

Principal's Letter

Dear TJ parents/guardians, teachers, and students,

As the end of the school year draws near with anticipation of final school activities and events, we have much to celebrate and remember. After my first year at Jefferson, I have learned our school is far more than an institution that strives for academic accolades; it is much more a community that constantly strives to support and nurture each other towards success. I have witnessed peers tutoring in the hallways to take advantage of every opportunity to learn; teachers working collaboratively to inspire new opportunities for student learning in the curriculum; parents volunteering to provide extra resources to the school; Colonials cheering on the sidelines and seats of school events to encourage students to do their best; and students mentoring younger students, helping elderly people, sharing cultural activities, and cleaning the environment to make our community a better place through 8th period activities.

The will and passion to support the success of others at TJ is a commitment we wish our graduates to pass forward in their further studies and careers. I want to congratulate our seniors for completing a full Jefferson experience. They persevered through a rigorous curriculum, pursuing their passions in academics and activities, and learning the importance of character, social responsibility, and contributions to a community with shared values.

The success of our graduates resides in the dedication of our faculty and staff. Similar to

our student body, a portion of our faculty completes their Jefferson experience. Please take a moment this month to thank our retirees who collectively have given over 100 years of service to TJ and 200 years in FCPS:

- Rick Buxton, Science and Technology
- Vicki Doff, Student Services
- Ken Domina, Science and Technology
- Ron Maney, Social Studies
- Pat McCarthy, Social Studies
- Michele Morris, Special Education
- Barbara Nelson, English
- Nina Pitkin, Student Services (Director)
- Rich Slivoskey, 8th Period Activities

We have learned from them as role models who have shared their wisdom to shape the direction of our school. We wish them a fulfilling retirement, and look forward to hearing about their continued adventures.

This school year, with the help of our dedicated community, we outlined the future direction of the school programs. In the fall, we polled the TJ community and found research and inquiry, problem solving, intellectual curiosity, and social responsibility were dominant skills and values that should be emphasized in the experiences of TJ students. We must be mindful of these values and skills as we design program improvements and talk about future facility changes. As a community, we devised goals for the next five years in our SACS accreditation process, including items such as more flexibility to students in their curricular choices, increased attention to interdisciplinary learning, alternatives in the school calendar and course offerings, and expanding research experiences to more grade levels.

In addition to short term planning, the School Board commissioned a Task Force, consisting of participants from a variety of school and community stakeholder groups, to recommend TJ's future building needs. The report, accessible through our homepage, describes future program ideas and demonstrates why an enhanced facility is needed to support the growing student population, the school's outreach commitment as a regional Governor's School, and the values and skills we promote at TJ. Next fall, a building planning committee will work with the TJ community to outline the process and timeline to develop a new building based on the Task Force recommendations.

This school year has been future focused, so it seems fitting that *As the Future Catches You* by Juan Enriquez (2005 Edition) is our One Book – One Community – One Jefferson summer reading. Enriquez, founding director of the Harvard Business School Life Sciences Project, uses an alternative design to promote curiosity about the future and explore the impact of genomics on the well being of our health and economy. We look forward to vibrant discussion with Dr. Enriquez in the fall.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this school year, and through the summer, as our teachers and students pursue unique opportunities to extend their learning.

Sincerely,
Evan Glazer, Principal

President's Message

Since this newsletter is the first to be distributed to the Class of 2011, I'd like to offer a big welcome to the incoming freshman class and their parents. By now, you will have had time to read through all the materials you were given on Freshman Preview Night. I hope you will take the time to check out our special freshman section of the PTSA website and get signed up for the directory, volunteer activities etc.

<http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/welcome.htm>

Please see the Welcome Freshman Class section in this newsletter with details of how to become an active parent participant in the TJ community. The weather has been so beautiful this past month, and it has been ideal for our Landscaping Committee folks who have been busy making the grounds at TJ look awesome! They have big plans for the future and I wanted to particularly thank Michele Pitler, Carol Miranda and Nancy Dale for their inspiration and labor of love in the outside environment at school. Their collective talent is gradually transforming the outdoor spaces.

We can all agree that we have a particularly strong band of volunteers around the TJ PTSA. The District PTA invited us to nominate a volunteer for the Volunteer of the Year award from our area and, so, we decided to put forth the name of our webmaster, Vicky Linnell. While Vicky would be the first to acknowledge that she has worked closely with the volunteer coordinators, the directory committee, membership and many others, we felt that her skill and expertise and patience in redoing the website took our PTSA look and the utility of the website to a whole other level! Nassmah Brooks (2nd Vice President) and I were pleased to attend the Annual District PTA dinner and meeting with Vicky to celebrate her success as a finalist for the award.



Vicky Linnell, TJ PTSA Webmaster and finalist for District Volunteer of the Year, at the Annual District PTA Dinner

Our next PTSA meeting will constitute a General Membership meeting and will be held on **Monday, June 11**, at **7:30 p.m.** in the **school library**. It will be my pleasure to conduct the annual election for the PTSA Executive Committee for next year at that meeting. The proposed slate is shown below. Since it is our last meeting, we plan to have a few goodies to eat and we hope you can join us for networking with your fellow parents at 7:15 p.m. before the meeting.

And so we look forward to wrapping up the school year and to a summer of relaxing and fun activities. I'd like to take a moment to thank you for all your support and help this past year. It has been a pleasure to work with so many dedicated, energetic and selfless parent volunteers on the PTSA board and around school. In particular, working with such a professional team of PTSA officers (Esther Yook, Nassmah Brooks, Eileen Swoboda, Janet Kerr Tener and Cheryl Tarpeh) has been a lot of fun! I am honored to have had the opportunity to help represent the parent community within the school and to meet so many amazing parents around TJ. It's a unique place and in no small part because of all of you.

Bernadette Saperstein
President, TJ PTSA

First Vice President's Message

This month I'd like to thank YunFang Yu, Lan Ge, Xiaohua Li and Mindy Cheng for the Chinese translation of *Tech cetera*. Special thanks to Lulu Wang for creating a PDF from their file. Also, thank you Miae Hong for the Korean translation and to Jean Lee for coordinating the process. As always, we thank our awesome webmaster for putting these up on the web and our new, but nonetheless expert, *Tech cetera* editors for always sending us the necessary files in time for the monthly translations. Thank you from all of us; we hope to continue this service next year as well.

On the topic of service, a remarkable student at the university where I teach has taken an orphanage under his wing: The Copprome Orphanage in Honduras. He has raised funds to keep the orphanage solvent and to provide a safe haven for the 160 street children who call it their home. Our Jefferson Chapter of Amnesty is organizing a clothes drive for these children. If you have any clean used clothes for children, ages 4–16, or any school supplies, please send them with your children to school any time before June 10. A box will be marked "Copprome Orphanage" in the AudLob. Thank you in advance!

