

Principal's Letter

Dear parents/guardians, teachers, and students:

Our science celebrations are just beginning and will run all second semester. First, congratulations to **Sappho Gilbert** for being named an Intel Science Talent Search finalist! Congratulations also go to the other nine seniors who received Intel semifinalist awards: **Jeff Chen, Francis Deng, Ao Fan, Samantha Keyser, Kevin Lu, Raghav Mattay, Anne Rohlfing, Jacob Steinhardt, and William Yang.**

Additionally, we are looking forward to our annual science fair on February 9, when the community can talk to students about their projects at our open house between 12:30-2 p.m. I would like to thank our science and tech teachers, and our community mentors, for spending many hours helping our students understand the intricacies of scientific research. In addition, I would like to recognize Bob Latham and the science fair committee for their planning, reviewing paperwork, and locating expert judges. Winners from the TJ science fair advance to the FCPS regional science fair, March 28-30, at Robinson Secondary School.

New course options will be available to our students when they register for classes for next year. Additions include a communications research lab and elective, the history of science, AP Chinese, mathematics techniques for scientists and engineers, mathematics research, energy systems electives, and a non-AP history option. The new courses will run if enough students sign up for at least one section.

Funding has been a hot topic lately since we are facing potential cuts at the state and local levels. A team of student leaders is visiting Richmond in early February for a Governor's School reception to thank our legislators for their support and talk about their valuable learning experiences. The state Governor's School funding enables us to have

extra staffing to operate our research labs, maintain our advanced network, and purchase science and technology equipment.

Within FCPS, the superintendent's proposed budget to the School Board suggests there will be a deficit of at least \$50 million and possibly up to \$100 million due to the decline in property taxes. You can learn about the budget at the FCPS website (www.fcps.edu). Major areas that will affect TJ include increased class sizes (reduction in staff by 2-4 teachers), a fee for participation on an athletic team, a fee for AP exams, and depot busing in the afternoon rather than home drop off. If a depot bus drop occurs in the afternoon, I have expressed the importance of having a supervised indoor location accessible to the students when they wait for their final transportation home.

The School Board has also been reviewing the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). For the first time, the date for TJ's renovation was slated for completion, 2013-2014. The bond funding voted in November will be released in the summer 2009 for initial planning phases. We anticipate this process to run smoothly since we have been talking about our facility needs for a while, and will continue to involve the whole school community in the renovation process. I look forward to the creative student ideas, environmentally friendly features, and characteristics that show the school body can be a living body of inquiry for our students.

Please don't hesitate to contact me by email ([Evan.Glazer at fcps.edu](mailto:Evan.Glazer@fcps.edu)) or phone (703-750-8306) if you have ideas to help TJ become a better place for learning and growing for our students.

Sincerely,

Evan Glazer, Principal

President's Message

Budget, budget, budget . . . Lately, everywhere we look it seems we are faced with compounding budgetary constraints. The PTSA has been working on ways to avoid or, perhaps, alleviate the negative impact of the internal, as well as the external, struggles that accompany such constraints.

With budget cuts looming, Jefferson staff and students may be relying even more in future years than they do currently on funding from the PTSA, the many TJ Booster Clubs, and the TJ Partnership Fund. In anticipation of possible questions about the role and structure of these different organizations, all of which solicit donations from Jefferson families, the PTSA will publish *The Guide to Giving at TJ*. It will be a comprehensive guide that will highlight the various key organizations at TJ and why they are needed and what they need to continue to serve our community.

We are told that TJ summer school is considered "a program" and will not be affected by the budget cuts. We may have a slight change in the registration logistics. This will be announced by the school once it is put in place.

On the other hand, the repercussions of a modified bus service are serious and need to be addressed immediately. The Fairfax County afternoon routes for TJ students will be affected while the morning ones will run as usual. The afternoon routes may create a hardship for our working parents because their kids will not be dropped off at their homes, but rather at designated depots (most likely the nearest high school to the students' homes). Parents will be responsible for transporting their students' home from the high school. To that end, we need to be vigilant in alerting all of our Fairfax parents that they have the opportunity to reach out to their respective school board members and explain their dilemmas. If all else fails, we hope that our parents will work together to make transportation arrangements before the start of the next school year. We hope it will never get to that point.

With money shortages and talks of budget cuts, it seems counterintuitive to make another serious push for a speedy renovation of TJ. Yes, our renovation planning funds passed in the November school budget, but now it seems unlikely that we

have access to those planning funds for another year or two. The latest FCPS Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) appears to move our TJ building renovation back to 2013-2014.

In its present state of deterioration, Jefferson may not last the delays to get patched up. A simple walk through causes a visitor to quickly realize the deplorable conditions that our students and their teachers have been forced to cope with for many years.

Our plight cannot be resolved without action. We need to draft personal letters expressing our concerns, and sign up to speak at public hearings. By staying visible we may have a chance to win the hearts of the decision makers and get a firm commitment to renovate our building. This is why we would like to encourage our Jefferson community to continue to advocate for TJ with their local school board members and members-at-large. We may still have a chance.

If you are a Fairfax County resident and find these causes compelling, please use your voice to lobby your Fairfax County School Board member on behalf of Jefferson. **For your convenience, attached to this newsletter is the contact information for the school board members.** Please consider writing them personalized notes advocating TJ's interests.

Off Campus Lunch for Seniors: As you know, for years the TJ seniors were allowed to enjoy the privilege of an Off Campus Lunch (OCL), provided they adhered to certain prerequisites (approval, GPA, and eighth period attendance). In the past, those who have followed the guidelines have been allowed to enjoy an off campus lunch. The SGA has renewed their request for the continuation of this tradition and are asking for the parents' support. If you are a proponent of the OCL, the SGA is asking the parents to send a note to the SGA leadership [tjhsst08 at gmail.com](mailto:tjhsst08@gmail.com), highlighting their reasons for approval.

Thinking about next school year . . . As we start the new year, our thoughts are targeted towards welcoming next year's freshmen and how to fill the key volunteer positions on the PTSA board for the 2008-2009 school year. In April, the class of 2012 will be announced. Soon after, our loyal Cluster and County representatives will

contact the new families and set up various gatherings to welcome them and help them navigate their way around TJ. The PTSA will also start building its 2008-2009 Directory and email list to facilitate timely communication. This is our Directory chairperson's last year at TJ. We are actively recruiting a replacement to immediately start shadowing our present chair to make for a smooth transition. If you are computer savvy and can put the time to build on what we already have in place, please contact our volunteer coordinators Rajni and Jill at [ptsavolunteers at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsavolunteers@tjhsst.edu).

