

Principal's Letter

Dear parents/guardians, teachers, and students,

I hope everyone enjoyed their winter break and took advantage of the opportunity to spend time with family and friends. I visited family in Tennessee and Illinois, and am very fortunate to be part of my nieces' lives during their preschool and early elementary years. Rather than regard me as a principal, they know their uncle as a source for extra hugs, reading books, playing games, and giving piggy back rides. Spending time with them allows me to recharge from the very busy first semester and look forward to a fresh start after the break.

This past semester I have had the pleasure of teaching one section of a leadership course at TJ. I have learned students don't just learn the curriculum – they enhance it. Whether they have been running seminars, leading a project, or brainstorming novel solutions, the students have constantly improved the learning environment for everyone to benefit. Teaching has not focused on my lecturing, but instead on students and visitors sharing strategies based on their own strengths, experiences, and review of literature. Learning has not been just about finding answers, but instead coaching one another to address leadership challenges through questioning, simulating, and reflecting. This experience has reinforced one TJ colleague's beliefs about supporting our students' learning: Sometimes we just have to get out of the way!

We often think about the skills and values with which we wish to equip our students when they graduate from TJ: critical inquiry and research, problem solving, intellectual curiosity, and social responsibility (CIRPSICSR). Some of these values and skills are developed through school experiences that give students ownership in their learning, such as 8th period activities, science and technology research labs, and special projects

offered in many of the courses. We hope to explore additional or alternate curricular experiences in the future, and hope parents, teachers, and students are part of discussions through curriculum teams, the curriculum advisory committee, and special sessions with students. Please don't hesitate to contact me (**Evan.Glazer at fcps.edu** or 703-750-8306) if you have ideas that support this goal and align with our mission as a science and technology school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Evan Glazer, TJ Principal

President's Message

As we eagerly embark upon the prospect of an exciting new year, we try to take a moment to ponder the past few months and re-evaluate our performance and priorities for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year. The PTSA will continue on the same path of open communication and remains committed to serving a unique community that keeps on giving.

Recently, the National PTA sent out nomination forms for the "Volunteer of the Year." Researching who can be nominated to receive this honor, we were faced with a compounding dilemma. As we looked back on the past few months we tabulated an exponential list of acts of kindness from our community. Acts that show an abundance of caring and an unfettering determination to help the students, fellow parents, the teachers, and the TJ staff. TJ Volunteers keep on surprising us with their talents and their deep insights. No matter how small the task or the act, everyone's effort is essential in the bigger scheme of things. A half hour is as valuable as an hour from a volunteer. We have as many volunteers working behind the scenes as in person. It is the effort and the commitment that counts. To that end, we were reminded of last year's "person of the year" by

Time magazine. They nominated "you." We would like to nominate the whole TJ community as one (at least internally). While we come from many counties, collectively we are one community.

As you know, we added a wish list to our PTSA website. We are happy to report that it has been a very fruitful endeavor. The students and faculty have benefited from the generosity of our TJ community in unprecedented fashion. Just before the holidays, under the guidance of the multifaceted teacher/mentor/cook/photographer/... Ms. Bettie Stegall, her community service club put up a request for a number of used computers. The computers will be used in a retirement home for elderly scientists to write their life stories. Imagine the elation by all when they received numerous offers! The project still needs about four more computers in good working order, as well as a couple of laptops for those residents unable to get to the computer lab being developed.

The volunteer program at TJ is key to the success of many programs. This newsletter, *Tech cetera*, gets compiled, formatted, and edited by volunteers. Sharon Smith and Barbara Steakley put in extra care in gathering information from around TJ to keep us all well informed. Almost instantly the newsletter is reformatted and posted on our website through the help of our PTSA Webmaster, Vicky Linnell. Then the newsletter committee snaps into action. To those members that have opted for hard copies, the newsletters are manually folded, labeled, and mailed by volunteers. The volunteers also distribute them to our faculty and staff members. The leader of this committee is Nancy Fitzsimmons and her list of faithful volunteers keeps growing.

When the PTSA's Government Services committee hosted the Virginia legislators, our illustrious hosts were our TJ students. It should be no surprise to anyone that they were the perfect TJ ambassadors -- poised, articulate, and persuasive. Our guests were impressed and felt even more compelled to help TJ in its mission to shrink the funding shortfall it faces every year. Consistently TJ is funded for fewer students than actually matriculated, and that strains our school's programs. Forging along, the PTSA will continue its efforts to work on informing the community of the urgent needs and working closely with the Partnership Fund to fulfill the school's long-term equipment and technical support

needs. We will diligently pursue the perfect formula that can regenerate the funds and technical support that are essential to TJ's quest for excellence.

As promised, the PTSA is looking into the proper formatting and ways to disseminate a survey on the newly established 3.0 GPA requirement. It seemed to be prudent to let some time pass to get a better feel on how students have adjusted to the new policy and the overall impact on the TJ community. We will incorporate all the suggested questions. Your input on the process is, of course, welcome and will be much appreciated. Please send your comments to [ptsa at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa@tjhsst.edu).

In looking at what propels our school, we only need to keep our senses attuned to our students, their parents, their teachers, the administrators, and the permanent staff. We will find the answers staring us right in the eyes. We are looking forward to serving our stellar community. With your help and insights, it is a win-win situation. We invite you to learn more about your PTSA and the workings of TJ. Join us at our upcoming **PTSA monthly meeting, Monday, January 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library** (it is always the second Monday of the month at 7:30 pm, unless otherwise specified on the PTSA website). As always, it will be an evening of updates, discussions, action plans, and not to forget -- the creatively prepared light snacks.