Esther Yook
First Vice President, TJ PTSA

PTSA Update

PTSA Executive Committee for the 2007-08 school year - proposed slate.

- President, Nassmah Brooks (2007, 2008, 2009)
- First Vice President, Liz Ross (2007, 2009)
- Second Vice President, Hank Warchall (2006, 2009)
- Treasurer, Carrie Kilgore (2010)
- Recording Secretary, Michele Pitler (2003, 2009)
- Corresponding Secretary, Lynne Hamrick (2007, 2010)

Election of officers will take place at the **PTSA General Meeting of Members on Monday, June 11**, at **7:30 p.m.**

Welcome Freshman Class of 2011!

The Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology Parent Student Teacher Association (TJ PTSA) welcomes you to TJ! Our goal is to make your transition to TJ as smooth as possible.

County Cluster Gatherings: The TJ PTSA representatives for each Fairfax County Cluster

and other participating Counties will be hosting their **Welcome Family Gatherings** for the incoming 2011 freshmen and their families. These gatherings are by **invitation only**. To get an invitation:

- Contact your TJPTSA representative today, see website at: <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/welcome.htm>
- If your gathering date is not convenient, please feel free to attend any of the other ones but inform the reps first.
- If you cannot identify your PTSA representative please contact Nassmah Brooks -- your PTSA Liaison to all the reps (see website above).

Why come to these gatherings:

At each gathering, current students and parents at TJ will be answering questions about classes, homework, sports, clubs, and about the TJ student vernacular (AudLob, IBET, HUM, etc). It is also an opportunity to meet other 2011'ers in your area, to arrange carpools, and to get to hear experiences ranging from graduating seniors to those of current TJ freshmen.

So far, only half the freshman class is signed up for the **directory** and for other **volunteer opportunities**. If you want to know what is going on with the freshman class, you need to register with the PTSA! Please attend to the following items as soon as possible and start your journey as part of the TJ community.

- ✓ **PTSA Website:** welcome freshmen! Get the most important information for freshman families at: <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/welcome.htm>
- ✓ **School Directory:** enter your information and get your password at: <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/welcome.htm>
- ✓ **Volunteer:** Get involved! When you enter your directory information on the PTSA web site, you can also sign up to volunteer at

TJ. There are many opportunities for occasional or regular volunteering at TJ. See also the volunteer column in this newsletter.

- ✓ **Keep In Touch (KIT):** Sign up for the county's information system to receive weather related and other school messages. <https://fcps.medianext.com/tjhsst/start.html>
- ✓ **Academic Boosters** invites the incoming freshmen to attend our **June 6** banquet and learn about our award winning academic teams: *It's Academic* * Biology Olympiad * Certamen (Latin) * Chemistry Olympiad * Chess Team * Computer Team * Debate Team * Future Problem Solvers * Japan Bowl * Math Team * Model United Nations * Ocean Bowl * Odyssey of the Mind * Physics Team * Science Bowl.
- ✓ **Band Boosters:** Learn about Thomas Jefferson High School Bands and Boosters at <http://www.toward.com/tjbandsboosters/>. Receive information by subscribing to the Booster Yahoo group (tjbandboosters) at: <http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/tjbandboosters/>
- ✓ **The Jefferson Partnership Fund:** The Jefferson Partnership Fund congratulates and welcomes the members of the Class of 2011 and their parents to the TJ Community. The Fund, a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, raises money to fund student research, equipment, and professional development. The fund is governed by an all-volunteer board of directors, including parents, alumni and corporate leaders. We welcome parent volunteers, and in particular, we need a parent representative for the class of 2011. Parents can also assist us in making contact with employers and corporations. If you have any ideas or questions, please contact the Fund's Director, Gary Bottorff at 703-750-8317 or [gary.bottorff at fcps.edu](mailto:gary.bottorff@fcps.edu).
- ✓ **Rising Freshmen Sports Night:** Join us in the Gym on Monday, June 11 to learn more

about TJ's teams and meet coaches and athletes.

We are delighted that you will be joining the TJ family, and we look forward to meeting you in the coming months. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at: [ptsa at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa@tjhsst.edu)

TJHSST School-Wide Summer Reading Initiative 2007-2008

Dr. Glazer is pleased to announce the summer 2007 title selection for Thomas Jefferson's ONE BOOK – ONE COMMUNITY – ONE JEFFERSON summer reading program:

As the Future Catches You

by
Juan Enriquez

ISBN: 1400047749 (2005)

For your convenience, the book is being stocked at the Borders at Tyson's Corner and can be ordered elsewhere. **Make sure you reference the 2005 Edition, ISBN: 1400047749.**

From the book cover: "Juan Enriquez puts you face-to-face with a series of unprecedented political, ethical, economic, and financial issues, dramatically demonstrating the cascading impact of the genetic, digital, and knowledge revolutions on your life. Genetics will be the dominant language of this century. Those who can "speak it" will acquire direct and deliberate control. But most countries and individuals remain illiterate in what is rapidly becoming the greatest single driver of the global economy. Wealth will be more concentrated and those with knowledge to sell – both countries and individuals – will be the winners. Consider what will happen when:

- Your genetic code can be digitally imprinted on an ID card and your insurance company and employer see that you are genetically disposed to, say, heart disease.
- Pharmaceutical products are developed so that you can eat genetically modified broccoli to protect yourself from cancer.
- Cloning will be as common as in vitro fertilization and scientists can influence the genetic design not only of other species but of your own children.
- Creating wealth no longer requires many hands – new industries that rapidly become bigger than the economies of most countries on earth, but create very few jobs.

As the Future Catches You resembles no other book. A typical page may contain just a few dozen words. But each seemingly discrete fact is like a chip in an intellectual mosaic that reveals its meaning and beauty only as you step back and see the big picture. Juan Enriquez's main point is that technology is not kind; it slams into existing systems and destroys them while creating new ones. Countries and individuals can either surf new and powerful waves of change—or get crushed trying to stop them. The future is catching us all. Let it catch you with your eyes wide open."

Serving the TJ Community

Volunteers

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. 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 for a job well done! Have a great summer!

IMPORTANT! Flyers 101 or How to Get Your Flyer in the Summer Packets! Are you a club or booster group sponsor, an

advisor or a PTSA committee chair? Would you like to put a flyer in the Back-to-School packet? Here is what you need to know:

*Please bring 2,000 copies of your flyer, along with one or two volunteers from your group, to the TJ cafeteria on **Thursday, July 19**, 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 19 - arriving at TJ that morning expecting to print your flyers is not a good idea.

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 Thursday, July 19 - See you then!



Bernadette Saperstein (TJ PTSA President), Dr. Glazer, and volunteer Cindy Carter during the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

SUMMER HELPERS NEEDED: Volunteers will also be needed in August to distribute the Back-to-School packets. Students may accompany parents; rising juniors and seniors can earn service hours. Contact the Volunteer Coordinators at [ptsa.volunteers at tjhsst.edu](http://ptsa.volunteers.tjhsst.edu) if interested. We will let you know the date as soon as we receive it from the guidance department. This is a great opportunity for freshman parents to come to TJ and meet other TJ parents.