2008-2009 PTSA Executive Board Nominations and Election: Our Goal is that by June, every position on the PTSA's Executive Board will be filled. We would like to see many of our capable TJ parents step forward as leaders or committee members. The PTSA Executive Board includes six elected officers on the Executive Committee and each committee chairperson. The officers are elected by the general membership and the chairpersons are appointed by the officers. An elected Nominating Committee will solicit officers and the volunteer coordinators will solicit chairpersons. Each position can remain occupied by the same person for a period of minimum one year and a maximum of two years.

First, we need to elect a Nominating Committee to solicit the six officers (President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer). The Nominating Committee's mission is to solicit officers for the PTSA and present it to the PTSA members for voting. Once the election is held, the Nominating Committee is discharged.

If you wish to be on the nominating committee, please send us an email at [ptsavolunteers at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsavolunteers@tjhsst.edu) immediately. We would like to elect the Nominating Committee members at our March 10 PTSA Board meeting, if not before.

If you have an interest in taking a leadership role on the Executive Committee as one of the officers, please be prepared to let the Nominating Committee know. If you are currently an officer on the Executive Committee, you can be reelected to serve a second term in the same position. Please note that a specific position on the PTSA board can remain occupied by the same person for a period of one year and a maximum of two years.

On April 14, our Nominating Committee will present the 2008-2009 slate to our PTSA members. Election of officers will take place on June 9 (the last PTSA meeting of the year). If you are interested in chairing a committee or are currently a committee chairperson and would like to stay on for second year, or if you have a recommendation for someone to replace you, please contact our Volunteer Coordinators Rajni and Jill at [ptsavolunteers at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsavolunteers@tjhsst.edu).

Serving on the PTSA board is the ideal way to leave a mark on our TJ community. Please volunteer to fill the positions that will be vacated this year. We promise it will be a wonderful experience.

It is customary that we end the PTSA message on a positive note. We have great confidence in our TJ community, especially in its dedication and commitment to excellence. We will continue to work with each and every one of you on issues and concerns that affect TJ.

Regards,

Nassmah Brooks

Serving the TJ Community

Dear TJ Community,

My name is Varun Bansal and I am writing to you on behalf of the TJ Solar Panel Initiative, a group of students at TJ working to raise enough money to partially power TJ off of solar panels. Our project has been wholeheartedly approved by not only the TJ administration, but the FCPS administration as well. Mrs. Hurowitz and Mr. Kauffman are our faculty sponsors.

Our goal is to purchase a solar photovoltaic system (including all needed parts) by the end of this school year, to have it installed over the summer, and to have it fully operational by the 2008-2009 school year. To reach our goal, we need to raise \$20,000 by April; we have raised almost \$4,000 so far.

The benefits of solar panels are fourfold: the school will save money on energy costs, allowing funds to be redirected to other areas; the panels would

provide a working example to classes, such as the Energy Systems lab; the panels would keep the school on the forefront of modern technology; and of course, the panels would reduce the school's carbon footprint, making TJ a leader in environmental design and sustainability. It is important to note that when TJ is renovated, these panels can be moved from one place to another and be integrated in the future TJ building.

However, we need all the help we can get. Any help that can be provided would be greatly appreciated and would put us closer toward success.

For more information, please visit <http://tjspi.110mb.com> or email me at the.tjspi@gmail.com and I'd be happy to answer any concerns.

Thank you for your time!
Sincerely,

Varun Bansal

Volunteers

Alan Bosch, sponsor, deeply missed by TJ Amateur Radio Club: The TJ Amateur Radio Club's sponsor, Alan Bosch, died on January 23. Mr. Bosch was a wonderful help to the club and had attended the TJ club meetings every week for more than a dozen years, far longer than anyone can remember. Even as he battled cancer and grew weaker from both the disease and treatments, he always did his best to make it to the weekly meetings, even coming in a wheelchair at times. The Ham Radio Club extends their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Bosch and their children and grandchildren on the death of their beloved family member.

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 **June 4**. We also need non-medical parents who want to help with working a station or check-in/out desk. 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@fcps.edu.

DESPERATELY SEEKING: Newsletter Editor Recruits!

This newsletter, *Tech cetera*, one of the critical media for information dissemination by your PTSA, will need a new editor or editors for the 2008-09 school year. The current co-editors, Sharon Smith and Barbara Steakley, will be senior parents next year. In addition to wanting to focus on their students' senior year, the editors want to be sure there is ample time to help the new editor or editors through the transition phase.

To ensure a seamless operation, the PTSA needs a volunteer or two to be identified before this school year ends to begin learning the process of publishing the newsletter.

If you are interested in learning more about being the *Tech cetera* editor(s), please contact Sharon and Barbara by sending an email to: ptsa.newsletter@tjhsst.edu

THANK YOU!!

Cultural Liaison Committee

A Cultural Liaison meeting will be held in the College and Career center on **February 28, Thursday from 7:30-9 p.m.** Mrs. Kobick will present another information session on the college application process and center resources. Many parents commented on how helpful the session was last year. A big "thank you" to Ms. Lisa Moore who helped tremendously with arranging a Korean interpreter and equipment (earphones). Other language interpretation needed? FCPS needs a few weeks to arrange interpretation so let us know as soon as possible. Contact Jean Lee foraslan@comcast.net or Esther Yook eyook@umw.edu, 703-642-0233.

ANGP

All Night Grad Party 2008 presents "From Here to Infinity:" ANGP will occur immediately following graduation on June 14, 2008. Graduates will celebrate in a safe, fun-filled environment and enjoy an unforgettable night with friends.

Tickets sales: Tickets cost \$100 and include admission, unlimited food, refreshments, and activities. No money is required once inside. However, tickets must be purchased in advance. Ticket order forms are available in the TJ Front Office and on the ANGP website: <http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty/Tickets.html>. No student is denied a ticket for financial reasons. If funding is a consideration, please contact your student's guidance counselor, in confidence, who will arrange for your student's ticket.

Donations Welcomed: We welcome all donations in kind or in cash. Your generosity will be recognized on the ANGP web site and in the TJHSST newsletter.