Best Regards,

Nassmah Brooks
PTSA President

PTSA Update

Government Relations Committee

On December 11, the Government Relations Committee of the PTSA sponsored a reception for the legislators whose districts are in the jurisdictions that send students to Thomas Jefferson. Also invited were the incoming Fairfax County School Board members and representatives of the Fairfax County Superintendent's Office.

Student Government representatives greeted our guests, and members of the Jefferson Society provided tours of the laboratory facilities. As they

escorted our legislators, these students highlighted items on the school's equipment "wish list" – such as smart boards that would greatly enhance students' learning experience. Faculty members were also available to answer questions.



Michael Molloy, FCPS Director of Government Relations, and Principal Evan Glazer (center) with students Lilly Pham, Courtney Brown, Blake Reed, Amanda Cain, Matt Shepard, and Bryan Bleda

Dr. Glazer addressed the group, both lauding our students' achievements and underscoring the need for additional funding to keep Thomas Jefferson apace with the other 17 Governor's Schools in the state. We look forward to additional opportunities in 2008 to include our legislators in school events that align with their committee assignments and interests.



PTSA President Nassmah Brooks, PTSA Government Relations Chair Anne Dewey-Balzhiser, State Delegate C. Chuck Caputo, Dawn Meyer with the Government Relations Committee, and State Delegate David Poisson

Special thanks to: Government Relations Committee -- Anne Dewey-Balzhiser (Chair), Jim Wolbarsht, Michael Mapes, Lilly Cheng, Dawn Meyer, and Wasim Entabi; Hospitality Committee -- Carrie Kilgore and Atti Galvin, (Chairs), Rite Anderson, and Nancy Freeborne-Brinton;

Photographer Thuy McMurray; Jefferson Society -- Blake Reed, Bryan Bleda, Lily Pham, Karl Leswing, Connor Michelli, Sammy Chao, Patricia Nguyen, Matt Shepard, David Dy Tang, Amanda Cain, Courtney Brown, Salini Hota, Anirudh Mohan, Daniel Wang, and Victor Yu; and SGA Representatives -- John Goodwin, Molly Patterson, Natalie Villacorta, and Maddy Byrd



State Senator Richard Saslaw (center) with students Daniel Wang, Karl Leswing, Anirudh Mohan, and Victor Yu



FCPS Board Member Ilyong Moon, students Amanda Cain and Sammy Chao, and State Delegate Mark Sickles

Serving the TJ Community

Computer Donations Needed for Community Service Project

Dear *Tech cetera* Readers,

My name is Shravya Kovala and I am currently a sophomore at TJ. Ms. Stegall and our sophomore TA are embarking on a project to set up a computer network for Washington House Retirement Community. Before the holidays we sent out a request to the TJ community to help us acquire a number of computers for this community

service project. The response was swift and generous! However, we still need about four more computers, as well as a couple of laptops for those residents unable to get to the computer lab. We also requested computers from some local businesses and the general community. The computers don't necessarily have to be new. However, they should be in good working order and must be capable of joining a network. Any computers the PTSA can help us collect would be greatly appreciated. Our goal is to collect at least 18 computers for the network.



Everyone in TA is enthusiastic about this project because we would like to give back to those who have worked hard to make our lives enjoyable and positive. By accepting donations of computers and setting up the computer network, we hope to transfer some of our passion for technology to the lives of others.

We selected this project because Ms. Stegall donates her time and teaches creative writing to fifteen senior citizens, ages 90 to 101, every Thursday evening. They are writing their life stories and hope to get them published to give to family and friends. Three of the fifteen people have PhDs; one of them even worked on the Manhattan Project. We hope our project can help them realize their dreams. We plan to go to the retirement community, help with editing, set up the lab, type for those with arthritis or bone problems, and basically teach the seniors everything they need to know to become computer savvy.

To contact Ms. Stegall about computer donation, please call 703-750-8300 and leave a message with Ms. Stead, call cell phone 703-501-2182, or email her at **Bettie.Stegall at fcps.edu**.

The names of the donors will be engraved on a plaque in the lab at Washington House once it is complete. Thank you for any help you might be able to give.

Shravya Kovela
Ms. Stegall's TA – Room 201

ANGP

All Night Grad Party 2008 presents: "From Here to ∞"

After graduation on Saturday, June 14, the Class of 2008 will celebrate in style at this year's ANGP. The theme is **"From Here to Infinity."** TJ will be transformed into a magical place with entertainment, delicious food, prizes, games, and lots of memories. There is much to be done to prepare for this event.

ANGP To-Do List:

- Purchase \$100 ticket (includes admission, unlimited food and activities, 1 Senior Highlights video, 1 Jefferson cup). No money is required once inside.
- Volunteer! Volunteers are needed the night of ANGP. Parents of all grades are invited to participate. If you have never been to an ANGP, it is an awesome sight to behold. Remember, if you want to see ANGP in person, you must be on the volunteer list!
- Visit the website at **<http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty>** for information regarding the party, purchasing tickets, volunteering, and making donations. Or contact ANGP Co-chairs, Bernadette and Ed Saperstein, at **[ptsa.angp08 at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.angp08@tjhsst.edu)**.
- Attend the monthly ANGP meetings. Next meeting is Tuesday, January 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Classroom 106. Starting at 4 p.m. on that same day, we will be in Room 215 stuffing envelopes for an ANGP mailing. Please stop by and help if you can.
- Send in your senior's 4x6 baby photo (0 to 5 years old) and his/her wallet-size senior picture. Print the student's name on the back of each photo. No originals please.

ANGP ticket sales: More than 60% of the senior class has purchased tickets already! Awesome! Why purchase your ticket now? Ticket sales are the primary source of revenue for ANGP, and funds are needed now for deposits and other expenses. So, please purchase your ticket as soon as possible

to help fund this incredible event. Remember, tickets will not be sold at the door. Ticket order forms are available on the ANGP website, as an attachment to this newsletter, and in the TJ Front Office. Thank you in advance for your support!

