

Principal's Letter

Dear parents/guardians, teachers, and students:

Social responsibility is a value we try to instill in our students at TJ. It is the shared interests of humanity, and personal and shared responsibility to contribute to the world as future leaders, thinkers and protectors of the environment; social responsibility is the ability to participate socially, ethically and with a mindset of "giving back" in a variety of ways such as community service and other civic activities. This month I would like to recognize some socially responsible activities led by TJ students this spring.

Drew Tener started the Easy Readers program with seven other TJ students at a local Vienna elementary school and then again at the Oakton Library to help young students learn to read. **Kate Cooper** led a group of ten seniors to New Orleans over Spring Break to repair a home there to help a family in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. The TJ Solar Panel Initiative, led by **Varun Bansal**, has been working hard to raise funds to acquire a solar panel for our building. Whole Foods in Alexandria has even contributed five percent of their proceeds on Earth Day this year to the Solar Panel Initiative.

Several TJ groups have been hosting special events to teach younger students about the subjects they enjoy. The Shakespeare Troupe held a special day-long workshop at TJ for areas kids in grades K-8 with short scene performances, Elizabethan food, stage managing, makeup, costumes, sonnet writing, mask-making, rhetoric, and more. TJ students conducted full-day science demonstrations and experiments for younger students through the Biology Club's Hands-On Science Day, led by **Lauren Groskaufmanis** and **Julia Dahlin**, and TWIST's Techstravaganza, led by **Sappho Gilbert** and **Joy Lee**. **Ariel Lepon** and the TJ SGA also hosted a middle school leadership conference to

engage students in workshops about public speaking, community service, and school spirit.

TJ students have also raised funds for outside organizations, such as UNICEF, to address social causes and advancements. Later this month on May 24, senior **Judith Yang** will be leading hundreds of participants at the annual Relay for Life event on our track for 24 hours to support the American Cancer Society. The festive occasion is often full of spirit, reflection, fun activities, and fellowship.

Beyond these activities, there are numerous service clubs at TJ, including National Honors Society, Assistive Technology Club, Big Sibs, the Jefferson Society, and Building a Better Community, that host numerous activities to benefit others, including tutoring younger students, making sandwiches for homeless shelters, boosting the spirits of residents in an assisted living facility, giving tours to visitors, honoring support staff, and much more.

These few examples illustrate TJ is a community that values far more than academics. Students take what they learn in the classroom and find ways to improve the quality of life for others through their 8th period and personal activities. Our students would not be able to pursue such opportunities if they did not have supportive staff members and parents who work behind the scenes to help them learn from their mistakes and ensure their success. Thanks to all of you for instilling social responsibility in our culture.

Please don't hesitate to contact me (**Evan Glazer** at fcps.edu or 703-750-8306) if you have more examples or ideas that support our interest in social responsibility.

Yours truly,
Evan Glazer, Principal

President's Message

One can never say thank you enough.... At our last PTSA meeting we heard a report from the Partnership Fund leaders and from a Fairgrade organizer. We had limited time for the presentations, but they were compelling, engaging, and thought provoking. We hope to hear more about the accomplishments of the Partnership Fund on behalf of TJ. Meanwhile, we voted to hold a TJ specific Fairgrade forum at school this year. This way we can expand the Fairgrade discussion and include as many of our TJ families as possible. Look for our email updates for time and date. Speaking of email updates we would like to hear your comments on our email updates. We are interested to know what you found helpful and how we can improve in the years to come. The goal of the emails was to keep our families informed in a timely manner between newsletters.

As for the 3.0 GPA, guidance has reported 18 students were affected to date and half have managed to pull their grades up, the rest will most likely return to their base schools. As the school year winds down we will stay diligent in following up with issues that affect our TJ community. Please keep sending your helpful comments to nassmah.brooks@verizon.net.

Sincerely,
Nassmah Brooks, PTSA President

PTSA Meetings
May 12 and June 9
7:30 to 9 p.m.
Library

PTSA Update

April 14 Meeting Highlights

PTSA Nominating Committee: At the April 14 PTSA meeting, the Nominating Committee (NC) presented the following slate of officers to serve on the PTSA Executive Committee for the 2008-09 school year:

- 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)

The nominating process involved having the officers from the current PTSA Executive Committee invite Madeline Eggan, Louise Epstein, Wendy Hecker, Robin Howard, Karen O'Connor, John Pang, and Sharon Smith to serve as Nominating Committee members. These seven parents were approved at the March 13 PTSA meeting.

In conducting the search for candidates, the NC posted announcements on the PTSA website and in *Tech cetera*, solicited recommendations from past and current PTSA Board and Executive Committee members, and reviewed attendance lists from PTSA meetings and events.

Numerous factors were considered by the NC in the selection of the slate of officers: information submitted by candidates, attendance at PTSA meetings, Booster membership, as well as input from Dr. Evan Glazer, previous NC members, and previous PTSA Executive Committee members. The NC sought representation from different classes and geographic locations, as well as a mix of experienced and new parents with students from varied backgrounds who participated in different activities at TJ.

Liz Ross is currently the PTSA First Vice President. She has served as a PTSA Historian, worked in the Career Center, served as the Booster liaison for JV baseball, as well as helping out at the ANGP, the Partnership Phonathon and serving as a Science Fair judge. **John Pang** is currently the Chair of the Curriculum Advisory Committee and has served as a Science Fair judge for the past 3 years. **Denise Bunting** has served as President, Vice President and has held numerous other Parent Teacher Organization positions at the Nysmith School for the past 12 years and participated in TJ's Academic Boosters Phonathon. **Carrie Kilgore** is a CPA and is currently PTSA Treasurer and the Co-Chair of the Hospitality Committee. **Michele Pitler** is currently PTSA Recording Secretary and former Chair of the Landscaping Committee and ANGP Activities Co-Chair. **Helen Lin** is a Parent Liaison with Loudoun

County Public Schools, and has been very active in the PTAs at both Potowmack Elementary School and River Bend Middle School.

