

Principal's Letter

Dear parents/guardians, teachers, and students,

We celebrate the close of our school year with festivities and ceremonies to honor our students' accomplishments. It is a great joy to see the smiles, tears, and hugs at these events, symbolizing a hard earned journey that now leads to a gateway of opportunity. Our students have even earned a gift from the School Board by ending the school year two days early on June 13!

Summer approaches us with two months of vacation for our students and parents often inquire about good summer activities for them. Should they be academically focused? What can they gain in the summer that is not available to them during the school year? Below are some of my recommendations.

1. Ask your child what he or she needs this summer.

Some students may say they need an extra academic credit from the summer school session so they can take more electives at TJ, and some students may say they need to relax by the pool. After an intense academic year with limited academic choices, I feel students should have the greatest flexibility in choosing their activities over the summer when possible.

2. Pursue a unique opportunity new to the student.

The TJ College and Career Center has bulletin boards and databases of local internships, government mentorship programs, volunteer opportunities, and summer camps around the country. If you have something in mind, students and parents can contact the source directly and ask if an opportunity is possible. It never hurts to ask!

3. Do something really fun outside of school.

Most of us at TJ would say learning is fun and taking summer school is part of that fun. I think being principal is fun, but I also pursue other enjoyable activities, like traveling, spending time with my family, attending sports events, reading new books, and hiking. I make an effort to do all of these things to give my life a greater sense of balance so I can feel recharged for the new school year.

The last summer recommendation is to read the all-school One Book reading, *Cradle to Cradle*, for discussion and activities in the fall. I hope you read it in a hammock with a glass of lemonade at your side.

My wish this summer is for students to take time to decompress from the stresses of the year and then pursue activities that broaden their world view and bring balance to their lives. If you have more summer activity ideas for students, please share them with me at [Evan.Glazer at fcps.edu](mailto:Evan.Glazer@fcps.edu) or 703-750-8306. Have an enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

Evan Glazer, Principal

NEW Last Day of School:

June 13!!

(Yes, it's Friday!)

The Fairfax County School Board has voted to reduce the 2007-08 standard school year calendar by two days, making Friday, June 13, the last day of school for most Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students, including those at TJ. This decision was made because FCPS did not use all of the inclement weather days this year.

President's Message

As we wrap up the year, it's good to take a mental overview of what we were able to accomplish as a community and what to look forward to in the upcoming year. The multi-county TJ community makes for unique school dynamics and varying needs. Our needs most often extend beyond the regular school hours and even beyond the current school year. We have certainly been fortunate to capture the interest of many of our dedicated volunteers, from the students to the parents to the faculty. Our many thanks to all of those that volunteered their time and expertise to advocate on behalf of the TJ community on issues like the FCPS budget, transportation, and the calendar. Our special thanks go to the many of our on-site volunteers that helped year round with our facilities needs, newsletter, JLC, after school hours library duty, front desk, 8th period, science fair, cultural liaison - the list goes on and on...

Some of the great long-term efforts that were made over the past few years have come to fruition this year. As Dr. Glazer said, "The overall state Governor School budget increased over 200 dollars per student (before county composite adjustments for economic welfare). One of the best parts is that TJ's cap has been raised to 1,600 students starting in FY 2010. Given the depressing economic conditions in the state, the communication with state legislators, and ongoing presence in Richmond has made a big difference over the last few years." Our sincere gratitude to our past TJ leadership groups, the TJ students, and the Government liaison committee. It goes without saying we are grateful for the leadership and diligence of Dr. Glazer who has made numerous trips to Richmond for TJ's sake in "his spare time."

The PTSA is aware that some of our students will be taking summer school. With the rise of gas prices, we encourage the TJ community to contact their respective Cluster or County representatives to check on carpool possibilities. Additionally, the school's Guidance office normally prints out the names and zip codes of the summer students; please refer to that list. During the summer a small group of recently admitted students will join the TJ community. We encourage that group to complete their Directory sign up and contact their representatives. Additionally, they can refer to our PTSA website to check on updates for

neighborhood Gatherings or Socials at: <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/>. We are hopeful that current parents will lend them a helping hand as they make their last minute transition.

In August we will need as many volunteers as possible to come to TJ and help stuff the summer packets. The packets will contain information from the various groups around TJ. For more details please contact the volunteer coordinators, Jill and Rajni at: [tjvolunteers at gmail.com](mailto:tjvolunteers@gmail.com).

The last general PTSA meeting for the year is on June 9, 2008. At the meeting we plan to ask for members to vote on a proposed reallocation of excess funds. We will also hold our general elections for next year's PTSA officers (see boxed item at the end of this column).

We were recently informed that due to budget cuts that our students will need to purchase their own TJ school planners. The planners will cost \$4.00 each. We would like to propose that the PTSA pays for the planners for the upcoming year. However, the PTSA does not have a specific line item to cover this request. We do have excess funds that can be reallocated to cover the planners. At the June general meeting we have the opportunity to approve the PTSA use of its excess funds to buy the planners for the students.

As for the PTSA elections, all PTSA members who will be present at the June 9, 2008, general meeting, will be able to vote on next year's proposed slate of PTSA officers. Any additional nominations may be made from the floor. For more information on PTSA elections, please refer to <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/document/s/ptsa-bylaws-2003-June.pdf>.

At the meeting we will take the opportunity to reiterate our gratitude to our departing volunteers. As always we will have snacks and drinks waiting for our all attendees. We plan to end the meeting at 9 p.m.

To our graduating families soon to be the official alumni of the class of 2008, we hope you plan to keep in touch with the rest of the TJ community and send us updates occasionally. As you begin your journey to the various colleges and

universities, we hope you have a safe trip and an enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,
Nassmah Brooks
PTSA President

[Nassmah.Brooks at verizon.net](mailto:Nassmah.Brooks@verizon.net)

**PTSA June General Meeting
Monday, June 9, at 7:30 p.m.,
in the Library**

The PTSA membership will vote on the officers for next year. The slate of officers nominated to serve on the PTSA Executive Committee for the 2008-09 school year are:

- * President: **Liz Ross** (2007, 2009)
- * First Vice President: **John Pang** (2009)
- * Second Vice President: **Denise Bunting** (2011, 2012)
- * Treasurer: **Carrie Kilgore** (2010)
- * Recording Secretary: **Michele Pitler** (2003, 2009)
- * Corresponding Secretary: **Helen Lin** (2011)

Information about the nominees can be found at http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/documents/techcetera-2007-2008/Techcetera2008_May.pdf

Serving the TJ Community

ANGP

**“From Here to Infinity”
TJ’s All Night Grad Party
(ANGP) – Saturday, June 14,
following commencement
exercises**

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



Deadlines and Dates:

- **June 1:** Deadline for purchasing tickets to ANGP
- **June 2:** Deadline for submitting photos for the ANGP Baby Photo Contest
- **June 6 – 11:** Senior exams
- **June 6:** Prom at Westwood County Club, Vienna, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
- **June 10:** Baccalaureate at St. Mathews United Methodist Church, Annandale, at 7 p.m.
- **June 12:** Graduation rehearsal, Gym 1 at 1 p.m. followed by Senior Picnic at Lake Accotink Park until 5 p.m.
- **June 14:** Graduation at the Patriot Center, George Mason University at 7:30 p.m., followed by ANGP at TJHSST until 5 a.m.