Raffle news: Seniors who have purchased a ticket by January 31 will be entered into a drawing for 2 club level Redskins tickets with club level parking for a game in the 2008 season. Our thanks to Jim Coleman of the law firm Constangy, Brooks & Smith L.L.C. for securing the tickets.

Donations Welcomed: We welcome all donations in kind or in cash. Your generosity will be recognized on the ANGP web site and in this newsletter. To make a donation by credit card, please visit the following link: <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsapayments.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 ptsangp08@tjhsst.edu.

Student Services Corner

The Student Services Advisory Board originally planned to have a Parent to Parent Panel to give a parents' point of view on steps to apply to college on January 9. Because there is another event scheduled for that night, also on college information, we have changed the date for our panel to January 16. It will be held in the auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Please join us for tips whether your child is a senior, freshman, or somewhere in-between. The panel will be made up of parents who have successfully helped at least one child get into college. The tips they have to share will not be the typical ones you will learn about from the guidance office. For information contact 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

French News

The French Honor Society organized a traditional holiday dinner for the TJ Staff on December 13, 2007. Many faculty members and school staff enjoyed the French Holiday fare, such as "Soupe à l'oignon and Bûche de Noël."

Bonne et Heureuse Nouvelle Année à tous et toutes!

The early part of the New Year will bring more traditional celebrations: "Kings' Day" on January 6 and the Festival of Lights, "La Chandeleur," on February 2, when students will make French crêpes and wish for happiness and prosperity for the incoming year.

Class News

2009 – Juniors

The annual Class of 2009 **ice skating get together** will be at the Reston Town Center (RTC) on **Friday, January 11, 2008**. Check the junior bulletin board for more details. Everyone who signs up will be able to get a reduced price on their skates and free yummy hot chocolate. Also, the RTC has lots of great shops and restaurants, not to mention a movie theater, so everyone can stay after skating to eat dinner and see a movie!

The GRAND OPENING of the first ever Thomas Jefferson School Store by the Class of 2009 occurs this month! The School Store's purpose is to provide school supplies, greeting cards, balloons, and other items for the entire school population. The store will also serve as a location from which school clubs can sell their fundraising items.

The new school store will open in January under the management and to the benefit of the class of 2009. In the next school year, the school store will be under the management and benefit of the Class of 2010 junior class and so forth. The plan is for all future junior classes to have the opportunity to run the store for one year and benefit financially, thus helping to pay for their class expenses.

If you have any further questions about the school store, or want to get involved, contact the 2009 Class Officers at [mightyfine2009 at gmail.com](mailto:mightyfine2009@gmail.com)

Kudos to the juniors in this year's winter play, *Inherit the Wind* - the performance was truly enjoyed by all!

Check out the 2009 website <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/2009/>, as well as the bulletin board in the junior lounge for more updates throughout the year.

2010 – Sophomores

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to chaperone Blackout, the rave-themed winter dance sponsored by our class. As always, we have had a great response from parents and appreciate the support. It's not too late to sign up if you would like to help out. We could use a few more hands, especially for set up (6 – 8 p.m.) and clean up (11:15 – midnight). The **dance** will be held on **Friday, January 11, from 8 – 11:15 p.m.** (*this is a change from the original date*). This is a dance planned and sponsored by the sophomore class, but students from all classes are invited.

A few parents have asked, "What does the rave-theme mean?" The Blackout is really just the typical TJ soc hop (dance) that the students have a few times a year, but the students wanted to do something a little different for this winter dance. 'Rave-themed' refers to the type of music (techno) and use of lights. Glow sticks and glow bracelets will be provided to the students, and students will be "waving" the glow sticks in the dark to entertain each other. Dr. Osborne will put on a small "light show" that uses lasers and light refraction. The dance will be held in the cafeteria, and there will be black lights.

In addition, the students are holding a clothing drive during ticket sales, and students who donate apparel will receive a discount. So there is a community service aspect to the dance as well. Let me know if you have any questions or would like to chaperone or help set up or clean up.

Looking forward, I would like to remind everyone about the Silent Auction that will be taking place at TJ on April 25. The Silent Auction is the main money-maker for our class... 2009 made more than

\$30,000 last year!! We will be depending on donations from parents and the community, and encourage you to think about what you may be able to contribute. Past classes have had donations of old pool tables, sports memorabilia, financial consultations, and even a week at a time share! More information about this important event will be coming in the months ahead.

Ellen Ranard, [ESRanard at gmail.com](mailto:ESRanard@gmail.com), Class of 2010 PTSA Liaison

2011 - Freshmen

Welcome back! There is no doubt that winter break was well deserved and much enjoyed, though the consensus seems to be that it was toooooo short. Freshmen are back and geared up to wrap up the second quarter on January 24. If your student has not yet given thought to next year's courses, now is a good time to begin. Early in February course guides for the 2008-2009 school year are due to come out and freshmen will meet with their counselors to select courses for next year.

On the social side of school activity, some freshman parents may be wondering why an upper classman would have invited your student to a dance. Nothing to be concerned about, it was the annual RTC (Rob the Cradle) soc hop put on by the class of 2008 in early December. As most TJ soc hops, it was great fun. Coming up on May 2 is the Freshman Lock In. (Note the date change from April). Roughly 75 parent volunteers are currently on our list. We will be sending out a reminder and request for additional volunteers in late March or early April. Feel free to send an e-mail to [danielaowen at verizon.net](mailto:danielaowen@verizon.net) or [eswoboda at erols.com](http://eswobodaateroles.com), the freshman class parent reps, if you are interested in volunteering. Based on past history the evening requires more than 100 parent volunteers and is a fantastic way to enjoy springtime.