- To make a donation by credit card, please visit the following link: <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/payments.htm>
- To make a donation by check or using matching funds, please send your donation or matching form to: Bernadette and Ed Saperstein, ANGP Co-Chairs, TJHSST, 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22312 using the **personal contribution form** and make checks payable to TJHSST PTSA-ANGP.
- To make an in-kind donation, please contact ANGP Co-Chairs, Bernadette and Ed Saperstein, at [ptsa.angp08 at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.angp08@tjhsst.edu).
- "Wish List" for gifts and raffle items: Best Buy, iTunes and Starbucks gift cards in any amounts; 4 GB flash drives, slushie makers, coffee makers, George Foreman grills, iPod clock radios, floor lamps, desk lamps. Large raffle items: small refrigerators, iPods, DVD players, and small TVs.

Underclass Parents: It won't be long before you will be planning ANGP for your class! This is your chance to learn first hand how to stage this awesome event. We welcome all underclass

parents, but it is especially important for junior parents to get involved. It is customary for junior parents to "shadow" ANGP committee chairs to gain valuable on-the-job training for next year's ANGP. For more information, please contact Sue Anderson, Volunteer Chair, at [tjangp.volunteers at gmail.com](mailto:tjangp.volunteers@gmail.com).

Baby photos needed: it is a longstanding ANGP tradition to display baby photos of our adorable seniors! So dig out those old photo albums and select the cutest baby picture of your senior. We will collect a 4x6 baby photo (0 – 5 yrs. old) of each senior accompanied by his/her wallet-size senior picture. Print the student's name on the back of each photo. No originals please as the photos will not be returned. Drop photos in the Baby Photo box in the Front Office or mail to Sylvia Eubanks, The UPS Store, 11161-C1 South Lakes Drive, Reston, VA 20191.

Visit the ANGP Website at <http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty> for all the latest information or contact ANGP Co-chairs, Bernadette and Ed Saperstein at [ptsa.angp08 at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.angp08@tjhsst.edu). The next **ANGP meeting** is **February 5 at 7:30 p.m.**, in the College Career Center.

Student Services Corner

Parents and students who would like to spend an evening in the TJ Library talking with one another about the highs and lows of high school, TJ in particular, and looking for suggestions to make their 4 years at this school happy and successful, should join the rest of us under the banner of Student Services Advisory Board. We will meet next on February 21 at 7:30 p.m. For questions or to put something on the agenda, contact Karen O'Connor at [karen_tj_ssab at hotmail.com](mailto:karen_tj_ssab@hotmail.com).

Guidelines

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

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

Academic News

Caldwell-Thomason Grant, Foreign Language Podcast Update: A small group of German, Japanese, and Russian students is working during eighth period to create a foreign language podcast website. It will soon be available through the TJHSST website, as well as through iTunes. A number of these students have met with representatives from Apple and with their teachers to learn to create and upload their podcasts.

Simultaneously, students within the German, Japanese, and Russian programs are writing and recording scripts for podcasts. Stay tuned for future announcements about how you can access these student-made podcasts.

German News

All students in German levels I-IV took the National German Exam the first week of January. We wish them luck in their scores. We also cross our fingers (or, as Germans say, press our thumbs) for a number of TJ German students who have applied for opportunities to study German beyond TJ. Two seniors from the AP class have applied for the Congress Bundestag Scholarship, a program which offers students a one year immersion program between high school and college. (Several TJ grads have taken advantage of this program in past years. Feel free to read the blog of this year's participant at

<http://kevinsculturallearnings.blogspot.com/>.) The German program also wishes luck to our two candidates for the Virginia Governor's German Academy, and to a German III student, who has applied for the Käthe Wilson Memorial Scholarship (award of a summer in Germany.) We hope to announce names and positive results in future editions. Meanwhile, we are proud of all these students for their efforts to use German outside of the school setting.

Students in German III, AP German, and German V are very involved in their podcasting production. Those students have written scripts and made recordings for several original German podcast series, which should be accessible in the near future through iTunes and through the TJHSST website.

Russian News

The Russian Honor Society is having a Pizza Sale in the AudLob during break on February 29 (Leap Day!). Make sure to come hungry!

Results for the Russian Essay Contest are in! Every one of the 63 participants received either an honorable mention, a bronze, a silver, or a gold medal. Advanced level students who earned a gold medal have their essays sent to Moscow for international judging. This year, five advanced students received a **gold medal: M.C. Anderson, Samantha Keyser, Bronwyn Koehl, Sasha Scott, and Anna Vucetic.** Поздравляем вас!

French News

The French Department is proud to announce that senior **Tim Xu** has been **awarded** one of the three **national scholarships (\$2,500)** given by the Association des Palmes Académiques to further his French studies abroad during the summer of 2008. Tim was sponsored by his AP French Literature teacher, Madame Delfosse, who is herself a member of this French academic institution.

Class News

2008 – Seniors

After three and a half long years of waiting, the members of the Class of 2008 are finally 2nd semester seniors! Even though we know that we're still in school, have grades and attendance to keep up, we have the undeniable joy of saying that we no longer have to fiddle with college applications or hear of those dreaded SATs and ACTs. Even though we are in the midst of celebration, we have a few notes for you:

- **Senior dues:** Senior dues are only \$25 this year and they cover graduation cap and gown, graduation ceremonies, and even prom and senior picnic! Please write a check out to TJHSST (memo: 2008 senior dues) or bring cash. Most parents have paid this dues at Senior Parent Night. If you did not attend, no worries! Officers collect these dues on the 1st Monday of every month in the cafeteria during lunch.
- **Graduation speakers:** Our Graduation Chairs are extremely ambitious this year and want to have someone memorable

speak at our graduation. If you have any connections or good ideas, please shoot them our way!

Email [tjgrad08 at gmail.com](mailto:tjgrad08@gmail.com).

What are we up to right now? Not only are we busy preparing for prom, which is at the Westwood Country Club, and graduation, we are busily planning the 2008 Talent Show. This **Talent Show** will showcase many of TJ's wonderful musicians, comedians, and entertainers! Join us on **February 8** starting at **7 p.m.** We are also working on a presentation to school board officials in order to keep our senior tradition of Off Campus Lunch, which will also take place on February 8! This is a busy month for our class—we will keep you updated!

If you have any other questions, please feel free to email our wonderful parent liaison, Robin Wilson, at [robinwilson123 at gmail.com](mailto:robinwilson123@gmail.com), or the officers at [tjhsst08 at gmail.com](mailto:tjhsst08@gmail.com)! Have a great month!

2009 – Juniors

Junior Ethics Seminars - The BBC (Building a Better Community) Club recently sponsored the second annual Junior Ethics Seminars. On January 14 all juniors met in small groups with seminar leaders to discuss ethics in various fields (sports ethics, stem cell ethics, ethics in public blogging, the ethics of power, career ethics in scientific fields, intellectual property laws, etc.). The student feedback from the 19 seminars was overwhelmingly positive. The BBC thanks those teachers and parents who led seminars.