Election of these nominees will take place at the **PTSA General Meeting** of members on **Monday, June 9, at 7:30 p.m.**

Northern Virginia District PTA

TJ Award Recognitions from Northern Virginia District PTA

Sophomore **Elliot Eggan** was presented the Northern Virginia District PTA Citizenship Essay Award in the High School Division by Debbie Kilpatrick, District Director, at the 2008 Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner on April 17 at the Old Town Hall in Fairfax.

PTSA President Nassmah Brooks was presented a Certificate of Appreciation to TJHSST PTSA by Debbie Kilpatrick, District Director, for the PTSA's continued support of the Northern Virginia District PTA events and meetings during this school term.

Fatima Brown, PTSA Diversity Committee member and school volunteer, was recognized as a District Volunteer of the Year nominee at the 2008 Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner.

Serving the TJ Community

Volunteers

Volunteers Needed for Sports Physicals! We need medical and non-medical parents to help make the sports physicals a successful fundraiser! If you are a TJ parent and a physician (MD or DO), physician assistant (PA), physical therapist (PT), or nurse practitioner (NP), please consider helping out with the TJ **Colonial Athletic Boosters' major fundraiser on June 4**. We also need non-medical parents who want to help with working a station or check-in/out desk. Last year this fundraiser provided more than \$9,000 in support of our various sports programs. Your expertise and a few hours of your time will greatly benefit our TJ athletes! If you are willing to **volunteer at the early shift from 2:30-5:30 p.m. and/or late shift from 5:30-8:30 p.m.**, please **call or email**

Heather Murphy, ATC, at 703-750-8387 or [heather.murphy at fcps.edu](mailto:heather.murphy@fcps.edu).

Landscaping Committee: Bamboo may be grass, but you don't want to mow it! Just ask Alex Kim! Alex joined us for our April workday, clearing out the bamboo in the corner of the Millennium Courtyard to make way for the new Pollinator Garden which TJ students are planning, while other volunteers spread mulch, weeded, and trimmed.



Alex Kim hard at work

Our next two work days are:

- Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Please join us for fun, free exercise, and fresh air. For students this work can be counted as community service. RSVP to Carol Miranda, [cnsmiranda at hotmail.com](mailto:cnsmiranda@hotmail.com) or 703 281 2913. We will also be gardening most Friday mornings. Check our website for more info: <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/comm-landscape.htm>

Countdown to



TJ's All Night Grad Party (ANGP) – Saturday, June 14.

Just **six weeks to graduation** and ANGP! It's not too late to get involved. In fact, we invite and encourage parents of all grades to join in the fun.



Come to the "Out of This World" gift shop at the All Night Grad Party and choose from a large selection of items

Volunteer Opportunities: Many MORE volunteers are needed to ensure a successful and memorable night for our graduates.

We need volunteers:

- 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 the decorations and put them away for the Class of 2009's ANGP.

Please visit the ANGP website at <http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty> to

learn about volunteering and to obtain a signup form. Or contact Sue Anderson, Volunteer Coordinator, at tjangp.volunteers@gmail.com. Remember, you will not be admitted to ANGP unless you are on the volunteer list.

Important: Underclass parents, we need your help to fill volunteer needs while senior parents attend graduation.

Ticket sales: More than 360 seniors have a ticket. **Deadline for purchasing tickets is June 1.** Remember, **tickets will not be sold at the door!** Tickets cost \$115. Order forms are available in the Front Office and on line at <http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty>. If finances are a consideration, contact your student's guidance counselor. No student is denied a ticket due to financial hardship.

ANGP Food Committee is seeking volunteers to assure our graduates and parent volunteers are happily fed during ANGP. We especially need volunteers to work in the kitchen and the Volunteer Room. And we need lots and lots of food donations. 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. For specific suggestions of food donations or questions on volunteering, please contact Linda Eisel at lindaeisel@gmail.com (703-266-3369) or Henriette Kellum at h.kellum@verizon.net (703-538-2683).



Cindy Carter, Rite Anderson, and Eileen Atwood

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. **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.**

ANGP meetings are held the **first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.** The remaining meetings are **May 6**, in the Career Center, and **June 3**, 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 ptsangp08@tjhsst.edu.

Student Services Corner

Student Services Advisory Board

Student Services Advisory Board held its final meeting for this school year on April 17. As always the meeting was friendly, informative, and lively. Those of you who have never attended an SSAB meeting need to put them on your calendar next year. They are the best means for keeping abreast of what's happening at the school and discussing with other parents (and sometimes students) the topics that you want to discuss. There are other opportunities at TJ to hear what's going on, but not many to give your opinions. I'd like to thank Mr. Kosatka (and previously Nina Pitkin), and all of the folks who faithfully attended the meetings, for making my time as Chairman enjoyable. If you would like to chair the committee next year, please speak with Brandon Kosatka.

Best wishes,
Karen O'Connor

Guidelines

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

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

Academic News

Chinese News

Two students, **Helena Manguerra** and **Jeanette Miranda**, participated in the final competition of the Third Chinese Bridge/U.S. High School Student Chinese Speech Contest held in Boston on April 19. This contest was sponsored by the Office of Chinese Language Council International, the University of Massachusetts Confucius Institute at Boston, and the Chinese Language Association of Secondary-Elementary Schools. Helena Manguerra won the first place for the lower level and Jeannette Miranda won the third place for the upper level. Congratulations to them!

Congratulations also to two TJ teams that were selected for the final competition of the first Middle-High School "Chinese Bridge" Team Language and Performance Competition. It is sponsored by the Confucius Institute at the University of Maryland and the Chinese Embassy. Team One has **Bryan Cheong**, **Nader Al-Naji**, and **Alicia Goertel**, and Team Two has **Helena Manguerra**, **Margaret Tarmann** and **Anna Knight**. The final competition was at the University of Maryland on April 25.