News Round-Up and Awards

STUDENTS

TJ Sophomore Member of 2008 Olympic Team: TJ sophomore student **Colvin Wang** just returned from the **9th World Wushu Championship** held in Beijing November 11-17. Colvin's attendance at the 9th World Wushu Championships served as a qualification

competition for the upcoming 2008 Olympic Games to be held in Beijing. Only the top six athletes of each event can qualify. **Colvin won 4th place in the Men's All Round Event of Straight Sword and Spear**, earning a place on the Olympic Team. Colvin has been learning Wushu at the O-mei Wushu Kungfu Center since he was 6 years old.



Olympian Colvin Wang

TJ students to perform with the National Symphony Orchestra: Members of the NSO Youth Orchestra, **Danielle Murashige, Jacob Kohn, Jennifer Jones, Andrew Smith, and John Faubell**, will perform with the National Symphony Orchestra in the Kennedy Center Concert Hall at **6 p.m., Thursday, January 10**. Admission is free.

Candidates for the 2008 Summer Governor's Academies: The following students are applying for the 2008 Summer Governor's Academies – French, **Karen Morrison** and **Nathalie Medvedeva**; Japanese, **Gloria Lee**; German, **Rebecca Justice** and **Thomas Bettge**; Russian, **Jessica Tyler**; Spanish, **Rosa Kang** and **Sophia Dudte**; Latin, **Kathleen Ryan** and **Maya Wei**.

Logan Gates, for French, and **Angela Tran**, for Spanish, were selected to apply for the State Department Internship program for the summer of 2008.

PTSA Reflections Program Awards: Congratulations to all the students who created and submitted creative art works to the 2007-2008 PTA Reflections Program, Senior level. We are happy to announce the Reflections awards:

Outstanding Interpretation Award: *Visual Arts* - **Timothy Baik**; *Photography* - **Swetha Pasala**; *Literature* - **Lily Hsiang**; *Film/Video* – **Rohit Dasgupta**; *Music* – **Sarah Seid**

Rohit Dasgupta, Sara Seid, and Swetha Pasala also earned the Outstanding Interpretation award for Fairfax County Cluster 3. Their works were forwarded to the Northern Virginia District PTA program. **Lily Hsiang** and **Timothy Baik** earned the Award at Excellence at the Fairfax County Cluster 3 level.

Award of Excellence: *Literature* – **Rohit Dasgupta** and **Lisa Pang**; *Music* – **Emily Wetzel** and **David Kim**; *Visual Arts* – **Andrew Baik**

Award of Merit: *Music* – **Quan Pham** and **Casey Mihaloeuw**; *Visual Arts* – **Katherine Helmick**; *Literature* – **Swati Teerdhala** and **Lisa Pang**

We encourage everyone to participate again next year! Watch for more news of an awards ceremony.

Denise Bolton

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. 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.

Thank You to Northrop Grumman Corporation for a stunning \$25,200 year-end gift to TJ! After hearing presentations on behalf of TJHSST at a Partnership Fund event in December, Lynn Gilmore of NGC notified the Partnership that a check would be on the way for the purchase of a 20 GHz Vector Network Analyzer and four Digital Oscilloscopes for TJ's labs. All of

these items are on the school's "wish list" maintained by the Partnership Fund with the help of TJ faculty and administrators.

Speaking of Corporate Support, do you work for Capital One or know a TJ parent, alumni parent or graduate who does? If so, please contact parent Nancy Carter ([nacarter at earthlink.net](mailto:nacarter@earthlink.net)) or Partnership Fund Director of Corporate and Community Outreach Gary Bottorff at his TJ office at 703-750-8316. The Fund is accelerating its outreach to key area companies to increase support of TJ.

Our Temperature is Rising, thanks to the many TJ parents who donated to the year-end parents appeal during November and December. Check out the giving thermometer, posted on the bulletin board opposite the door to the School's front office, to see our progress through the academic year. By the way, if you or your spouse donated through the United Way/Combined Federal Campaign, you will receive acknowledgement later this year when UW/CFC notifies the Partnership Fund of your gift.

TJHSST Boosters

Academic Boosters

Botball: Currently, about 10 TJ students regularly attend Botball team practices, which occur on Fridays during 8th period. TJ must decide by mid-February how many Botball teams to register for the May 2008 competition; each team will have six to ten students. Interested students who have not been attending Botball practices should contact Mr. Billington as soon as possible at [mlbillington at fcps.edu](mailto:mlbillington@fcps.edu), and also begin attending Botball's 8th period practices.

Biology Olympiad: The Biology Olympiad open exam will be scheduled during the school day between February 4 and February 13. The date will be chosen to avoid a conflict with the AMC 10 and AMC 12 math competitions.

Students may participate in the Biology Olympiad open exam whether or not they have taken AP Biology or have been attending TJ Biology Team practices during 8th period. Any interested student should contact Dr. Uston immediately.

Roughly 1% of all students taking the U.S. Biology Olympiad open exam will be invited to take the

second exam in March. Last year about 600 students in the United States took the second exam, including about 40 TJ students. Twenty students with the highest scores will be invited to become a member of the U.S. Biology Olympiad Team, and attend the U.S. team camp.

Chemistry Olympiad: The TJ Chemistry Olympiad Team currently has about forty members who participate in problem-based and inquiry lab skill development sessions, and take practice exams to prepare for the National Exam. Other interested students should email Dr. Kennedy at [brian.kennedy at fcps.edu](mailto:brian.kennedy@fcps.edu) and include their student ID number.

All TJ students who will complete AP Chemistry this year may participate through April 2008. However, under national rules, TJ may nominate only two students to take the National Exam, and students may attend only the Chemistry Olympiad camp (and no other Olympiad camps) if selected. Thus, in April, Dr. Kennedy will select the two TJ nominees and ask them to commit to Chemistry Olympiad.