The Class of 2009 opened a school store for TJ on January 31 during JLC with a ribbon cutting by Dr. Glazer, free hot chocolate and commemorative pencils. The Armory, located at the end of the physics hallway, is intended to serve the entire TJ student body.

Classroom essentials, such as pencils, notebooks, USB flash drives, index cards, and post-it notes, are available for a small fee, as well as spirit items, such as balloons and locker decorations. The **Armory hours of operation** will be **Monday through Friday** from **8-8:25 a.m.**

The Armory management team is: Financial Manager, **Toby Lowenstein**, Scheduling Manager,

Kiera Savage, and Inventory Manager, **Lauren Groskaufmanis**.

A special thanks to all of the students and adults who worked to make the Armory a reality! These include: Ms. Nancy McCormick, Mrs. Bello (class of 2009 advisors), Dr. Glazer, Mr. Hardison, the 2009 class officers: President: **Molly Patterson**, VP: **Natalie Villacorta**, Secretary: **Kathleen Ryan**, Treasurer: **Jessica Ungerleider**, Co-Historians: **Laura Barnes** and **Sarah Catlow**, and Senator: **Noah Kim**. Class of 2009 members: **Andrew Zukowsky**, **Natalie Kirschner**, **Jessica Nuti**, **Toby Lowenstein** and Ms. Schoeplein and the SGA.

Be sure to check the class of 2009 website and bulletin board in the junior lounge for the latest happenings of the mighty fine class of 2009. Kudos to the Mighty Fine Class of 2009!

2010 – Sophomores

Thank you parents for volunteering at the Blackout Dance and helping to make the dance a success. Now we need you all to turn your attention to the Silent Auction, the biggest fundraiser for the class. Funds from the Silent Auction are used for prom and other graduation activities. The 2010 Class Officers and Silent Auction Committee are sending parents a detailed letter about the event. Please read it carefully and let me know if you have questions. This year's theme is ***As Seen on TV***. What should EVERY sophomore family do to help make the Silent Auction a success?

1. Donate to their student's HUM basket (each HUM will be assigned a theme – food network, Travel Channel, ESPN, etc.)

2. Donate another special auction item (tickets, services, weekends at vacation homes) or make a cash donation to the Class of 2010 (checks payable to TJHSST) or both!

3. Ask employers, neighbors, and neighborhood businesses to donate items (we will provide solicitation materials for your use).

4. Volunteer (see below).

5. ATTEND THE SILENT AUCTION on Friday, April 25 -- Save the date!

The class has recently revamped their website: www.tjhsst.edu/2010. Detailed information is being posted online about the auction, including

donation forms, business solicitation packets and ideas on what you can donate.

We need parent help to make this a success. **Are you good with business solicitations?** Then we could use your help with contacting local businesses for donations. Carrie Kilgore is heading up this area and she can use your help right now. **Are you creative?** We need one or two people to chair the "creative packaging" – to organize all of the wonderful items into fun baskets for the auction. We also need parents who will help make the baskets (this work will be done the last few weeks before the auction). Finally, we need parents to help at the event – with set up, clean up, logistics etc. **Let me know your interests** – we have a place for you! Contact Ellen Ranard, Class of 2010 Liaison, at [ESRanard at gmail.com](mailto:ESRanard@gmail.com)

2011 – Freshmen

We would like to thank all the parents who have already come forward offering their availability for our Freshman Lock-In night, on May 2. We are looking forward to hearing what our students and their sponsors are planning for the event as the date approaches. What we do know, based on history, is that we will need approximately 130 parents. There will be shifts throughout the night (you can choose to stay for more than one shift if you like!) and student generated activities will be organized for the entire time. We will also need plenty of volunteers for initial registration, and more help will be needed for tidying up the premises the morning of May 3. If you think you can help, please get in touch with Eileen Swoboda ([eswoboda at erols.com](mailto:eswoboda@erols.com)) or Daniela Owen ([danielaowen at verizon.net](mailto:danielaowen@verizon.net)) and, if you cannot make it that night we will be happy to receive your food or decorating material donations (details of which will be made known later, once the students have decided what they need). Many thanks again!

News Round-Up and Awards

Students

Intel Finalist: Congratulations to **Sappho Gilbert** who was one of forty Intel finalists in the 2008 Intel Science Talent Search. The finalists will

receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., for a week-long event March 6-11. While in Washington, D.C., finalists will undergo a rigorous judging process, meet with national leaders, interact with leading scientists and display their research at the National Academy of Sciences. Top winners will be announced at a black-tie gala held at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center on March 11.

67th Intel Semifinalists Announced: Congratulations to the following 67th Intel Science Talent Search TJ semifinalists (in alphabetical order): **Jeff Chen, Francis Deng, Ao Fan, Sappho Gilbert, Samantha Keyser, Kevin Lu, Raghav Mattay, Anne Rohlfing, Jacob Steinhardt and William Yang.**

Senior Hewon Kari Yook is invited to speak at Radford University: Hewon Kari Yook has been invited to present her paper, "Christianity's Seminal Role in the Birth of the Harlem Renaissance and the Symbolism of Delia Jones in Zora Neale Hurston's 'Sweat'" at the Virginia Humanities Conference in April at Radford University. The paper was written last year in Dr. Denise Castaldo's English class.

English Achievement Awards: The 2007-2008 winners of TJ's National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Awards in Writing are **Sarah Applegate, Carolyn McCalister, and Emma Pierson.** They will go on to compete at the state level in April.

Junior Naren Tallapragada contestant on Jeopardy! Teen Tournament: Naren Tallapragada is appearing in this year's *Jeopardy! Teen Tournament* which airs on WJLA (ABC-7) at 7:30 p.m. during the weeks of February 11 and February 18. Naren was selected to be a contestant after taking an online test followed by an audition, a written test, and an interview. A total of 15 teens were selected nationwide to compete in the 10-session *Jeopardy! Teen Tournament*.

Naren's appearance included an all-expense paid trip for him and his parents to Los Angeles, including a stay at the Hilton Universal City and \$1000 spending money. Each student is guaranteed \$5,000.