Eight students participated in the Modern Foreign Language Tournament held at George Mason High School on April 19. **Kang Guo** and **David Wang** won the first and second place for the native speaker group. **Jared Hallett** and **Alex Au** won the first and second place for Level 3, **Bryan Cheong** and **Anna Knight** won the first and second place for Level 2, and **Chris Au** and **Sungmin Sohn** won the first and second place for Level 1. Congratulations to them!

German News

Jackie Lewis, a senior in German AP, has been awarded the **Congress-Bundestag Scholarship**. This scholarship, awarded by the governments of the United States and Germany, will give Jackie the opportunity to spend next year living with a family in Germany and attending school there.

We congratulate **Rebecca Justice** (German III) and **Thomas Bettge** (AP German) who have been accepted at Virginia's Governor's German Academy,

which selects the best 40 German students from the state to spend three summer weeks in a German immersion environment.

German Students had an exciting day on Friday, April 18. New members were inducted into the German Honor Society during 8th period. They enjoyed an inspiring talk in German by Mr. Matt Rooney from the U.S. State Department, who talked to them about his years serving in Bonn, Berlin, and Munich. New members are: **Tyler Brobst, Mendel Chen, Michelle Choi, Erica Curles, Rebecca Justice, Ewan Kay, Mariet Kurtz, Kyle Lee, Matt Lycas, Arda Menzilcioglu, Brian Murphy, Suzan Ok, Neha Rathi, Sarah Schmoltner, and Jessica Shartouny.**

That evening of April 18, a number of German students participated in I-Night, performing two German folk dances and a modern dance to a song by the popular group, Tokio Hotel. **Jessica Shartouny** is especially to be congratulated for organizing and leading the dance group. Thanks also to **Amanda Vest**, who led the costuming effort.

Seven German students competed at various levels in the Northern Virginia Modern Foreign Language Tournament, held at George Mason High School on Saturday, April 19. Congratulations to First Place winners: **J. Lee** (German I), **Nihaar Sinha** (German II), **Tyler Brobst** (German III), and **Stephen Lam** (German IV). We were also proud of **Katie Mitchell, Jake Hermle, and Suzan Ok** whose performances also earned such high marks.

Latin News

The Latin Honor Society held its fourth annual TJHSST Certamen on February 23. Our Certamen is the largest Certamen held in the state of Virginia each year. More than 100 teams from at least 35 schools (D.C., Maryland, and Virginia) attended the prestigious event. Students from our school wrote questions, kept score, managed classrooms, provided refreshments for visitors, etc. TJ parent volunteers were 'optimi!' The Latin Honor Society would like to extend great thanks to all of the parents and students who helped with this very successful event!

All Latin students took the National Latin Examination in March and a large number of students also took the rigorous Classical Association of Virginia examination. Several students won prestigious national and state awards on these examinations. These students will be recognized at the 'Latin Awards Ceremony' in early June.

Russian News

This month is a time for giving many congratulations to successful former and current students of the Russian program. At the Olympiada for Spoken Russian, TJ students performed exceptionally well, receiving too many medals to count. **Bronwyn Koehl**, '08, received a gold medal in the advanced level of competition and has been chosen as one of eight students who will represent the U.S. at the International Olympiada in Moscow this summer.

Jessica Tyler, '09, has been chosen for Virginia Governor's Russian Language Academy and will be spending three weeks at VCU studying Russian language and culture. She had to compete for one of about 30 places with students from across the state

Rachel Ruskin, Class of '06, was awarded a State Department Critical Language Scholarship, and will be studying for two months in Samara, Russia, this summer. As part of the program, she will be living with a host family and taking 30 hours of classes at Samara State University.

Congratulations go to all three of you and we wish you the best of luck in your studies.

Spanish News

The Spanish Honor Society has been very busy with applications for new members to the Sociedad. Next month the names of new members will be included. By the time you read this newsletter, inductions will have taken place (April 30).

Everyone had a maravilloso time at the Bulería (SHS sponsored Latin Dance). There was a professional teacher from Alliance Dance Institute who taught the basics to all.

On Saturday, April 19, many of our students participated in the Modern Foreign Language Tournament at George Mason High School. Many schools from the area, both public and private, compete. In Poetry Recitation congratulations go to Level 2 participants **Sarah Khan**, earning 1st place, **Anurag Shyamala**, earning 4th place, and **Apoorva Loncar**, receiving 5th place. Level 3 students **Patrick Gould** received 1st place, **Anirudh Saraswathula** received 2nd place, and **Masooma Raza** received 4th place. For Level 3 native speaker, **Aldo Avanzini** received 4th place. Fourth year AP students **Srilakshmi Aruturi** received 1st place in poetry and Level 4AP students **Vivian Cooper**, **Sudha Guttikonda**, and **Runi Goswami** received 1st place in non-native Dramatic Interpretation. In Level 5 Poetry, **Kelly Hill** earned 1st place, **Sheila Bushman** earned 3rd place, and **Will Tarpeh** earned 4th place. You make us muy orgullosos.

Class News

2008 – Seniors

Graduation

Saturday, June 14, 7:30–10:30 p.m.
Patriot Center
ANGP to follow graduation at TJ

Senior Prom

Friday, June 6, 9 p.m.–1 a.m.
Westwood Country Club
800 Maple Avenue, E Vienna, VA 22180
* Parking costs are covered by the class

Senior Picnic

Thursday, June 12, 2–5 p.m.
Lake Accotink Park
Senior Picnic after the 1 p.m. Graduation Practice
Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road,
Springfield VA 22150
* Permission forms will be given out to all seniors

good news is, it's not too late. The bad news is, the price goes up in May and some of the special gifts have to be ordered in May. So if you continue to procrastinate you will pay... and lose. If you don't know who you are, check the list of attendees posted by the front door closest to the cafeteria. Your friends' names are there.....why isn't yours????? Questions....contact Karen O'Connor at kloumom@gmail.com

2009 - Juniors

Are you craving s'mores? Have you concocted the perfectly scary ghost story to tell around a bonfire? Do you just want to get together with your classmates, stay up all night, eat, talk, and play?