Chess Team: The TJ Chess Team defeated its rivals (HB Woodlawn, Lake Braddock, Madison, and Westfield) in the Southern Division of the Metro Area Chess League this fall, winning all of its matches by comfortable margins. In March, the Chess Team will send a team to the playoffs at the U.S. Chess Center.

TJ plans to send several dozen students to the Virginia State Scholastic Championship on March 8-9, at Lake Braddock SS. All TJ students are welcome, regardless of whether they have played in other tournaments this year. Interested students should contact Byron Hood, at [tjchessteam at gmail.com](mailto:tjchessteam@gmail.com).

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: At the Princeton Classic Invitational 2007, varsity debater **Christine O'Donnell** made elimination rounds and JV debater **Divya Srinivasan** made octafinals.

At WACFL III, **Alex Kim, Lily Hsiang, Steven Chen**, and **Christine O'Donnell** went undefeated at the varsity level, finished among the top six, and qualified for Varsity Metro Finals. **Soonwook Hong** also won every varsity round and **Alex Kim** was the second-place varsity speaker. In JV,

Tilani Lowman went undefeated and qualified for JV Metrofinals, and **Ani Mohan** and **Katherine Wang** were among the top three JV speakers. In the novice category, **Aman Kansal** placed second overall and also was the second-place novice speaker.

The TJ Lincoln Douglas debate team will be competing at WACFL IV in January and at Harvard in February.

Math Team: The TJ Math Team will have a meeting during 8th period on Wednesday, January 16, for students who want to learn about evening practices for the American Regions Math League Competition (ARML). ARML Thursday evening practices will start on January 31, with lectures at 6:30 p.m. In May, 45 students who have attended ARML practices will be selected to represent TJ at the ARML.

Approximately 300 TJ students registered to take the AMC 10 and 500 TJ students registered to take the AMC 12. Both AMC tests will be given on February 12. Because of the large number of students participating, there will be a modified schedule on that day. Watch for an announcement from Dr. Glazer on "Keep In Touch." The Math Team will go over the problems during its regular 8th period meeting on Wednesday, February 13.

The Math Team will be sending 24 students to the Harvard-MIT Math Competition in February.

Policy Debate: At WACFL 3, the varsity policy debate team of **Kathy Hutchinson** and **Lisa Pang** placed second overall, and the varsity team of **Hannah Clark** and **Huan Song** placed fourth overall, qualifying for WACFL metrofinals. In addition, **Kathy Hutchinson** won the varsity second speaker award. The TJ Policy Debate Team will be competing at WACFL IV in January and at Harvard in February.

It's Academic: On December 15, TJ's *It's Academic* team dominated the competition at Georgetown Day School. TJ A (captains **Phil Graves** and **Keshav Pillai**, **Naren Tallapragada** and **Joshua Hahm**) went undefeated with a 10-0 record, and triumphed over rival Walt Whitman. TJ B (captain **Mohit Iyyer**, **Tom Smilack**, **Raza Mir**, and **Kevin Casto**) went 5-1 in the preliminary rounds, and placed 5th after losing to TJ's A team in

quarterfinals. TJ C (captain **Bali Gupta**, **Harry White**, and **Brian Terrill**) went 5-2 in preliminaries and qualified for playoffs. TJ D (captain **Nina Garcia**, **Nishanth Parameswaran**, freshman **Will Mannon** and sophomore first-timer **Alicia Goertel**) went 5-2 and qualified for playoffs. TJ E (freshman captain **Siddharth Hariharan**, **Olivia Murton**, and first-timers **Michael Eng** and **Arjang Navab**) went 3-4 in the preliminaries.

At this point, the TJ A and archrival Whitman each have won two games against each other. For the first time in years, TJ qualified 4 teams for playoffs at one tournament. Finally, TJ A and TJ B both qualified for the National Academic Quiz Tournaments LLC High School National Championship in Chicago.

Physics Team: Sixty-three TJ students have registered to participate in the first round exam of the U.S. Physics Olympiad. This is the first of two qualifying exams used to select 25 students who will attend the Olympiad training camp in June and who are officially designated as members of the U.S. Physics Olympic Team.

The first round exam will be given at TJ between January 28 and February 5. This exam is aimed at students who have mastered the first semester of AP Physics-C. In general, AP Physics-C students and/or those who have attended TJ Physics Team practices should consider participating. If any additional students would like to sign up for this exam, please email Dr. Dell (at john.dell@fcps.edu) no later than January 6.

Band Boosters

Winter Showcase, March 8: TJ Band Boosters will host the Winter Showcase, a spectacular competition featuring many Winter Guard and Drum Line units. Participants and their families come from throughout the region. Spectators are welcome. Parent and student volunteers needed throughout the day, contact Reinselt@msn.com.

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. Ad space is available as follows: 1/8 page, 1/4 page, 1/2 page, and full page. Payment is required in advance. Contact **TJshowcasead at cox.net** to request information and an order form.

Tuba Christmas 2007: Jack Breese and his family were recognized on the Millennium Stage, Kennedy Center, as the only entire family performing in the concert. **Brian Schwenk** and **Mike Sanders** also performed.



Jack Breese and family performing in Tuba Christmas



Mike Sanders performing in Tuba Christmas

Honey Bell Tangelos: Only in January, warm your winter days with Florida sunshine! Larger than tangerines, few seeds, juicy! Delicious Navel oranges and Ruby Red grapefruits are available. Stock up now for flu season! Order by January 12; pickup/delivery on January 19. Contact **tjcitrus at hotmail.com**, or call (703) 765-4380.

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Gift Cards – Variety available! – **kaycorey at cox.net**.