Graduates will be able to change into casual clothes at TJ, and there will be supervised rooms to safely store and retrieve belongings during ANGP.

ANGP Tickets: The deadline for purchasing tickets is **June 1**. **Tickets will NOT be sold at the door!** The \$115 ticket price covers everything; no money is required once inside. Ticket order forms are available in the Front Office; and on line at <http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty>. No student is denied a ticket due to financial hardship. If finances are a consideration, contact Karen O'Connor, Ticket Chair, at [kloumom at gmail.com](mailto:kloumom@gmail.com) or your student's guidance counselor.

ANGP Volunteers: Thank you, parents, for stepping forward and volunteering your time, talents and energy. We simply could not do this without your help. If you haven't signed up yet, it's not too late. There are two volunteer shifts to

provide coverage for the duration of TJ's ANGP (10 p.m. to 2 a.m., and 2 to 5:30 a.m.), and one early bird shift (5 to 8 a.m.) to put away decorations. **We need at least 90 more volunteers for ANGP:** 30 volunteers for the 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. shift, 50 volunteers for the 2 to 5:30 a.m. shift and 14 volunteers for the 5 to 8 a.m. shift. PLEASE contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Sue Anderson at [tjangp.volunteers at gmail.com](mailto:tjangp.volunteers@gmail.com) **ASAP to sign up**. Remember, only parents on the volunteer list will be admitted to the building!

Decorating Shifts:

- **June 13** (Friday), anytime from 4-10 p.m., to set up and decorate.
- **June 14** (Saturday) anytime from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., to set up and decorate.
- **June 14**, for one or both of the ANGP shifts: 10 p.m.–2 a.m., or 2–5:30 a.m.
- **June 15** (Sunday), from 5–8 a.m. to gather up decorations and put them away for the Class of 2009's ANGP.

Food Donations: For specific suggestions of food donations or questions on volunteering, please contact Linda Eisel at [lindaeisel at gmail.com](mailto:lindaeisel@gmail.com) (703-266-3369) or Henriette Kellum at [h.kellum at verizon.net](mailto:h.kellum@verizon.net) (703-538-2683). Non-perishable food items can be dropped off in the Front Office during the last week of school and on Friday, June 13 from 12 noon to 8 p.m. Drop off perishable items in the school cafeteria on Saturday, June 14, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 pm. If you can't donate food items, we greatly appreciate donations of gift cards to Giant, Safeway, Shoppers Food Warehouse, Costco, Papa Johns, Dominos, Quiznos, Subway, Wegmans, or Starbucks.

ANGP Baby Photo Contest: Graduates will be asked to match the baby photo to the current photo. Each senior (or parent) should supply a 4x6 baby photo (0–5 years old) and a wallet-size senior photo or recent photo. **Print the student's name on the back of each photo.** No originals please as photos will not be returned. Photos may be placed in the Baby Photo Box in the TJ Front Office or mailed to Sylvia Eubanks, The UPS Store, 11161-C1 South Lakes Drive, Reston, VA 20191. **Deadline for submitting photos is June 2.**

The **final ANGP meeting is Tuesday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m., in Room 106.** Information regarding ANGP is available at

<http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty>, or contact the ANGP Co-chairs, Bernadette and Ed Saperstein at [ptsa.angp08 at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.angp08@tjhsst.edu).



ANGP Committee

Student Services Corner

SGA

Even as the 2007-2008 school year is coming to a close, SGA has been as busy as ever completing various projects and finishing strong. As always, SGA has been in and out of old and new activities.

TJ Olympics, a two week-long series of fun competitions ranging from Quidditch to tennis, took place during lunches and 8th periods from March 3-14. The new event drew lots of participation and enthusiasm from TJ students, faculty, and the foreign language department.

On Saturday, April 5, SGA hosted TJ's first leadership conference for middle school students selected from Fairfax County public middle schools. TJ student leaders held workshops and seminars focusing on various aspects of leadership as well as other fun activities such as icebreakers. The leadership conference was a success!

On April 23 SGA announced the winner of the 2008 Richard Slivoskey 8th Period Grant: the \$1,000 check went to the Syslab (or Computer Systems Lab).

In addition, SGA hosted SGA officer/SAC representative elections for the 2008-2009 year. SGA/SAC candidate speeches were aired on April 28 during TA, and the SGA officers and SAC reps for the 2008-2009 year were announced on Friday, May 2. The results of the election are as follows:

2008-2009 Student Government Association (SGA) officers:

- ❖ President: **Molly Patterson**
- ❖ Vice President: **Mikey Kim**
- ❖ Secretary: **Mary Kim**

❖ Treasurer: **Alice Chae**

SAC:

- ❖ **Megan Jang**
- ❖ **Adil Dittmer**
- ❖ **Meghan Kelly**
- ❖ **Sumit Malik**

SGA sponsored J-Day on Friday, May 30 -- an in school half-day for all TJ students to relax and have fun for a day as well as an opportunity for various TJ clubs to fundraise or showcase their talents. Activities included sponge wars and eating LOTS OF FOOD. The J-Day Basketball Tournament was concluded. Along with the festivities of J-Day, SGA held a canned food drive.

SGA is also hosting the Class Government officer elections. Class election speeches will be delivered/aired on Monday, June 2, and the new incoming officers will be announced on Friday, June 6. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact SGA President John Goodwin at [jgoodwin18 at gmail.com](mailto:jgoodwin18@gmail.com) or SGA sponsor Melissa Schoeplein at [Melissa.Schoeplein at fcps.edu](mailto:Melissa.Schoeplein@fcps.edu).

Guidelines

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

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

Academic News

Russian News

There will be a **Russian Party after school on June 5**. Remember to bring in the food/supplies that you signed up for. An Odyssey of the Mind Team from Russia will be at our party so plan to attend and meet the team that traveled from Central Russia to the University of Maryland to compete in the World Finals!

Russian Podcasting will soon be available! Check out the TJ Pod casting Website soon: <http://academics.tjhsst.edu/forlang/pod/> to listen to our AP student conducted interviews with local Russian speakers and the beginning of our

Student to Student video/picture/language pod cast series from the Russian 2 class.

In the fall, **Jessica Tyler** will share her adventures from the Russian Governor's Academy. Jessica will have the opportunity to advance her skills in Russian Language study as well as enjoy classes in history, literature, and art.

We look forward to hearing from **Bronwyn Koehl** after she returns from the International Russian Language Olympiada where she will compete against students of Russian from many countries around the world. Bronwyn's speaking skills will be tested in conversation, history, geography, literature, poetry, music, and art. Bronwyn's reading and writing skills will also be put to the test as she tries to bring home a medal for the United States!

