

Principal's Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers, and Students,

We are a Hokie Nation. Many TJ alumni currently attend Virginia Tech and several of our faculty are Virginia Tech alumni. This is not a coincidence due to the similar nature in our institutions. Hokies, like TJ Colonials, are a passionate and close community whose people embrace diversity, culture, service, a rich curiosity for learning, and a tradition of pride in the spirit of its community. You can imagine the unthinkable tragedy at Virginia Tech has affected many of us deeply.

Our community has grown closer together. Several of our students were acquainted with those who lost their lives and currently feel pain and sadness. Even those who do not know Virginia Tech students have been affected due to a compassionate need to support our comrades. Sharing tears and hugs for some have been far more important than getting all of the homework problems correct. Please know our counselors are available to help our students and our alumni through this difficult time. When Virginia Tech cancelled its classes and told students to go where they felt safe and supported, many of our alums chose to come back to TJ. Our counselors, teachers, and students were there to listen to their stories and respond to their sadness with compassion.

Last Friday I walked by a classroom door with a sign created by one of our alumni that read, "I am a University of Virginia student, and today I am a Hokie." The outpouring of support I have witnessed from our community

since the tragedy on Virginia Tech's campus has been very heartwarming. Our SGA created a long banner for Virginia Tech with hundreds of personal notes from the students, faculty, and staff. We held a Maroon and Orange Effect Day, showing their school spirit in our attire, wearing ribbons, and sharing our thoughts and reflections in a memorial. Our website design was changed to maroon and orange in its colors. These symbols keep us mindful that we are a Hokie Nation, embracing shared beliefs and values in our hearts, minds, and spirits far beyond Blacksburg, Virginia.

It is times like these where we remind ourselves what matters most – the well-being of our children. Thank you for keeping TJ a safe place for learning and growing.

Sincerely,

Evan Glazer, Principal

President's Message

No man is an island as they say. And no PTSA is a bunch of individuals doing their own thing. It's a truly collaborative effort among many parents with the goal of improving our school community and bringing parents together. So, it has been a privilege to partner with several other parents this past month and to witness the extraordinary amount of work that went on to get ready for Freshman Preview Night.

Not only was Directory Co-Chair Nancy Sharma busy streamlining the directory log-in procedures for new entries, but she was working closely with our webmaster, Vicky Linnell, to make sure these pages were integrated with the PTSA website in the best

possible way. After some brainstorming among PTSA Volunteers Co-Chairs, Cindy Doughty and Wendy Hecker, and webmaster, Vicky Linnell, the decision was made to establish a "Welcome Freshmen" page on our website with only the most essential information as a service for new parents. You can check out the site at: <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/welcome.htm>. The PTSA prepares a packet of information for preview night and I would like to thank Cindy Carter, particularly, for all the photocopying she did and attaching the brightly colored labels with the PTSA website address on the 550 packets. Thank you to all the volunteers who stayed after the April PTSA meeting to stuff the packets since everything seemed so hectic when the early dismissal was announced. Many parents helped man the PTSA tables on Freshman Preview night to welcome and talk to new parents. I would especially like to thank Nassmah Brooks, Cindy Doughty, Louise Epstein, Kathy Green, Janet Kerr Tener, Jean Lee, Elizabeth Murphy, Ellen Ranard, Michele Pitler, Shri Ponnaluri, and many others, for being there to help get the word out about the "Welcome Freshmen" website, which we displayed on laptops, to explain about the cluster gatherings, scrip and the Partnership Fund. I also want to thank those who sold directories and provided language assistance to new parents. I think freshman parents felt well and truly welcomed!!



The April PTSA meeting was a little more unusual this month. With the early dismissal from school causing some confusion about

buses because we have never done a 3 hour early dismissal, the sophomore field trip was cancelled just as they were preparing to go. However, there's always a silver lining - we ended up welcoming a number of parents who were at school to chaperone the trip who then stayed for the meeting. Once again, our Hospitality Co-Chairs provided a beautiful spread for us as we had combined the meeting with a Principal's coffee starting at 8:30 a.m. I'd like to thank Atti Galvin and Carrie Kilgore for overseeing these efforts - they have done a splendid job all year on these events. While waiting to see what time we had to leave school, we did manage to have a productive meeting. We very much appreciated the "live" presentation given by Mr. Richard Washer on the TJ intranet explaining to us how it has evolved and how the students use it at school.



At this time of year, the PTSA starts looking ahead to next year's Board. As some current PTSA board members move on to other things, please consider the opportunity to get involved in the PTSA, find out what's really going on at school and network with other parents while providing a valuable service to the school. Please contact our Volunteer Co-Chairs to find out what PTSA role would work for you at [ptsa.volunteers at tjhsst.edu](http://ptsa.volunteers.atjhsst.edu).

The next **PTSA meeting** is on **May 14** at **7:30 p.m.** in the **Library**. I hope to see you there!

Bernadette Saperstein
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First Vice President's Message

At the request of language minority parents, we are translating the highlights of our TJ newsletter into Chinese and Korean so that more parents can be involved in their children's education. Thank you to Jennifer Gong, Emily Cheng, Hai Yan Han, Limin Zhao, and Mindy Cheng for delivering the Chinese translation, and to Clara Choi, Peter Shin, and Jean Lee for working on the Korean translation this month.

We are truly blessed to have parents who are willing to help other parents with language assistance. Our Cultural Liaison team, led by a new multicultural leadership team comprised of Weifen Zhang (Chinese), Clara Choi (Korean), Jean Lee (Korean), Miguel Lafosse (Spanish), and Claudia Llana (Spanish), coordinated language assistance at the Freshman Preview Night on April 18, 2007. We thank Jean Lee, Julian Shi, Jing-hong Cheng, and others who could be there to personally assist parents with their individual questions.

Additionally, please remember that if more than five families request language interpretation, we can request it through the Counseling Department for school events and counselor meetings.

Esther Yook
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PTSA Update

Highlights from the April 16 PTSA Meeting

PTSA Nominating Committee: At the April 16 PTSA meeting, the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers to serve on the PTSA Executive Committee for the 2007-08 school year:

- **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.**

In conducting its search for nominees, the Nominating Committee posted announcements on the PTSA website and newsletter, solicited recommendations from the PTSA Board and Executive Committee, searched the PTSA volunteer database, reviewed PTSA minutes, and used word of mouth.

The committee sought representation from different classes and geographic locations and a mix of experienced and new parents who are active volunteers at TJ. Nassmah Brooks has served on the Executive Committee for two years as 2nd Vice President and Corresponding Secretary. She is also an active volunteer in all areas at TJ and serves as the Prince William County cluster rep. Liz Ross has served on the PTSA Board as cluster rep and historian. She also volunteers in the College and Career Center and is the JV baseball liaison. Hank Warchall is currently the Chair of the Curriculum Advisory Committee. Carrie Kilgore is a CPA and is currently the Chair of the Hospitality Committee and volunteers in the TJ main office. Michele Pitler is currently Chair of the Landscaping Committee and former ANGP Activities Co-Chair. Lynne Hamrick is the current Co-Chair of the ANGP Activities Committee.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee members, Cindy Carter, Cindy Doughty, Madeline Egan, Wendy Hecker, Ellen Ranard, Eileen Swoboda, and Bettie Stegall, for presenting an excellent slate for the 2007-2008 school year.