It's time for the **Junior Campout** – the fun-filled annual event to cement the friendships that sustain students through the final year of high school.







Junior Campout

May 30, 7 p.m., until 7 a.m., May 31
TJ Football Field
\$35

Juniors should have received information and a permission form in the mail about the Campout. If you did not, please see Nancy McCormick. The permission form and emergency care form, along with the \$35 fee, are due **May 9**.

Parent chaperones are needed. To insure the safety of the students, parents are requested to drop off and pick up their students instead of letting them drive to and from the event. The students will be tired from staying up all night.

Students should bring tents to share, sleeping bags, flashlights, warm clothes, rain gear, and athletic shoes. Coolers are not allowed. Food will be provided by the students, contributions assigned according to a student's period for Physics:

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|  1 st | soda and sports drinks |
|  2 nd & 3 rd | water |
|  4 th | bagged snacks (chips, etc.) |
|  5 th | cookies, brownies, desserts |
|  6 th | bagels and cream cheese |
|  7 th | fruits and veggies |

SENIORS!!!! 360 of you have purchased your tickets for the All Night Grad Party. That leaves about 60 of you who are procrastinating!! The

2010 – Sophomores

“Thank you” to all of the generous parents who donated not only wonderful items, but also their time to the Class of 2010 auction. We could not have done this event without the help of sophomore parents – the organizational skills of Joan Burch on logistics and all auction materials, the creative writing of Erin Cotton on the auction book, the artistic talent of Debbie Hobson on the beautiful baskets, and the guidance and expertise of Carrie Kilgore on just about every aspect of this event, from business solicitations, to food, set up, and event planning – as well as a host of other volunteers who helped to make signs and baskets and who helped at the event. Thank you also to Jerry Bouchard, our wonderful auctioneer, who conducted the live auction of great items (vacations, parking space, and jewelry), as well as the opportunity to shave the heads of several of our sophomore class boys. Of course, the auction wouldn't have been a success without your attendance! Thank you also to our sponsors, Dr. Osborne and Ms. Hurowitz, for their guidance, and to our Silent Auction chairs, **Connor Cotton** and **Alyssa Mendoza**, who were fantastic and pulled this whole event together, along with the rest of the sophomore class officers and council. The final tally is not done, but it looks like the Sophomore Class Auction was a great success. Congratulations on a great job!

Ellen Ranard, Class of 2010 PTSA Liaison

2011 – Freshmen

This is it! The **Class of 2011's Rock-in', May 2 - 3**, from **7 p.m. Friday** through **7 a.m. Saturday**, the Freshman Class will be having one big sleepover inside TJ. There will be 12 hours of rock-in' music, games, activities, and lots of fun. Lock-In is the biggest activity of the Freshman Class.

All efforts will be made not to turn children away from the event; however, **permission and emergency care forms are mandatory**, along with a **\$35 entrance fee**. Emergency Care Card forms can be downloaded from <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/forms-docs.htm>. Permission forms can be acquired from Ms. Pierce (room 238). Note that if your student needs to arrive late or depart early they may do so

given the appropriate permission forms have been provided.

The event will be well-chaperoned thanks to more than 100 freshman parent volunteers. Thank you!! We can still use volunteers for Shift B (11-3 a.m.), Shift C (3-7 a.m.), or in Clean Up (7-10 a.m.). Volunteers will be monitoring hallways and doors, as well as manning food and drink tables. **Connor Barrett**, the freshman student who is organizing the parent volunteers, is doing a fantastic job. If you can volunteer for the shifts above please contact him at [cornodog92 at gmail.com](mailto:cornodog92@gmail.com).

Whether you are able to volunteer or not, please have your student bring food items based on their IBET to the Principal's Conference Room (room A1, between the audlob and the office) on May 2.

- ✚ Locklear/Kosek/Seavey: bagels, cereal, muffins, fruit
- ✚ McFaden/LaFever/Curtis: cream cheese, milk, juice
- ✚ McFadden/LaFever/Lewis: cups, plates, napkins, bowls
- ✚ Rosenblum/Dela Cuesta/Rosenfeld: chips, pretzels
- ✚ Rosenblum/Kosek/Iorga: bottled water, canned soda
- ✚ Wood/Lewis/Lepkowski: vegetable or fruit platters
- ✚ Wood/Lewis/Orser: baked goods (cookies, brownies, etc.)

Donated prizes are also appreciated. Contact freshman student **Abigail Xu** at [redadelina18 at yahoo.com](mailto:redadelina18@yahoo.com) if you would like to make a gift donation such as gift cards or unopened toys suitable for teenagers. Lending of board and video games/systems for activities (to be returned) is also much appreciated.

News Round-Up and Awards

Students

National Achievement® Scholarships Winners: Congratulations to the following students who were among more than 800 students nationwide who have won Achievement Scholarships from the 2008 National Achievement®

Scholarship program (NASP). **Lindsay Barnes** (law), **Rani Brooks** (medicine), **Kyra Jefferson-George** (biomedical research), **Jasmine Lee** (international relations), **Taylor Stewart-Cannon** (investment banking/technology), **William Tarpeh** (chemical engineering), and **Natasha Wallage** (computer science-engineering).

Barnes, Brooks, Jefferson-George, Lee, and Tarpeh received \$2,500 National Achievement Scholarships supported by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the NASP. Stewart-Cannon received a scholarship sponsored the Motorola Foundation. Wallage received a scholarship sponsored by the State Farm Companies Foundation.

The National Achievement Scholarship program is a privately financed competition founded in 1964 specifically to honor scholastically talented Black American young people and to increase their opportunities for higher education. The program is conducted by NMSC, a not-for-profit organization. The scholarships in this announcement are funded by approximately 40 corporate organizations and professional associations and by NMSC.