TJHSST Partnership Fund

Are You Too Busy to Volunteer Regularly, but Still Want to Make a Difference at TJ? Then join us for the high-energy, high-impact **Parent-to-Parent Partnership Phonathon** on **Sunday, March 9**, from **3-5:30 p.m.** in the school cafeteria. Parent volunteers will call fellow TJ parents to ask for their financial support of the Jefferson Partnership Fund during the current school year. **NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY!** Training is provided the day of the Phonathon, along with lots of good food, good company and the opportunity to hear from Principal Evan Glazer. Contact Ellen Ranard at [esranard at gmail.com](mailto:esranard@gmail.com) or Janet Tener at [jkerrtener at aol.com](mailto:jkerrtener@aol.com) if you want to know more.

Speaking of Corporate Support, do you work for Northrop Grumman Corporation or know a TJ parent, alumni parent or graduate who does? Northrop Grumman Corporation has been very generous to TJ, including a December 2007 gift of over \$25,000 for laboratory equipment. We would like to have a better idea of how many people with TJ ties the company employs. If you have information to share, please contact parent Nancy Carter ([nacarter at earthlink.net](mailto:nacarter@earthlink.net)) or Partnership Fund Director of Corporate and Community Relations Gary Bottorff at his TJ office at 703-750-8316.

Our Temperature is Rapidly Rising, thanks to the 400+ TJ parents who donated to the 2007 Back-to-School and Year-End parents appeals—a record number of gifts over the four-month period of September to December. Check out the giving thermometer, posted on the bulletin board opposite the door to the School's front office, to see the progress. Giving to the Partnership Fund is easy. For credit card donations, parents can use the online donation form available at www.tjpartnershipfund.org. Parents who prefer to donate by mail can use the pre-addressed envelope in the spring Jefferson Partnership Fund newsletter due out shortly before the March 9 Parent-to-Parent Phonathon. Remember, your gift helps to keep TJ competitive with the best public and private schools in the nation!

TJHSST Boosters

Academic Boosters

Biology Olympiad: As of January 23, 122 TJ students in grades 9 through 12 had signed up to take the first round qualifying exam for the USA Biology Olympiad. The exam will be given at TJ on February 6 during 8th period.

Computer Team: The Computer Team took part in the January USACO Contest (online) over the weekend of January 12-14. In the **Gold Division**, **Brian Hamrick** was **fourth in the U.S.** and **Haitao Mao** was **fifth**. In the **Silver Division**, **Daniel Li** was **first in the U.S.** and **fifth in the world**, and he was also promoted to the Gold Division for the next contest. Congratulations to all students who participated. For more information, see <http://activities.tjhsst.edu/sct/>.

Debate Teams: TJ's debate teams continued to excel in local WACFL tournaments, and some Debate Team members will be traveling to the Harvard Debate Tournament over President's Weekend.

- Lincoln Douglas - The TJ Lincoln-Douglas Debate team had another phenomenal showing at its fourth local tournament, WACFL IV. **Emma Pierson** placed **sixth in Varsity** and qualified for Metro Finals at the varsity level. For **Junior Varsity**, **Jared Hallet** was the **second place** speaker and **Emily Yu** was the **third place** speaker. **Four JV competitors** qualified for Metro Finals by **winning one of the top six spots**: **Jackson Prestwood** (4-0, second place), **Ani Mohan** (4-0, third place), **Maya Chaudhuri** (4-0, fourth place), and **Kushal Seetharam** (3-1, fourth place). Two more TJ debaters **qualified for Metro Finals** by going 3-1 at two tournaments: **Ashneil Jain** and **Akaash Gupta**.
- Debate Policy - On January 12, TJ's Policy Debate Team participated in the fourth WACFL local tournament. Captain **Bryan Chun** and his partner **Hannah Clark** placed **first** in the **Varsity** Division. **Hannah Clark** also received a **second place speaker award**. **Rachel Marzen** and her partner **Abigail Xu**, in their **first varsity division debate**, qualified to participate in the WACFL Varsity

Metrofinals. Among **JV Teams**, **Andre Kessler** and his partner **Jenny Zhao** placed **fifth**, and two additional JV teams qualified to participate in WACFL **JV Metrofinals**: **Chris Lee** and his partner **Katherine Lee**, and **Franklin Zheng** and his partner **Byong Han Kim**.

Math Team: Good luck to the hundreds of TJ students taking the AMC 10 and AMC 12 this month, and also to the TJ students competing in the Harvard-MIT Math Tournament on February 23!

Physics Team: More than sixty TJ students signed up to participate in the preliminary round of the U.S. Physics Olympiad on Monday, February 4. Those who do well will qualify for the Quarter Final Round on Monday, February 25. Good luck to all participating students!

Band Boosters

All-District Band: The following students represented TJ at All-District Band January 31 – February 2; they also performed on February 2 in a concert at West Potomac HS: **Jin-ah Kim, Emily Wetzel, Danielle Murashige, Jacob Kohn, Adam Christian, Joseph Muldoon, Alex Spalding, Katie Reinsel, Brett Anders, Lauren Houck, Stephen Houck, Em Feeney, Kennan Murphy-Sierra, Ellen Zhong, Benedict Nguyen, Eric Westman, Andrew Hendricks, Brian Terrill, Casey Mihalow, Peter Westman, Jean He, Han Kim, Rebecca Corey, Sarah Benjamin, Nanfei Yan, Katie Bailey, Ami Jo, Sydney Schrider, Han Cho, Kenneth Lee, Mike Malinowski, Andrew Rowberg, David Besson, Joe Baerenz, Dorothy Lineer, Amy Ruskin, Jack Borsi, Nate Coddington, Sean Cruz, Brian Schwenk, Max Beckhard, and Greg Gates.**

Jin-ah Kim, Emily Wetzel, Danielle Murashige, Jacob Kohn, Adam Christian, Joseph Muldoon, Alex Spalding, Katie Reinsel, Brett Anders, Lauren Houck, Stephen Houck, Em Feeney, and Kennan Murphy-Sierra qualify to audition for the **All-Virginia Band** on February 23, at James Madison University.

Curricular Bands Pre-Festival Concert: Tuesday, February 26, at 7 p.m. Admission is free. Judges will critique the performances to prepare the bands for festival at West Springfield HS. Refreshments will not be served following this performance.

Winter Showcase, March 8: Come enjoy this spectacular competition featuring many Winter Guard and Drum Line units. Admission is charged. This is a major Band Booster fundraiser supporting all TJ band programs. Parent and student volunteers needed throughout the day, contact **ReinselT at msn.com**. All band families are asked to provide individually-wrapped baked goods for the bake sale.