Russian Honor Society, SLAVA, elections were held on May 16. The new officers are: **Co-Presidents, Jessica Tyler** and **Ashley Lewis**; **Treasurer, Alex Simon**; **Co-Historians, Bobbie Pelham-Webb** and **Amy Mapes**; **Secretary, Katie Neitzke**; **Communications Officer, Sarah Schmoltner**. Congratulations to all of the new officers. Last, but not least, a huge thank you goes to the current officers who did such a great job leading the organization this year.

Have a good summer!

Class News

2008 – Seniors

Hello and goodbye! Sadly enough, this will be the Class of 2008's last issue of Techcetera.

1. **Senior Picnic** will take place on **Thursday, June 12, at Lake Accotink Park**. We will be heading to Senior Picnic straight from graduation rehearsal at school from **1-3 p.m.** Please make sure to **carpool** because there are limited parking spaces available at Lake Accotink. There will be food (hot dogs and Popeye's are the main dishes), paddle boating, mini golf, sports, and a general fun time. Bring sports equipment like Frisbees, volleyballs, footballs, and soccer balls! We will have sign ups sheets on the bulletin board for

bringing baked goods, and things of that sort, so look out and **please sign up to donate food.**

2. **Prom** will take place on **Friday, June 6**, at **Westwood Country Club** in Vienna. The theme is "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and your prom chairs have been hard at work for an entire year to make this event a success. If you're bringing anyone that is not a TJ senior, hopefully you have already gotten a form from the folder on the bulletin board and returned it to Mr. Sacks with a check for \$65 made out to TJHSST.
3. If you have not yet picked up your **Graduation announcements**, they can be found in **Mr. Sacks' room (225) for pick-up.**

Thank you, parents, for your unwavering support over the past 3-4 years. We are all extremely appreciative and owe our successes to your willingness to help. It has been a long road, but looking back now—it seems as if time has flown. Thank you to the chaperones at our soc hops, at the Freshman Lock-In, Sophomore Silent Auction, Six Flags field trip, Junior Camp-Out, Senior Picnic, and last, but not least, our All Night Grad Party. Thank you, thank you, thank you! You're time is invaluable.

As 2008 parent liaison for the last three years, I would like to close with a few words. I will truly miss working with such a talented and dedicated group of students as the Class of 2008 officers and committee chairs. I will also miss working with the wonderful parents who have brought so much to the TJ school community. Additionally, I cannot end without adding a huge Thank You to Aaron Sacks for his time commitment and dedication to the class of 2008. I wish all of you the best as you begin your life journey.

Robin Wilson

2009 – Juniors

HUM Field Trip: On Monday, May 19, the entire junior class took a trip downtown to Washington,

D.C. Grouped by HUMs, students got a chance to see what they have been learning and reading about in class come alive by visiting various sites. These included the Korean War Memorial, Vietnam War Memorial, Lincoln Monument, Corcoran Gallery of Art, National Portrait Gallery in the American Art Museum, and the American Indian Museum. It was a great day for all.

Junior Campout: The junior camp out will take place on **Friday, May 30 – starting at 7 p.m. and ending at 7 a.m. on Saturday, May 31.**

This whole class event is a 12 hour campout on the football field at Jefferson. The night will be filled with various fun activities such as a bonfire, soccer tournament, and a soc hop.

Reminder of items to bring!

- 🚩 Tent (campers can pre-arrange to share)
- 🚩 sleeping bag, pillow, blankets
- 🚩 flashlight
- 🚩 lots of warm clothes – it gets very cold at night
- 🚩 rain gear – in case it rains
- 🚩 athletic shoes

Students are assigned to **bring in food for the campout** based on the period in which you take Physics.

- 🚩 1st - soda and sport drinks
- 🚩 2nd and 3rd - water
- 🚩 4th - bagged snacks (pretzels, chips)
- 🚩 5th - cookies, brownies, desserts
- 🚩 6th - bagels and cream cheese
- 🚩 7th - fruits and vegetables

Please **bring food and drinks to Trailer 9** on the day of the event.

It will be a fun time for the class of 2009.

2010 – Sophomores

Even after our success with the Sophomore Auction, the Class of 2010 has been going full speed ahead with fundraising and class bonding! In May, we hosted an ice cream social for the sophomores. This was a great opportunity for the officers to update the class on what's been going on this year and let them know about our general plans for next year. We also planned a class trip at

the end of the May to Kings Dominion! The sophomores had a ton of fun, and it was a great way to relax after APs and SOLs and let loose before the end of the school year. On June 13, there will be one final class event to cap off the year: Sophomore Splash. This outdoors get-together will include food and water activities, so it's sure to be a blast.



Jewelry Models and Runners at the Auction: **Connor Cotton, Anna Nikolova, Grace Merkin, Kamna Kathuria, and Alyssa Mendoza**

Our class definitely achieved a lot this year, and we'd just like to thank all of the parent volunteers who helped make it all happen. From Blackout to Sophomore Auction, we couldn't have done it without you. We hope we can continue to work together just as well next year so that we can leave TJ in two years with a fantastic prom, graduation and ANGP!

The 2007-08 Class Officers



Silent Auction

2011 - Freshmen

Our Freshman Lock In was undoubtedly a great success! All kids had a good time and were involved in several fun activities, which occupied them happily for the whole night. It was a pleasure for Eileen and me to meet many of the parent volunteers in person and we would like to thank you all for making the event such an enjoyable opportunity for everyone. It is days (and nights!) like that which motivate us both to continue our work next year and it is our hope to be able, with your help, to make our gatherings even better.

June 4 is the **IBET Symposium Day** (details on parents' attendance soon available). Summer school details have finally been published. Please check our PTSA web site for information.

As we are approaching this year's finishing line and our students are busy taking their exams, we wish all our families a safe and pleasant summer and we thank you again for the great support you offered!

Daniela Owen ([danielaowen at verizon.net](mailto:danielaowen@verizon.net)) and Eileen Swoboda ([eswoboda at gventerprises.net](mailto:eswoboda@gventerprises.net))

News Round-Up and Awards

Students

Six TJ Students Receive Category Awards at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair: The Society for Science and the Public, in partnership with the Intel Foundation, presented **Category Awards** at the **Intel International Science and Engineering Fair**. Student winners earned the right to compete by winning a grand prize at local, regional, state or national science fairs. At this forum were more than 1,550 young scientists from 51 countries, regions and territories showcasing their independent research.

TJ students were competing against the best and the brightest and their award recognitions are highly esteemed considering the majority of entrants in this fair.

Please congratulate the following winners:

Sappho Zoe Gilbert -- International Third Place Award in the Medicine and Health Sciences Category *Survivin Correlates with Prognosis and Inhibits Drug-induced Apoptosis in Ewing Sarcoma Family Tumors* (ME087)

Sumit Malik, Joy Lee, and Phillip Grisdela -- International Third Place Award in the Team Category *Optimization of Sustained Power Generation in Marine Sediment Microbial Photovoltaic Cells* (EV327)

William Brewton McGrath -- International Third Place Award in the Electrical & Mechanical Engineering Category *Practical Motion Capture for Mixed-Reality Applications* (EE044)

Alexander Kim -- International Fourth Place Award in the Animal Sciences Category *Biocontrol Potential of Five Freshwater Decapods for a Polyspecific Trematode Vector Snail (Thiaridae: Melanoides tuberculata)* (AS046)

Complete results are at:
<http://www.societyforscience.org/isef/results/grnd2008.pdf>

Eagle Scout Award: Christopher Atwood, class of 2008, will be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout from Boy Scout Troop 918 and will receive his Eagle Scout badge at a Court of Honor to be held on July 11, 2008, at Truro Church's Chapel in Fairfax, Virginia.