Serving the TJ Community

Volunteers

Thank you! Many, many thanks to TJ's wonderful volunteers for taking time from your busy schedules to assist with so many activities at the school. The Volunteer Sign-In shows many hours that the volunteers are working at the school, and that doesn't take into account the hours spent working from home, baking for a school event, answering emails, etc. You do a tremendous job!

Hospitality Hosts Teacher Appreciation Luncheon: Hospitality will be hosting the **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon** on **Thursday, May 3**, from **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in the **Career Center**. We are collecting notes, cards, and emails from parents to put on a giant **THANK YOU** card that will be displayed at the luncheon. As always, we could not make this happen without generous support of our volunteers.

Thank you,

Atti and Carrie, Hospitality Chairs

Landscaping Committee Needs Your Help: The weather is finally turning beautiful and it's time to fill the gardens at the Braddock Road entrance with flowers and shrubs. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Now that we have plans, we need lots of plants to make them real. **You can help by donating plants from your garden, or from the local garden center.** Contact Carol Miranda ([cnsmiranda at hotmail.com](mailto:cnsmiranda@hotmail.com) or 703 281 2913) ASAP if you are thinking of donating plants. Thanks for your support!

Herb Garden Wish List -- Herbs: catnip, chives, germander, lavender, oregano, rosemary, sage, and thyme. **Perennials:** Anise Hyssop, Bee Balm— *red*, *Liatris spicata*, Butterfly Weed, Purple Cone Flower, Salvia species (hardy), St. John's Wort, and Yarrow - yellow.

Native Garden Wish List -- Shrubs: Mountain Laurel, Low Bush Blueberry, and American Beauty Berry. **Perennials:** Wild Columbine, False Blue Indigo *Baptisia*, *Coreopsis* Moonbeam, *Eupatorium hyssopifolium*, *Eupatorium purpureum*, *Liatris scariosa*, *Liatris spicata*, Bowmans root *Porteranthus trifolius* (*Gillenia trifolata*), Fire Pink *Silene virginica* and Blue-eyed Grass.

Volunteers: All are welcome! Stay as long as you want! Our weekend prep sessions are May 5, 6, 12, and 13 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Bring gloves, if you have them. If you can help plant as well, please email Michele Pitler ([Mb1955 at aol.com](mailto:Mb1955@aol.com)). We will be setting up those days later in May.

Garden Colors: Virginia has encouraged the planting of *red, white, and blue*-themed gardens to honor the 400th anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown. Coincidentally, the flower beds underneath the TJ name on the building and near the main entrance have been planted in those colors to reflect *TJ's colors*. Please note the garden near the time capsule stone now has been planted with red dwarf barberry bushes, yellow-orange day lilies, and *maroon and orange* annuals to represent *Virginia Tech's colors*.



Craig Saperstein, TJ'11, and Kelley Hecker, TJ'08, planting day lilies in Virginia Tech's colors in front of TJ

Library Chaperones Needed! The PTSA is looking for parents to watch students in the library on **Monday** and **Wednesday** afternoons (late bus days) from **4-6:30 p.m.**

We would like to have 2 parents each day. If you can help, please contact Vicky Linnell ([ptsa.webmaster at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.webmaster@tjhsst.edu)).

Two Volunteer Coordinators Needed! Job description: BEST volunteer job at TJ! Match the skills and availability of TJ volunteers with the appropriate volunteer opportunity. Much of the work can be done via email and telephone. Computer skills helpful, but not necessary. Current coordinators will be available to answer any questions, but are looking for replacements so that they may devote time to their rising senior students and the ANGP. Please contact Wendy Hecker and Cindy Doughty at [ptsa.volunteers at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.volunteers@tjhsst.edu) if interested.

PTSA Committees, Boards and Groups: Now is the time to start thinking about how you would like to volunteer at TJ during the next school year. Volunteering at the school is the best way to learn about TJ and meet other parents who are happy to share their experiences. You may volunteer to be a committee chair or volunteer to help that committee without taking a leadership role. Just a few of the positions available are:

- **Jacket Sales chairperson:** Coordinate the jacket sales for the PTSA. This is a major fundraiser for the PTSA.
- **Grocery Program/Recycling chairperson:** Coordinate the shopper's card program and recycling of ink cartridges, another great money maker. Could be done at home with occasional visits to TJ to collect ink cartridges

There are also other committees which are in need of a chair -- please contact us at [ptsa.volunteers at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.volunteers@tjhsst.edu) if you would like more information. Also, we are still looking for **AP Proctors**. Parents are needed during AP testing which will be held May 7-18. We need volunteers for the morning session on many days. The morning shift will need to arrive at 8:00 a.m. Instructions will be provided.

If interested in any of the above positions, please contact us at [ptsa.volunteers at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.volunteers@tjhsst.edu). We always have a need for volunteers, so let us know how you could help!

ANGP

All Night Grad Party (ANGP) – Saturday, June 16: Graduation is fast approaching, and so is ANGP. "Casino Royale," this year's theme, will ensure an action-packed conclusion to the four-year TJ journey, and more importantly, will keep our grads safe. Up-to-date information regarding ANGP can be found at the [ANGP website, http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty](http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty). Senior parents, be on the lookout for the Spring ANGP newsletter which will arrive at your home mid-May and will contain important information about ANGP.

ANGP Tickets: The deadline for purchasing tickets is **June 1. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.** Tickets cost \$90.00 and include admission, unlimited activities, food, refreshments, gifts, and mementos, and a great time! No money is required once inside. Buy your ticket *now*. After May 15, the price of the ticket will be \$100! A ticket order form is attached to this newsletter and they also are available by the Senior Bulletin Board, in the Front Office, and on line at <http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty>.

Traditionally, 98 percent of seniors attend ANGP, but 150 members of the Class of 2007 haven't signed up yet. Parents, if your son or daughter is one of the remaining students without a ticket, please contact Susan Pehrsson at [spehrsson at cox.net](mailto:spehrsson@cox.net). No student is denied a ticket for financial reasons. Contact Susan Pehrsson (703-323-6847) or your guidance counselor, in confidence, who will arrange for the student's ticket.

ANGP Volunteer Needs: ANGP is not possible without the help of **all** senior parents. Underclass parents are also needed to fill volunteer needs while senior parents attend

graduation. Volunteer Sign-up forms are available in the Front Office and on the ANGP website. For more information, contact Dianne Struckmeyer, Volunteer Coordinator, at [tjangp.volunteers at gmail.com](mailto:tjangp.volunteers@gmail.com). We need your help to make this year's ANGP a memorable and successful event.

ANGP will begin at **approximately 10:30 p.m.**, on **Saturday, June 16**, following graduation. There will be two volunteer shifts to provide coverage for the duration of ANGP: **10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.**, and **2:00 a.m. to 5:30 a.m.** Volunteers can indicate their shift preference, and we will do our best to honor it. (Senior parents, you may sign up for the early shift even though you will not get to TJ by 10:00.)