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

✂ **Volunteer Coordinator:** Coordinate the volunteer activities at TJ-current coordinators available to assist.

✂ **Parliamentarian:** Ensures that correct meeting procedure is followed at monthly PTSA meetings

✂ **Grocery Program/Recycling committee:** Coordinates the ink cartridges recycling program at TJ and the shoppers' cards from local grocery stores. A moneymaker for the school.

✂ **Class of 2011 parent liaison:** Coordinates class activities with the faculty sponsor and communicates those activities to parents.

We are also looking for additional members for the Directory production and Sales committee. This committee works together to produce and sell the PTSA directory. This committee starts work this summer!

For more details about these positions, please contact Wendy Hecker or Cindy Doughty at ptsa.volunteers at tjhsst.edu

Landscaping Committee: We give a big thank you to our neighbor on Little River Turnpike, Campbell & Ferrara Nurseries, which generously donated seven flats of herbs; to Earth Sangha whose donation consisted of native Northern Virginia plants; to Nature by Design for offering a discount and delivery on many difficult to find native plants and to Merrifield Garden Center, which gave us an extremely generous discount on over one hundred plants. This year we also received plants donated from TJ families and neighbors. We appreciated all these generous donations and would particularly like to thank Bill Larme who not only donated plants, but also transplanted them into TJ's gardens. The

TJ Greenhouse Club graciously shared its wheelbarrows and tools whenever needed.

Our volunteers this year included hard working members of the National Honor Society, rising freshmen, and TJ parents, especially Carol Miranda and Nancy Dale, who provided the designs and implemented the native species and herb/butterfly gardens. These gardens will continue to evolve as more of these plants and shrubs are acquired.



Members of the National Honor Society beautifying the TJ grounds



Emily Wetzel and Nicole Dallaire lend their weeding expertise to the NHS landscaping activity

There will be opportunities during the summer months to plant, weed, and water. If you are interested, please email Michele Pitler ([Mb1955 at aol.com](mailto:Mb1955@aol.com)). Thanks!

ANGP

Graduation and the ANGP (“Casino Royale”) are just weeks away! For up-to-date information, visit the ANGP website at <http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty>.

ANGP Tickets: The deadline for purchasing tickets has been extended to **June 11**. **Tickets will NOT be sold at the door!** Don’t miss out! The \$100 ticket price covers everything; no money is required once inside. Ticket holders will receive an awesome ANGP T-shirt prior to the event!

Ticket order forms are available in Senior Hallway; in the Front Office; and on line at <http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty>.

No student is denied a ticket due to financial hardship. Contact Susan Pehrsson at [spehrsson at cox.net](mailto:spehrsson@cox.net) or your guidance counselor, in confidence, who will arrange for the student’s ticket.

ANGP Volunteers: Thank you, parents, for stepping forward and volunteering your time, talents and energy. We simply could not do this without your help. If you haven’t signed up yet, it’s not too late. Remember, only parents on the volunteer list will be admitted to the building. Please look over the list below to see where you can help. Thanks!

Check-In: underclass parents are needed from 9:00 p.m. to midnight to check in the graduates and parent volunteers at TJ.

Clean Up: volunteers are needed starting at 5:00 a.m. to help return TJ to its pre-Casino Royale condition. This is an excellent assignment for junior parents interested in packing and preserving the decorations and supplies for next year’s party.

Decorating James Bond style: volunteers are needed to decorate the school on Friday and Saturday, June 15-16. There’s a lot to be done in a short period, and we need all the help we can muster. This will be fun! We especially need enthusiastic underclass parents to blow up balloons on Saturday morning. Don’t worry, we will provide the helium! Contact Susan Cameron at [soozc at cox.net](mailto:soozc@cox.net).
Food Committee: volunteers are needed to chair the Kitchen Station and the Volunteer

Room. Interested? Contact Cerasela Cristei at [CCristei3 at yahoo.com](mailto:CCristei3@yahoo.com).



Second shift help: Additional volunteers are needed on various committees for the 2-5:30 a.m. shift.

Volunteer Sign-up forms are available in the Front Office and on the ANGP website. Or contact Dianne Struckmeyer, Volunteer Coordinator, [tjangp.volunteers at gmail.com](mailto:tjangp.volunteers@gmail.com).

Thinking about being ANGP Volunteer Coordinator next year? Shadow Dianne NOW and learn how it is done!

ANGP Baby Photo Contest: "Her Majesty's Secret Service-007." Urgent: we need your senior's (4x6) baby photo (0-5 yrs. old) and his/her wallet-sized senior picture right away! Photos can be mailed to or dropped by the front office, or look for the poster to the right of the Senior Bulletin Board and drop photos into the marked envelope. When mailing, use: TJHSST, 6560 Braddock Rd. Alexandria, VA 22312 Attn: ANGP Photo Contest. Remember to print the student's name on the back of each photo. No originals please; these pictures will not be returned. Photos will be collected through June 1. All pictures will be displayed at the ANGP. Any questions, contact Barbara Hillenbrand, [bnp.hill at verizon.net](mailto:bnp.hill@verizon.net), 703-730-7935.

The **final ANGP meeting** is **Tuesday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the **College Career Center**. Questions? Contact Bob Hobart, ANGP Chair, at [vanative11 at msn.com](mailto:vanative11@msn.com).

Student Services Corner

Guidelines

The latest issue of the TJHSST Student Services Department newsletter, *Guidelines*, is available at:

<http://information.tjhsst.edu/dss/>

Academic News

Japanese News

In May, the Japanese program had two notable events. The TJ Japanese National Honor Society held an initiation ceremony for the new inductees and the new officers elected for the next academic year. We hope we will have an active and exciting year ahead! Congratulations to the following inductees and officers:

✧ **New Inductees:** Sophia Youn, Min Nguyen, Stephanie Nguyen, Tim Hu, Soo Han, Gloria Lee, Sang Lee, Edwin Ju, Ian Gallett, Steven Kim, John Buchko, Kristina Hoirta, Dana Lee, Min Hee Kim, Kelly Hecker

✧ **New Officers:** President--Samantha Keyser, Vice President--Tom Chen, Secretary--Lauren Hoy, Treasurer--Tim Chen, Historians--Nicole Dallair and Sharon Lam

Three seniors were awarded a 10-day trip to Japan by the Japan Foundation as a result of a 2nd place finish in the 2007 National Japan Bowl event -- **Casto Unson, Elise Ko, and Cindy Hui**. Congratulations! We will also have a chance to visit Chiben Gakuen, our exchange program school. I am sure the rising seniors also are hoping to make it happen again at next year's competition. We also thank the Academic Boosters for helping us participate in the competition this year.