New Year's Resolutions: Volunteer! 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

Gymnastics: The gymnastics team won their first 3 meets of the season, showing great depth on the 11 member team. Jefferson bested Yorktown, Mt. Vernon, Edison, and Wakefield, with a 1st place all-around from junior **Chrissy Franzel**. Chrissy took 1st on floor and 3rd on beam; senior **Caroline Grady** was 1st on bars and 2nd on beam; junior **Kelly Watson** was 2nd on bars; and sophomore **Amanda Gilbert** was 3rd on floor. At the next meet, Jefferson won against Stonebridge, West Springfield, Madison, Edison, and West Potomac, where Chrissy took 2nd in all-around and 3rd on floor; Caroline was 3rd on bars and beam; junior **Mary Linnell** was 2nd on vault; and senior **Emily Wetzel** landed a 9.2 on beam for 2nd place. Jefferson won again at South Lakes against Loudoun County, Heritage, South Lakes, West Potomac, and Edison. Other members of the team with strong performances were seniors **Erin Glennon** and **Sasha Scott**, sophomore **Nora Gayer**, and freshmen **Katy Davydora** and **Hailey Johnson**. Missing on the team this year due to injury is senior **Gabrielle Names**. Come watch the next home meet on January 15 as Coach Pete Novgrod hopefully leads his team to another win

Swim and Dive: The TJ swim and dive teams have reached the midpoint of their seasons with some impressive performances. The TJ divers have had a number of strong performances, with **Thomas Haugh** and **Kelly Dietz** winning their events and **Christina Wallin** consistently placing near the top. Sophomore **Lauren Laffosse** has notched wins in two swimming events and has had top finishes in three others. Senior captain **Catherine Kim** has placed high in several events, and **Sarah Catlow**, **Erica Curles**, **Rebecca Fielding**, **Brianna Kim**, **Anna Lan**, **Ronit Malka**, **Megan Sagurton**, **Jae Sim**, and **Grace Wang** have had multiple top finishes. For the boys,

senior captain **Jonathan Christensen** has placed first in three different events, and has set a new team record in the 200 individual medley, besting his record from last season by .01 second. Senior captain **Ben Tuben, Wade Gong, Andrew Hong, and Matt Callahan** have all scored wins in multiple events. Other top performances have been turned in by senior captain **Tim Xu, Peter Ballen, Joey Bouchard, Alex Dona, Roman Enson, Steve Howard, and Jed Metge.**

Wrestling: The TJ Varsity wrestling team competed against 32 public and private schools in the NOVA Classic, finishing in 21st place, ahead of Liberty District rivals Marshall, Madison, and South Lakes. Captains **James McConnaughey** and **Mike Howard** medaled; **McConnaughey** pinned four opponents to take 3rd place and **Howard** went 3-1 to take 2nd place. The team then competed in the tough Warwick Tournament (Lititz, PA), which was the first time any TJ wrestling squad has participated in a Pennsylvania tournament! Five TJ wrestlers took home 3rd place medals: **Matt Becker, Mike Howard, James McConnaughey, Devan Samant** and **Alex Shmorhun.** The JV wrestlers have all recorded wins at December's Regional Jamborees. In another 'first,' the JV team competed against local Varsity teams at the Bishop Ireton tournament, with **Sam Zhang** just missing the medal round by one match. The wrestlers look forward to honoring our seniors, **Mike Dunn, James McConnaughey, Nishad Samant, and Evan Wilson** at Senior Night on Wednesday January 23, as the team competes against West Springfield and Edison. Come out and cheer on the team in their last home meet.

Girls Varsity Basketball: The Varsity completed the first month of the season with a 2 - 4 record with wins over Washington-Lee and Stone Bridge. They competed in the December Bookjammin' tournament and had a 1-2 record with a win over Marshall and losses to Flint Hill and Robinson. A young team with only two seniors and three freshmen is growing with each game.

JV Boys Basketball: TJ JV basketball is underway. Led by two Juniors, **Joe Reilly** and **Travis Triggs**, the team is 1-3 and ready for the heart of district play in January. The JV team defeated Washington-Lee, 37-32, on December 14. Freshman **Daniel Barnes** and Sophomore **Karl Sofinowski** lead the team in scoring and

rebounding. **Alan Allworth, Jeff Pontell, and Travis Triggs** round out the starting five.

Varsity Boys Basketball: The boys Varsity finished 2007 by taking 3rd place among 8 teams in the Pohanka Chantilly Classic. The team started the tournament with a strong win over Hanover of Richmond, 61-58. **Spencer DeMars** and **Mike Ross** lead the scoring with 15 points each. **Ryan Clubb** provided numerous assists to the big men while providing a stellar defensive effort in addition to 2 blocked shots. **Vanya Bilyeu** contributed 14 points, 5 assists and 4 rebounds in an all around offensive effort. Co-Captain **Will Riedel** added 10 points of his own in addition to 6 steals.

The Colonials lost the chance to play for the championship by losing a hotly contested game against The Landon School. **Ryan Clubb** provided a strong defensive effort against Landon's leading scorer Webster, holding him to 6 points from the field. However, the Colonials could not stop Landon's big man inside. Perfect foul shooting down the stretch extended a 7-point lead late in the game. **DeMars 13, Ross 10, Riedel 9, Bilyeu 5, and Clubb 4** provided the scoring.

In the third place game the Colonials pulled away from George Mason with a 63-37 victory. **Nate Hough** led the team with 14 points. Co-Captain **Ryan Clubb** provided an all around effort with 4 points, 1 steal, 7 assists, and 6 rebounds in addition to his defensive effort. **Spencer DeMars** and **Mike Ross** added 13 and 12 points respectively, and 6 rebounds each. **Kareem El-Gohary** had his best effort since coming back from a broken knuckle with 6 points and 4 assists.