Advertise in the Winter Showcase Program: Business owners and parents please advertise with us. Advertisements (in black and white) and personal messages addressed to Showcase performers will be featured. See order form attached to this newsletter; it's due with payment no later than February 18, contact **TJshowcasead at cox.net**.

Delicious Florida Citrus: Purchase the freshest, juiciest Honey Murcott tangerines, Temple oranges and Ruby Red grapefruit. Orders due February 16, delivered on February 23. Fruit can be delivered to your door, contact: **tjcitrus at hotmail.com**, or call (703) 765-4380.

We Need You! Many band boosters are graduating in 2008. New volunteers are needed now! Learn about TJ Bands: <http://www.tjhsstband.org>. Subscribe to Booster Yahoo group: **tjbandboosters-subscribe at yahoogroups.com**. Mail charitable donation to TJHSST Band Boosters, c/o Huisuk Lineer, 4955 Gainsborough Dr., Fairfax, VA 22032.

Colonial Athletic Boosters

SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, June 4, Athletic Boosters Annual Sports Physicals: Parents, want to get your child's sports physical taken care of early for the 2008-2009 school year? Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, June 4**, 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 2008-2009 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. Every athlete needs a new athletic physical every school year so, save yourself a trip to the doctor's office and come out and support TJ Athletics. Look for more information closer to the date.

Winter Track and Field: The TJ Men's and Women's Winter Track and Field teams include about 130 athletes who have been competing in indoor meets since the end of November. We've had 4 league meets and 4 invitational meets during this season. At this point in the season (late January), we've had more than 60 athletes meet the qualifying standards for District competition in events ranging from 3200 meter races to 55 meter hurdles, long jump, triple jump, shot put and pole vault. The following athletes have already qualified for Regional competition: **Ioana Cristei** in 55m hurdles, **Brian Landry** in 1600m, **Landry** and **Evan Heflin** in 3200m, and **Joe Baerenz** in pole vault. Freshman **Lisa Junta** and senior **Connor Fleming** have already met the State qualifying standards: Junta in the 3200m and Fleming in the 1600m. Liberty District championships will be held on February 1 and 7 at PG County Sports and Learning Complex, and the Northern Region Championships on February 23 and State Championships on February 29-March 1, both at George Mason University. Please come cheer on our TJ athletes!

Gymnastics: The TJ girls' gymnastics team finished their regular season schedule with a perfect record. The 11-member team has won against every team in the Liberty District. Senior **Caroline Grady** and junior **Chrissy Franzel** have led the team with consistently strong all-around scores, followed by all-around scores from juniors **Kelly Watson** and **Mary Linnell**. The team's strength also comes from individual routines in all events, including the stunning beam routines of senior **Emily Wetzel**, who won the beam at the last meet of the season with a 9.525. Other strong competitors include senior **Erin Glennon** (floor, vault, bars), senior **Sasha Scott** (floor), sophomores **Amanda Gilbert** (floor, vault, beam),

Nora Gayer (vault, floor), and freshmen **Katie Davydova** (vault, floor), and **Hailey Johnson** (beam).

Congratulations to the Girls' Gymnastics Team Liberty District Champions, job well done! At the January 28 Liberty District Championship, **the TJ Girls Gymnastics came in first place with a score of 141.6** beating Langley, Stone Bridge, Woodson, Madison, South Lakes, McLean, and Marshall. Competing were **Chrissy Franzel, Amanda Gilbert, Erin Glennon, Caroline Grady, Mary Linnell, Sasha Scott, Kelly Watson, and Emily Wetzel.**

Grady came in 3rd place all around (36.300), 1st on bars, 4th on floor and vault, and 7th on beam. **Watson** took 4th place all around (35.850), 2nd on beam, 5th on bars, 6th on floor, and 6th on vault. **Franzel** placed 7th all around (35.175), 2nd on vault, 5th on floor, and 9th on bars and beam. **Wetzel** took 3rd on beam and **Gilbert** placed 8th on vault.

JV Boys' Basketball: The JV Boys are 2-8 (1-7 in Liberty District play), with the win over Marshall 46-28. In the Marshall game, forward **Aldo Avanzini** came off the bench to achieve a rare double-double scoring 10 points and 10 rebounds. Aldo leads the team in free throw shooting with a .783 percentage. During the Marshall game guard **Nick Perez** contributed 7 points, including a three pointer -- Nick leads the team in three point shooting. Forward **Karl Sofinowski** had 8 points and 6 rebounds while forward **Daniel Barnes** had 7 points and 4 rebounds.

Most of the JV losses were very competitive games with TJ recently holding a one point lead over the district leading, undefeated South Lakes Warhawks at a minute and a half to go; but South Lakes finished the game with a 3 pointer and FT. TJ was tied with McLean with less than a minute to go, only to succumb to a 3 pointer with 10 seconds remaining. In January, three of the JV losses were by 5 points or less. Our rematches with district opponents in February should prove exciting.

Swim and Dive: The TJ swim and dive teams completed the regular dual meet season with some winning performances. TJ divers **Daniel Markwalter** and **Kelly Dietz** won their events. Swimmers **Clarice Lee, Catherine Kim,**

Brianna Kim, Erica Curles, Hannah Catlow, and **Lauren Laffosse** also won races. For the boys, **Jonathan Christensen** has a win in all eight individual swimming events. Individual races have also been won by **Wade Gong, Matt Callahan, Ben Tuben, Alex Dona, Peter Ballen, Hugh Smith, Mike Kim,** and **Tim Xu.**

At the Liberty District Championship meet, **Dietz, Laffosse, Jae Sim, Grace Wang,** and **Megan Sagurton** turned in performances qualifying them for the Northern Region Championship meet. The boys' medley relay team of **Gong, Christensen, Tuben,** and **Callahan** won with a new Liberty District record, **Christensen** set a Liberty District and TJ team record in the individual medley and also won the breaststroke, and **Gong** won the backstroke. Also qualifying to swim in the Region meet were **Dona, Jed Metge, Andrew Hong, Joey Bouchard,** and **Christian Matthews.**



TJ Swim and Dive Seniors with Dr. Glazer on January 11, *Senior Night*

Wrestling: In January, the wrestling team held 5 dual meets at TJ, defeating Dominion (54-22), Washington & Lee (60-19) and West Springfield (63-18), and losing to Edison (55-24) & Stone Bridge (39-27). On the road, the team competed in the Hopewell Duals, with a close 36-33 victory over Hopewell. In the Woodberry Super Quad Meet, the team defeated Randolph Macon Academy, Collegiate, and Fork Union Military Academy, and lost to host Woodberry Forest in the final match. At the Liberty District Quad Meet, the team lost to Langley (67-9) and Woodson (46-36), but defeated South Lakes (60-18) and host Marshall (41-39). JV Districts will be held at Madison HS on February 5, and varsity Districts will be at Langley HS on February 8-9. Regionals will be held at Fairfax HS on February 15-16 and States will be the following weekend in Chesapeake, VA.