Chris's Eagle Scout Service Project was sponsored by Truro Church and involved restoring a multifunctional outbuilding/cottage located on Truro Church property on Chain Bridge Road in Fairfax, Virginia, during two weekends in July, 2007.

Fifteen TJ Students Take 5th Place and Win Spirit Award in State Frisbee Competition: Over the weekend of May 17-18, 15 TJ students participated in the Virginia High School Ultimate State Championships. Comprised exclusively of TJ students, the Chimaeras (team name) took fifth place and won the prestigious Spirit Award, a trophy larger than the first-place trophy, which is given to the team that best exemplifies the Spirit of the Game.



Second Row (L-R): **Coach Matt Lashof-Regas** (2005 TJ Graduate), **James Mannion, Brett Anders, Kevin Deisz, Zach Mott, Robin Lashof-Regas, Josiah Boning, Liban Mohamed, Sean Cruz** First Row: **Kenneth Lee, Lydia Wang, Eva Szymanski, Kyle Markwalter, Salini Hota, Justin Wang, Jeremy Vercillo**

Dugout Canoe Donation: On Memorial Day Weekend, the dugout canoe built last year by two classes of TJ 10th graders using traditional methods will be donated to the Upper Mattaponi tribe of Virginia in a ceremony at their annual pow-wow. Supported by The Ian Caldwell and Dustin Thomason Fund for Excellence in Drama, Foreign Language, and Humanities, the Humanities classes of Bain/Rosenfeld and Gecan/Waterfall worked with the Alexandria Seaport Foundation on the grounds of historic Mount Vernon Estate. The canoe was on display last summer at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival.

TJHSST Partnership Fund

As the Class of 2008 prepares for graduation, it is appropriate to honor TJ faculty and staff. Senior parents are encouraged to make a donation in honor of the educators and support staff who have helped to "raise" such a remarkable class of young men and women. Teachers and staff honored will receive a special Jefferson Partnership Fund certificate at graduation time. "In Honor Of" recognition forms were mailed to senior parents last month. **Contact the Partnership Fund office at 703-750-8317** if additional forms are needed.

The **Jefferson Partnership Fund will host its first Annual Awards reception on May 29** to recognize the Partnership's major corporate and individual donors. One of the lessons learned over

the last few years is the importance of saying "thank-you" to those who invest in TJ. Several companies and individuals have generously stepped forward to underwrite the event.

Congratulations to the Class of 2012! We look forward to welcoming freshman families to the TJ community at Back-to-School-Night in September. In the meantime, please look for information about the Jefferson Partnership Fund in the August Back-to-School packets. Parents are the backbone of the Partnership Fund, a 501(c)(3) public charity. Parental support and involvement are critical to accomplishing the mission of the school. Taxpayer dollars do not cover the full cost of TJ's unique education. Parent and corporate gifts help to make up the short-fall each year.

Do you work for Aerospace Corporation or General Dynamics or know someone who does? If so, please contact Partnership Fund Director of Corporate and Community Outreach, Gary Bottorff, at [Gary.Bottorff at fcps.edu](mailto:Gary.Bottorff@fcps.edu) or parent Nancy Carter at [nacarter at earthlink.net](http://nacarter@earthlink.net). Creating relationships with the area's leading companies is an important part of the Partnership's Funds strategic outreach efforts.

Last but not least: a warm thank-you to the Partnership Fund's wonderful parent volunteers who donated hundreds of hours to raising funds and friends this year.

TJHSST Boosters

Academic Boosters

Botball: TJ sent two teams to the DC Regional Botball Robotics tournament. One team came in 5th place out of 48 teams. The other team won a Judge's Choice award. The members of the **5th place team** are: **Kelsey Dressing, David Ensey, Joel Heck, Jake Hermle, David Mazzocco, Bharat Ponnaluri, Patrick Stalcup, and Jeremy Vercillo**. The **Judge's Choice team members** are: **Eric Kolker, Asa Kusuma, Jama Mohammed, Mac Stephens, Brandon Vargo, Julian Warchall, and Jacob Welsh**.

Computer Teams: Thirty-one students competed in the USACO U.S. Open. Full results are at <http://ace.delos.com/OPEN08results>. In the Gold Division, **Haitao Mao** was second in the

country, **Jacob Steinhardt** was sixth, and **Stephen Drodge** ninth. In the Silver Division, **Ryan Brewster** was second in the country. In the Bronze Division, **Patrick Elliott** was first in the country. **Haitao, Jacob, and Brian Hamrick** have been invited to the USACO Camp where they'll compete for one of four spots on the U.S. Team for the International Olympiad.

It's Academic -- TJ wins Knowledge Master Open: TJ's *It's Academic* team won the Spring Knowledge Master Open (KMO), a national high school academic competition, on April 23. Jefferson answered 196 of 200 questions correctly, scoring 40 points more than the next highest school, and beat over 700 teams for its fifteenth 1st-place finish since the contest's inception. Congratulations to **Tom Smilack, Keshav Pillai, Jacob Kohn, Phil Graves, Felix Zhang, Naren Tallapragada, Thalia Aoki, Lily Pham, Harry White, Nina Garcia, and Olivia Murton**.

TJ's It's Academic finishes second at VCU tournament: TJ's *It's Academic* sent three teams to VCU's Season Finale tournament on May 3. TJ A, consisting of **Phil Graves, Mohit Iyyer, Keshav Pillai, and Harry White**, went undefeated in the preliminaries, ending the day with a 2nd place finish despite missing one starter. An undermanned 2-person TJ B, consisting of **Felix Zhang and Bali Gupta**, went 4-2 in the preliminaries, and finished in 6th place. TJ C, consisting of **Nish Parameswaran, Anh Dao, and Nicole Yu**, and also undermanned, went 1-5 in the preliminaries, and finished 2nd in the consolation bracket. **Phil Graves, Felix Zhang, and Mohit Iyyer** earned individual scoring prizes for being the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th highest scorers, respectively.

Math Team: Congratulations to **Brian Hamrick**, who qualified for the Math Olympiad Summer Program (a.k.a. MOP).

Odyssey of the Mind: Four teams advanced to the World Finals of the Odyssey of the Mind competition. The program offered five problems and our school has representatives to the World Finals in each problem since one team solved two problems.

- Seniors **Dustin Moore, Arjun Khanna** and **Jeff Chen** won first place in the vehicle problem. This team also won the highest

creativity award: **Ranatra Fusca** for the solution to their problem.

