

Principal's Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers, and Students,

Last month many of our teachers were recognized nationally for exemplary programs in the College Board Advanced Placement Report to the Nation. Teachers in AP Calculus, AP Chemistry, AP French Language, AP Government and Politics (US), and AP History were identified in the large high school category for their ability to help TJ students achieve at high levels. Congratulations teachers!

February was a month filled with unexpected delays and cancellations: an electrical outage, a water main break, and plenty of wintry weather. I think Punxsutawney Phil, the weather predicting groundhog, must have been vacationing in Florida when he didn't see his shadow this year. I would like to recognize our building maintenance and engineering crew who have been at school tackling these challenges and working hard to anticipate and resolve problems.

At TJ, we try to be mindful of stress that some of our students face and recognize they cope with it in different ways. Often students will internalize stress and put pressure on themselves without adults knowing about their anxiety. Some students will stay up very late to make sure they have every homework problem done correctly when the teacher might just be interested in their genuine effort. We have also had students that have chosen to violate academic integrity policies as a result of self-imposed pressure to perform at exceptionally high standards. Incidences, such as these, cause great concern among the faculty and staff at TJ. I'd like you to consult with your child's counselor whenever you are concerned about your child's stress level in their courses or activities. I appreciate your efforts to have open conversations with your child about stress, how to manage it, and the value it can be to their well-being. While unplanned, the mid-winter break in February was fortunate because it gave students an opportunity to de-stress and catch up on their sleep. At this time we have one snow makeup day on March 30, but with winter lingering it's possible there will be additional makeup days. Three snow days were built into FCPS's master calendar, but those have been used.

In our quest for a new facility, the TJ Task Force delivered a report to the FCPS School Board in mid-February that is now accessible on the TJ website. The Task Force consists of a variety of stakeholder groups, which use survey data, focus groups, and seminars to develop recommendations for the school's future learning environment and desired student values and skills. The report includes examples of the type of space needed different from our current facility in order to support future TJ programs, including curricular, extracurricular, and outreach. During our current SACS accreditation process, we hope to include some of these program recommendations in our five-year action plan.

In March, FCPS will distribute a survey to a representative sample of parents about the school's effectiveness. If you do not receive the survey, please do not hesitate to send suggestions ([Evan.Glazer at fcps.edu](mailto:Evan.Glazer@fcps.edu)) or call (703-750-8306) with ideas to make TJ an even better place for learning and growing.

Yours truly,

Evan Glazer, Principal

President's Message

This has certainly been a strange winter. Just when we thought we were having a mild winter, we were in for a rude awakening. You never can tell around here. Hopefully, everyone is getting back into the regular schedule after all the disruptions of the past couple of weeks.

It's hard to believe that in February we have to start thinking about next year's PTSA board. However, that's the process and I need to get it started now so that as many parents as possible can think ahead about what they want to contribute to TJ in the next year. This year, I am pleased to announce that the following have agreed to serve on the TJ PTSA nominating committee and will select next year's slate of officers. I am very grateful to Cindy Carter, Cindy Doughty, Madeline Eggan, Wendy Hecker, Ellen Ranard, Betty Stegall, and Eileen Swoboda for agreeing to serve on the TJ PTSA nominating committee. This group of willing volunteers

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Volunteers

will be elected at the next TJ PTSA meeting on March 12. Please consider joining the PTSA board for next year as it offers a great opportunity to get to know your fellow parents, the principal and what's going on at school. Drop an email to [ptsa.volunteers at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.volunteers@tjhsst.edu) if you are interested.

The next **TJ PTSA event** that is coming up is the **Teens and Driving** program on **Thursday, March 8, 2007, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** Our guest speaker will be the Honorable Teena D. Grodner, Chief Judge of the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. Judge Grodner has been serving on that court since 1998. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Grodner was in private practice, concentrating primarily on civil litigation with a focus on all aspects of family law. In the past few years, Judge Grodner has been very active in the community in an effort to improve the legal system and the administration of justice, particularly as it relates to children and families. For example, she has worked with FCPS representatives to develop and implement parent education programs directed at issues related to drug and alcohol use by teens. She also has lectured widely around the county and state on a variety of family law matters. A graduate of the University of Illinois and American University, she has experience teaching with the Virginia State Bar and the Washington College of Law. Judge Grodner is a wife and mother of two children with a senior daughter at Tulane and a freshman son Princeton.

In addition, we are fortunate to have a panel for discussion of the issue as it applies to TJ made up of Dr. Mark Harrington, our current resource officer, and Mary Stetson and Barry Potoker, our Driver's Ed and Behind the Wheel instructors at TJ. Light refreshments will be served in the Aud Lob from 6:30 p.m. Parents – remember, students are welcome to attend also.

The **next meeting of the TJ PTSA** will be held **Monday, March 12, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in the library at TJ.** Please arrive a little early for light refreshments and networking with your fellow parents. In response to requests, the April meeting will be a morning meeting, taking place on Monday, April 16, 2007 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. At this meeting, the slate of officers for the 2007-2008 school year will be reported out from the nominating committee.

Bernadette Saperstein, President, TJ PTSA

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

Interested in volunteering? We can always find a place to use you! Please contact Wendy Hecker and Cindy Doughty at [ptsa.volunteers at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.volunteers@tjhsst.edu) if interested in the following or any other positions. Please accept our thanks for all that you do for the TJ community.

TJHSST – PTSA Officers: It's that time of year when the Nominating Committee seeks nominations for elected positions on the TJHSST PTSA Executive Committee for the 2007 2008 school year. Do you want to get involved and make a difference at TJ? Do you want to keep up to date with what's going on and network with other parents, students, and teachers? Then we have the job for you! Please step forward and volunteer to serve as an officer on the PTSA Executive Committee. The positions are: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. Any PTSA member with a willingness and ability to serve and provide leadership is welcome to apply. (Note: PTSA by-laws require that a person may be nominated for president only if he/she has served on the executive board for at least one term.) PTSA members who want to nominate someone else for an office may do so, with the nominee's permission. **The deadline for nominations is March 19, 2007.** Please contact the Nominating Committee at [ptsa.volunteers at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.volunteers@tjhsst.edu) for information.