With the improvement this year in both the team and individual records, we look forward to the post-season competitions and invite you to come out and cheer for the wrestlers!

Girls' Varsity Basketball: The girls have completed the first pass through the district schedule and are currently 2-5 with wins against Stone Bridge and Marshall and a couple of tough losses to Woodson and McLean. The team is coming together and looks forward to a more success in the second half of the District Schedule.

Boys' Varsity Basketball: The boys' varsity team is currently 6-9 on the season. After a close loss to McLean, where the game was tied in the final minute, the team beat Marshall handily 67-49. **Ryan Clubb** had a northern region season high 10 assists and **Spencer DeMars** had a double-double, 20 points and 12 rebounds. **Kareem El-Gohary** added 14 points. **Clubb** and **Demars** are currently both third in the Northern Region in assists and rebounding, respectively.

District losses against Langley, Woodson, Madison, and South Lakes followed the Marshall game. With the exception of Langley, all the games were extremely close. The Colonials had the ball and a chance to take the lead in the final minute against both Woodson and South Lakes. In addition to the players listed above, **Vanya Bilyeu** and **Will Riedel** continue to hit three pointers, while **Nate Hough** and **Mike Ross** provide strong post play and inside scoring.

A special thanks to the Monticello Maniacs this year for their enthusiastic support! Please come out and help the Maniacs support the team for the remainder of the season.

JV Girls' Basketball: The Lady JV Colonials are currently 4-6 (3-5 in Liberty district play) in their 2007-2008 season. The team is led by co-captains **Melissa Reardon, Stephanie Valarezo** and **Victoria Zupan.** In addition to decisive wins over district rivals Marshall and South Lakes, the JV girls from TJ played very competitive games with non-district foe Washington and Lee and district opponents McLean and Stone Bridge.

Taylor Enders leads the team in scoring and assists and **Margaret Tarmann** is the team's leading rebounder and second leading scorer. The

Lady JV Colonials are looking forward to competing successfully in the second half of their district schedule, measuring their progress as a team.

Crew Boosters

The TJ Crew Team will be completing what has been a tremendous winter training session and will start practice on the Occoquan in late February. The rowers and coaches have all been working hard during this important conditioning period. The amazing work ethic of a TJ rower goes well beyond their competition ensuring the "Winning Tradition" of TJ Crew.

The **All-Family Crew Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, February 12**, in the TJ Cafeteria. This is the official kick-off for the new season. Please don't miss this important meeting beginning at **7 p.m.** At that time, parents and rowers will be able to complete all of the registration requirements, sign up for volunteer jobs, buy crew clothing, and earn money points with grocery script purchases, etc. We will also be selling z-pizza by the slice and water/sodas. At **7:30 p.m.** there will be **Two Special Sessions**. One session is for novice and prospective rowers and their parents, and the other session is for sophomore and junior rowers and parents who are interested in receiving information on rowing in college. The **General Meeting** will begin at **8 p.m.** for all rowers and their families.

There are still opportunities for interested students to join this year's Crew Team. Experience and year in school are not factors—anyone can join TJ Crew—most who join have never rowed before. If you have any questions, 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 visit <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/crew/> or contact Jeff Hoel, Crew Booster President, at [Jeffrey.hoel at gd-ais.com](mailto:Jeffrey.hoel@gd-ais.com).

Orchestra Boosters

The Viennese Ball was a resounding success with the largest attendance in years, including a number of returning alumni. Check out the accompanying

pictures to get an appreciation for the splendid evening. Thanks again to all who made it such a success.



TJ Students are great dancers!

A reminder to all that All-State tryouts at JMU will be on February 23 for those Senior Regional Orchestra participants. Next up will be the Festival Concert at TJ on Tuesday March 4, followed by the Festival competition itself at Westfield HS on the weekend of March 7-8. The trip to Chicago is also coming up in March and more specific details will be forthcoming shortly.



The Cafeteria is transformed by the sounds of a Strauss Waltz

It is not too early to say that a number of our key board volunteers will be "graduating" this year. We will need a new Treasurer, as well as a Merchandise Coordinator. If you have interest, please let me know now as it will afford a gradual and relaxed turnover. Thanks as always for your support of our Orchestras! Larry Jones ([lawrencemjones at aol.com](mailto:lawrencemjones@aol.com)).



Katie Neitzke, Nadya Muchoney, Jenny Jones, Jessica Tyler, Becca Fielding, Rebecca Corey and Crystal Noel take a break from the dancing

Theatre Boosters

The **Shakespeare Troupe** performed *Two Gentlemen of Verona* on February 19-20 to great reviews. The play was directed by **Mikey Kim, Karthik Ravishankar, and Robby Tracy**, and there were many noteworthy performances by the entire cast. The troupe won't rest for long, however, as on February 23 it will host its community service project, ***Shakespeareance*** – an all-day program consisting of workshops, mini-plays and other activities for hundreds of elementary and middle school students. In March, the troupe will perform at the Folger Theatre Competition in Washington, DC. The troupe has also selected **Cara Newlon** to represent TJ in the English-Speaking Union's Shakespeare monologue competition. Special thanks to the troupe's sponsor, Ms. Bello, for her guidance and generous gift of time and energy. Many thanks also to the parent volunteers who helped feed hungry students during the rehearsals and came to chaperone production crews on weekends!



Bobby Kogan performs as the character, Launce, in *Two Gentlemen of Verona*

The **Drama Club** presented its 21st annual *Knight of One Axe*, a set of five one-act plays, on February 1-2 in the TJ Auditorium. As always, this annual event delivered excellent student-directed performances, which were enjoyed by all!



Will McGarey, as Jake, tells Olivia Bonin, playing Sandy, about his vision of *The Green Hill*



Left to right: Elena Lagon, Natalie Villacorta and Keith Ainsworth in *For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls*



Jess Unger and Lindsey Doane face their futures in hell in Jean-Paul Sartre's noted play, *No Exit*

The Madison Project

The Madison Project, James Madison University's first all-male a cappella sensation, announced that they are returning to the Northern Virginia area for a show open to students, friends, and family on **Saturday, February 23**. The show will be held at the **Oakton High School Auditorium in Vienna** and starts at **8 p.m.**

Since 1996, the Madison Project has welcomed more than 60 of the finest performers in their 12-year history. Their electrifying energy is felt by all from the moment they take the stage. For the last few years, The Madison Project has competed in the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella and taken home awards for their soloists, choreography, arrangements, and overall performance.