- Juniors **Tim Hu, Ryan Kim, Sue Liu, Jeanette Miranda, James Wiley, Vangie Xu,** and **So-Jung Youn** took second place in the technical problem.
- Seniors **Ioana Cristei, Nadir Ijaz, Michael Lowman, Tim Xu** and juniors **Molly Patterson** and **Daniel Emmons** won second place on the classics problem and the skit problem.
- Freshmen **Connor Barrett, Jackie Browning, Alla Herman, Janiel Li, Jonathan Phillips, Vy Ton,** and **Katherine Wang** won second place for the structure problem.

They will be presenting their solutions to the problems between June 1 and 3 at College Park, Maryland, along with other teams from all over the world.

Physics Team: TJ placed first in division 1 for our region, in the AAPT Physics Bowl. **Daniel Li** was the highest scoring student in the region. TJ will receive a \$125.00 in gift certificates and Daniel will receive a TI-30 XS calculator.

Band Boosters

All Night Grad Party - Donate Grocery/Food Cards and Gift Cards: Purchase gift cards from the Band Boosters; donate them to All Night Grad Party. See what's available at: <http://www.tjhsstband.org/FundRaiserPages/scrip-details.html>. Purchase at Spring Concert; or contact **kaycorey at cox.net**, fill-out form, mark "ANGP DONATION," include check to TJ Band Boosters, mail to Kay Corey, 8286 Tabor Ln., Fairfax Station, VA 22039. Cards delivered directly to ANGP.

Curricular Bands Spring Concert and Band Booster Meeting: The Spring Concert is scheduled for **Monday, June 2, at 7 p.m. in the TJ auditorium**. The Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Combined Intermediate Band will perform. Admission is free, but donations to support the TJ Band Programs are greatly appreciated. A short, but important Band Booster meeting will be held

during intermission. Please be present to vote for next year's officers and budget. Refreshments provided by band families will follow the performance.

American Youth Philharmonic and Symphony Orchestra Concert, Sunday, June 1, 3 p.m.: Many TJ students perform with these prestigious ensembles. Enjoy the talents of these skilled musicians; attend the Symphony Spectacular at George Mason University Center for the Arts. To order tickets: <http://www.aypo.org/events/concert-schedule.php>.

Class of 2012 License Plate Frames: Customized frames also available, only \$20. Contact **Sylvie at wrtc.org**, (703) 342-0215. See samples at <http://www.tjhsstband.org>.

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Class of 2012 Parents: We Need You! Many band boosters are graduating in June. New volunteers are needed now! Learn about TJ Bands: <http://www.tjhsstband.org>. Subscribe to Booster Yahoo group: [tjbandboosters-subscribe at yahogroups.com](http://tjbandboosters-subscribe.yahogroups.com). Mail charitable donation to TJHSST Band Boosters, c/o Huisuk Lineer, 4955 Gainsborough Dr., Fairfax, VA 22032.

Colonial Athletic Boosters

Girls Varsity Soccer: The Girls Soccer team had a solid season finishing in the middle of the District standings. They opened District play with a 2-0 win at Madison, with goals by **Allison Hegel** and **Stephanie Valarezo**. Hegel's scoring streak continued with another goal as the Colonials earned a 1-0 victory against McLean. The following week, Hegel and Valarezo both scored as TJ defeated South Lakes 2-1.

District play continued with a 3-0 loss at Stone Bridge. This disappointing loss was a sign of improvement under Coach Luis Gendive, as last year the team lost twice to Stone Bridge by lopsided scores. On Senior Night, Hegel scored 2 goals in a non-District 3-3 tie with Washington-Lee. A few days later, TJ lost 3-2 in the last twenty

seconds of overtime to Langley after an evenly matched game. The next day they played Marshall to a 0-0 tie. The last game of the regular season was a 7-1 loss to Woodson. **Kayley Sullivan** scored the lone TJ goal.

In the District playoffs, TJ lost 2-1 to McLean in an exciting game. This ended the first season under Coach Luis Gendive. Despite the loss in Districts, the women enjoyed playing for Coach Gendive and look forward to next season.

Tennis: The **Girls Tennis Team** had an outstanding season! They **WON the Liberty District** Championship and repeat as Northern Region Champions. **Natalie Kirchner** and **Nora Lam** also advance to the individual Regional tournament in doubles. They look forward to continued success in the post season.

The **Boys Tennis Team** **WON the Liberty District** but could not get past defending State champion Robinson in the Regional semi-finals. **Edwin Zhang** won the individual Liberty District Singles title.

JV Softball: Under the guidance of first-year coach and TJ alum, Lauren Wagner, and assistant coaches Meg Sandstrom and Joe Wagner, the JV Softball team finished with a 3-9-0 overall record. With over half the girls on the team new to the sport, they impressed the fans and opposing teams with their enthusiasm and never-give-up attitude. The new players were quick to learn the subtle rules of the game and everyone's batting, fielding, and teamwork improved over the season. With **Bethany Connor** pitching, the infield included **Allie Brouckman, Kelsey Henderson, Kaitlin Kressin, Em Maier, Jenny Mercado,** and **Jen Park.** **Sarah McManis** anchored the outfield and backed up at pitcher, and **Jean He, Lauren Kim, Vivian Lu, Grace Merkin, Darcey Pancoast,** and **Aria Sharma** rounded out the outfield. With these players as a core, great things are in store for the softball program at TJ in the years to come!

Boys JV Soccer: The JV Colonials ended their season quietly with a third - and final - cancellation against Yorktown. Sadly, the weather gods decided that they should not play Yorktown AT ALL! Although it was a disappointing way to end the season, it was a lot of fun to watch the boys grow together as a team. They had lots of talent on

a team split almost evenly between freshmen and sophomores, so there will be plenty of talent returning next year to build on this year's successes.

The final 3-4-4 record does not adequately reflect a season with many close, hard-fought battles, including a thrilling last-minute goal against Annandale, the bone-chilling "sponge bowl" game against Fairfax, a dramatic goal save against Stone Bridge, and a satisfying win over arch-rival Langley (avenging last year's loss).



Defender **Matt Lamb** (#21) clears the ball out of goal territory

Many thanks to Coach James Louis-Charles and the team manager, senior **Cayla Wallwork.** Congratulations to the JV Colonials!

Girls JV Soccer : The Girls JV Soccer Team wrapped up an outstanding season with an overall record of 4-6-2, which included 20 TJ goals scored, 21 opponent goals, and 4 shut-outs. Losses were relatively close: two of their losses were by one goal, and two games were by two goals. All goalkeepers, **Elizabeth Pina, Candice Kaplan,** and **Ranjani Sarma,** can boast shut-out performances, and were helped immensely by sweeper **Melissa Reardon.** High scorers on offense were **Simone Dallaire,** with 10 goals, **Kate Shipman** with 3, **Maren Leibowitz** with 2, **Janet Schirm** with 2, and 1 each by **Natalie Cauley, Kathryn Moore,** and **Lyndsey Wheeler.** All remaining teammates played tough defense and offense throughout the season: **Christina Choi, Claire Cooper, Amanda Cordray, Marie French, Jasteena Gill, April Hyon, Kyleigh Johnson, Alison Kosmacki, MC Larme, Ginny**

Lehman, Anna Mazur, Claudia Trigo, Nichole Yu, and Amy Yang. The future looks bright for the TJ Girls JV Soccer Team!