ANGP Baby Photo Contest: "Her Majesty's Secret Service-007" will be collecting seniors' (4x6) baby photos (0-5 yrs. old) accompanied by their wallet-sized senior picture starting this month. 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 Friday, 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.

ANGP meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at **7:00 p.m.** in the **College Career Center**. The remaining meetings are **May 15** and **June 5**. 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

German News

On April 13, German students had the opportunity to speak with Rüdiger Lentz, Washington bureau chief for the German broadcast station, Deutsche Welle. Herr Lüdiger gave a very interesting talk in both German and English, addressing German-American relations, as well as his life as a journalist. He was so enthusiastic about his career that one of the seniors later said he now wants to take journalism in his first year of college. Thanks to **Debjani Saha** and **Aoibheanne Thinnis** for their part in arranging this visit.

Congratulations to German V student, **Kevin Pujanauski**, who has been awarded the **Congress-Bundestag Scholarship** to spend next year in Germany. Kevin will have all expenses paid for his year's experiences, sponsored by the American Congress and its German equivalent, the Bundestag.

Congratulations to German II student, **Tyler Brobst**, who has **won a summer stay in Germany**, awarded by the American Association of Teachers of Germany. Tyler will spend a month living with a German family, experiencing German life first hand. Tyler was eligible for this award because of his excellent score on the National German Exam and because of his successful interview with four German professors from Virginia.

Spanish News

Induction of new members to the Spanish Honor Society was held Wednesday, April 25. *Felicitaciones* to all new members! Make sure

you take care of your service hour requirements before June 10. As the year is drawing to a close, Spanish students are preparing for final oral and written PALS assessments, which are part of their final exam. This assessment is done throughout the county and our students can concretely see how much they have progressed in their written and verbal communication. ¡Qué chévere!

French News

Paris, Chamonix, and Cannes called to TJ French students this spring break 2007. All levels of students in the Jefferson French language program tasted the cuisine and savored the brilliant sights of the Eiffel Tower, Louvre, Versailles in Paris, the breathless beauty of Shelley's Mont Blanc, and the beach and sun on the French Riviera in Cannes, Nice, and Monaco. TJ faculty, Madame Delfosse, Ms. Smith, and Mr. McFaden, along with three parents, accompanied the students on the trip.

Class News

2007 – Seniors

The end of the year is almost here, but we still have many exciting events ahead of us. We are pleased to announce a senior trip to **Six Flags** theme park on **Saturday, May 19**. All seniors will be able to attend this event, although those that bought junior camp out tickets will receive a discount (junior camp out was rained out last year). Stay tuned for more information regarding ticket prices and transportation.

Just in case you have not already heard, here is some information on Prom and Graduation. Prom this year will be held on **Friday, June 8**, at the **Westfield Marriott Hotel** just off Route 28 in Chantilly. The graduation ceremony will be held on **Saturday, June 16**, at the **Patriot Center** at George Mason University. Entrance to Prom and Graduation will be free of charge for all members of the

class of 2007. Fundraising for these events has been one of the major goals of class government since the beginning, and it is thanks to the generosity of 2007 students and parents that we have come this far.

Information concerning senior dues has been sent out. Students and parents can turn in checks to the front office. Please remember that the finance office considers unpaid senior dues to be outstanding financial commitments, which must be satisfied to receive cap and gown. Thank you for your support!

2008 – Juniors

Greetings 2008 families! We hope spring finds you well even in the midst of wrapping up the Junior year. Spring Formal is upon us, but our last major event of the year is Junior Campout, which is just around the corner! This is sure to be a thrilling event, and if your child hasn't signed up yet to participate in *Harry Potter: Quidditch World Cup*, encourage them to do so! Though the registration deadline has passed, we will still accept registrations -- just turn in the form to room 225 with \$40.00 in cash or check. We still need chaperones for this big event, so if you haven't volunteered yet, please do so by emailing Robin Wilson at [robinwilson123 at gmail.com](mailto:robinwilson123@gmail.com). Also, since next year as seniors we will be throwing All Night Grad Party in June, we need parents to help with this year's celebration for the class of 2007 so that we can make 2008's ANGP just as (if not more) fabulous! Again, if you are interested, please email Robin Wilson at [robinwilson123 at gmail.com](mailto:robinwilson123@gmail.com). Thanks for your continued support!



2010 – Freshmen

Thank you to the more than 135 parents who helped chaperone the Freshman Lock-In. The class could not have held this event without

your help, and we hope you enjoyed it – we know the students did.

The next big freshman event is the **IBET Symposium** on **June 5-6** – Blue IBET classes will present on June 5 (Curtis, Rosenfield, Orser, or Seavey for English) and Red IBET classes will present on June 6 (Nelson, Iorga, or Lewis for English). Parents are welcome to attend and watch the students present their IBET projects -- the culmination of the students' year-long integrated project. An invitation and program will be distributed closer to the date of the event. Just a heads up: the students need to dress in business attire for their presentations – suits or jacket and tie for the boys, and workplace appropriate dresses or skirts for the girls.

During the symposium, we plan to set up a hospitality room for parents and need a few parents who are willing to donate some light refreshments and drinks. Please contact Ellen Ranard if you are able to help out: [ESRanard at aol.com](mailto:ESRanard@aol.com).

Did you have fun at the Lock-In? Please think about helping out at the **All Night Grad Party for Seniors on June 16**. The freshman parents have been asked to take charge of inflating helium balloons. Please let me know if you can help at TJ on Saturday morning, June 16. In addition, volunteers are needed in all shifts, but especially during the 8:00-11:30 p.m. shift when parents of seniors will be attending graduation (the party starts about 10:30, immediately following graduation). I helped last year as a junior parent (for my older son) and it was a great event. It is a tradition at TJ for the parents in younger classes to help the senior class. Please volunteer!

News Round-Up and Awards

STUDENTS

Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair: TJ student **Erin Hopke** was selected as

a **Best of Fair winner** at the Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair on April 7 at George Mason University. Hopke's project, "Creation of Ultra High-Temperature Cermets: ZrB₂ + Mo and ZrB₂ + W," won First Place in the Engineering category, as well as the Engineering Prize from the U.S. Army Research Office, the Bennett Malbon Award and the Engineering Award from the Virginia Dental Association, the Herbert Hoover Award from the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Association, the Naval Science Award from the Office of Naval Research, and the Professional Engineer Award from the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Deepti Garg was selected for the **Best of Fair Award-Alternate** for her project, "Correlation Between Expression Level of C-myc and the Estrogen Receptor+Vimentin Status in Human Breast Cancer." Garg won First Place in the Biochemistry category and the Biochemistry Award from the Virginia Dental Association.