Class News

2007 – Seniors

Here's the last senior *Tech cetera* blurb! It's been a great four years.

An official letter with more detail on prom and grad will be sent out soon. **Prom** this year will be held on **Friday, June 8**, at the **Westfield Marriot Hotel** just off Route 28 in Chantilly. Students can register for prom on the intranet. The **graduation ceremony** will be held on **Saturday, June 16**, at the **Patriot Center** at George Mason University. Entrance to prom and grad will be free of charge for all members of the class of 2007.

Remember to clear all your financial obligations, such as lost books or senior dues, with the finance office. All obligations must be cleared to receive cap and gown. The line at the finance office at the end of the year is notoriously long, so act now!

2008 – Juniors

Success! That is the best word for our entire year for the class of 2008. Junior Campout, Spring Formal, Homecoming, Mr. Colonial—they were all successes for our class, and we are certainly ready for our senior year! As our third year here at TJ draws to a close, we as a class government would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents. Thanks for chaperoning our dozens of dances and events, thanks for your donations, thanks for your support. Without the generous parents of 2008, none of our events would be possible. Thanks for a great year, and we hope that you and your child enjoy the summer and we'll see in you in September for the last installment of our phenomenal high school saga.

Sincerely,
Will Tarpeh,
2008 Vice President

2009 – Sophomores

The sophomore class would like to thank student chairs **Kathleen Ryan** and **Natalie Villacorta** and the tireless support of parents Julia Villacorta and Joan Burch who led the way organizing baskets and contributions, making bid sheets, writing up the program,

and organizing the finance process. Also, thanks to Mrs. Wolbarsht and Mrs. Barrett who took care of the food donations and set up for the auction, and to Mr. Zukowski for set up and clean up.

The "Mighty Fine" Class of 2009 enjoyed a successful Silent Auction in April. All participants celebrated a festive evening of friends, foods, and music, and appreciated the creative visual layout of all the services, products, art, vacation home rentals, and other opportunities for bidding. As a result of the amazing generosity of parents and other donors and bidders (including teachers and staff!), the class raised more than \$27,000 to help defray senior costs of graduation and prom.

Special thanks to the student and parent organizers and our A-M-A-Z-I-N-G Class Sponsor, Ms. Nancy McCormick. Kudos, too, to our principal, Dr. Glazer, who donated not only use of his prized parking spot, but also his personal math tutoring services and a luncheon. The sophomores also especially wish to thank TJ teachers/staff and other TJ groups that donated and bid, such as the Russian Honor Society, which contributed Russian cultural goodies bought on their recent trip there.

2010 – Freshmen

Do you believe that it is already June and that our freshmen have completed their first year at TJ? The culmination of the freshman academic year is the IBET Symposium held on June 5-6. The schedule is posted on the TJ web site. Please come to hear your student's presentation and the presentations of others. You will be impressed.

During the symposium, we will have a hospitality room for parents in the Principal's Conference Room (next to the Aud Lob). Please stop by before or after the presentations to mingle with other freshman parents. If you are reading this before the

symposium, please contact me if you are able to donate some light refreshments: [ESRanard at aol.com](mailto:ESRanard@aol.com)

The ANGP committee is still looking for volunteers for the All Night Grad Party for seniors on June 16. Please let me know if you can help at TJ on Saturday morning, June 16, inflating helium balloons. In addition, volunteers are needed in all shifts, but especially during the 8–11:30 pm shift when parents of seniors will be attending graduation (the party starts about 10:30, immediately following graduation).

Looking ahead to next year, Sheryl and I will continue as the Class of 2010 PTSA liaisons. The big event for the TJ sophomore class is the Silent Auction held in the spring. This is the biggest class fundraiser -- the funds are used to support senior prom and graduation events. If anyone has experience with silent auctions and would like to help with this event, please let us know. It isn't too soon to start planning.

We look forward to working with you all next year. Have a wonderful and safe summer.

Ellen Ranard and Sheryl Markham,
2010 Class Liaisons

News Round-Up and Awards

STUDENTS

DuPont Challenge National Science Essay Program Winners! In the Junior Division, freshman **Masooma Raza** won first place, receiving a \$3,000 educational grant and an all-expense paid trip to Walt Disney World and the Kennedy Space Center, accompanied by a parent and sponsoring teacher. Masooma researched and wrote about medical mysteries and discoveries.

Honorable Mentions were awarded to freshmen **Keturah James, Amelia Friedman,** and

Sarah Watson, as well as to sophomore **Katie Zettler.** Sophomore **Eva Syzmanski** was a Senior Division Finalist.

National Scholastic Press Association's 2007 Wikoff Scholarship for Editorial Leadership: This important national award, presented to only one student a year with a \$1,000 scholarship, was awarded to senior **Heather Burrell.** She completed all four journalism courses offered by TJ and rose to the title of opinion editor at *tjToday.* In addition to writing articles for the monthly publication, Heather was responsible for layout and design.

AAA Travel High School Challenge 2007 State Championship Winner/Fourth Place National Champion: Sophomore **Naren Tallapragada** won the AAA Travel High School Challenge 2007 State championship. After being selected as one of the five top scorers from Virginia in the preliminary round, he was then selected as the finalist and the top scorer in Virginia, in a proctored written test. He attended the national championship in Orlando, FL, and was awarded a \$2,000 U.S. Savings Bond Scholarship on May 22 after placing 4th in the nation.

American Foreign Service Association National Essay Contest/DNA Day National Essay Contest Winner: Sophomore **Sumit Malik** won first place in the American Foreign Service Association national essay contest. He received a \$2,500 individual award and a \$500 award for TJ. His teacher/sponsor was Mr. Michael Miller. Sumit also won second place in the DNA Day national essay contest sponsored by The American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG), the Genetics Society of America (GSA), and Applied Biosystems. He received a \$250 individual award and a \$175 for TJ. His teacher sponsor was Dr. Paul Cammer.

Council for the Arts of Herndon Scholarship Winner: On May 22 during the Herndon Town Council Meeting, sophomore

Andrew (AJ) Smith was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Council for the Arts of Herndon to study music composition and songwriting during a 3-week summer camp at the University of Virginia. He was the youngest recipient out of eight who received awards to further their studies in the arts.

Diverse Minds Youth Writing Challenge Winners: B'nai Brith announced the results of their Diverse Minds Youth Writing Challenge at a special Awards Ceremony. The contest asked high school students to write and illustrate a children's book that tells a story of diversity and tolerance. The panel of judges was comprised of business leaders, educators, authors, and religious leaders, who read more than a hundred submissions. Scholarship prizes were in the amounts of \$5,000 for first prize, \$2,000 for second prize, and \$1,000 for third prize.

Four TJ students were awarded prizes for their original stories: second place--**Nanfei Yan** and **Tessa Zang**; third place--**Lisa Anderson** and **Grace Lee**.