The Colonials boast the following individual leaders in the Northern Region according to Digital Sports.com: **Vanya Bilyeu** moved up to 5th in three point shooting, **Ryan Clubb** has been in the top 5 assist leaders all year, including a stint at the #1 spot, he currently sits at 4th, **Spencer DeMars** also has been in the rebounding leaders all year and currently sits at 4th.

The 3rd place performance was the Colonials best effort ever in the tournament. It was made possible by an "Expect to Win" attitude and a whole team effort. Any of the individuals mentioned above would trade their stats for a team win. The team is currently 5-4 for the season.

"Don't be late! Get your orders in now for the **Spring Millennium Courtyard** installation. Go to <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/boosters/millennium.php> for information!"



Crew Boosters

As 2008 begins, TJ Crew team is already in the middle of their optional winter training regimen to prepare for the upcoming rowing season. Winter training runs Monday through Friday after school from 4-6 p.m. Every year many of our rowers participate in the Mid- Atlantic Erg Sprints in February at George Washington Middle School in Alexandria. New this year, we will be offering a bus service from the school to the river for all freshmen and novice rowers during the spring season.

There are still opportunities for interested students to join this year's crew team. Experience is not a factor—anyone can join TJ Crew—most who join have never rowed before. A crew boosters all-family meeting will be held for students and parents of experienced and new rowers on Tuesday, February 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the TJ Cafeteria. All students and parents are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, stop by a winter training practice or 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 check out our team web site at <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).

Chorus/Choir Boosters

Into the Woods, the first-ever musical produced by TJ Choir, ran on December 14 and 15. Kudos to Luke Frels, the cast, orchestra and crew for an amazing production. Our student directors **Lindsey Doane** and **Jesse Wong** (music)

effectively put our student talent to the test and the results were no less than spectacular. Many, many thanks to our booster parent volunteers who helped to make this production a success. Special thanks to Cindy Hann, without whose help we would have had a lot of hungry students on our hands! As always, we are grateful for the support of ALL of our Booster volunteers!



Into the Woods performance

Upcoming choir events include District Chorus to be held February 9-11. Upperclassmen will have the opportunity to audition for All-State Choir on February 13. The choir will be holding its Pre-Festival concert on March 25 in the TJ Auditorium. This year's Festival will be hosted by and held at TJ on March 29. Stay tuned for the call for some parent volunteers to help man the concession stand at this all-day event. Just a reminder that the dates for the choir's trip to Orlando are April 17-20. It will be here before you know it. Please check your email for information about final payment schedules and any updates.

Remember all parents are welcome to attend TJ Choral Booster Board meetings. We meet on the third Thursday of the month in the music wing. Your input is always welcome!

Orchestra Boosters

The inclement weather delay of the winter concert to December 11 in no way diminished the wonderful performance by both Orchestras. The highlight was the majestic Liszt Piano Concerto with **Jesse Wong** as the soloist. Many thanks as well to Thuy McMurray for her coordinating the

reception afterwards and her photo documentation of the evening's activities!



Jesse Wong, piano soloist, performs during the Winter Concert



Orchestra Winter Concert reception

By this time the students have enjoyed this year's edition of the Viennese Ball. It was a very hectic but enjoyable evening with the theme "Winter Wonderland." Watching TJ's young men and women waltzing around the floor to the strains of Strauss is a wonderful sight to behold. Many thanks go to Addie Chang, the parent coordinator of this event for the past three years, and also to all of the parents who were able to volunteer their time.

Next on the agenda will be All-State tryouts at JMU on February 23 for those Senior Regional Orchestra participants. Shortly thereafter will be our Festival Concert at TJ on Tuesday March 4, followed by the Festival Competition at Westfield HS on the weekend of March 7 and 8. Good luck!

If you are not receiving my occasional group emails, please contact me and I'll be pleased to add you to the list. Thanks as always for your

support of our Orchestras! Larry Jones ([lawrencemjones at aol.com](mailto:lawrencemjones@aol.com))

Theatre Boosters

The Shakespeare Troupe will present *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* on January 18-19 at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium. This popular Shakespeare comedy is directed by **Mikey Kim, Karthik Ravishankar** and **Robby Tracy**, and it will be the last stage production of the troupe this school year. You won't want to miss it!

The Drama Club will present its 21st Annual *Knight of One Axe* on February 1-2 at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium. Four one-act plays will be presented: *The Green Hill*, a David Ives play directed by **Jackie Fitzsimmons** and **Danielle Meeker**, *For Whom the Bell Tolls*, written by Christopher Durang and directed by **Arianna Geneson** and **Ali Ruth**, *No Exit* by Jean-Paul Sartre and directed by **Meg Harries** and **Lauren Hoy**, and *For Thine Own Good*, an original play by TJ senior **John Goodwin** and directed by **John Goodwin** and **James Mannion**. A ticket order form is attached to this newsletter.

Auditions for the Drama Club's upcoming spring Cappie production of *Macbeth* will be held February 11-12, and the show dates are April 11-12 at 7 p.m. Students interested in auditioning for the performance or working on crew should check the Drama bulletin board or see Mr. Vincent Pollet, the drama club sponsor.

Announcements and Information

VDOT Presentation, January 15-16

VDOT will be coming to TJ on January 15 and 16 during all Health, Driver Ed and PE periods for sophomores. All parents are welcome to attend.

VDOT will be presenting their award winning Crash Course Program in the Auditorium. Please be advised that a portion of the program that was put together by the Virginia State Police will have some very graphic images of recent fatal and nonfatal vehicle crashes involving Northern Virginia teenagers. Be assured that the graphic portion is not to scare, but to let teens see what can happen

and why safe driving is so very crucial to their well being. Any parent who would like to opt-out their son or daughter may do so. Please send in a note or email their PE or Driver's Ed teacher.