Help wanted -- Library Chaperones: Students have shown interest in being able to use the library after school hours. The PTSA is looking for parents who would be willing to watch students in the library on **Monday and Wednesday afternoons** (late bus days). The time would be **4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** We would like to have 2 parents each day. We would like to begin this as soon as possible, and, if it seems to work, add this to the volunteer opportunity checklist for next year. If interested, please contact Vicky Linnell, who is coordinating this, at [VLinnell at GateTechnology.com](mailto:VLinnell@GateTechnology.com).

AP Proctors: Parents are needed **during AP testing** which will be **held May 7-18.** We need volunteers for the morning and afternoon sessions on all days. The morning shift will need to arrive at 8:00 a.m. and the afternoon shift at noon. Instructions will be provided.

Landscaping Volunteers: Landscaping is looking for weeding help to begin the Spring Cleanup. Anyone can do it! If you're a student, we are talking about *community services hours*. Our first opportunities will be Saturday, **March 10 and 24, from 9:30 a.m. -**

12:30 p.m. Bring gloves and gardening tools, if you have them. Attention Gardeners! We will be requesting specific perennials in the coming months. Questions, please contact Michele Pitler, PTSA Landscaping Co-chair, [Mb1955 at aol.com](mailto:Mb1955@aol.com).



Free Money for TJHSST!!! Empty inkjet and laser toner cartridges and old cell phones can earn \$\$\$\$ for the TJ PTSA! Please collect empty cartridges from your home, office, friends, and relatives. Put cell phones and cartridges in a plastic bag (to prevent leakage) and place them in the collection box in the Main Office. PTSA volunteers will do the rest. We collect even damaged and outdated cell phone models.

In exchange, the PTSA gets CASH, which is used for programs that benefit our students. Such a deal! The PTSA earns up to \$3.00 per cartridge and even more for qualifying cell phones. The PTSA has earned \$320.00 so far. Come on, let's double that during the coming months. Obviously, the more cartridges and cell phones we collect, the more money we make. Please don't throw away those empty cartridges and old cell phones. Send them to TJ, and we will turn them into cash. Not only will TJ benefit, so will the environment. Thanks for your help!

Human Relations Committee

The HRC is composed of students, parents, faculty, and administrative staff members and serves as a forum through which all groups may express human relations concerns and may be consulted about and involved in efforts to promote good human relations within the school.

The HRC reviews a wide variety of concerns. A concern was raised at the January 2007 HRC meeting which we thought could also be addressed in *Techcetera*. At the January meeting attendees raised concerns regarding whether our students were getting sufficient sleep. Specifically, these concerns focused on students who had not had sufficient sleep, but who were driving to school and potentially creating a risk for themselves and others.

To our knowledge there is no study that suggests TJHSST students receive more or less sleep than their peers. However, there is much literature that suggests high school students in general are not getting enough sleep. Further, some of the anecdotal remarks made by those present at the HRC meeting strongly suggest that some TJHSST students are not getting enough sleep.

While we are aware that others have raised this issue, the HRC again calls this matter to the attention of

parents and guardians. Ideally students should get sufficient rest before attending school. But with our students involved in numerous activities there may be times when a student is not well-rested. As a parent or guardian, if you notice that your student is getting insufficient sleep then consider having them take the bus, having them carpool with rested drivers, or driving them to school yourself.

TJHSST students are wonderful assets with unbounded potential. As drivers they are, for the most part, careful, but new and or inexperienced. Please help keep them safe.

Richard Prevost, HRC Parent Chairperson

ANGP

This year's all night alcohol/drug free graduation celebration, "**Casino Royale**," will take place **June 16**. Just 3 months away! What can you do to help? It's as EASY as 1, 2, 3!

1. Buy your ticket NOW! Traditionally, there is near 100% participation from seniors. So far, about half the senior class has purchased tickets. Funds are needed now to place deposits and cover other up front expenses, so please buy your ticket right away. Ticket order forms are available by the Senior Bulletin Board, in the Front Office, and on line at www.tjhsst-angp.org. Tickets will **not** be sold at the door!

Raffle news: Students who purchase a ticket by March 15 will have a chance to win a Photosmart 8050 printer (\$50.00 value!). Don't put it off. Buy your ticket now!!

2. Make a cash donation if you are able. While the tickets are not cheap, they still do not cover the cost of the event. Parent contributions and donations from area businesses underwrite a significant part of the costs. We understand not all parents are in a position to make cash contribution. However, if you are fortunate enough to be able to do so, we appreciate your generosity and support. Instructions for donations can be found at www.tjhsst-angp.org. No student is denied a ticket due to financial hardship.

3. Volunteer NOW! ANGP is a sight to behold, and it takes MANY volunteers to make it a success. Senior parents, this is not a chore; it is our gift to graduates for their accomplishments and hard work! Underclass parents, we can't do this without you. Your help is needed to plan ANGP and to get things underway while senior parents attend graduation. This is your chance to be part of the planning and see how it is done. Remember, if you want to see ANGP in action, you have to volunteer!

Worker bees are desperately needed, especially for the following committees: Activities, Casino, Decorations, Security, and Food (coordinators are needed for specific food stations: French Pastry, Carnival, Ice Cream, Kitchen, Mexican, and New York Deli). Email Bob Hobart at [vanative11 at msn.com](mailto:vanative11@msn.com), note your area of interest, and your name will be forwarded to the appropriate committee chair.

ANGP meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at **7:00 p.m.** in the College Career Center. Parents of all grades are invited. The remaining meetings are **March 20, April 17, May 15, and June 5**. Questions? Contact Bob Hobart, ANGP Chair at [vanative11 at msn.com](mailto:vanative11@msn.com), or visit the ANGP website at www.tjhsst-angp.org.

"TJ Spirit Event" – MARCH 11! Students of all grades, parents, teachers and faculty, please show your support for ANGP by dining at the UNO Chicago Grill in your neighborhood (Fair Oaks, Manassas, Merrifield, Reston, Sterling, Woodbridge, and WDC's Union Station) on Sunday, March 11. You can dine in or take out. Donation Tickets (color coded for specific locations) are available in the TJ Front Office and Aud Lob, and on line at www.tjhsst-angp.org. Enjoy a meal with family and friends, and support TJ's ANGP at the same time. Remember, you must present a Donation Ticket to the cashier in order for ANGP to receive a portion of the sales. Thank you, and Bon Appetit!