Varsity Baseball: The Varsity Baseball team completed their regular season against the Woodson Cavaliers. It was Senior Night and the accomplishments of the four senior co-captains, both on and off the field, were recognized: **Alex Radcliffe**, 2nd-Team All-District; **J.B. Vande Sand** and **Beau Pritchett**, Honorable Mention All-District; and **Tom Rudelius**. Next fall, J.B., Alex, and Beau will attend the University of Virginia and Tom will attend Cornell University.

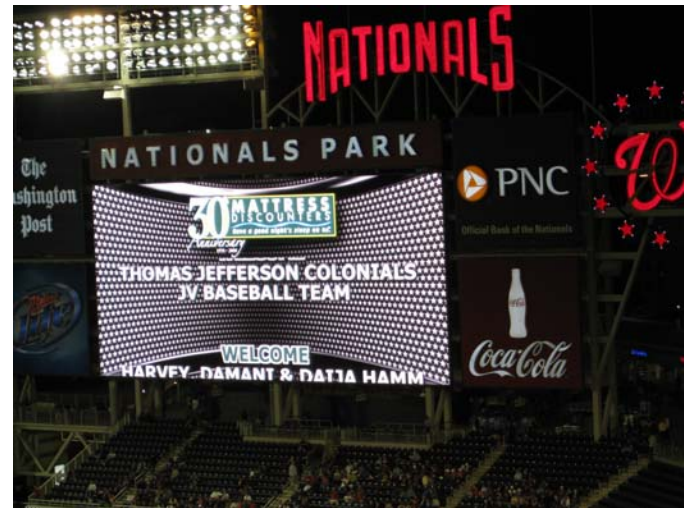
The Colonials had an overall record of 2-16, but hopes are high for next season with eight rising seniors including starters **Mason Freedman, Jeff Siebach, and Jon Wildes** as well as talented players **Jacob McAuliffe, Wes Stukenbroeker, Travis Triggs, Brian Tubergen, and Ryan Stumvoll**. Rising juniors **Alan Allworth**, the starting catcher and power hitter, who was out early this year with a season ending injury, and his replacement, **Matt Callahan** as well as **Kyle Gaarder** and **Chris Kilgore** will be big contributors. Rising sophomores **Tom Woodruff**, who played primarily at third base and shortstop this year, and **Patrick Still**, an impressive young pitcher, will play key roles next year.

A special thanks goes to Team Managers **Susanna Blauch** and **Roshan Alemi** for their hard work and support. Head Coach David Gardziel and Coaches Eric Williams and Josh Silver have their inaugural season behind them and the core players necessary to build a very successful Varsity baseball tradition at Thomas Jefferson.

JV Baseball: Under the tutelage of Adam Nelson and assistant, Jim Smith the team matured, improved and played some competitive baseball. The overall record of 4-9 included two heartbreaking extra-inning losses against district foes Langley and Marshall. Ending the season on a two game winning streak, the team's record was an improvement of two wins over the previous JV campaign.

The coaches exercised patience and remained positive while insisting that the team play sound fundamental baseball. The team improved and continued to minimize mistakes that cost them early in the season. The second Langley game

epitomized the gritty demeanor, determination and capabilities of the TJ players. Though the Colonials lost in nine innings to one of the District's top teams, they earned the respect of an opponent that had handled them easily earlier in the season.



With the team, parents, and coaches in attendance at a Nationals game, TJ JV Baseball is recognized on the Big Screen!

Sophomores **Kyle Applegate, Kurtis Carlock, Robby Culhane, Steven Howard, Tom Irwin, Danny Lehnert, Jimmy O'Hara, Nick Perez** and **Ben Swanson** provided some good baseball. Freshmen **Michael Gurlitz, Peter Hansen, Ashneil Jain, Sean Long, Michael Monte, Will Pyrak, and Jason Schwartz** provided high energy and some timely hitting and speed on the base paths. **Patrick Hill** and **Matt Callahan** started on JV and were pulled up to Varsity during the season. The team manager was **Daniel Kang**.

The team concluded its season with an outing to Nationals Park. It was a great night to share time and enjoy baseball!

Boys JV Lacrosse: The Boys JV Lacrosse Team wrapped up the spring 2008 campaign with a tie against Marshall HS and a hard fought loss to perennial power Langley HS. They finished the season with an overall record of 3-6-1 and a well founded reputation as a hard hitting, well disciplined, and aggressive lacrosse team.

Playing Attack this season was **Eran Brown, Sungwon Byun, Drew Hayes, and Dev Mehta**. Midfielders were **John Yun, Andrew Palmer, Adam Mounts, Matt Bloom, Will Mannon, Jason Miller, Matt Lycas, Kevin Lim, Max Keiff, Astin Housley (long-stick midfielder)**

Dylan Drake, Myles Cook, and Mendel Chen. Defenders were **Jake Brooks, Richard Garrett, Chris Joyce, Joe Latta, Christian Matthews, Dan Schlicht** and **Andrew Watson.** The goalie was **Quasar Wei.**

The team thanks Head Coach Joe Long and Assistant Coaches Keith Little and Cody Villella for their hard work and dedication to the players and the program. They have brought the team a long way this season and have well prepared them for success in the future. The team also thanks the parents, Athletic Boosters, the fans, and the volunteers for their support as we look forward to next year.

Girls Varsity Lacrosse: The Girls Varsity Lacrosse Team had an overall record of 10-5, finishing in **4th place in the Liberty District:** Our District continues to be one of the strongest in the state. Except for a first round loss in the District tournament, all losses were to teams in the "Virginia Top 20." Throughout the season the defense distinguished itself by allowing an average of only 6.7 goals per game.

Senior captain and midfielder **Katie Hempenius** led the team in goals (36) and draw controls (30) and was named 1st-Team All-District. Senior defender **Katie Sourbeer** earned 1st-Team All-District honors, scoring 7 goals and snagging 51 ground balls. 2nd-Team All-District junior captain and defender **Jenny Jones** collected 45 ground balls and caused 17 turnovers. 2nd-Team All-District sophomore **Amelia Gonzalez** led the team with 7 assists and scored 25 goals. Senior captain and midfielder **MC Anderson**, who scored 12 goals, was named Honorable Mention All-District. Senior captain and defender **Jessy Shelton** was named Honorable Mention All-District, scoring 4 goals and grabbing 22 ground balls. Honorable Mention All-District junior goalie **Yoomin Ahn** saved 74.4% of free position attempts and had a 44.1% overall save percentage. Also making significant contributions were sophomore defender **Krissy Brant** who captured 54 ground balls while causing 17 turnovers, and freshman **Catherine Zucker** with 6 assists, 25 draw controls, and 30 ground balls while causing 17 turnovers.

Track and Field: Our Track and Field athletes did a GREAT job at the Liberty District Championships! In the team competition, **TJ Boys tied Stone**

Bridge for 2nd place, behind South Lakes. **TJ Girls took 3rd place,** just 2 points behind Langley, with Stone Bridge taking 1st place.