TJ Students Perform with the Metropolitan Wind Symphony at the Kennedy Center: On May 20, **Mary Linnell (2009)** and **Lisa Nam (2010)** performed a mixed repertoire of classical works with the Metropolitan Wind Symphony on the Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center. The performance was taped and can be viewed at http://www.kennedy-center.org/programs/millennium/artist_detail.cfm?artist_id=LIVEWINSYS#

Student Published Twice: *The Concord Review*, a history periodical with an acceptance rate of 10 percent of submissions, will publish a history paper about the religious metamorphosis in China by **Kari Yook**, and her "profiles" essay will be published in *Career World* as First Place Winner of the Profiles Contest 2007. Dr. Judith Bello mentored both projects.

Young Naturalist Essay Contest Winner: Sophomore **Viola Li** won the Young Naturalist Essay contest. She is one of only two national winners at her grade level and will receive a \$1,500 cash prize (it's NOT a scholarship). She and her parents will be entertained by American Museum of National History directors and staff in New York next month. The field study-based science writing contest is funded by Alcoa. Viola is the fifth national winner from Jefferson since 2000.

Also successful in this year's competition was sophomore **Sarah Seid** who achieved finalist status.

Freshman Technology Robot Championship Contest Winners: On Wednesday, April 25, the freshman class (468 students) met in the main gym for their Technology Robot Championship. All freshmen built their own robots this year and competed in their classes with the winners moving to IBET team championship and then to the grand championship.

ThinkGeek.com sponsored the event giving the 21 class winners \$30 gift certificates. The seven IBET winners received additional \$50 gift certificates. Our Grand Champion, **Sheridan Leong** (pictured below with Mr. Behling and Dr. Glazer), received a four-motor, X-UFO radio controlled hovercraft.



The 21 class winners were: **Jennifer Park, Anna Mazur, Hung Nguyen, Sheridan**

Leong, Max Kieff, Claire Cundiff, Joseph Fetsch, Anisha Apte, Chris McPherson, Matt Callahan, Nicole Boyd, Mic Byrne, Andrew Imm, John Anderson, Linda Zhang, Jeanette Du, David Ensey, Brian Yu, Candice Kremer, Lauren Laffosse, and Nicole Yu.

The seven IBET Winners were: **Jennifer Park, Sheridan Leong, Anisha Apte, Matt Callahan, Andrew Imm, David Ensey, and Nicole Yu.**

2008 Greater DC Regional Botball Tournament: On Saturday, May 12, two TJ Botball teams battled against 42 others in the 2008 Greater DC Regional Botball Tournament. Botball is a robotics competition with teams designing, building, and programming autonomous robots. This year's competition featured a volcano of red pool balls, green and yellow pineapples, houses with umbrellas, and, of course, each team's pair of video-equipped robots.

The **TJ senior team** won a series of head-to-head competitions to finish in the top 16. The members of the senior team were **Logan Kearsley, Asa Kusuma, Mac Stephens, Brandon Vargo, Julian Warchall, and Jacob Welsh.**

The **TJ freshman team** actually scored more points than the senior team, but lost more competitions, to finish near the middle of the standings. The members of the freshman team were **Kelsey Dressing, David Ensey, Joel Heck, Jake Hermle, David Mazzocco, Bharat Ponnaluri, and Patrick Stalcup.**

Our thanks go to one of our sponsors, TJ's ever-supportive PTSA.

TJHSST Partnership Fund

Generosity Soars at Year's End: Thank you to a generous TJ parent for his efforts in acquiring the recent Vanguard Charitable

Endowment Program grant donation in the amount of \$30,000 for the Partnership Fund.

On an annual basis, Raytheon Corporation donates \$15,000 for TEKNOS, TJ's scientific journal, and this year is no exception. Thanks again for your generous donation!

Donations from the recent Golf Tournament are being tallied, but thanks to all those who participated and donated to a very successful golfing day!

Partnership Fund Money distributed to TJ: Dr. Evan Glazer has recently distributed \$50,000 from the Partnership Fund and \$14,000 donated to TJ from the Intel Science Talent Search award as follows: *Tech Education Electronics Initiative* (Dave Bell, \$2,162); *Advanced Experimentation in AP Chemistry and Honors Chemistry* (Omar Acio, \$8,738); *Immunology/Oncology Laboratory Study and the Thermal Cycler, Taq Polymerase, and PCR Reagents* (Fred Lampazzi, \$10,800); *Biosignal Amplifier* (Paul Cammer, \$10,000); *Laminer Flow Hood* (Larry Gaudreault, \$10,000); *Metamaterials – A New Field of Research from Millimeter Wavelength Structures to Nanotechnology* (Bob Latham, \$7,800); *Computer Systems Lab* (Randy Latimer, \$10,000); *Oceanography/Geophysical Systems Digital Imaging, CAPMON System, and the ROV Research Project* (Lisa Wu, \$4,500).

Farewell to 007: Congratulations to the Class of 2007! And our very best wishes for your continued academic success.

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, email, and telephone appeals, and online at www.TJpartnershipfund.org, and at their workplaces through the United Way/CFC Campaigns. Your generous support in school

year 2006-07 is making a difference in student research, new equipment, curriculum innovation and professional development for our faculty.

TJHSST Boosters

Academic Boosters

USA Computing Olympiad: Congratulations to juniors **Jacob Steinhardt** and **Haitao Mao** who both have been selected for the USA Invitational Competition. A complete list of finalists is at: <http://oldweb.uwp.edu/academic/mathematics/usaco/2007/National/National.htm>. Freshman **Brian Hamrick** was first place in the U.S. in silver, and freshman **Tom Georgiou** was first place in the U.S. in bronze. The contest had three divisions: gold, silver, and bronze. Among domestic competitors TJ had five of the top 15 in gold, four of the top 15 in silver, and two of the top five in bronze. Among all international competitors (many from China and Eastern Europe) that translates to five of the top 70 in gold, five of the top 80 in silver, and two of the top 35 in bronze.

The **Student Achievement and Coach Appreciation Banquet** for TJ's academic teams will be held on **Wednesday, June 6, 6-8:30 p.m.** in the **Cafeteria**. All team members, parents, sponsors, and coaches are strongly encouraged to attend. The event will include a brief business session to elect officers for next year. See our website for details.

We would like to congratulate all our academic teams on an outstanding year. Thank you to all the team coaches and sponsors for guiding our students to success. We very much appreciate all the parents who support our teams through membership in and donations to Academic Boosters and through volunteering with the Boosters and directly with the teams. Best wishes to our graduating seniors.

Please visit our website,
<http://tjhsst.edu/aboosters/>

Band Boosters

Virtual Tag Day: Letters were recently sent to band families and alumni requesting donations in support of the TJ Band program. Local high school bands fund their programs through annual Tag Day fund drives. During these drives, band members solicit donations door-to-door throughout their neighborhood. The TJ neighborhood is vast and far-reaching; we must rely on our virtual neighborhood. Be a good neighbor and mail your charitable donation to TJHSST Band Boosters, Inc., c/o Director of Bands, TJHSST.