National Merit Scholarship Corporation Awards: Eight TJ students have been awarded corporate-sponsored scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The students are part of a group of approximately 1,100 National Merit finalists chosen to receive scholarships financed by companies, foundations, and other business organizations.

TJ winners of the corporate-sponsored scholarships, with their probable career fields in parentheses, are: **Hannah Chartoff** (international relations), National Merit Unisys Corporation scholarship; **Sean Cruz** (engineering), National Merit General Dynamics scholarship; **Allison Hegel** (writing), National Merit Computer Sciences Corporation scholarship; **Arjun Khanna** (neuroscience), National Merit Computer Sciences Corporation scholarship; **Steven Mechner** (computer science), National Merit Computer Sciences Corporation scholarship; **Dustin Moore** (aerospace engineering), National Merit Computer Sciences Corporation scholarship; **Michelle Oresky** (engineering), National Merit SAIC scholarship; **Benjamin Parr** (computer science), National Merit Unisys Corporation scholarship.

Corporate sponsors provide merit scholarship awards for National Merit finalists who are children of their employees or members, who are residents of communities the companies serve, or who have career interests the sponsors want to encourage.

Corporate-sponsored merit scholarship awards are renewable for up to four years of college undergraduate study and range from \$500 to \$10,000 per year. Others provide a single payment between \$2,500 and \$5,000. Recipients can use the awards at regionally accredited U.S. colleges or universities of their choice.

Scholastic Writing National Awards: Congratulations to the following students for being recipients of National Writing Awards this year -- **Setareh Bagherzadeh**, Grade 9, Gold Award in Personal Essay/Memoir; **Nayan Lamba**, Grade 9, Gold Award in PE/M; **Katie Bailey**, Grade 9, Silver Award in PE/M; **Nona Jiang**, Grade 12, Silver Award in General Writing; and **Tessa Zeng**, Grade 12, Portfolio Silver Award.

ASNE National Quill & Scroll Writing Awards for Excellence in Journalism winners are **Karl Sofinowski**, Grade 10, for cartooning, and **Lisa Kong**, Grade 11, for sports photography.

Academic and Visual and Performing Arts Summer Residential Governor's School Programs: Congratulations to the following students who have been accepted into the Academic and Visual and Performing Arts Summer Residential Governor's School Programs: **Yung Ji Choi** - Agriculture; **Alicia Goertel** - Agriculture; **Carolyn McCallister** - Humanities; **Sarah Seid** - Humanities; **Katherine Zettler** - Math Science and Technology; **Lindsay Doane** - Theatre; **Xiaonan Hu** - Instrumental Music; and **Rachel Wu** - Dance.

Dupont Challenge Essay Contest Winners: Congratulations to the following Dupont Challenge Essay Contest Winners: TJ had one junior division finalist, **Emily Goldfein**, grade 9, Title of Essay: The Sea Cucumber: The Key to Human Limb and Organ Regeneration; and one senior division honorable mention, **Ellie Roeva**, grade 10, Title of Essay: The Golden Treatment. Sponsoring Teachers are Jennifer Seavey and Sandra Chhabra. (Please find the web link below for more details).
<http://www.thechallenge.dupont.com>

Eight TJ Juniors Win Top Volunteer Service Award:

Eight TJ volunteers acting as founding members of the Easy Readers program aimed at first and second grade boys struggling to read were named Fairfax County's Outstanding Youth Volunteer Group by Volunteer Fairfax at its annual Volunteer Awards Breakfast on April 24, 2008, at the Hilton in Tyson's Corner. The TJ students, all juniors, include **Drew Tener**, chairman; **Jon Coleman**, **James Heard**, **Josh Lee**, **Michael Meadows**, **Curtis Mills**, **Mike Ross**, and **Dinh Tranh**. The Easy Readers program, which uses innovative activities to teach reading, was launched at the Oakton Library last fall and will be repeated at St. Mark School this summer and again at the Oakton Library next fall.



Juniors Jon Coleman as Darth Vader, Drew Tener as the Riddler Reader, and Josh Lee (seated) reading riddles to the Easy Reader kids



Juniors Josh Lee, James Heard and Mike Ross making the notorious "Dirt Cake" recipe with their charges

Washington Post Winter All-Met Selections:

The All-Met selections were announced in the Washington Post on April 9. Congratulations to the following:

- Boys' Swim & Dive -- 1st Team: **Jonathan Christensen**; Honorable Mention: **Wade Gong** and **Ben Tuben**
- Track & Field: Honorable Mention -- **Brian Landry**.

TJHSST Partnership Fund

More Good News! Thanks to the efforts of the Partnership Fund's Director, Gary Bottorff, the Armed Forces Communication and Electronic Association (AFCEA) has approved a grant of \$7,000 to the Partnership Fund for the school's immediate use. In addition, Bottorff is using his military contacts to introduce TJ's need for lab and research support to Office of Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Navy.

In related news, Jim Jarvis, Division Manager of TJ's science and technology labs, reports that a two-member team from ExxonMobil Biomedical Sciences conducted a survey of the school's Chemical Analysis Lab, as well as an extended walk-through of the DNA Science/BioTech Lab. The ExxonMobil team found the labs to be crowded by professional lab standards (lab stations close together), but complimented TJ on its efficient management of chemical use, waste products, and stocking of lab chemicals. The visitors were positive about the systematic approach to safety they observed in student and faculty procedures and habits. Thanks to TJ board member and parent, Mark Skolnik, for facilitating the ExxonMobil lab inspections.

Jarvis also reports that the need for a gas chromatography-mass spectrometer and for a program to modernize the nanophysics research laboratory have been forwarded through the Partnership Fund to Virginia Congressman Tom Davis. Davis, a long-time TJ supporter and alumnus parent, is working on federal legislation to secure resources for high school research.

In other Partnership news, senior parents will have the opportunity to express their admiration of special TJ faculty and staff by donating to the

Partnership Fund during the "In Honor of" campaign. Donation forms will arrive in senior family mailboxes in May.