Academic News

German News

All German II, III, and AP students took the National German Exam in January. (There is no exam for levels I or V.) Frau Vaden is very proud to report the outstanding results. Forty-three of the 76 test takers scored in the top 10% of the nation. In German II, Rebecca Justice, with a perfect score, placed number one in Virginia. She was closely followed by Suzan Ok, Eric Bomgardner, and Jimmy Clark, all of who missed only one answer (out of 100). In German III, Andrew Menke and Monica Li placed number one in the state, closely followed by Michael Howard, Will Minshew, Stephen Lam, and Debjani Saha. In AP German, the state winners were Ivan Papusha and Sarah Schmoltner, both of whom had perfect scores. They were closely followed by Andrew Stebbins and Felix Zhang.

Spanish News

Please come one and all to Bulería, sponsored by the Spanish Honor Society. It is our annual salsa dance that begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday, March 2, in the cafeteria.

Alliance Dance Institute will provide a professional instructor to teach basic salsa from 7:00-8:00 p.m. It will be muy divertida. The Spanish Honor Society applications have been received and students will be notified shortly regarding their acceptance.

Class News

2007 – Seniors

Congratulations seniors! Only one semester to go! This means prom and graduation are drawing closer. We want these events to be as memorable as possible, but to do that we need to raise as much money as possible. Any seniors who have not already turned in order forms for announcements or other Balfour products should turn in their materials to Mrs. Gecan's room as soon as possible to make sure they get everything they need.

All seniors should have picked up a packet with a catalogue and ordering information for a **jewelry fundraiser**. Kill two birds with one stone by buying an impressive gift for a loved one while supporting the class of 2007. Contact Mrs. Gecan, Mrs. Sandstrom, or any class officer for details.

The annual school wide **talent show** is officially scheduled for **Friday, March 16**. We have all heard about how talented the Jefferson student body is. Now see it in action! Join us for an unforgettable evening and help support our class.

2008 - Juniors

Greetings 2008 parents! First of all, thanks to all those chaperones who helped to make Mr. Colonial and the soc hop after it a booming success. We at 2008 Central hope that March finds you well, even in the midst of SATs and college visit spring break plans. As we near spring, we alert you again to our two spring events: Spring Formal takes place on Saturday, May 5 (correction from last month's newsletter), followed by Junior Campout on May 25-26. These will really be huge efforts as far as parent volunteers are concerned, especially for Junior Campout because it's just like Lock-in freshman year. Please contact parent liaison Robin Wilson at [robinwilson123 at gmail.com](mailto:robinwilson123@gmail.com) or the class officers at [tjhsst08 at gmail.com](mailto:tjhsst08@gmail.com) if you want to volunteer or have any questions. Thanks again for your continued support!

2010 - Freshmen

Thank you to the parents who have already signed up to help chaperone the Class of 2010 annual Freshman

Lock-In on Friday, April 13, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. We still need more help in every shift, especially the second and third shifts. We need 3 groups of about 30 parents to work the following shifts: 7 p.m.–11 p.m., 11 p.m.–3 a.m., 3 a.m.–7 a.m. In addition, we will need a few parents to help out before the Lock-In starts (5 p.m.– 7 p.m.) and to clean up (7 a.m.– 8 a.m.). If you are ready to commit to a shift, please contact Ellen Ranard at: [ESRanard at aol.com](mailto:ESRanard@aol.com). We also be asking all parents to donate food for the event and will provide you details later in the month.

News Round-Up and Awards

STUDENTS

- Congratulations to **Sarah Marzen** who has been named a **finalist in the 2007 Intel Science Talent Search**. Sarah is one of 40 finalists chosen from among 300 semifinalists in the 2007 search. As a finalist, she will attend the Intel Science Institute to compete for college scholarships, and will receive an Intel® CentrinoT mobile technology-based notebook computer. Intel has sponsored the Science Talent Search since 1998 and provides \$1,250,000 in awards and scholarships to contestants. More information about the competition can be found at <http://www.intel.com/education/sts/>.

- Congratulations to two of TJ's DNA Science students, **Susanna Blauch** and **Rebecca Chung**, who were selected into the **NIH Summer Scholars Program**. This is not the NIH Summer Intern program. This program only selects a total of 25 students from across the country and is based on academic achievement, aptitude, and teacher letter of reference. Congratulations to Susanna and Rebecca, and to their instructors!!

- Congratulations to all of the students that created and submitted creative arts works to the **2006-2007 PTA Reflections Program**. Our judges were very impressed with the creativity, thoughtfulness, talent, and hard work displayed by all of the art, photography, music, video, and literature entries. We are happy to announce and congratulate the Reflections entries that earned the **Outstanding Interpretation Award** and were forwarded to the county PTA level: **Visual Arts**–Andrew Baik, "Juxtaposed Rose"; **Photography**–Varun Bansal, "Musical Bliss"; **Literature**–Lily Hsiang, "Home, Sweet Home"; **Musical Composition**–Mohit Iyyer, "Ties with the Ocean"; **Film/Video Production**–Rohit Dasgupta, "La Academia Espanola del Gobernador." The

following students earned the **Award of Excellence**: **Visual Arts**–Timothy Baik; **Musical Composition** – Lauren Ruth; **Musical Composition** – Christopher Carey; **Photography** – Timothy Baik, "Winter Beauty"; **Literature**–Christina Beasley; **Literature** – Lisa Pang. The following students earned the **Award of Merit**: **Visual arts** - Andrew Baik; **Literature** – Lisa Pang, "Love, Though Silent Is Always Here"; **Literature** – Kelly Cotton; **Photography** – Andrew Baik, "Bonfire"; **Musical Composition** – Emily Wetzel; **Musical Composition** – David Kim. Additionally, Mohit Iyyer, Varun Bansal, and Rohit Dasgupta received **Outstanding Interpretation Awards** at the Fairfax County Council/Cluster 3 level. Mohit Iyyer also earned the **Award of Merit** at the Fairfax District (Arlington County, City of Alexandria, Fairfax County and City of Falls Church PTAs) level.

- **2007 TJHSST Science Fair Winners:** 135 students participated in TJ's Science Fair on Saturday, February 3, 2007. Sixty-four judges from science and engineering fields divided into panels representing 15 categories judged the students' projects.