Customized License Plate Frames Available: Great gift for Class of 2008, order a license plate frame identifying their college. You can pick the wording and the colors. Attention all classes, advertise your achievements with pride; order one or more license plate frames. Only \$18. Contact: **Sylvie at wrtc.org**, 703-342-0215. See samples at: http://www.toward.com/tjbandboosters/FundRaisers/license_plate_frames.htm

Gift Ideas for Grads, Fathers, & Teachers: NEW! College Flags – Order online at www.innisbrook.com (school number 110170). Scrip – Gift Cards – Wide variety available! – **kaycorey at cox.net**

Colonial Athletic Boosters

The CAB congratulates all TJ athletes, especially our seniors who will continue playing sports on the collegiate field next year. They include: **Frank Nothhaft**, track & field at Stanford; **Paul Norland**, cross country and track at William and Mary; **Richard Prevost**, cross country and track at MIT; **Erin Hopke**, lacrosse at UVA; **Claire Eudy**, lacrosse at Stevens Institute of Technology.

Freshman **Meghan Mutchler** was recognized in the Liberty District as the first team pitcher by a unanimous vote of the other District softball managers. With a batting average of

.509, she had two home runs and nine doubles. During the season, Meghan struck out 170 batters and had an earned run average of 3.146. Juniors **Amy Plunk** (catcher) and **Kate Cooper** (first base) earned All District Honorable Mention honors.

Boys' varsity soccer won the Liberty District Championship on May 18 with a 2-0 victory over McLean. The team finished the season 5-0-2 in district play, beat Marshall 2-1 in the quarterfinals, Langley 2-1 in triple OT in the semis, to advance to the championship.

In **Boys' varsity baseball**, **Jonathan Seidman**, **Mike Mensing**, and **Patrick Yaroch** combined for the one hit shutout of district foe Marshall, winning 8-0 on May 11.

TJ Boys' Tennis is Liberty District Champion (14-0). TJ defeated Fairfax and Lake Braddock to reach the Region final against Robinson. Both of these teams move on to the State Tournament. The doubles team of **Spencer Clark ('10)/Brian Cheng ('07)** won the "individual" Liberty District title. Named as Liberty District First Team Singles were **Matt Shepard**, **Brian Cheng**, **Rohan Siddhanti**, **Edwin Zhang**, and **Glen Hookey**. Named as Liberty District First Team Doubles were **Shepard/Hookey** and **Siddhanti/Zhang**. Receiving District Honorable Mention were **Sean Cheng** and **Spencer Frei**.

Varsity men's lacrosse placed 4th in the district standings and 13th in the Northern Regional. Senior **Steven Levin** made 2nd team All Liberty District as a defender. Senior **Dave Phillips** made First Team All Liberty District, and honorable mention All Northern Region as a goalie. **Stefan Kowalski**, sophomore, made First Team All Liberty District and Second Team All Northern Region as a middie. Senior **Peter Gudmundsen** made First Team All Liberty District, First Team All Northern Region, Liberty District Offensive Player of the Year and All-American Honors for his 82 point seasonal

performance from the attack--54 goals and 28 assists.



TJ lacrosse finished in 2nd place at the Maryland Casalino Cup

Seniors, 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>.

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

Crew Boosters

TJ Rows to Victory at the Virginia State Championship, the Stotesbury Cup Regatta and SRAA Nationals: TJ Crew just finished the best year of its history with Gold at Virginia State Championship Regatta, Stotesbury Cup Regatta, and SRAA Nationals Regatta.

At Sandy Run, TJ raced in two championship regattas. The lower boat regatta, Ted Phoenix, resulted in two Gold Medals for the Men's and Women's 4th eight and Silver for the Men's Freshmen eight. On May 12, TJ had six boats participating in the Virginia State Championship. Of the six boats, TJ won five gold medals and one silver.

On May 18-19, the team traveled to Philadelphia to participate in the oldest and largest high school regatta in the world, the Stotesbury Cup. 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. Our TJ rowers came through with some outstanding performances. The team took nine boats to Stotesbury, seven qualified for the semi-finals and of those seven, three qualified for the finals. The Men's 2nd eight brought home a silver medal in their finals. The Women's 2nd eight won the Irish American Chamber Cup and for the 2nd year in a row, the Men's Varsity eight won the prestigious Stotesbury Cup.

The final regatta of the regular season was the Scholastic Rowing Association of America Nationals held at Cooper River, NJ, on May 25-26. Crews from as far away as Illinois, Canada, California, and Florida came to compete against the best in the country. Seven eight's and one four qualified to compete at this regatta. The Women's 2nd eight and Men's Varsity eight won Gold and the Men's 2nd eight won Silver.

After an undefeated season including winning the Stotesbury Cup and SRAA Nationals, the Men's Varsity will travel to England to represent the United States at the **Henley Royal Regatta**. Please consider supporting the boys by making a tax-deductible contribution to the TJ Crew Boosters (Henley fund) at www.tjgear.com.

Members of our medal-winning boats:



Men's Varsity 8 - Winners of the Stotesbury Cup and Gold Medalists at SRAA Nationals

The **Men's Varsity Eight** are rowers **Ty Otto, Marcos Carzolio, Christian Klein, Will**

Zeng, Raja Goel (coxswain), **Ben Ranard, Dan Muir, Tom DellaFera,** and **Lee Rumpf**. (Coach Jim Granger and TJ alum Ray Hohenstein are also pictured.)

The **Men's Second Eight** rowers are **Chris Gear, Patrick Collard, Colin Haas, Phil Grisdela, Trey Dudley, Mike Tanes, Chris Rutley, Dan Granados, Graham Ziemba** (coxswain) and **Nick Anderson**. (Coach Jim Granger is also pictured.)



Men's 2nd 8 - Silver Medalists at Stotesbury and SRAA Nationals

The **Women's Second Eight** rowers are **Courtney Brown, Kelly Pierce, Kat Montgomery, Alexis Brown, Kaitlin Whitt, Marissa Norko, Caroline Bogdan, Aniko Toth,** and **Tammy Lin** (coxswain). (Coach Matt Shoop is also pictured.)



Women's 2nd 8 - Winners of the Irish American Chamber Cup at Stotesbury and Gold Medalists at SRAA Nationals

Chorus/Choir Boosters

As the year draws to a close the chorus is in the final throes of preparation for their Spring Show on May 31, closely followed by the season-ending picnic on June 3. No doubt this

date will have come and gone by the time you receive this issue. We are happy to report that the chorus was augmented by approximately 10 pre-frosh – thanks to good old-fashioned telephone marketing by Patty Rupinen and Sarah Salino. Numbers for incoming freshmen look really strong and we are anticipating a wonderful choral program next year.