Finally, congratulations and welcome to the Class of 2012! We hope new parents will contribute generously to the Thomas Jefferson Partnership Fund in the years ahead.

TJHSST Boosters

Academic Boosters

Biology Olympiad: On April 18, about two dozen TJ members of the Biology Olympiad Team traveled to Clemson University, South Carolina, to compete in the Biology Merit Exam and Bowl. TJ students dominated in Divisions 2 and 3, for high school students who had taken one and more than one year of high school biology.

In Division 3, **Francis Deng** placed first and **Bruce Sun** placed second. **Jessica Liu, Jonathan Hsu, Jack Wang, Nadya Muchoney, Hanwen Xu, Andy Mai, Michael Chang, David Wu, Udaysankar Chockanathan,** and **Justin Loeb** earned Honorable Mentions. **Steven Tan, Judy Zeng, Juyeon Park, Linda Zhang, Bobbie Pelham-Webb, Spencer Frei, Prashasti Agrawal,** and **Amanda Cain** earned Second Honorable Mentions.

In Division 2, **Luke Cheng** placed first, **Victor Hsu** placed second, and **Monica Liu** and **Tvissha Goel** earned Second Honorable Mentions.

In the Biology Bowl competition (Jeopardy format), **Hanwen Xu, Michael Chang,** and **Jessica Liu** placed first through third in Division 3. **Monica Liu** placed second and **Victor Hsu** placed third in Division 2.

Certamen: Latin students have been very busy this Spring! Five Certamen teams from TJ recently competed in the Virginia State Certamen Finals on April 19. The Latin I team (**Zach Seid**-captain, **Bob Lee, Brian Shin,** and **Richard Nguyen**) ended their hard-fought year by placing in a very competitive field. The Advanced Latin team (**William Czaplyski, Maya Wei, Chris Kilgore,** and **Amith Ananthram**) placed 4th and the Latin 2 team (**Ashwin Raja, Christine O'Donnell,**

Connor Cheong, and **David Warrington**) captured the 3rd place spot in the state. Our well-known Latin 3 team continued their domination by seizing the 1st place award. Congratulations to the Latin 3 team members: **Vivaek Virani, Anne Marie Creighton, SoonWook Hong,** and **Alexander Spaulding.**

The National Championship Lower Level Certamen team last year from the state of Virginia was comprised of three TJ students (and one alternate from TJ). Three of these students will return again to the NJCL national convention with Ms. Conklin, held this year at Miami University of Ohio in late July for one week. **Anne Marie Creighton, Chris Kilgore,** and **Amith Ananthram** will support the Advanced team during the summer competition.

Chess Team: On April 18-20, the TJ Chess Team sent a contingent to the national championships in Atlanta hoping to win the championships with one of its strongest teams ever. The team took a two-point lead after the end of the fifth round, but after round seven, TJ fell behind Catalina Foothills High School, by 1/2 point. The TJ team, however, still won its greatest national honor to date, taking home the second place trophy. Junior **Eddie Lu** took the fourth place individual prize, with 6 out of 7 possible points. Scoring for the TJ team were **Eddie Lu,** with 6 points, **Aryan Khojandi** (5 points), and **Jacob Steinhardt, Byron Hood, Joey Regalbuto,** and **Craig Saperstein** (4 points each).

Five other Championship Division players won three games each: **Emma Pierson, Tim Chen, Madhu Karamsetty, Andy Yang,** and **Tom Chen.** TJ's team in the under 1200 division – **Jacob Daniels, Nick Loffredo, Lenny Li,** and **Bharat Ponnaluri** - placed 16th. And, **Mark Cheung** placed 14th in the unrated division.

Computer Teams: On April 4 the TJ computer teams went to the 5th Annual Virginia Commonwealth University Computer Science Department High School Programming Contest in Richmond. The TJ Senior Computer Team -- **Tiffany Cai, Tom Georgiou, Daniel Li,** and **Jack Wang** -- sponsored by Shane Torbert, placed first. They were each awarded \$2,000 annual scholarships to VCU to study computer science. The TJ Frosh Computer Team -- **Andrew Cheong,**

William Dalton, Daniel Kang, and Swetha Rao --sponsored by Steve Rose, placed fourth.

Future Problem Solvers: TJ's teams at the State Bowl did well. The first place Senior Division team – **Logan Gates, Alexis Barrett, Clarice Lee, and Kevin Casto** – will be returning to Internationals, where they first competed together in sixth grade. The second place team in the Senior Division – **Rose Zu, Maneeshika Madduri, So-Jung Youn, and Pooja Vinayak** – also will be competing at the International Bowl at Michigan State University May 29-June 1.

In addition, the Virginia Independent Team, which includes TJ student **Zoe Hoffman**, placed third in the senior division. The team of **Sasha Scott, Cindy Wei, Rachel Cackler, and Will Tarpeh**, received an honorable mention overall. In the intermediate division, **Daniel Sun** placed third in the individual competition. And, **Rose Zu** won the \$1,000 VA FPS Scholarship.

It's Academic Team Places 2nd at NAQT State Championship: TJ's *It's Academic* team enjoyed a second place finish at the NAQT State Championship on April 19. TJ A, consisting of **Phil Graves, Naren Tallapragada, Mohit Iyyer, and Joshua Hahm**, went 7-0 in the preliminary rounds, and placed 2nd overall after a round-robin playoff. TJ B, consisting of **Tom Smilack, Raza Mir, Bali Gupta, and Felix Zhang**, went 5-2 in the preliminaries, as did TJ C, consisting of **Kevin Casto, Harry White, Nishanth Parameswaran, and Michael Eng**. Both the B and C teams qualified for the playoffs. TJ D, consisting of **Arjang Navab, Jordan Kramer, Graham Lobel, and Ting-Yu Hu**, went 2-5 in preliminaries. TJ E, consisting of **Anh Dao, Nicholas Nguyen, Jacob Kannarkat, and Nicole Yu**, finished 0-7 in the preliminaries. **Harry White** and **Naren Tallapragada** received prizes for being among the top 5 scorers at the tournament.