Cyber Summit, January 29

The Safe Community Coalition's 2nd Annual Cyber Summit on Cyberethics, Cyberbullying, Cybersecurity, will be held on Tuesday, January 29, 2008, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean, VA 22101. Lori Nathan from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Davina Pruitt from U of Md Tech Education & Outreach, and Elizabeth Lodal are the speakers. Pre-register at http://www.safecommunitycoalition.net/up_events.php Program is FREE. For more information, contact Judi Nardella Hershman, SCC President at [safecommunitycoalition.net](http://www.safecommunitycoalition.net).

Summer Enrichment Camp Fair

This year's Summer Enrichment Camp Fair will take place at Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna, on Wednesday, January 30, from 7:30-9 p.m. The fair will feature camps for elementary, middle, and high school students that offer enrichment programs in math, science, technology, and the performing arts, including the JHU-Center for Talented Youth, Nysmith, Vern Williams' Math Enrichment Services, Lynn Salvo's MathTree, Best Academy, Traveling Players (drama), Science Camp Watonka, Fairfax Collegiate (tech), TIC (Technology is Cool) Camp, and the Levine School of Music. The fair is free and open to the general

public. For more information, call Louise Epstein at 703-917-7960.

Science and Engineering Fair

The **2008 TJ Science and Engineering Fair** will be held in the cafeteria on **Saturday, February 9**, with a snow date of February 16. The fair is closed to visitors during judging which will take place from 9 a.m. until noon. The public is invited to view the projects beginning at 1 pm. An awards ceremony is scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

Judges Needed - A few more judges are needed in the following categories: **Biochemistry, Plant Sciences, Environmental Science, and Microbiology**. If you are willing to judge one of these categories, or know someone who would be interested, please contact **Jane.Curtis** at [fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu).

The TJ fair is the first step on the road to the **International Science and Engineering Fair in Atlanta, GA, May 11-17**. Students may win first, second, third and honorable mention awards at the TJ Fair. A limited number of participants will be recommended to go on to the Regional Science and Engineering Fair at Robinson Secondary, March 28-30. Regional Fair prizes include scholarships, bonds, subscriptions and invitations to area events that are relevant to the project category. Winners of Grand Prize awards at the Regional Fair will be invited to go to the International Fair with all expenses paid. The TJ fair follows the rules of the International Science and Engineering Fair and requires the same forms. A student handbook and document library are available at <http://www.sciserv.org/isef/>.



Noteworthy Dates

January		February	
1	Winter Vacation -- last day	1-2	Drama Club, <i>Knight of One Axe</i> , 7 p.m., Auditorium
2	Newsletter Submission Deadline	5	Band Boosters Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Principal's Conf. Rm.
3	Government Relations Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Rm. 106	5	ANGP Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Career Center
4	Orchestra Boosters Viennese Ball, 7-10 p.m., Cafeteria	5	Curriculum Night for Parents, 7:30 p.m., Cafeteria
8	ANGP Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Rm. 106	6	Curriculum Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Career Center
8	Diversity Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Career Center	7	Government Relations Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Rm. 106
9	Human Relations Committee Meeting, 4 p.m., Career Center	9	Science & Engineering Fair, public viewing 1 p.m., awards 2:30 p.m., Cafeteria
9	Curriculum Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Career Center	11	PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Library
9	Money for College, 7:30 p.m., Lecture Hall	12	Cultural Liaisons Parent Meeting, 5 p.m., Rm. 214
11	Ice Skating, Class of 2009, Reston Town Center	12	Diversity Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Career Center
11	Blackout Dance, Class of 2010, 8-11:15 P.M.	12	Crew Family Interest Night, 7:30 p.m., Cafeteria
14	Principal's Coffee and PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Cafeteria	13	Human Relations Committee Meeting, 4 p.m., Career Center
16	Parent to Parent Panel: College Application, 7:30 p.m., Cafeteria	18	George Washington's Birthday Holiday
18-19	Shakespeare Troupe, <i>Two Gentlemen of Verona</i> , 7 p.m., Auditorium	21	Student Services Advisory Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Library
21	Martin Luther King's Birthday Holiday	25	Newsletter Submission Deadline
25 & 28	Student Holidays	March	
28	Newsletter Submission Deadline	4	Band Boosters Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Principal's Conf. Rm.
		4	Orchestra Festival Concert
		8	TJ Band Boosters Winter Showcase, Winter Guard and Drum Line units, Gym I
		9	Parent-to-Parent Partnership Phonathon, 3 to 5:30 p.m.
		25	Choir Pre-Festival Concert, Auditorium

Prepaid Ticket Order Form

TJ Drama Club Presents:
“A Knight of One Axe”

Performance	# Tickets Requested	# Tickets times \$ 5 per ticket.
Friday, Feb. 1, 2008 7 PM		
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Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology
All Night Grad Party – Ticket Order Form
Saturday, June 14, 2008
(Following the Graduation Ceremony)

PLEASE COMPLETE FULLY AND PRINT CLEARLY

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parent's email: _____

TICKET PRICE \$ 100 _____

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

Additional Tax Deductible Donation
\$ _____

(Because ticket prices do not cover the cost of the party, additional donations are greatly appreciated!)

Total \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to "TJHSST PTSA-ANGP". 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.

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Karen O'Connor
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Chantilly, VA
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Ticket Questions? Contact Karen O'Connor
703-631-4716; email: kloumom@gmail.com

Visit our website for more information:
<http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/angp.htm>

This form, including the **emergency information**, must be completed by Parent/Guardian and received by the Committee by **June 1st, 2008**

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

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Kids from grade 1 to 8 should sign up by February 1st
Please visit the following website for more information and registration:

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Check List

- Principal's Coffee and PTSA Executive Board Meeting – January 14,
- Parent to Parent Panel – January 16
- Two Gentlemen of Verona* – January 18-19
- MLK Holiday – January 21; Student Holidays – January 25 & 28