By this time, your booster board will have elected next year's officers, but there are still positions to be filled. As of this writing, we are coming up short in the Secretary, Ways and Means, and Hospitality positions. Please contact Jeff Salino at 703-644-6928 if you are in a position to help out – otherwise we'll be contacting you.

Choir boot camp will be here before you know it. Clear your calendars from **August 27 through August 30**. In the meantime, have a wonderful summer.....and "stay tuned!" To our departing seniors, a heartfelt thanks. You guys are going to be missed around here. Best of luck and most of all.....keep singing!



Choral Spring Show preparation

Orchestra Boosters

Our final **Spring Concert** will be at **7 p.m.** on **Thursday, June 7**. This will be an outstanding opportunity to hear our graduating seniors one last time and an opportunity for rising freshmen and their families to come see the TJ Orchestra Program in action. This will also be a time where Ms. Bailey recognizes graduating seniors, particularly those who have completed eight semesters of Orchestra, for

their dedication, hard work, and sacrifice. Forms will be coming home shortly for our routine Quiznos dinner in support of the students and we request your usual contribution for a post concert reception as you may be able based on your student's instrument. If you can help volunteer, either for the dinner or for the reception, please let me know.

The final concert will be recorded. If you are a whole or half note supporter, it will be mailed to you free of charge. Orders will also be taken at the concert for mailing for anyone else desiring a recording. The two most recent concert recordings have been completed and mailed. If you did not request this mail option, please ask your student to see Ms. Bailey for your copies.

Finally, I will be carrying on as President for next year. As my Vice President, Merchandise Coordinator, and Treasurer will be "graduating" this year, I am very much in need of parent volunteers who would consider joining our small but dedicated cadre of Board Members. Please email or call me if you have questions. If you would be interested in volunteering to serve with us in any of these capacities for next year, I would most welcome your presence.

Once again, thanks to all of you who through your time and effort have made our Orchestra Program a success this past year. Have a great summer and Thanks! Larry Jones ([lawrencemjones at aol.com](mailto:lawrencemjones@aol.com))

Theatre Boosters

TJ Student Wins Cappie! During the eighth annual National Capital Area Cappies Awards Gala **Kate Kirschner** was awarded a Cappie as Best Female Dancer for her performance in the musical production *On the Town*. The Gala was held on May 27 at the Concert Hall of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. At the Gala performers, tech crews, and

critics from 56 high schools in Northern Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C., received 35 Cappies Awards. Thomas Jefferson's talented students were honored with four nominations from this year's Cappies show, *On The Town*:

- *Orchestra: Thomas Jefferson Orchestra*
- *Female Dancer: Kate Kirschner*
- *Comic Actor in a Musical: Jeewon Kim*
- *Featured Actress in a Musical: Julieann Choi*

Congratulations to Kate, TJ's other nominees, and all of the students honored at this year's Cappies Gala!

Theatre Booster Board Announcements:

With the graduation of many Drama Club and Shakespeare Troupe students, many Theatre Booster Board parents are graduating, too. At the moment, a number of positions remain open, notably President and Treasurer. Several other positions remain open as well: Troupe Publicity, Chaperones, Photography, Hospitality, and Costumes. If you are a freshman, sophomore, or junior parent and are interested in filling one of these roles, please email Tom Ainsworth at [tom.ainsworth at verizon.net](mailto:tom.ainsworth@verizon.net). The Theatre Booster Board will hold one last meeting this year, on **Tuesday, June 12, at 7 p.m.** in the **Lecture Hall** (front section of the Auditorium). This is a great opportunity for parents interested in joining the Theatre Booster Board to get more information about the open positions. All are welcome!

Shakespeare Troupe Year-End Update:

The Shakespeare Troupe ended the 2006-2007 school year on a high note with its performance of William Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*. The Troupe, directed by **Olivia Bonin** and **Michael Gold**, delivered an outstanding performance of a challenging and difficult play. Outstanding performances were given by **Ari Cukierman** as Shylock, **Macs**

Smith as Bassanio, **Jeewon Kim** as Antonio, and **Nora Diamond** as Portia. This and all performances by the TJ Shakespeare Troupe would not be possible without the support and sponsorship of Mrs. Judy Bello, whom the Troupe thanks for her dedication to their work.

Performances

Curricular Bands Spring Concert: The Spring Concert is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 5, at 7 p.m.** in the **TJ auditorium**. The Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Combined Intermediate Band will perform. Admission is free, but donations to support the TJ Band Programs are greatly appreciated. A short, but important Band Booster meeting will be held during intermission. Please be present to vote for next year's officers and budget. Refreshments provided by band families will follow the performance.

Announcements and Information

Summer School Students

A list of summer school students will be published along with each student's zip code very soon. Please note that Heather Sondel is the summer school Principal. A number of students have expressed an interest in locating a carpool or participating in a ride-share. If you would like to carpool with other TJ students who live in same zip code (or close by), please do one of two things:

- **If you are a new student (freshman or transfer),** check the PTSA Directory for zip codes against the summer school list of students and contact your PTSA representative to be placed on the carpool master list. Please indicate if you are a willing driver, passenger or both. You can purchase a current phone book from the front office.

- **If you are a current student,** check your TJ directory/Intranet in order to locate student(s)' contact information. Please be sure

to contact your PTSA rep and ask to be added to the carpool master list to help out the new students. Please indicate if you are a willing driver, passenger or both.

It would help us a great deal if we can get one parent coordinator per cluster or county to keep track of the carpool list for the cluster or county. Please let your representative know ASAP if you are able to help out.

***Dr. Dale, FCPS Superintendent,
McLean HS, Monday, June 18, 7:30
p.m.***

Are you curious about GT programs in Fairfax County? About how FCPS staff feels about the proposal to place a GT Center in almost every middle school? About how FCPS will evaluate the effectiveness of its varied GT programs? About the impact of FCPS high school consortia on gifted students? Or about the relationship between base elementary school GT classes and traditional GT Centers, and/or middle school honors classes and GT Centers?

If you have questions about these or other gifted education issues, come hear Dr. Dale, FCPS Superintendent, on Monday, June 18, 7:30 PM, in the McLean HS lecture hall. June 18 is the last day of school, so you can come unencumbered by end-of-year events, and focus on asking questions about issues that interest you and other parents of gifted students.

***Red Apple 21 Broadcasts TJ Senior
Cappies Review***

The FCPS cable channel, Red Apple 21, will broadcast a CAPPIES review read by senior **Cara Dickason**. Her segment will air in School Scene on Red Apple 21 from June 25 through July 8, every day at 1 p.m., 6 p.m., and 10 p.m. It will also be streamed on the internet at www.fcps.edu/schoolscene.

IBET Symposium

This year's IBET Symposium will be held on Tuesday, June 5, and Wednesday, June 6 at TJHSST.