Japan Bowl: At this year's Japan Bowl, TJ's Level 4 (advanced) team – **Cassandra Xia, Jessica Lee, and Andrew Baik** – placed 4th. TJ's Level 3 team – **Andrew Lam, Han Kim, and Steven Kim** – placed 3rd. TJ's Level 2 team – **Jungeun Choi, Brian Yu, and Connie Xie** – placed 2nd.

Math Team: Six TJ students qualified to take the USA Math Olympiad exam, the results of which are

used to select the U.S. Math Olympiad Team: **Aviv Cukierman, Brian Hamrick, Daniel Li, Haitao Mao, Jacob Steinhardt, and Jack Wang**.

Model UN: TJ's Model UN Club hosted approximately 500 middle and high school student delegates for the annual TechMUN Conference on April 11-12. More than 100 TJ students were involved in chairing, staffing, and organizing the conference, which is the largest fundraiser for Model UN.

Physics Team: Based on the results of the preliminary qualifying tests, **Jacob Steinhardt, Daniel Li, and Jack Wang** have been invited to join the U.S Physics Team and attend the U.S. Physics Team camp.

Band Boosters

All Things Band Night: TJ band students enthusiastically encouraged the **Class of 2012** to explore the many programs within our band department, especially the Marching Colonials. Thank you to the students and parents who shared their beneficial band experiences.



Jazz Band Members Welcome Class of 2012

Winter Guard and Drum Line: The season ended successfully at the AIA finals held in Prince William County. The drum line was awarded the third place trophy for their division. The Winter Guard placed seventh in their division. Please thank the many parent volunteers who make extracurricular activities such as these possible.



Third Place Division Winners

Colonial Athletic Boosters

The Colonial Athletic Boosters (CAB) urge you to visit its website (Google: Colonial Athletic Boosters or <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/boosters>) where you will find current TJ Sports information and details on:

- Senior Scholarships (\$1,000)
- Spring Sports Banquet (Tuesday, June 3)
- Sports Physicals (Wednesday, June 4)
- Class of 2012 Sports Info Night (Wednesday, June 11)
- Parent Volunteers Needed (Classes of 2010 & 2011)

Chantilly Jazz Festival: In March, Jazz I performed in this blue-ribbon invitational competition. Congratulations to **Kenneth Lee** (saxophone) and **Matt Chamberlain** (trumpet), they were named All-Star Band Candidates. Mark your calendar now -- enjoy delicious desserts and the musical talents of TJ jazz band members at the **annual Jazz Cabaret, 7 p.m., Thursday, May 29**, in the cafeteria.

American Youth Philharmonic: Many TJ students perform with these prestigious ensembles. Enjoy the talents of these skilled musicians, attend an AYP concert. Calendar and ticket information: <http://www.aypo.org/events/concert-schedule.php>.

Support TJ Band Fundraisers -- Class of 2012 Customized License Plate Frames: Great gift, only \$20. Contact **Sylvie at wrtc.org**, (703) 342-0215. See samples at <http://www.tjhsstband.org>. **Scrip – Gift Cards – Variety available! – kaycorey at cox.net.**

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.

Boys Tennis: Boys Tennis is 10-0, with strong play from the Class of 2010. TJ is 53-7 in Singles and 28-2 in Doubles after 90 contests. (Each VHSL tennis match is composed of six Singles contests and three Doubles contests.) At No. 1 on the ladder, undefeated Sophomore **Edwin Zhang** (18-0) has risen to the top of the Liberty District, with notable wins over No. 1 players at Langley, Marshall, and Woodson. Sophomore **Spencer Clark** (No. 2) also is undefeated (17-0) and **Sean Cheng** (No. 4) is 13-3. Seniors **Matt Shepard** (No. 3), **Rohan Siddhanti** (No. 6) and **Jeff Zhang** (No. 7), Juniors **Spencer Frei** (No. 5) and **Glen Hookey** (No. 8), and Sophomore **Chris McPherson** (No. 9) round out a team with unrivaled depth in the Liberty District. Junior **Eric Bomgardner** and Freshman **Anthony Lim** also have posted wins for the team.



TJ Tennis Starters: Matt Shepard, Glen Hookey, Edwin Zhang, Jeff Zhang, Rohan Siddhanti, Sean Cheng, Spencer Frei, Spencer Clark, Chris McPherson

Varsity Softball: Varsity Softball upset Stone Bridge on April 1, shocking the Bulldogs 4-2. Junior

Toby Loewenstein opened the game with a walk. Senior **Kate Cooper** followed with a line drive single. Both runners advanced on an error. Freshman **Barbara Lantz** brought Loewenstein home on a ground ball down the first base line, and Cooper scored on a wild pitch as TJ jumped out to a 2-0 lead. The Colonials scored two more runs in the third inning. Sophomore pitcher **Meghan Mutchler** singled, Lantz reached on an error, and Senior **Amy Plunk** brought them both home with a single. Lantz also tripled in the 5th inning but was unable to score.

Solid teamwork was the key to the win. Mutchler dominated on the mound fanning eight and giving up just five singles. The infield jumped on all grounders and bunt attempts. Sophomore second baseman **Sydney Schrider** showed mastery of her position as she covered first base for several bunt attempt outs. Lantz at center field and Sophomore **Emily Schultz** in left both made outstanding catches late in the game. Plunk and Cooper made breath-taking catches of foul balls that brought fans to their feet.

Coach Brian Fleury kept the team pumped and focused. His final comment: "That was fun." No April Fool!

Girls Varsity Soccer: The Girls Varsity Soccer team started the season with two wins in their first three games. After a season opening 1-0 loss to Lee, the team bounced back to throttle Annandale 4-0. During that game Senior **Allison Hegel** opened the scoring with a swerving 20 yard shot that the Annandale keeper had no chance to stop. Allison went on to score a hat trick (3 goals). Senior **Trish Nguyen** scored the other goal on a nice feed from fellow Senior **Ariel Schwartz**.