- Congratulations to the following students who were **first place winners**: Victor Zhu, Alex Kim, Aditya Palepu, Deepti Garg, Alisha Tuteja, Bryon Smith, Avigile Baehr, Arjun Dayal, Andrew Pyrak, Maneeshika Madduri, Andrew Kim, Karthik Seetharam, Ryan Ward, Jessica Dobis, Mel Sparrow, Lisa Weber, Erin Hopke, Soumya Nettimi, Ivan Papusha, Anastasia Rumiantsev, Frederick Mako, Peter Bojo, Ben Ranard, Esther Li, Eli Chen, Andrew Li, Wei Hao, Jonathan Wang, William Zeng, Aleksander Drozdetski, Raillan Brooks, and Caroline Bogdan.

- Congratulations to the following students who were **second place winners**: Caitlin Sheldon, Lili Jiang, Amanda Lucht, Alice Chung, Jennifer Gilbert, Leo Ahnn, Stephen Ammann, Sharif Nezar, Tom Xiao, Mark Hou, Doug Ross, Marcos Carzolio, Juhan Hwang, Sun Park, Dylan Lahiff, Saurabh Sharad, Greg Dutcher, Frank Olechnowicz, Brian Gold, Julie O'Brien, Doel Dhar, Joel Shor, Ji-Hyeun Kwon, Derek Mason, George Victor Krivorotov, Charles Cameron, Shannon Ready, Aanchal Raj, Kelly Ran, Jacqueline Byrd, Amy Cheng, Jessica Lee, Shannon Sullivan, David Dornblaser, Angela Zhang, John Bowman, Akshar Wunnava, and Lauren Ruth.

- Congratulations to the following students who were **third place winners**: Michael Jiang, Min Seo, Vangie Xu, Gloria Driessnack, Joy Lee, Atul Kannan, Vinay Rathi, David Hamilton, Seon Moon, Castro Unson, James Coleman, Brian Wong, Timothy Carey, Michael Gold, Thomas Morgan, Jeff Zhifan Chen,

Mary Drach, Mariah Walker, Kirsten Siebach, Ben Aldrich, Melanie Haines, Justin Shin, John Lee, Sappho Gilbert, Philip Arevalo, Erin Lutes, Jason Garrett-Glaser, Emily Matson, Greg Young, Megan Behm, and Sara Zajic.

- Congratulations to the following students who were **Honorable Mention winners**: Daniel Andrino, Ankur Desai, Amy Friedlander, Will Clark, Teddy Elkins, Peter Gudmundsen, and Paul Perscheid.

We are awaiting the names of students who will accept the invitation to go on to the Regional Science and Engineering Fair to be held at Robinson Secondary School, March 16-18. Intel Science Talent Search semi-finalists and Siemens-Westinghouse semi-finalists who have had prior Scientific Review of their projects and can qualify under International Science and Engineering Fair rules are invited. Additionally, TJ can send 22 projects based on our Science Fair results. All of the first place winners and a few second place winners have been invited. If any of them declines, we will go down the waiting list until we have 22 projects to send.

- **Achievement Awards in Writing Contest Winners**: Congratulations to TJ's Achievement Awards in Writing Contest Winners for 2007. The contest winners are **McKenna Freese, Alyson Yee, and Rose Zu**. The contest is sponsored by the National Council of Teacher's of English. TJ's three winners will go on to compete at the state level this spring.

- Congratulations to **Francis Deng**, the **Maryland Brain Bee Champion**.

- Congratulations to **Danielle Murashige** and **Andrew Smith** who have been recommended to participate in the **National Symphony Orchestra Youth Concert** on February 27 at 6:00 p.m. at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall. They will perform along side their NSO mentor in a free concert consisting of NSO and youth musicians.

Faculty

TJHSST Wins \$15,000 Best Buy Teach Award

Congratulations to TJ and **Dr. Paul Cammer**, Biology instructor, for being chosen to receive a 2007 Best Buy

Teach Award worth \$15,000. TJ is one of only 50 schools nationwide, and the only school in Virginia, to win a \$15,000 Best Buy Teach Award. TJ will use its grant money to help fund student neuroscience research projects by adding technology to the neuroscience laboratory. Neuroscientists from George Mason University, the University of Virginia, and Penn State University will work with students on five topics: neurorobotics, nerve regeneration, computational neuroscience, senses, and circadian rhythm. Students enrolled in Recent Advances in Neurobiology at TJ will also benefit from the new technology.

The Best Buy Teach Awards are meant to encourage the use of interactive technology in the classroom. A total of 250 schools nationwide were selected as \$2,500 award winners from a pool of nearly 8,000 applications. All accredited public and private nonprofit elementary, middle, and secondary schools located within 50 miles of a U.S. Best Buy store were eligible to apply for a grant. Since 2004, the program has donated more than \$13.5 million to 4,800 U.S. schools. For more information about the awards, visit www.BestBuy.com/teach. For full press release <http://www.fcps.edu/suptapps/newsreleases/newsrelease.cfm?newsid=570>

TJHSST Partnership Fund

TJHSST Partnership Fund provides \$50,000 so faculty can apply for grants.

At the February 13 TJ faculty meeting, **Tom Goodwin**, Chair of the TJ Partnership Fund, presented a check to **Dr. Evan Glazer** for \$50,000 drawn from donations to the Partnership as unrestricted funds.



A smiling Dr. Glazer shows the faculty the Partnership Fund's check to TJ he just received from Tom Goodwin

In a departure from past years' end of year donations, the Partnership Fund has established a biannual grant program. Giving faculty an opportunity to obtain resources to support innovative practices in curriculum

and research, a grant may expand student research opportunities, reward innovative and creative thinking, and support faculty who initiate leadership in novel areas of the curriculum.

Requests up to \$10,000 can be submitted to fund a program during the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 school years that require new equipment, curriculum resources, professional learning, and supplies. The program can be in the form of a class project or a theme across several classes.

Priority is given to proposals that demonstrate new research opportunities for numerous students, promote real-world or local industry connections, involve creative or unique learning opportunities, and connect to SACS goals and action plan items. Grants will be evaluated by a team of representatives from FCPS curriculum specialists and TJHSST administration with input from the Partnership Fund.

The proposal deadline is March 30, 2007, with awards being designated during April 2007.