All of the following TJ athletes earned individual Liberty District titles: **Brian Landry** (BOTH 1600m and 3200m) **Timmy Galvin** (800m), **Joe Baerenz** (Pole Vault), **Connor Fleming** (3200m) and **Neha Raparla** (300m hurdles).

The following athletes earned All-District honors (top 6 individual finish or top 3 in relay event) and will compete in the Northern Region Championships: **Alison Underwood** (3rd place 1600m), **Connor Fleming** (6th - 1600m), **Stephanie Marzen** (2nd - 3200m), **Lisa Junta** (4th - 3200m), **Ronit Malka** (5th - 800m), **Neha Raparla** (4th - 100m hurdles), **Ioana Cristei** (3rd - 300m hurdles AND 6th - 100m hurdles), **Minna Choi, Ronit Malka, Neha Raparla,** and **Ioana Cristei** (2nd - 4 X 400m relay), **Ronit Malka, Lisa Junta, Kelly Ivins-O'Keefe** and **Alison Underwood** (2nd - 4 X 800m relay), **Ayka Sugiura** (5th - pole vault), **Amanda Gilbert** (6th - pole vault), **Minna Choi** (4th - long jump), **Lauren Laffosse** (2nd - pole vault AND 5th - long jump AND 5th - triple jump), **Nicole Dallaire** (4th - triple jump), **Rebecca Corey** (6th - triple jump), **Evan Heflin** (2nd - BOTH 1600m AND 3200m), **Will McGrath** (6th - 1600m), **Aaron Bernstein** (3rd - 3200m), **Logan Gates** (6th - 800m), **Sy Rashid, Jacob Hanger, Robert Stephens and Timmy Galvin** (3rd - 4 X 400m), **Dan Markwalter** (6th - pole vault), **Arvind Rachamadugu** (3rd - BOTH long jump AND triple jump), and **John Anderson** (5th - discus).

Boys Varsity Lacrosse: The Boys Varsity Lacrosse Team, under Coach Alex Gorman, finished their season with a trip to Regionals, after defeating South Lakes in the District tournament. They ended the regular season 3-8, and ranked #16 in the Region. Against South Lakes, the Colonials were down 5-2 at halftime, but rallied to score 9 points and defeat the Seahawks 11-7. The comeback was lead by a stiff defense who gave up no goals in the third period and "killed" a two-man down situation at the end of the half. The offense was led by **Stefan Kowalski** with 4 goals and **Brian Ichter** with 3 goals in the comeback. In the first round of Regionals, the Colonials faced Annandale, the # 1 team in the Patriot District and ranked 6th in the Region. The Colonials put up a

great fight, tied at half time, and a strong lead going into the fourth quarter. Annandale rallied late in the game to move on in the Regional tournament.

All-District honors went to: 1st Team: **Stefan Kowalski** (middle); 2nd Team: **Karl Leswing** (attack), **Andrew Lutes** (goalie) and **Will Toothman** (defense). **Stefan Kowalski** was named 1st-Team All-Region as a middle.

We wish our seniors the best of luck: Thanks to **James Brameyer, Patrick Coleman, Grant Hannigan, Brian Ichter, Ivan Lee, Karl Leswing, Andrew Lutes, Michael Malinowski,** and **Paul Nunez,** and team managers, **Anne Rohfing** and **Rachel Cackler** for being part of the Jefferson Lacrosse program! Thanks to Coach Gorman, Condon, Nguyen, Munger, and Flannery and the parents for their support this season.

Girls Varsity Softball: Under the leadership of former professional hockey player, Brian Fleury, and assisted by his father, Ray Fleury, the Colonials had their best start in 15 years with a 5-3 record. The highlight of the season was a stunning victory over perennial District champion Stone Bridge. Suffering a number of injuries however, the team could not keep up that pace and finished with an overall record of 8-15. TJ lost to McLean in the first round of District tournament play.

On Senior Night, the team recognized the accomplishments of their three co-captains: Catcher **Amy Plunk** (Honorable Mention All-District) will attend Mount Holyoke College, right fielder **Kate Phillips** will attend MIT, and first baseman **Kate Cooper** will attend UVA.

Returning next year are rising seniors **Toby Loewenstein** (Honorable Mention All-District) and **Sally Bornbusch**. Also returning is 1st-Team All-District sophomore pitcher **Meghan Mutchler** who led the team with a .345 batting average and a 2.241 pitching record. Freshman starter **Barbara Lantz** was named Honorable Mention All District. Other key sophomore starters include **Hope Smith** (shortstop) and **Sydney Schrider** (2nd base). Sophomores **Ariel Deutsch** and **Emily Schultz** shared play at left field and Emily also pitched in several key games. Sophomore **Mandy Rohrer** and freshman **Kelsey Henderson** rounded out the 2008 Varsity Team.

Girls JV Lacrosse: The Girls JV Lacrosse Team finished up a great season! The team consisted of returning and new players: **Pavi Anand, Laura Barnes, Sarah Catlow, Alice Chae, Brittany Chinn, Lauren Corbett, Sherry Dai, Cindy Han, Zoe Hoffman, Lauren Houck, Megan Jang, Rosa Kang, Jamie Kim, Ho Jae Lee, Sabrina Mohamed, Sarah Morell, Lan-Vy Ngo, Amanda O'Malley, Priya Patel, Kelly Rogers, Victoria Sadaat, Kaitlin Savage, Nadine Skaff, Aileen Wang, Grace Wang, Kelly Yoo, Andrea Yun, Linda Zhang,** and **Ellen Zhong**. The girls improved and bonded together throughout the year and ended the season winning 3 of their last 4 games, against Stone Bridge, South Lakes and Marshall. They also tied McLean earlier in the year and played a close game against Langley, which they lost by 1 goal. The team thanks Coach Betty Hassett and captains Megan, Alice and Laura for such great leadership this year!!

Crew Boosters

TJ Rows to Victory at the Virginia State Championship, Wins a Medal at the Stotesbury Cup Regatta: TJ Crew is finishing up another successful season with several medals at the Virginia State Championship Regatta, and a strong performance at Stotesbury Cup Regatta.

On May 16-17, the team traveled to Philadelphia to participate in the oldest and largest high school regatta in the world, the Stotesbury Cup. This regatta attracts more the 180 schools with over 900 boats. Many of the entries were from private or preparatory schools that place a high priority on their rowing programs. Undaunted by the cold and pouring rain, more than 5,000 rowers and their many supporters crowded the shore of the Schuylkill River. Although the majority of these 900 boats are eliminated in the event's time trials, **TJ's Men's and Women's 1st, 2nd, and Junior Eights all advanced to the semifinals.**

On Saturday, the sun broke out but, unfortunately for TJ, so did strong headwinds which favored the heavier boats. The men's varsity team, which had graduated all of last year's Stotesbury Cup winning seniors, just missed making the finals as did the Men's 2nd. **The Men's Junior 8 made the finals** in their division for the first time in the team's history. **TJ's Women's 2nd 8**, which last year won

gold, was **the only Northern Virginia team to medal this year, by bringing home silver**, losing to Mount St. Joseph's in the final.