Other TJ students who won **First Place** category awards include:

- **Aditya Palepu** -- in Behavioral and Social Sciences for "Does the Brain Compute Mathematical Risk?" and the Psychology Prize from the American Psychological Association.
- **Ryan Ward** -- in Computer Science for "Pheromone Modification for Dynamic Ant Algorithms" and second prize from the GMU Department of Computational and Data Sciences, the Intel Excellence in Computer Science Award from Intel Corp., and the Naval Science Award from the Office of Naval Research.
- **Peter Bojo** -- in Environmental Sciences for "LH-PCR Analysis of Smallmouth Bass From the Shenandoah River" and NOAA's Taking the Pulse of the Planet Award.
- **Aleksander Drozdetski** -- in Physics for "Metamaterials With Negative Indices of Refraction" and the Physics

Prize from the U.S. Army Research Office, third prize from the Northern Virginia Astronomy Club, the Metric Award from the U.S. Metric Association, and the Optical Engineering Award from the International Society for Optical Engineering.

The following TJ students earned **Second Place** category awards: **Maneeshika Madduri**, in Chemistry; **Ivan Papusha**, in Engineering; **Jonathan Wang**, in Physics; and **Victor Zhu**, in Zoology. **Anastasia Rumiantsev**, won a **Third Place** award in Engineering.

The following TJ students earned category **Honorable Mentions**: **Avigile Baehr**, in Biochemistry; **Frederick Mako III**, in Engineering; **Esther Li**, in Microbiology; and **Caitlin Sheldon**, in Zoology.

The following TJ students received **special awards**:

- **Marta Elena Sparrow** and **Lisa Weber**, Environmental Science Prize from the U.S. Army Research Office and first prize from the Northern Virginia Astronomy Club.
- **Andrew Li**, **Eli Chen**, and **Benjamin Ranard**, first prize in Biotechnology from the Virginia Biotechnology Association and the Team Project Award from the Virginia Dental Association.
- **Esther Li**, second prize in Biotechnology from the Virginia Biotechnology Association, Microbiology Award from the Virginia Dental Association, honorable mention from the Society for Industrial Microbiology, and the Naval Science Award from the Office of Naval Research.
- **Jonathan Wang**, first prize from the GMU Department of Computational and Data Sciences.
- **Andrew Pyrak** and **Arjun Dayal**, honorable mention from the Virginia

Section of the American Water Works Association.

Fifteen TJ Students Awarded Corporate-Sponsored Scholarships from National Merit Scholarship Corporation: Twenty Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students have been awarded corporate-sponsored scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Out of that twenty, fifteen are TJ students. The students are part of a group of approximately 1,000 National Merit finalists chosen to receive scholarships financed by companies, foundations, and other business organizations.

Congratulations to our fifteen TJ NMSC Winners listed below with their corporate-sponsored and probable career fields in parentheses.

- **Lillian Blotkamp** (vocal performance), National Merit Computer Sciences Corporation scholarship.
- **Cheng Chen** (computer science), National Merit Northrop Grumman scholarship.
- **Brian Cheng** (engineering), National Merit SAIC scholarship.
- **Will Colmer** (engineering), National Merit Lockheed Martin scholarship.
- **Alan Fickling** (education), National Merit Northrop Grumman scholarship.
- **Amy Friedlander** (international relations), National Merit Gencorp Foundation, Inc., scholarship.
- **Angela Hobart** (business), National Merit Northrop Grumman scholarship.
- **Erin Hopke** (biomedical engineering), National Merit Northrop Grumman scholarship.
- **Jie Hou** (mathematics), National Merit SAIC scholarship.
- **Jessica Lee** (medicine-engineering), National Merit Northrop Grumman scholarship.
- **Shane Miller** (law), National Merit SAIC scholarship.

- **Julie O'Brien** (chemistry), National Merit Battelle scholarship.
- **Shannon Sullivan** (biology-research), National Merit Southwest Airlines Co. scholarship.
- **Thomas Tessier** (patent-trademark law), National Merit Northrop Grumman scholarship.
- **Yu Zhao** (business), National Merit Lockheed Martin scholarship.

Corporate sponsors provide merit scholarship awards for National Merit finalists who are children of their employees or members, who are residents of communities the companies serve, or who have career interests the sponsors want to encourage. Corporate-sponsored merit scholarship awards are renewable for up to four years of college undergraduate study and range from \$500 to \$10,000 per year. Others provide a single payment between \$2,500 and \$5,000. Recipients can use the awards at regionally accredited U.S. colleges or universities of their choice.

TJ Student Journalists Win Quill and Scroll Awards: **Lauren Ruth** was a triple winner in the 2007 American Society of Newspaper Editors' Quill and Scroll International Writing and Photo Contest. She captured honors for two feature stories, "Pulitzer Prize Winner Visits Jefferson," and "It's All in the Headlights," which appeared in the school's student newspaper, *tjTODAY*. Ruth also won an award with classmate **Heather Burrell** for in-depth reporting by a team for their article, "Who Are the Day Laborers?"

The Quill and Scroll contests are open to high school students across the country, and winners are named in each of 12 categories, including editorial, editorial cartoon, news story, news feature photo, sports photo, feature story, general columns, review columns, individual in-depth reporting, team in-depth reporting, advertisement, and sports story.

Scholastic Writing Awards National and Regional Winners: Congratulations to the TJ Scholastic Writing Awards National and Regional Winners! The national winners will attend a special ceremony in New York City and may present their work at Carnegie Hall. They will also be eligible for publication in Scholastic's Best Teen Writing of 2007.

- National Gold Medal Winners: **Luke Cheng**, Grade 9, Personal Essay/Memoir, "A Story of China," Teacher mentor, Jennifer Seavey; **Lisa Pang**, Grade 12 Poetry, Teacher mentor, Bettie Stegall; **Lauren Ruth**, Grade 12, Journalism, "It's in the Headlights," Teacher mentor, Jennifer Seavey.
- National Silver Medal Winners: **Nora Gayer**, Grade 9 "She called me Little Flower," Teacher mentor, Jennifer Seavey; **Jane Kim**, Grade 12, Nonfiction Portfolio, Teacher mentor, Bettie Stegall.

Modern Foreign Language Tournament Winners: On March 13 at George Mason HS in Falls Church **Seth Kolker** (10, Spanish IV) placed First in Spanish Poetry Recitation. **Tim Xu**, **Kevin Ng**, and **Vinitra Rangan**, (all juniors) won First Place in the Original Skit category for French. **Kristina Horita** won First Place at the level II Japanese competition.

Congratulations to Daniel Markwalter ('09) who received 10th All Around (Level 10, 14-15 age group) in the Virginia Boys' Gymnastics State Meet on March 13 and to **Seth Kolker** ('10) who received 9th.

Seth took First Place on Pommel Horse, with a score of 7.4, and qualified to compete at the Regionals in State College, PA.

On the Town Pit Orchestra: TJ instrumental students and teachers collaborated with theater and chorus students to wow the audience during the recent musical performances. Directed by Ms. Ulrey, guided by Ms. Bailey, and assisted by **Jesse Wong**, were orchestra students **Andrew Lam**, **Sarah**

Rizor, Rebecca Friedman, Tyler Brobst, Andrea Blakemore, Larry Wu, Xiaonan Hu, Eleanor Blakeslee, Amilie Napier, and Asher Rubin; and band students Jin-Ah Kim, Emily Wetzel, Jacob Kohn, Tim Carey, Katy Reinsel, Karen Bullen, Greg Vernon, John Jaskot, Brett Anders, Matt Chamberlain, John Anderson, Dorothy Lineer, Lauren Houck, Amy Ruskin, Sarah Peterson, Stephen Houck, Teddy Elkins, Sean Cruz, John Butchko, Paul Anderson, Brian Schwenk, Nick Starr, Em Feeney, Alec Smalley, and Greg Gates who all did an outstanding job.

