossip as well as help current parents.

Please contact me, your alumni parent representative, to find out how you can help; perhaps on September 20 or maybe at another time.

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