Pricing and Availability: Tickets for the Northern Virginia show are **\$7** in advance, and can be purchased online (www.TheMadisonProject.com) or by phone from Ticket Alternative (1-877-725-8849) with VISA, Mastercard, Discover, or American Express. Tickets can also be purchased for \$10 at the door the night of the event (cash or check only). However, space is limited and tickets are not guaranteed at the door, so we recommend buying in advance at www.TheMadisonProject.com.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Chris at [farwelcm at gmail.com](mailto:farwelcm@gmail.com)

Speak Up for a Child--Volunteers Needed!

A new case of child abuse or neglect enters the Fairfax County Domestic and Juvenile Relations Court system every 30 hours. These children need caring advocates to help ensure that they grow up in safe and permanent homes.

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Nicole Boyd, as Martha Washington, tries to coax Albert Tholen, who plays Druggie, off the stage in *For Thine Own Good*

Auditions for the Drama Club's production of *Macbeth* will be held February 11-12. Please check the drama bulletin board for audition times. The performance is scheduled for April 11-12 at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium. Advance tickets may be purchased for \$7 per person or may be purchased at the door for \$10 per person.

The **Theatre Boosters** will hold a meeting on **February 5 at 7 p.m.** in **Room 214** to discuss activities for the remainder of the school year and to plan for next year. All interested parents are encouraged to attend. Every school year the Theatre Boosters rely on wonderful volunteers to give their time and energy to support the Drama Club and Shakespeare Troupe. Volunteers are vital to keeping the strong drama tradition alive at TJ. For all the parents who have volunteered this year – thank you! If you would like to become a volunteer for the *Macbeth* performance or would like to become more involved next year, please come to the Booster meeting or contact Tom Ainsworth, Theatre Booster president. We encourage your involvement!

Announcements and Information

Millennium Courtyard Bricks

Time Is Running Out! Millennium Courtyard brick orders are due by **March 20** for the 2008 installation. Go to <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/boosters/millennium.php> for more information now!"

If you are interested in becoming a CASA volunteer, please attend Fairfax CASA's upcoming information session at the Woodrow Wilson Library in Falls Church on Saturday, February 23, 11 a.m.–12 p.m. To learn more, visit www.casafairfax.org, or call or email Elisa Kosarin, Recruitment and Training Manager at (703) 273-3526, ext. 22 or ekosarin@casafairfax.org.

TJ Athletic Trainers Open House

TJ's Certified Athletic Trainers, Heather Murphy and Kemba Ford, invite the TJ community to an **Open House** on **Thursday, March 6, from 4-6 p.m.** The National Athletic Training Month theme is "Who is taking care of your kids?" Come meet

Heather Murphy and Kemba Ford! You can observe life in the athletic training room after school. See how the athletic trainers care for athletes before, during, and after practices, and what types of treatments the athletes receive. Stop by for a quick tour before the Winter Sports Banquet. Perhaps you have seen them on the sidelines, at parents meetings, and banquets. Now come see the ATCs at their "home" in the Thomas Jefferson Athletic Training Room. Come celebrate National Athletic Training Month with Ms. Murphy and Ms. Ford!



Noteworthy Dates

February	March
5 Band Boosters Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Principal's Conf. Rm.	4 Band Boosters Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Principal's Conf. Rm.
5 ANGP Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Career Center	4 ANGP Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Career Center
5 Curriculum Night for Parents, 7:30 p.m.	4 Orchestra Festival Concert
6 Colonial Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7-9 p.m., Library	5 Colonial Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7-9 p.m., Library
6 Curriculum Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Career Center	5 Curriculum Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Career Center
7 Government Relations Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Rm. 106	6 Athletic Trainers Open House, 4-6 p.m., Athletic Training Rm.
8 Senior Talent Show, 7 p.m.	6 Winter Sports Banquet
9 Science & Engineering Fair, public viewing 1 p.m., awards 2:30 p.m., Cafeteria	6 Government Relations Committee Meeting, 7-9 p.m., Rm. 106
11 Early Release for Students – 10:50 a.m.	8 TJ Band Boosters Winter Showcase, Winter Guard and Drum Line units, Gym I
11 PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Library	9 Parent-to-Parent Partnership Phonathon, 3-5:30 p.m., Cafeteria
12 Diversity Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Rm. 106	11 Diversity Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Career Center
12 Crew Family Interest Night, 7 p.m., Cafeteria	12 Human Relations Committee Meeting, 4 p.m., Career Center
12 Orchestra Boosters Meeting, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Principal's Conf. Rm.	12 PTSA Forum, 7:30 p.m., Lecture Hall
13 Human Relations Committee Meeting, 4 p.m., Career Center	13 Principal's Coffee and PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Cafeteria
14 Chorus Boosters Meeting, 7-8:30 p.m., M-8	17-21 Spring Break
18 George Washington's Birthday Holiday	25 Choir Pre-Festival Concert, Auditorium
19 Band Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m., Principal's Conf. Rm.	25 Newsletter Submission Deadline
21 Student Services Advisory Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Library	
23 <i>Shakespeare</i>	April
25 Newsletter Submission Deadline	11-12 Drama Club, <i>Macbeth</i> , 7 p.m.
26 Curricular Bands Pre-Festival Concert, 7 p.m.	14 PTSA Meeting
28 Cultural Liaison Committee Meeting, 7:30-9 p.m., Career Center	25 Silent Auction, Class of 2010



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The Band Boosters of the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) are hosting a winter competition for Winter Guard and Winter Drum Line units on March 8, 2008. Winter Guard performs a routine set to music, using all three classic pieces of color guard equipment: flag, saber, and rifle. They perform in the inside environment of a gym and may include intricate costumes and stage props. Winter Drumline includes marching percussionists — the battery, playing snare, bass, and tenor drums - plus a pit that includes stationary keyboard instruments, such as vibraphones, xylophones, marimbas, and other percussion instruments.

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Check List

- Science and Engineering Fair – February 9
- PTSA Executive Board Meeting – February 11
- Crew Family Interest Night – February 12
- George Washington’s Birthday Holiday – February 18
- Athletic Trainers Open House and Winter Sports Banquet – March 6