TJHSST Partnership Fund

TJ Partnership Fund Phonathon a Success: Thank you to all the TJ parents who joined us in the TJ Cafeteria on a gorgeous Sunday afternoon to spend their afternoon making calls to fellow parents on behalf of the TJ Partnership Fund. The Second Annual Parent-to-Parent Phonathon was a success – the response from TJ parents was generous and will benefit our students. Many thanks to the hundreds of TJ families who have donated during the Spring appeal and throughout this school year. If you have any questions, please contact the Fund's Director, Gary Bottorff at 703-750-8317 or gary.bottorff@fcps.edu.

TJHSST Boosters

Academic Boosters

It's Academic Team: Congratulations to the *It's Academic* D Team, **Bali Gupta, So-Jung Youn, Divya Srinivasan, and Jordan Kramer.** Jordan, Divya, and So-Jung had never been to tournaments and all three did a great job for their first time participating. D Team beat Robert E. Lee's team, Eleanor Roosevelt B, and Walter Johnson Freshmen. There was also a close loss to Sherwood. Everyone gained valuable experience and are now familiar with NAQT and tournaments in general.

U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad Selections: The following two students have been selected to represent TJ in the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad: **Leo Ahnn** and **Meng-Yang Chen.** They will take part in an all day national-level competition at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., on **April 26, 2007.** Congratulations and best wishes!!!

TJ Sends 2 Teams to Odyssey of the Mind World Finals: TJ sent five teams to the Odyssey of the Mind regional competition on March 17 at Hayfield High School. Three of those teams placed first and advanced to the State Finals, which was held in Newport News on April 21.

Congratulations to the following two teams heading off to The World Finals of Odyssey of the Mind at Michigan State University on May 23-26: "Large and Small of It" -- **Sumit Malik, Ryan Kim, Aditya Palepu, Shebani Rao, Vangie Xu, Jeanette Miranda, and Shu Liu;** and the team of **Sunaina Kapoor, Ankit Kapoor, Christianna Hay, Kushal Seetharam, Dustin Moore, Arjun Khanna, and Nicole Yu,** who competed in two problems "Tag Em" and the "Out of the Box Balsa."

TJ's team in the problem "I'm Only Thinking of You" -- **Vidya Avadhanam, Kevin Brown, Ankur Desai, Peter Gudmundsen, Peter Kole, and Kevin Pujanauski** placed third at the State Finals. Only first and second place teams advance to the World Finals.

Chess Team Wins State Championship: The TJ chess team won the K-12 division in the state Scholastic Chess Championships, sponsored by the Virginia Scholastic Chess Association. Members of the team were **Aryan Khojandi, Emma Pierson, Edward Lu, Byron Hood, Atul Kannan, Jacob Steinhardt, Tim Chen, Tom Chen, Brian Cheng, Lenny Li, Jeffrey Zhang, Mac Stevens, Bharat Ponnaluri, Nicholas Loffredo, Yasaswi Raparla, Jean He, Andrew Rodriguez, Jacob Daniels, Brian**

Hu, Eli Chen, Trey Repetski, Arjun Ramesh, Esther Li, and Igor Semyonov. The chess team took **3rd place** at the National Championship.

Virginia Future Problem Solving State Bowl 2007 Results: Congratulations to the following TJ students who competed in the 2007 Virginia Future Problem Solving State Bowl, which was held this past weekend in Richmond.

- Senior Division Individual Competition, 1st Place, **Logan Gates**; 3rd Place, **Andrew Baik**
- Team Competition, Senior Division, 2nd Place: **Cassandra Xia, Rose Zu, Jesse Liu, and Oleg Lazarev** (this team qualified to enter the international contest in June); 3rd Place: **Maneeshika Madduri, Arianna Geneson, Pooja Vinayak, So-Jung Youn**; Honorable Mention: **Lily Hsiang, Lisa Pang, Huan Song, and Ellen Huang**
- Team Competition, Middle Division: **Grace Merkin, Lisa Nam, Chloe Orphanides, and George Li**; Scenario Writing, Senior Division, 3rd Place: **Robin Levy**

Congratulations also need to go out to **Zoe Hoffman** who is a member of the Independent Team from Fairfax County, which finished **First** in the **Senior Team Division**.

The Student Achievement and Coach Appreciation Banquet for TJ's academic teams will be held on **Wednesday, June 6, 2007, 6-8:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria**. All team members, parents, sponsors, and coaches are strongly encouraged to attend. The program is planned as follows:

- 6:00 p.m. -- Social time to meet the principal, coaches, team members, and team parents. Reception includes a complimentary light meal and beverages.

- 7 p.m. Business meeting, including elections for 2007-2008 officers. The following is the current list of nominees:

President -- Qi Wang (Lulu '08), Vice President - Louise Epstein (Sarah '07, Stephanie & Rachel '11), Vice President - Francis Shi (Cassandra '08), Vice President - Amy Lu (Jesse '08), Vice President - Jean Lee (Joy '09), Treasurer - George He (Yang '08, Jean '09), Co-Secretary - Linda Loffredo (Nicholas '08), Co-Secretary - Christine Hood (Byron '08), Membership Chair - John Repetski (Trey '09), Alumni Chair - Andy Field (Ben '06), Merchandise Chair - Pat Groves (TJ staff), Faculty Liaison - Pat Gabriel (TJ faculty), Webmaster - Vicky Linnell (Mary '09)

- 7:15 p.m. Team Presentations
- 8 p.m. Social time. Optional team meetings
- 8:30 p.m. Adjournment

Band Boosters

All State Orchestra and Band: What a fantastic experience traveling down to Christopher Newport for the All State Orchestra and Band concerts. In addition to those names listed last month, **Alec Smalley** (viola) and **Takahiro Nakamura** (violin) also participated. The students left Thursday morning and had an intensive 2 ½ days of practice. The concert hall's acoustics were the perfect setting to enjoy the best efforts of such talented youth from all around the commonwealth. Congratulations again.

By the time you read this, our trip to Orlando and Disney World will be complete. What an exciting itinerary is planned. Both orchestras will be competing on the evening of April 26 and of course there will be plenty of opportunity to enjoy all that the Park has to offer. Many thanks again to those parent chaperone volunteers.

Winter Guard and Drum Line: These ensembles ended the season with an exciting trip to Raleigh. The Guard finished 6th overall in A-3 competition, and 2nd of the Northern Virginia competitors. The Drum Line finished

6th overall in PSA competition. Please thank the many parent volunteers who made this trip possible, especially Ilene Slovikoskey & Linda Milligan.

Chantilly Jazz Festival: Jazz I achieved a "superior" rating in this prestigious competition. See both Jazz I and II on June 1, at the TJ Jazz Cabaret in the cafeteria.