- **Science Bowl:** On February 9, TJ won 8 matches and went undefeated to capture the Virginia Science Bowl championship. The win has earned TJ a \$750 award! Congratulations to **Logan Kearsley, Atul Kannon, George Leef, Bruce Sun, and Jack Wang** of the TJ Science Bowl team. They will now compete in the National Science Bowl in April.



TJHSST Boosters

Academic Boosters

Academic Boosters Display Board Unveiled! The new public display, situated at the school lobby near the main entrance, recognizes supportive donor families by listing their students' names, publicizes academic team achievements, targets funding needs, and promotes Academic Boosters membership and merchandise. Please visit the exhibition, as you drop off your students at school or wait in the lobby to pick them up.



- **Certamen:** The Latin Certamen continues to win competitions throughout the state. The Latin 3 team is currently undefeated, having won their fifth 1st place victory on January 20 at the Classical Cottage tournament. Core members **Chris Kilgore, Amith Ananthram, and Keith Horita** prevailed in the final round against the St. Stephens & St. Agnes School. The accomplished Latin 2 team of **Soonwook Hong, Maya Wei, Anne Marie Creighton, and Vivaek Shivakuma** also won 1st place in a very close final round against the Flint Hill School and Courtland HS. Congratulations to our Latin academic teams. TJHSST will hold our own Certamen on February 24.

- TJ academic teams not only compete, but also reach out to local communities. The Connection Newspapers (<http://connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=76611&paper=61&cat=104>) report that our chess masters (**Brian Hu, Blair Hu, Andrew Rodriguez, Eli Chen, Nick Loffredo, Jean He, Ester Li, Jacob Steinhardt, Emma Pierson, and Atul Kannan**) traveled to Nativity Catholic School in Burke recently to share their chess knowledge and skills with students. They brought more than 50 chessboards and used an overhead projector to demonstrate the different game pieces and each of their capabilities to 4th-8th graders.

- Support your children and their great teams! **Join Academic Boosters today!** Membership forms available at our lobby display board and on our website, <http://academics.tjhsst.edu/aboosters/membership.htm>

Band Boosters

Tantalizing Florida Citrus: Tasty Valencia oranges and Ruby Red grapefruit are available. Orders due March 17, 2007, delivered on March 24, 2007. Fruit delivered to your door, contact: [tjcitrus at hotmail.com](mailto:tjcitrus@hotmail.com), or (703) 765-4380. Special thanks goes to Rae Ann Murashige and many volunteers for their sustained dedication to this most lucrative fundraiser.

Winter Showcase: TJ hosted more than 40 Winter Guard units from throughout the region, and as far away as New Jersey. Thanks to many parent and student volunteers, this event was a rousing success! Special thanks to event coordinators Ilene Slovikosky and Pat Lee, and volunteer coordinators Jane Reinsel and Michael Gold. Feeding our many guests and volunteers was a big job skillfully planned and executed by Linda Milligan.

Advertise in the Winter Showcase Program: Business owners and parents please plan now to advertise with us next February. Advertisements (in black & white) and personal messages addressed to Showcase performers will be featured. Contact [TJshowcasead at cox.net](mailto:TJshowcasead@cox.net) now, you'll be notified next fall about placing an ad in the 2008 Showcase program.

Parents, Alumni, Fans: Learn about the Band Boosters at <http://www.toward.com/tjbandboosters/>. Receive information and access forms by subscribing to the Booster Yahoo group (tjbandboosters) at: <http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/tjbandboosters/>.

Support Band Fundraisers: White House Ornaments still available – \$18, [walchmosh at comcast.net](mailto:walchmosh@comcast.net); Scrip – Gift Cards – Great grad gift! – [kaycorey at cox.net](mailto:kaycorey@cox.net); TJ Customized License Plate Frames – Make memorable photo frames! Only \$18 – [Sylvie at wrtc.org](mailto:Sylvie@wrtc.org); Innisbrook Wraps, Gifts, and Chocolates, Easter goodies – [bdlauder at earthlink.net](mailto:bdlauder@earthlink.net) – Order online at www.innisbrook.com (school number 110170).

Honey Baked Hams, Turkeys, and Delicious Desserts: Plan now for spring celebrations and graduation parties. Gift cards are also available. Orders due March 6, 2007, delivered March 24, 2007. For

information, or to order contact [tjhbham at hotmail.com](mailto:tjhbham@hotmail.com) or [tjpies at gmail.com](mailto:tjpies@gmail.com)

- **American Youth Philharmonic:** Many TJ students perform with this prestigious ensemble. Enjoy the talents of these skilled musicians, attend an AYP concert. Calendar and ticket information: <http://www.aypo.org/concertschedule%2006-07.html>.

Colonial Athletic Boosters

Annual Sports Physicals: Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, May 30**, to get your student's annual sports physical at TJ. The Colonial Athletic Boosters are sponsoring this popular at-school fundraiser to ensure that our athletes are ready for the 2007-2008 season and also to support TJ's many fine athletic programs. Medical professionals will perform the comprehensive physicals. The full \$50 fee is a donation to support TJ athletics. TJ students, siblings, and friends needing physical exams for sports or summer camp are welcome. Save yourself a trip to the doctor's office! Just call the TJ Athletic Training room at 703-750-8387 starting **May 9** to make an appointment. **Appointments will be held May 30, from 4-8 p.m.** (no walk-ins after 7:30). Come one, come all, and get your physical at TJ! Parent volunteers are needed to help. If you can help, please contact: Heather Murphy, ATC, 703-750-8387 or by email at [heather.murphy at fcps.edu](mailto:heather.murphy@fcps.edu). Come one, come all, and get your physical at TJ!

PHYSICIANS WANTED.. NEEDED.. APPRECIATED!

If you are a TJ parent and a physician (MD or DO), physician assistant (PA), physical therapist (PT) or nurse practitioner (NP), please consider helping out with the TJ Colonial Athletic Boosters' major fundraiser on May 30. Last year this fundraiser provided more than \$9,000 in support of our various sports programs. Your expertise and a few hours of your time will greatly benefit our TJ athletes! If you are willing to volunteer, please call or email Heather Murphy, ATC at 703-750-8387 or [heather.murphy at fcps.edu](mailto:heather.murphy@fcps.edu).