Women's 2nd Eight Receiving Medals: Pictured Left to Right: **Amelia Friedman, Ami Jo, Stephanie Snoich, Erin Haas, Danielle Meeker, Blake Reed, Natalie Lubson, and Kelley Kirshner** (coxswain not pictured: **Caroline McCallister**)

This week, Jefferson traveled to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where they faced many of the same teams in a bid to defend their 2007 championship title at the Scholastic Rowing Association of America Nationals. Crews from as far away as Canada, New England, and Florida came to compete against the best in the country. TJ has always done very well at SRAA's. Last year our Women's 2nd eight and Men's Varsity eight both won Gold and the Men's 2nd eight won Silver. All of our boats faced tough competition with five of our eight boats advancing to the semi-final. One of the team's boats made it into the final, but in the end the team did not win any medals. Everyone exhibited great sportsmanship and this was an exciting conclusion to our racing season.

We also want to congratulate **Raja Goel** for earning an invitation to the U.S. Junior Men's Sweep Selection Camp in Princeton, NJ. Raja was chosen from an extremely talented and deep national pool. His selection speaks highly of his talent and level of ability. This Selection Camp will form teams from this group to compete for gold medals in both the eight and the coxed four at the Junior World Championships in Linz, Austria. We all wish Raja the best of luck!!!

Chorus/Choir Boosters



As we go to press TJ Choral students are putting the finishing touches on this year's spring show. As you read this, this year's show will have already come and gone. Believe

it or not, it's not too early to mark your calendars for next year's **Choir Boot Camp – Monday, August 25, through Thursday, August 28.** Boot Camp is held in the music wing at TJ.

On a personal note, it is hard for me to believe that my four-year involvement with TJ Choir is coming rapidly to an end. I would just like to take this moment for a couple of "thank-yous." Luke – it has been a pleasure working with you. I have nothing but the utmost respect for your musicianship. To our Booster Board – many, many thanks! I feel good knowing that next year's leadership will continue the mission of supporting Luke and the TJ Choir program! To our choral parents and students – particularly those who have been on the four-year choir path: Thank you for your continued sacrifice (can you say "summer school"?) and for supporting the role that music has in our students' lives. Freshman – congratulations for balancing the rigor of TJ's academics with your involvement in choir this year. Don't stop now! Seniors – just because choir is coming to an end it doesn't mean you have to stop singing! Go forth and take the enjoyment of choir with you. Good luck to all of you! To all TJ choral students – sing every day, as if no one is listening!

Lastly, thank you for letting me serve on your Booster Board. Go TJ Choir!

Jeff Salino

Orchestra Boosters

Thanks for a very successful and fulfilling school year. The June concert was wonderful. Thanks to all who volunteered with the event and made it such a success. Sending the seniors off in such a fashion is always very rewarding. We had a

significant improvement in booster membership this year and it really made a difference. Thanks to Ms. Bailey for the superlative teaching and mentoring that she provides day in and day out to our students. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Addie Chang (Viennese Ball), Cheryl Sourbeer (Treasurer) and Pam Tuben (Merchandise) for all their wonderful help and enthusiastic support for the four years that they have been involved with the Orchestra. Thanks so much! I am looking for the following ways that you may be able to assist next year: Hospitality (organizing the concert receptions), a representative to attend the monthly PTSA Meetings and someone to assist me with the CD ordering. There will also be the time honored "Packet Stuffing" later this summer. As always, please contact me if you have any questions or would like to help.

Larry Jones ([lawrencemjones at aol.com](mailto:lawrencemjones@aol.com))

Theatre Boosters

The **Drama Club** will hold **auditions for next year's musical production of *Oklahoma!* on June 2-3, and callbacks will be on June 4.** Additional auditions for dancers and freshmen will be held on September 22.

The Boosters selected the following members to serve as officers for the 2008-09 school year: Nancy Fitzsimmons, president; Dawn Meyer, vice-president; Eileen Place, secretary; and Susan Lagon, treasurer. Parents are still needed to serve as concessions chairperson and photographer for dress rehearsals. Please contact Nancy Fitzsimmons through the website at www.tjhsst.edu/drama if you are interested.

As the school year winds down, the Boosters would like to thank the volunteers and school staff who helped make all the performances of the Drama Club and Shakespeare Troupe possible. A special thank you goes to Judy Bello, who served as Shakespeare Troupe sponsor, and Vincent Pollet, who served as Theatre Director. Thanks also to Dr. Evan Glazer and the administration for their support, Mrs. Lee, the building supervisor, and the custodial staff, for their patience and support.

The Boosters are fortunate to have two alumni parents who have continued to serve the Boosters, even though their children have graduated. John Clements served as treasurer for the Boosters for several years, and he will be leaving the Board at the end of this school year. We thank him for his many years of service. Mark Strickman has photographed most of the theatre productions for the last several years and posts his pictures on the popular website, www.baldspot.com. Thank you, Mark, for your continued service to the Boosters. We also thank Nan Booth and son, David, for their photography contributions.

Finally, we thank this year's officers, who worked many long hours all year long – Tom Ainsworth, for taking on the presidency, Nancy Fitzsimmons, for wearing many hats and doing what no one else wanted to do, Geetha Ravishanker, who was always there to help with concessions and whatever else needed to be done, and John Clements, our much-appreciated treasurer. Putting on a Cappie production is no small feat, so we also would like to thank the parents who helped the Drama Club host the Cappie critics this year: Nancy and Cliff Fitzsimmons, Karen and Wilkie Nelson, and Yvonne and Jim Mannion.

Noteworthy Dates

June	
1	Crew Booster End of Year Picnic, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Cafeteria
2	Spring Band Concert/Booster Meeting, 7 p.m., Auditorium
3	ANGP Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Rm. 106
3	Spring Sports Banquet
4	Curriculum Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Career Center
4	Sports Physicals
4	Academic Team Achievement & Recognition Banquet, 5-10 p.m., Cafeteria
4-5	IBET Symposium
5	Government Relations Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Room 106
5	Orchestra Concert, 7 p.m.
5	Crew Booster Board Meeting, 7-10 p.m., Career Center
6	Senior Prom, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Westwood Country Club
7	Landscaping Work Day, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
9	Spring Band Banquet
9	PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Library
10	Orchestra Boosters Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Principal's Conf. Rm.
11	Human Relations Committee Meeting, 4 p.m., Career Center
11	Rising Freshman Sports Night, 7-8:30 p.m., Gym I/II
12	Senior Class Picnic, Lake Accotink
13	Last Day of School (this is a new date)
14	Graduation, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Patriot Center
14	All Night Grad Party, after graduation, TJ



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- IBET Symposium – June 4 and 5
- Senior Prom – June 6 – Westwood Country Club
- PTSA Executive Board Meeting – June 9
- Rising Freshman Sports Night – June 11
- LAST DAY of SCHOOL – June 13!**
- Graduation – June 14 – Patriot Center