As you may know, both our Vice President and Treasurer will be "graduating" this year. If you would be interested in volunteering to serve with me in any of these capacities for next year, I would most welcome your input.

Our next **Booster meeting** will be in the **Principal's Conference Room** on **Tuesday May 8 at 7:30 p.m.** I hope you can join us. As always please contact me if you have any questions. Thanks! Larry Jones ([lawrencemjones at aol.com](mailto:lawrencemjones@aol.com))

TJ License Plate Frames Available: Advertise your academic or athletic achievements with pride; order customized license plate frames. Only \$18. Contact: [Sylvie at wrtc.org](mailto:Sylvie@wrtc.org), 703-342-0215. See frame samples at: http://www.toward.com/tjbandboosters/Fund_Raisers/license_plate_frames.htm

Graduation Gift Ideas: NEW! College Flags - Order online at <http://www.innisbrook.com/> (school number 110170). Scrip - Gift Cards - Wide variety available! - [kaycorey at cox.net](mailto:kaycorey@cox.net).

Colonial Athletic Boosters

Athletic Boosters Annual Sports Physicals -- Attention Athletes: To participate in sports, athletes MUST have a physical dated after May 1, 2007. The CAB will host Sports Physicals on Wednesday, May 30, 4-8 p.m. The cost is \$50 and all proceeds support athletics. Call 703-750-8387 starting May 15 to make an appointment (no walk-ins after 7:30).

The Colonial Athletic Boosters sponsor 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 by calling the TJ Athletic Training room at 703-750-8387 for an appointment

NEW 2007 PHYSICAL FORM NEEDED: VHSL physical forms must be signed by a parent/guardian prior to obtaining the physical. You must use the **NEW FORM for 2007** dated April 2007. The form is available on the Virginia High School League web site (<http://www.vhsl.org/>).

Volunteers Needed for Physicals! We need medical and non-medical parents to help make the sports physicals a successful fundraiser! 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. We also need non-medical parents who want to help with working a station or check-in/out desk. Last year this fundraiser provided over \$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).

Protect your child's teeth while they participate in athletics! On May 30 from 4-8 p.m., during the sports physicals, the TJ Athletic Trainers have arranged with Regina Weems, a Dental Teacher with the West Potomac Academy, to come and provide custom molded mouth guards for anyone interested. A custom fitted mouth guard stays in place because of its superior fit and is reportedly more comfortable, and assists in

protecting the teeth and jaw from fracture and dislocation. Mouth guards are REQUIRED in football, lacrosse, field hockey, and for wrestlers with braces. They are highly recommended in basketball and soccer. The cost is \$25. Regina and her staff will be here during the sports physicals. Students MUST come with the permission form filled out. If the student wears braces, they must also provide a note of approval from the orthodontist that a custom mouth guard can be fitted. You can get the permission form from the TJ Booster website. Call Heather Murphy, ATC, if you want more details.

We need a printer who might donate or discount the cost of printing the TJ Fall Sports Program, as well as volunteers to assist with layout, photography, and advertising. If you would like to help or purchase an advertisement, please contact Carol Perez at [pereztf at aol.com](mailto:pereztf@aol.com).

JV Soccer defeated the Madison Warhawks 1-0 on April 17, to bring their record to 5-1.



Sophomore Cameron McCord (21) goes for a header against Madison. The JV Colonials won 1-0.

The **Varsity Baseball team** won the Alexandria City Tournament going 4-1, improving their record to 5-4. The Colonials are

the first "repeat" winners since taking the inaugural tourney in 2002.

Lady Colonials Softball kept their bats hot in frigid weather to defeat Marshall 5-4, winning their second game.

In **Outdoor Track** Senior **Frank Nothafft** was named field event MVP at the Scudieri Team Challenge. He won both the shot put and discus.

The **Boys Tennis team** continues **undefeated** in Liberty District play.



Tennis team members L to R: Glen Hookey, Matt Shepard, Rohan Siddhanti, Spencer Clark, Brian Cheng, and Edwin Zhang

Varsity Lacrosse opened its 2007 season with several outstanding victories and several tough losses. With the hardest part of their schedule over now, the players are looking forward to finishing the regular season with key district victories, the District Tournament, and a trip to the Regional Tournament. After being ranked 6th in the Northern Region last year, the Colonials hope for another top 10 finish. Led by seniors **Peter Gudmundsen**, **Greg Raiffa**, **Scott Miller**, **Dave Phillips**, **Nick Donlea**, **Ian Carter-Condon** and sophomore **Stefan Kowalski**, the coaches and players hope the TJ community will come out and support the team. There are home games on April 20, April 26, with senior night on April 30. Go Lax!

JV Lacrosse beat South Lakes High School on April 12. Goalie **Mike LeGore** had his first

shut out game of the season. **Andy Doyn, Dylan Drake, Andrew (AJ) Smith, and Dinh Tran** won their face-offs. **Mike Meadows** scored 5 points. **Adam Cho** scored 3 points. **Justin Moore** and **Colin Hennegan** each scored 2 points with **Adam Mounts** and **Ryan Vaughn** scoring the remaining points. **Chris Matthews** provided assist on goal. Final score of the game 14 – 0.

The next **Colonial Athletic Booster meeting will be Wednesday, May 9, at 7 p.m. in the library.** Visit our websites <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/boosters/> and <http://www.tjgear.com/>

Crew Boosters

TJ Crew turned in some great performances during April. The first full team Sandy Run regatta was the Darrel Winslow Regatta on April 14. Out of the 13 TJ boats entered, 10 took first place. The team traveled to Middletown, DE, on April 21 and enjoyed a beautiful day at St. Andrews for racing and spectating. The team did well against the toughest competition of the year with the Men's Varsity eight coming in first, four 2nd place finishes, and five 3rd place finishes.

Virginia Governor Tim Kaine officially recognizes May 2007 to be Scholastic Rowing Month in Virginia. The Governor's trophy will be awarded during the Virginia State Championship Regatta on May 12. This regatta will be followed by the Stotesbury Regatta in Philadelphia on May 18-19 and the Scholastic Rowing Association in NJ on May 25-26. With the exceptional strength and depth of this year's TJ Crew, expect to see some outstanding results at these regattas.

As always, if you have questions about Crew, contact Head Coach Matt Shoop at [shoop2 at cox.net](mailto:shoop2@cox.net). If you have any general questions about the team or the TJ Crew Booster

organization, please contact Leslie Norko, Crew Booster President, at [lnorko at gmail.com](mailto:lnorko@gmail.com).



Novice boys compete at the St. Andrews Regatta



Freshman girls compete at the St. Andrews Regatta

Chorus/Choir Boosters

New York – New York
– a helluva town!
Kudos to the 26
members of the TJ
choir program who
participated in the
recent production of



On The Town! Thank you Mr. Frels for working with our leads and all the choir folks to help assure that this production could be the absolute best it could be! This was TJ's Cappie show and hopefully when the nominees are announced – we're included! This was simply a wonderful team effort by the TJ music program and its performing ensembles!