Boys' JV Basketball had a great season finishing 9-7 overall and 7-7 in District play. Season highlights for the all-Sophomore squad included defeating Woodson twice and McLean.

JV girls' basketball ended their season on a bright note with a definitive win over South Lakes. The score was 46-22 in a good show of teamwork and determination. The win was their second in as many weeks, as they also enjoyed a victory over Marshall.

The **winter cheerleading** squad would like to congratulate the following seniors: **Angela Hobart, Jen Gilbert, Laura Bondell, and Alice Chung**. Best wishes to all.

Both the **girls' and boys' track teams** took second place at Liberty District for the indoor season! District champions in their individual events are: **Paul Norland** - both 1600m (meet record!) and 3200m, **Ben Treweek** - 1000m, **Frank Nothaft** - shot put, **Kayley Sullivan** - 500m, and **Logan Gates, Timmy Galvin, Ben Treweek** and **Taylor Bostick** - 4 X 800m relay (meet record!).

At the Liberty District **wrestling** championship, **Mike Howard** placed 1st, **James McConnaughey** placed 2nd, and senior co-captains **Johnny Sando** and **Drew Pyrak** came in 4th. All four represented TJ at Regionals, where **Mike Howard** placed 2nd and **James McConnaughey** placed 6th. Mike will compete in the State Championship the last weekend in February.



Mike Howard and James Mc Connaughey with their medals from Northern Region tournament



James McConnaughey, Coach Clint Behling, Johnny Sando, Drew Pyrak, Coach Steve East and Mike Howard- with their medals from the Liberty Districts

At the state **gymnastics** meet, **Caroline Grady** placed 5th on floor; **Gabbie Names** placed 10th on vault.

The next Booster meeting will be **Wednesday, March 14, at 7 p.m.** in the **library**. Visit our websites: <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/boosters/> and <http://www.tjgear.com/>.

TJ Swim & Dive Team experienced a strong showing in Virginia Beach **AAA State Championships** (times reflect distance in METERS). **Kelly Dietz** placed 7th in the state for Girls Diving with 351.33 pts. **Wade Gong** took 1st in 100 meter Backstroke and an All-American consideration with a *new TJ record* of 59.00 sec. **Jonathan Christensen** captured 2nd in the 200m IM with 2:06.85, and 2nd in the 100m Breaststroke with 1:04.27. Both times are All-American and are *2 new TJ records*. **Frank Olechnowicz** dropped an amazing 4 seconds to place 9th in the 500m Free with 5:20.32. **Ben Tuben** flew to 9th in the 100m Fly with 58.28 and a *new TJ record*. **Chris Lee** (07) finished a strong 11th in the 100 meter Breaststroke with 1:08.76.

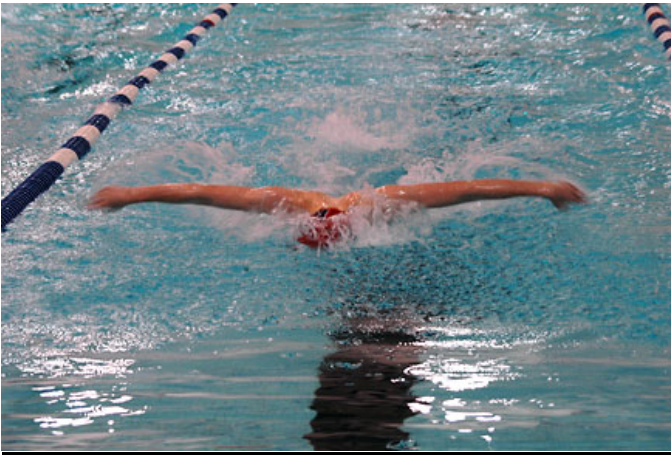
The senior 200m Free Relay team of **Chris Sweeney, Brian Wong, Max Gustafson, and Frank Olechnowicz** came in 13th with 1:42.42.



Jonathan Christensen's breast stroke in the 200 meter Individual Medley ensured a 2nd place finish in the State Finals



Frank Olechnowicz dropped another 4 seconds in the 500 meter Freestyle finals to place 9th in the State



Flying through the water, Ben Tuben set a new TJ Record in the 100 meter Butterfly

Northern Regions Championships:

The Boys 200 yard medley relay team of **Wade Gong, Jonathan Christensen, Ben Tuben, and Chris Lee** set a *TJ team record* in the preliminaries; then broke it in finals, with a new *Region record*, automatic All-American, and winning time of 1:35.96.

Ben Tuben, Brian Wong, Chris Lee, and Jonathan Christensen, set a *TJ team record* in the Boys 400 yard freestyle relay team with a time of 3:15.01, placing 3rd.

Senior **Allison Brooks** came in eleventh in the 500 yard freestyle.

Kirsten Siebach (07), Emily Matson (07), Kelly Pierce (08), and Lauren Laffosse (10) swam personal bests for a 1:45.66 in the 200 yd Free Relay and finished 13th.

Emily Matson (07), Eileen Palmer (07), Alison Brooks (07), and Catherine Kim (08) dropped time to place 15th in the 400 yd Free Relay.

In the grueling Girls 200 yd Medley Relay, the junior team of **Hannah Catlow, Laura Williams, Catherine Kim, and Kelly Pierce** came in 17th overall with an impressive 1:59.86.

Crew Boosters

TJ competed in the Mid-Atlantic Erg Sprints at George Washington Middle School on Saturday, February 3, 2007. This event is one of the largest indoor rowing regattas in the country, featuring races on rowing machines. More than 1000 athletes competed. This is a qualifying event for the World Indoor Rowing Championship CRASH-B Sprints.