Noteworthy Dates

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| June | | 11 | PTSA General Membership Meeting for the Election of Officers, 7:30 p.m., Library |
| 1 | J-Day | 11 | Rising Frosh Sports Night |
| 4 | Spring Sports Banquet / Awards ceremony | 12 | Theatre Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m., Lecture Hall (front part of Auditorium) |
| 5-6 | IBET Symposium | 16 | Graduation, Patriot Center, GMU |
| 5 | Band Concert/Booster Meeting, 7 p.m., Auditorium | 16 | All Night Grad Party (ANGP) |
| 5 | ANGP Committee meeting, 7 p.m., Career Center | 18 | Last Day of School |
| 6 | Student Achievement and Coach Appreciation Banquet, academic teams, 6-8:30 p.m., Cafeteria | 18 | Dr. Dale, FCPS Superintendent, McLean HS |
| 6 | Band Banquet, 6 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, Fairfax | July | |
| 6 | Colonial Athletic Boosters meeting, 7 p.m., Library | 19 | Back-to-School packet stuffing, 9:30 a.m., Cafeteria |
| 7 | Orchestra Concert, 7 p.m., Auditorium | August | |
| 8 | Senior Prom, Westfield Marriott Hotel | 1 | Athletic Boosters meeting, 7 p.m., Library |
| 11 | Deadline for purchasing ANGP Tickets; <i>tickets will NOT be sold at the door</i> | | |





Gathering Schedules RSVP to your Rep today! Check Website for Changes & Updates

<http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/welcome.htm>

| Counties/Clusters | Date/ Time/ Location/Format |
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| Arlington/Falls Church | Second Gathering-- TBD Summer Picnic will be open to all Arlington and Falls Church students |
| Loudoun County | scheduled June 1, 2007 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Location: Cafeteria at Park View High School, 400 West Laurel Avenue, Sterling, Virginia 20164 bring a dessert to share |
| Prince William / Fauquier | Gathering was a success. It was attended by the new TJ families. Various experts came to help with the Q&As. Current TJ families, PWCS administrators and Nina Pitkin. They all took the time to help the new families make a smooth transition. What a group! |
| Cluster 1 (Herndon, Langley, and McLean) | scheduled June 10, 2007 from 4-6:00 PM Location: Contact Louise it's a potluck |
| Cluster 2 (Falls Church, Madison, and Marshall), Cluster 5 (Edison, Hayfield, Lee, and South County) & Cluster 6 (Lake Braddock, Robinson, and West Springfield) | scheduled June 9, 2007 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Location: Fairview Elementary School, 5815 Ox Road Fairfax Station, Virginia 22039 It is Potluck, drinks will be provided |
| Cluster 3 (Annandale, Stuart, and Woodson pyramids and TJ) | The party went really well! A great turnout, about 65 folks. Current TJ students were very helpful with answering questions. Everybody enjoyed themselves and left with a really good feeling about TJ. It was great having Dr. Ray Brown, TJ girls' tennis coach and math teacher, and also Lynne Hamrick. |
| Cluster 4 (Mount Vernon and West Potomac) | scheduled June 10, 2007 from 6:30-8:30 PM Location: The Mount Vernon Municipal Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria – across the street from Sherwood Library. A light dessert will be served. |
| Cluster 7 (Centreville, Chantilly, and Fairfax) | scheduled June 9, 2007 from 3-5 PM Location: Contact Tricia Bring a light hors d'oeuvre, drinks provided |
| Cluster 8 (Oakton, South Lakes, and Westfield) | scheduled June 8, 2007 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM Location: Temporary Road Picnic Pavilion, corner of Temporary Road and North Shore Drive in Reston Families should bring an appetizer or dessert to share, and lawn chairs. Party is rain or shine. |

2007 ANGP Volunteer Form

This year's ANGP "**Casino Royale**" will take place immediately following graduation on **Saturday evening, June 16**

"Not a single grad has been killed or injured in an alcohol related accident on graduation night since the all night grad celebrations began." Northern Virginia Graduation Project

Help us preserve this fact by volunteering. It takes *many* volunteers to plan and staff this event, so we need help from parents of all classes. We especially need help from underclass parents to get things underway while senior parents attend graduation. It's a fun night and a wonderful gift to our students.

THANK YOU for helping to make this year's ANGP a success!

Help PLAN and COORDINATE the event. Indicate your committee choice:

_____Activities _____Food _____Decorations
_____Casino _____Marketing/ _____Security
_____General Store _____Admissions/Passports

Help the WEEKEND of the event:

PRIOR to the event, Friday, June 15 & Saturday, June 16:

____Decorations (will involve working Friday evening and/or during the day on Saturday)
____Logistics/Set up (will involve working during the day on Saturday)

DURING the event, Saturday, June 16 (volunteer assignments will be made in early June):

Indicate preferred shift (we will try to honor your preference)

_____10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. OR _____2:00 a.m. - 5:30 a.m.

AFTER the event (Sunday, June 17):

____Clean up (will start at 5a.m. on Sunday, June 17)

Name: _____ Student(s) grade: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mail or email completed form to: Dianne Struckmeyer
9940 Corsica St.
Vienna, Va. 22181

tjangp.volunteers at gmail.com

Dear Seniors/Parents,

The school year is almost over, and the senior issue of tjTODAY is fast approaching. Four years ago, tjTODAY started a new policy of allowing seniors to place personal ads in this issue. The product was highly successful so we are offering this opportunity to you again.

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| <p><u>Suggestions for Advertisement Design</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Take a look at advertisements printed in older and current editions of tjTODAY. Look for advertisements that appeal to you.2. Collect pictures and photos that you would like to use in your advertisement.3. The simple the advertisement design, the better. Pictures should generally be the same size and shape to retain a professional layout in your advertisement. Collages are not always the best choice.4. Make sure to select lighter colored photos, as advertisements will be printed in black and white. Dark photos may not show up as easily as lighter photos in the print edition.5. Your advertisement must be fully laid out and camera ready. | <p><u>Advertisement Packages</u></p> <p>A: Full page (\$250) 10.25" x 15" B: Half page (\$150) 10.25" x 7.5" C: Quarter page (\$100) 5.125" x 7.5" D: Eighth page (\$50) 5.125" x 3.75"</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 20px; text-align: center;">A \$250</div><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">B \$175 <table border="1" style="margin: 5px auto;"><tr><td style="padding: 5px;">C \$100</td><td style="padding: 5px;">D \$50</td></tr></table></div></div> | C \$100 | D \$50 |
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Deadline for all advertisement submissions: June 1, 2007

Please retain a copy of all materials submitted, as tjTODAY will not return submissions. We recommend that you send in a copy and keep the original. Thanks!

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Check List

- IBET Symposium, June 5-6
- ANGP Tickets -- **NEW DEADLINE** -- ***June 11***
- PTSA General Membership Meeting for the Election of Officers, June 11, 7:30 p.m.
- Rising Frosh Sports Night, June 11
- Graduation, June 16 -- **CONGRATS SENIORS!**