Congratulations are in order for **Lillian Blotkamp, Kelsy Pehrsson, Casey Little, Patty Rupinen, and Paul Grimm** – these students will be participating at Virginia's All-State choir.

The Booster Board is thrilled to welcome our new wardrobe coordinator, Ms. Kelli Arditti! Remember – the success of our choral program relies, in part, on the work of the Boosters – and we're always looking for help! We still have two openings in hospitality for next year (feeding our kiddos before shows – a Herculean, but rewarding task!)

Our Spring Show is on May 31 and this year's theme is "Where the Music Takes Me" – this is always the exciting, culminating event of the year – and features the time-honored "Parent Choir." Stay "tuned!"

Lastly, we introduce our new identity! The logo above represents TJ Choir's "new look!" Please support our spirit wear program!

Theatre Boosters

Drama Club: The year concluded with a successful run of *On the Town* -- a wonderful, spectacular, and fun musical. Our talented and hardworking students put on a fabulous show enjoyed by enthusiastic audiences, with a terrific set and an energetic performance by the orchestra.

Thanks to all our supporters from the administration, including Dr. Glazer, Ms. Bosley, Mr. Montgomery, and Ms. Lee and staff. Special recognition also goes to Ms. Ulrey, our band sponsor; Mr. Frels, our choral director; and Mr. Pollet, our drama sponsor – all of these people gave countless hours and much energy to this effort.

Thanks to the many, many parent volunteers who are absolutely essential to a successful

show and particularly to Mark Strickman for videotaping this and many other shows.



Brad Wergley, John Goodwin, Julieann Choi, Macs Smith, and Eileen Palmer at "Nedicks" in *On the Town*

Help out at our next show and find out how much fun these folks are having!

This show was the last Drama production for the current Theatre Booster Board, and our students and theatre parents offer our extra special "Thanks!!" to Hazel Osborn for her tireless and dedicated service to TJ Theatre as Booster president.



Brad Wergley singing *Gabey's Comin'*, surrounded by a gaggle of girls who were in *On the Town*



Robert Svestka and Kate Kirschner dancing in *On the Town*

Shakespeare Troupe: Don't miss the final Shakespeare Troupe performance of the year, ***The Merchant of Venice***. Often called one of Shakespeare's "problem plays," *The Merchant of Venice* has long been controversial because of its anti-Judaic elements. And this makes it a particularly appropriate play to stage, given the TJ community's focus on Elie Wiesel's "Night" trilogy this year. The performances will take place at **7:30 p.m.** on **Wednesday, May 2; Thursday, May 3; and Friday, May 4**. More information can be found on the Theatre Boosters website at <http://arts.tjhsst.edu/theatreboosters/shows/index.html>.

Announcements and Information

Rising Freshman Welcome Gatherings

Congratulations newly admitted TJ students! The TJPTSA representatives for each Fairfax County Cluster and other participating Counties have started hosting or are preparing to host their annual ***Welcome Gatherings***.

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

those of current TJ freshmen. These gatherings are by invitation only. To receive your invitation to your local gathering and to be included in the school directory, please contact your TJPTSA representative (see website) or register through the online directory as soon as possible. Refer to the TJPTSA website for dates and updates: <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/welcome.htm>.

Student Class Elections

Elections are coming up! Although we will have new SGA officers by print time, the Class Officer Elections cycle will just be beginning. Those interested in running for class office should **check the SGA website for the election packet**, and watch out for upcoming interest meetings. Good luck to all candidates!

Get Ready for Jefferson Day

Also on the horizon: JDAY! That's right, Jefferson Day is rapidly approaching once again (tentatively scheduled for June 1), so buy your t-shirts and get ready for a day filled with fun and excitement with Jefferson student bands, club booths, and student performances all over TJ grounds. The theme for this year is Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers! It's Morphin' Time!

Dr. William C. Mobley comes to TJ

On May 2, 2007, during 8th period A and B blocks, Dr. William C. Mobley, distinguished research physician at Stanford University School of Medicine, will be speaking in the auditorium. Dr. Mobley's work in the Neurological Sciences has concentrated on understanding neurotropic factors, their signaling pathways, and the impact on normal growth, survival, and differentiation of neurons. His groundbreaking research has begun to clarify pathogenic mechanisms of disease, especially Alzheimer's, and has advanced treatments in other areas, such as Down Syndrome. Dr. Mobley's cutting edge

genetic research promises to be of particular interest to the T.J. community, especially for those interested in careers in Biotechnology, Medicine, Health Sciences, etc. Dr. Mobley is an exciting and gifted speaker, and it is thrilling to have him speak at our school. Dr. Mobley's presentation is open to the general public.

Partnership Fund Golf Tournament, Monday, May 7, 2007

The Thomas Jefferson Partnership Fund is asking our parents and community supporters to help in the effort to attract corporate sponsorship for this exciting TJ event. They are looking for both sponsors and players.

The tournament is to be held at Lowes Island Club, Potomac Falls, VA, on Monday, May 7, 2007. There will be lunch, golf, a silent auction and dinner, along with an awards ceremony. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. and a shotgun start at 12 p.m. This event is being held for single players, twosomes, small business owners, technology companies, development, and other business and community leaders to network, entertain clients, and have a great day to benefit the students of TJ. The funds raised will be used to equip and revitalize the labs at TJ - we need everyone's support! With your leads, phone calls, and network, we can fill the course.

For more information, visit:
<http://www.tjpartnershipfund.org/news.php>. Any other questions please contact Joan at 703-304-2602 or email her at [joan at fairfaxeducation.org](mailto:joan@fairfaxeducation.org).

Thanks for all your support of the TJ family.

Student Services Advisory Board Meeting

Student Services Advisory Board will meet for the last time this school year on **May 17, 2007**, at **7:30 p.m.**, in the **Library**. Join us as we discuss anything and everything that has

an impact on your students at TJ. Send your suggestions for the agenda to [karen_tj_ssab at hotmail.com](mailto:karen_tj_ssab@hotmail.com). This will be Nina Pitkin's last meeting with us, as she is retiring at the end of the school year. Come to the meeting to share treats and bid her farewell.

AP and SOL Exams Schedules

Advanced Placement (AP) examinations will begin on Monday, **May 7**, and end on Friday, **May 18**. **Standards of Learning (SOL) End-of-Course** tests will begin on **May 21** and end on **May 31**. Please do not schedule appointments for your child when he/she will be taking an AP examination or SOL test. The AP schedule is as follows:

MONDAY, MAY 7, Morning Test: Government & Politics: United States, Afternoon Tests: Government & Politics: Comparative, French Language

TUESDAY, MAY 8, Morning Tests: Computer Science A, Computer Science AB, Spanish Language, Afternoon Test: Statistics

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, Morning Tests: Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Afternoon Test: Chinese Language & Culture

THURSDAY, MAY 10, Morning Tests: English Literature, German Language Afternoon Tests: Japanese Language & Culture, French Literature

FRIDAY, MAY 11, Morning Test: United States History, Afternoon Tests: European History, Studio Art (portfolios due)

MONDAY, MAY 14, Morning Tests: Biology, Music Theory, Afternoon Tests: Physics B, Physics C: Mechanics, Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism

TUESDAY, MAY 15, Morning Tests: Environmental Science Chemistry, Afternoon Test: Psychology

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, Morning Tests: Italian Language, English Language Afternoon Test: Art History

THURSDAY, MAY 17, Morning Tests: Macroeconomics, World History, Afternoon Test: Microeconomics

FRIDAY, MAY 18, Morning Tests: Human Geography, Spanish Literature, Afternoon Tests: Latin Literature, Latin: Virgil

During the SOL testing time, we will be operating on a modified schedule on **May 22, 23, 24, 25, and 29** with classes beginning at 10:30 a.m. Students not in a testing environment are expected to be in school **ON TIME (8:30 a.m.)** and participating in an activity. Attendance will be taken as usual. Following is the SOL testing schedule:

MONDAY, May 21, Geo-systems during regular class time throughout the day

TUESDAY, May 22, World History and Geography 2 during the first two hours of school

WEDNESDAY, May 23, Algebra 2 during the first two hours of school

THURSDAY, May 24, Biology during the first two hours of school

FRIDAY, May 25, Chemistry during the first two hours of school

MONDAY, May 28, Holiday

TUESDAY, May 29, English 11 during the first two hours of school

WEDNESDAY, May 30, Geometry during regular class time for periods 5 and 6

THURSDAY, May 31, Geometry during regular class time for periods 1, 3, 4

Watch TV That Counts! A Block of Shows All About FCPS

Fairfax County Public Schools operates two open cable TV channels — Red Apple 21 and

Channel 25 — to serve the community. Funded mostly by franchise funds from Cox Communications, with additional funds from Comcast Communications and Verizon, these channels provide residents with news and information. Red Apple 21's block of shows all about FCPS begins every day at 5:30 p.m.

Several FCPS-produced news and information and curriculum-based programs also air regionally in the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area on broadcast television, Direct TV, and the Dish Network via the MHz Networks — an independent media group that has partnered with Fairfax County Public Schools.

In addition, many FCPS TV shows have been **video streamed**, or made available for viewing online throughout the FCPS web site.

For more information, go to <http://www.fcps.edu/cable.htm>

Volunteer Opportunities for High School Students

There are many ways that high school students can volunteer their time to help others. The FCPS Career Connections Volunteer Opportunities web site, found at <http://www.fcps.edu/ss/CareerConnections/student/volunteer.htm>, offers a list of organizations that have volunteer opportunities for young people, as well as tips on how to become involved in volunteer activities.

Noteworthy Dates

May		19	Crew, Occoquan Classic, Sandy Run
1	Band Boosters Meeting, 6 p.m., Principal's Conference Room	19	Senior trip to Six Flags
2	Curriculum Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Career Center	21-31	Standards of Learning End-of-Course tests
2-4	<i>Merchant of Venice</i> , Shakespeare Troupe, 7 p.m. on May 2 and 3; 7:30 p.m. on May 4	23-27	Band Spring Trip, Orlando
3	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Career Center	25-26	Crew, Scholastic Rowing Association Regatta, Cooper River, NJ
5	Crew, Ted Phoenix Regatta, Sandy Run	28	Memorial Day Holiday
5	Spring Formal, 6-11 p.m.	30	CAB Sports Physicals, 4-8 p.m.; costs \$50; no walk-ins after 7:30
7-18	Advanced Placement (AP) examinations	31	Choral Spring Show, <i>Where the Music Takes Me</i>
7	TJ Partnership Fund Golf Tournament, Lowes Island Club, Potomac Falls, VA	June	
8	Orchestra Boosters meeting, 7:30 p.m., Principal's Conference Room	1	Deadline for purchasing ANGP Tickets; <i>tickets will NOT be sold at the door</i>
9	Colonial Athletic Boosters meeting, 7 p.m., Library	1	J-Day (tentative)
10	Crew Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Career Center	1	TJ Jazz Cabaret, 7-11 p.m., Cafeteria
12	Crew, Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championship Regatta, Sandy Run	4	Spring Sports Banquet / Awards ceremony
14	PTSA Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Library	5-6	IBET Symposium
15	Make your annual sports physical appointment for May 30; call 703-750-8387; costs \$50	5	Band Concert/Booster Meeting, 7 p.m., Auditorium
15	Band Boosters Meeting, 6 p.m., Principal's Conference Room	5	ANGP Committee meeting, 7 p.m., Career Center
15	ANGP Committee meeting, 7 p.m., Career Center	6	Student Achievement and Coach Appreciation Banquet, academic teams, 6-8:30 p.m., Cafeteria
17	Student Services Advisory Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., Library	6	Band Banquet
17	Academic Boosters Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Career Center	6	Colonial Athletic Boosters meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library
18-19	Crew, Stotesbury Regatta, Philadelphia, PA	8	Senior Prom, Westfield Marriott Hotel
18-19	Junior Camp Out, 4 p.m.-11 a.m., Football Field	11	PTSA Meeting, election of officers, 7:30 p.m., Library
		11	Rising Frosh Sports Night
		16	Graduation, Patriot Center, GMU
		16	All Night Grad Party (ANGP)
		18	Last Day of School





Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology
All Night Grad Party – Ticket Order Form
Saturday, June 16 2007
(Following the Graduation Ceremony)

PLEASE COMPLETE FULLY AND PRINT CLEARLY

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parent's email: _____

TICKET PRICE \$ 90 \$ _____

(includes 1 Senior Highlights Video & 1 engraved Jefferson Cup)

Make Checks Payable to “TJHSST Grad Party”. Your cancelled check is your receipt. No paper tickets will be issued. A list of those who have paid for tickets will be posted on the website.

Return to: “Grad Party” mailbox in front office OR mail to

Susan Pehrsson
10008 Rough Run Ct.
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

Ticket Questions? Contact Susan Pehrsson
703-282-6574; email: [spehrsson at cox.net](mailto:spehrsson@cox.net)

Visit our website for more information:
www.tjhsst-angp.org

This form, including the **emergency information**, must be completed by Parent/Guardian and received by the Committee by **June 1st, 2007**

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Phone # during party hours: _____

Allergies/Reactions: _____

Medications: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Name

Signature

By signing this document, I give my permission for the TJHSST All Night Graduation Party Executive Committee to seek medical attention for my child in the event that I cannot be reached during an emergency.

PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

I understand that participation in the All Night Graduation Party, (ANGP), involves public property, and that neither the All Night Graduation Committee, nor its parent volunteers, will have any responsibility for the condition of this property. I have been made aware of the purpose of the ANGP, and that its activities include physical games, and agree that, to the best of my knowledge, my child is physically able to safely participate in this Celebration. Also, I have had an opportunity to have all my questions concerning the All Night Graduation Party answered to my satisfaction and I understand that my child will abide by all restrictions and procedures set forth by the Graduation Party Committee.

Student Name (Print)

Date

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

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: _____

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Check List

- Spring Formal -- May 5
- Partnership Fund Golf Tournament -- May 7
- PTSA Meeting, May 14, 7:30 p.m., Library
- Sports Physicals -- make appointment on May 15 for May 30 physical
- AP and SOL testing in May -- check dates!