There was a great showing of TJ rowers, parents, and coaches competing and observing. The following won Medals: **Individual Medals:** Ty Otto – **Gold Medal Junior Men 20-minute**; Nader Al-Naji – **Bronze Medal – Junior Men 1000 (age 14)**; Bronwyn Koehl – **Gold Medal – Junior Women's Coxswain – 500**; Chris Gear – **Gold Medal – Junior Men 15000 (age 16)**; Lee Rumpf – **Bronze Medal – Junior Men 2000 (age 18)**; Coach Carol – **Gold Medal – Senior Women 2000**; Paul Siebach – **Silver Medal – Senior Men 2000**; Dick Rumpf – **Silver Medal – Veteran Men**

Group Medals: Dan Muir, Jenn Lampen, Heather Burrell, Tom DellaFera – **Gold Medal - Junior Mixed Relay 2000**; Olivia Walch, Chris Gear, Victoria Marcos, and Colin Haas - **Bronze Medal – Junior Mixed Relay 2000**; Marcos Carzolio, Lee Rumpf – **Gold Medal - High School Men Double Slide – 3 minute Crash**; Jenn Lampen, Victoria Marcos – **Silver Medal - High School Women Double Slide – 3 minute Crash**; Lee Rumpf/Dick Rumpf – **Silver Medal – Male Parent/Male Child.**

Chorus/Choir Boosters

Congratulations are in order to the 28 students who participated in the District XI Virginia Choral Directors Association concert held on February 10. Nice job! Five of these students have auditioned for and qualified for all-State choir. Students qualifying were **Casey Little, Kelsey Pehrsson, Lillian Blotkamp, and Paul Grimm.** Way to go! TJ will be well represented.



Please plan on attending the choir's next performance on March 20 at 7:00 p.m., to be held in TJ's auditorium. This concert showcases the works that will be adjudicated at this year's Festival, to be held on March 24.

By the time you read this, the TJ choir will have done The Big Apple in style. Stay "tuned" for details from the NYC trip.

TJ Choir Parents: We have a lot of graduating seniors whose parents have served us well. It's not too early to begin thinking about how you can contribute next year. Your TJ Booster Board has openings in the area of Wardrobe, Hospitality, and Publicity. While these jobs sound daunting – they are manageable (and so dearly needed!). Please call Jeff Salino at 703-644-6928 if you think you can help out in these areas. Free training provided – as those seniors haven't graduated yet and (thankfully) their parents doing those jobs are still around! This is a terrific opportunity to shadow while they are still here, with two performances remaining. Please think about how you can serve next year.

For more information about the upcoming Drama and Troupe shows please visit the Theatre Boosters website at <http://arts.tjhsst.edu/theatreboosters/>.



Knight of One Axe -- *From the Mouths of Babes*: Will McGarey, Emily Salpini, & Mikey Kim

Orchestra Boosters

The recent weather challenges resulted in event shifts that unfortunately resulted in the cancellation of the Viennese Ball. Keep on the lookout for it next fall.

This year's Festival concert will be at TJ on the evening of March 13. We will be serving dinner from Quiznos as usual for those students desiring to participate. Additionally, you will shortly see information on food that you may be asked to bring for the post concert reception. Details are starting to shape up nicely for our spring trip. The plan is to depart for Orlando on April 26 and return on Sunday, April 30. Please contact me if you have any questions. It should be a great time!



Knight of One Axe -- *Hello Out There*: Ari Cukierman & Danielle Henry

Good luck to our students at this month's Festival competition. They have been working extraordinarily hard on some very challenging pieces. See you on March 13! Larry Jones ([lawrencemjones at aol.com](http://lawrencemjones@aol.com))

Theater Boosters

Drama Club: TJ Drama's 20th Annual Knight of One Axe was a huge success with audiences enjoying a variety of poignant dramas and delightful comedies.

Mark your calendars for an evening of singing and dancing by sailors and dames in New York City as they pursue love and adventure *On The Town*, April 19-22. This Bernstein, Green, and Comden show features talented student actors, dancers, singers, and musicians. This year for the first time tickets may be purchased in advance by mail using the attached order form. TJ's musicals always draw big crowds so please order your tickets early.



Knight of One Axe -- *Invisible Man*: Phil Arevalo

Shakespeare Troupe: The Shakespeare Troupe's Shakespeare-at-TJ celebration mirrors the region's Shakespeare-in-Washington festival continuing through

June. Two upcoming events especially warrant your attention: the March 17 *Shakespeare* community service project and the May 2-4 *Merchant of Venice* production.

The Troupe is hosting a full day of free Shakespeare theatre workshops for students in grades 1-8 on Saturday, March 17. This incredible *Shakespeare* has been showcased in The Washington Post Kid's Post, and more info is available online at <http://tjshakespeare.awardspace.com/>. Shakespeare fans, don't miss any of the events and shows – details at <http://www.washington.org/shakespeare/>!

The Shakespeare Troupe has begun preparing for its next show, *The Merchant of Venice*, which will be performed on May 2-4. Directors **Michael Gold** and **Olivia Bonin** have begun auditions. This rich and challenging play has long been controversial because it includes anti-Judaic elements. Indeed, *The Merchant of Venice* can be viewed as some of the back-story of European anti-Semitic discrimination about which the entire TJ community read in Elie Wiesel's *Night* trilogy. While Shakespeare's Shylock is a flawed character, so, too, are the Christians he portrays. Performance details can be found on the Theatre Boosters website at <http://arts.tjhsst.edu/theatreboosters/shows/index.html>.

On March 13, TJ participates again in the Folger Shakespeare Festival. The students will perform a piece written by TJ senior **Eleanor Blakeslee**, *The Whole World Is Blind*, which is based on Hamlet and Othello. Parents who would like to see their child perform are welcome in the balcony. Battery-operated videotaping is allowed, as well as non-flash photos. TJ is the seventh of eight schools scheduled to perform that day, so the performance will likely take place late in the day.

Performances

Drama Club: *On The Town* (musical) -- April 19 at 7 p.m.; April 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m.; April 22 at 2 p.m.

Shakespeare Troupe: *The Merchant of Venice* – May 2, 3, and 4.

Announcements and Information

The Parent Resource Center, part of the Office of Special Education, is offering two workshops for parents: *The Nuts and Bolts of Medicaid Waivers* (March 7, 2007,

9:30-11:00 a.m. Dunn Loring Center, Room 11); and *Sensory Integration: Supporting Your Child's Performance from a Sensory Perspective Framework* (March 2, 2007, 7:30-9:15 p.m.) Dunn Loring Center is located at 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA, 22027. For more information, download the flyers from the website of the Parent Resource Center at www.fcps.edu/ss/prc (choose "Workshops") Please be sure to call the Parent Resource Center at 703-204-3941 to reserve space if you are interested in attending. For more information about these workshops, visit the website of the Parent Resource Center at www.fcps.edu/ss/prc and choose "Workshops."

Summer Enrichment Camp Fair, March 27 The Fairfax County Association for the Gifted will hold its annual summer enrichment camp fair on Tuesday, March 27, at Oakton HS, 2900 Sutton Rd., Vienna, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Representatives will be attending from camps that offer one or more academic or artistic enrichment courses for elementary through high school students. For more information, call Louise Epstein at 703-917-7960.

Graduation Schedule Now Available The 2007 high school graduation schedule, including post-graduation party locations, is now available at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/grad.htm>.

Science and Engineering Fair to Be Held March 16 - 18 The Fairfax County Regional Science and Engineering Fair will be held March 16 - 18 at **Robinson Secondary School** and involves high school students from Fairfax County Public Schools and private high schools in Fairfax County. Students, parents, and teachers from Fairfax County along with professionals from government agencies and private organizations from the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan area, participate as volunteers, judges or sponsors. Details on the Science and Engineering Fair are available by going to <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/sciengfair/index.htm>.

Donations to Fairfax County Public Schools If you would like to donate furniture, technology equipment, cars, computers, office equipment, music equipment, photography equipment, office supplies, or make a financial donation, Fairfax County Public Schools always has needs in these areas. All donations are tax deductible. For more information, go to http://www.fcps.edu/supt/busindustrelations/donation_form.htm.

Summer Program Information Available The summer school booklet, *Encore 2007*, will be mailed to families whose children attend Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). *Encore 2007* will also be available at

every Fairfax County public school, public library, other FCPS administrative offices, and online in March. Fees, transportation, dates, eligibility, and registration procedures vary by program. Information about summer programs offered by camps, schools, colleges, and universities nationwide and abroad is also available at <http://www.fcps.edu/suptapps/summeropportunities/ProgramSearch.cfm>.

2007-08 School Year Calendars Available The calendars for the 2007-08 school year have been posted and are available online at <http://www.fcps.edu/cal.htm>.



Noteworthy Dates

<p>March</p> <p>2 Band Festival</p> <p>2 Spanish Honor Society Salsa Dance, 7-8 p.m., TJ Cafeteria</p> <p>3 Band Festival-SWE-West Springfield HS</p> <p>6 Band Boosters Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Principal's Conference Rm.</p> <p>7 Curriculum Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:30-9 p.m., Career Center</p> <p>8 Teens and Driving Program, 6:30 p.m., refreshments in TJ Aud Lob; 7-8:30 p.m., program in TJ Auditorium</p> <p>9 Make your annual sports physical appointment for May 30; call 703-750-8387; physical costs \$50</p> <p>11 TJ Spirit Event, support ANGP at UNO's Chicago Grill</p> <p>12 PTSA Meeting, 7:30 p.m., TJ Library</p> <p>14 Colonial Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m., TJ Library</p> <p>15 Millennium Courtyard Orders Due</p> <p>16 Annual School Talent Show</p> <p>17 Chantilly Jazz Festival, Jazz Band</p> <p>19 Deadline for PTSA Nomination of Officers</p>	<p>19 Newsletter Submission Deadline</p> <p>20 ANGP Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Career Center</p> <p>20 Choir Performance, 7 p.m., TJ Auditorium</p> <p>26 Winter Sports Banquet and Awards</p> <p>27 Summer Enrichment Camp Fair, 7:30-9 p.m., Oakton HS</p> <p>30 School day (snow makeup day)</p> <p>April</p> <p>2-6 Spring Vacation</p> <p>10 Band Boosters Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Principal's Conference Rm.</p> <p>16 PTSA Morning Meeting, 9-10:30 a.m., TJ Cafeteria</p> <p>17 ANGP Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Career Center</p> <p>19-22 Drama Club's production <i>On the Town</i></p> <p>May</p> <p>28 Memorial Day Holiday</p>
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Nomination Form for TJHSST PTSA Elected Executive Committee Positions

The Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology is currently seeking candidates for six elected Parent, Teacher, Student Association offices for the 2007 – 2008 school year. Any PTSA member with a willingness and ability to serve and provide leadership is welcome to apply. PTSA members who want to nominate someone else for an office may do so, with the nominee's permission.

Candidates are being sought for the following elected positions:

President (nominee must have served on the executive board for at least one term)
First Vice President
Second Vice President
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Treasurer

If you have questions about the specific duties of any of these offices, please email the Volunteer Coordinators, Cindy Doughty or Wendy Hecker, at [ptsavolunteers at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsavolunteers@tjhsst.edu)

When making a nomination, complete the information below and email to [ptsavolunteers at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsavolunteers@tjhsst.edu), or fill out the form and return it in a sealed envelope, marked "PTSA Volunteer Committee," to the TJHSST Front Office.

DEADLINE: MARCH 19, 2007.

NOMINEE: _____

For POSITION: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Qualifications or experience: _____

Person making the nomination: _____

If not self, is the nominee aware of the nomination, and willing to serve? _____

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology
TJ Drama Presents:

“On the Town”

Music by Leonard Bernstein
Lyrics by Green and Comden

Sailors! Dames! Singing! Dancing! New York City!

Thursday, April 19, 2007, 7:00 PM

Friday, April 20, 2007, 7:30 PM

Saturday, April 21, 2007, 7:30 PM

Sunday, April 22, 2007, 2:00 PM

Tickets at the door: \$7.00

Tickets in advance (before April 9, 2007): \$5.00

No reserve seating. Doors open one hour before curtain. Arrive early for the best seats!

Please PRINT OUT, FILL IN, and **MAIL NO LATER THAN APRIL 9, 2007**
Ticket Order Reply Form Below

On the Town

___ Thursday, April 19, 2007, \$ _____ = \$ _____
___ Friday, April 20, 2007, \$ _____ = \$ _____
___ Saturday, April 21, 2007, \$ _____ = \$ _____
___ Sunday, April 22, 2007, \$ _____ = \$ _____
Total.....\$ _____

All tickets held for box office pickup
(Include name of person picking up tickets; ID will be requested)

Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Make checks payable to TJ Theatre Boosters. Mail To:

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Check List

- Teens and Driving Program, March 8, 7-8:30 p.m., TJ Auditorium
- PTSA Meeting, March 12, 7:30 p.m., TJ Library
- Talent Show, March 16
- Order your tickets for *On the Town*
- March 30 -- **School will be in session!**