TJ won an exciting home opener against Herndon 2-1. After jumping to 1-0 lead on another **Allison Hegel** goal in the 20th minute, Herndon tied the score near the end of the first half. The second half went back and forth and the game seemed likely to go into overtime. But in the last minute of regulation, Junior **Kayley Sullivan** dribbled about 20 yards and noticed that the Herndon goalie was off her line. She kicked a ball from about 35 yards that went over the keeper's head and into the net. No overtime, a TJ victory.

Girls JV Soccer: The Girls JV Soccer Team is having a great season. The Colonials' record is currently 4 wins - 3 losses - 0 ties, with 15 goals scored, 7 goals allowed, and 3 shut-outs. Their losses have been very close - two by 1 goal, and the other by 2 goals. In their most recent game, the Colonials beat the South Lakes Seahawks 6 (TJ) - 0 (Seahawks). Goalkeepers **Candice Kaplan** and **Ranjani Sarma** and sweeper **Melissa Reardon** forced a shut-out, and an outstanding 5 goals scored by forward **Simone Dallaire** and 1 by **Kate Shipman** clinched this victory. All teammates played and contributed to the win including **Natalie Cauley, Christina Choi, Claire Cooper, Amanda Cordray, Marie French, Jasteena Gill, April Hyon, Kyleigh Johnson, Alison Kosmacki, MC Larme, Ginny Lehman, Maren Leibowitz, Anna Mazur, Kathryn Moore, Elizabeth Pina, Janet Schirm, Claudia Trigo, Lyndsey Wheeler, Nichole Yu, and Amy Yang**. The team is playing smart, skillfully, and cohesively; TJ can be proud of its Girls JV Soccer Team!

Varsity Baseball: After winning two of four games in the "Let's Play Two" spring tournament, the Varsity Baseball Team has found it a little tougher facing district competition. The Liberty District features no less than five of the top teams in Northern Virginia. The young Colonials have only two returning starters, left fielder **Alex Radcliffe** and right fielder **J.B. Vande Sand**. They are joined by only two other Seniors, **Tom Rudelius** and **Beau Pritchett**. **Jonathan Wildes, Travis Triggs, Wes Stukenbroeker, Mason Freedman, Jacob McAuliffe, Kyle Gaarder, Ryan Stumvoll, Brian Tubergen, Jeff Siebach, Chris Kilgore, Tom Woodruff, and Alan Allworth** round out the varsity squad. Allworth, the starting catcher who batted in the power position, suffered a season ending broken jaw. **Matt Callahan** was called up to varsity to replace Allworth and has performed admirably behind the plate.

First year head Baseball Coach, David Gardziel, who played college baseball at Virginia Tech, is joined by Coaches Eric Williams and Josh Silver. They bring a professional attitude and a wealth of experience that will most certainly advance the baseball program to a consistent winning tradition.

JV Baseball: The welcome addition of Head Coach Adam Nelson and Assistant Coach Jim Smith, has the team playing some very competitive baseball this season.

The coaches have infused a competitive spirit which has resulted in early season wins against McLean and South Lakes. Two extra inning losses have shown great resolve for this young group comprised of Sophomores – **Kyle Applegate, Kurtis Carlock, Robby Culhane, Steven Howard, Tom Irwin, Danny Lehnert, Jimmy O'Hara, Nick Perez, and Ben Swanson.** An exciting group of Freshmen have joined the mix and show much promise for the future – **Michael Gurlitz, Peter Hansen, Ashneil Jain, Sean Long, Michael Monte, Will Pyrak, and Jason Schwartz.** (**Patrick Still** recently moved up to join **Matt Callahan** on the Varsity). The team manager is **Daniel Kang.**

The team is improving each time out and working hard to beat their district opponents.

Girls Varsity Lacrosse: The Girls Varsity Lacrosse team notched eight victories and two losses in the past four weeks to improve its record to 9-3. In the process, the Colonials won the Stallion Stomp tournament by winning all five of their games. The team's two losses were to tough district opponents, Stone Bridge and Woodson.

Senior Captain **Katie Hempenius** leads all scorers with twenty-six goals. Sophomore **Amelia Gonzalez** leads the team with four assists and has also contributed nineteen goals. In all, sixteen players have scored or made an assist this season. **Katie Hempenius (21),** Freshman **Catherine Zucker (18),** and Senior **Katie Sourbeer (12)** have together controlled fifty-one draws.

On the defensive end of the field the team has only allowed an average of 5.5 goals per game. Sophomore **Krissy Brant** leads the team with forty-four ground balls, Junior Captain **Jenny Jones** has snagged forty ground balls and **Katie Sourbeer** has captured thirty-five ground balls. Junior goalie **Yomin Ahn** has a save percentage of over 47%. In the game against Deep Run she had a 91% save percentage.

Girls JV Lacrosse: The Girls JV Lacrosse Team is off to a great start! Led by Coach Betty Hassett,

they won their games against Stone Bridge and South Lakes and tied McLean. The JV team consists 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, Ellen Zhong, and Deanna Zhu.** In their last game against powerhouse Woodson, JV took an early lead and was tied 4-4 right before half-time. Later, Woodson took the lead and remained in control for the rest of the game. However, the JV team continues to improve, remains strong and looks forward to its games against Langley and Marshall!

Track and Field: The distance runners are burning up the track this spring. **Stephanie Marzen** set a Freshman record at the Northern Virginia Invitational, winning the 1600 meters in 5:18. The following week at the Allen Johnson Invite, Seniors **Brian Landry** and **Evan Heflin** finished 1-2 in the 1600 in state-qualifying times. At the same meet, Senior **Connor Fleming** ran a strong 3200 meters that was good enough for sixth place and a berth at the state meet. Rounding out the top marks, both Senior pole vaulter **Joe Baerenz** and the 4 x 800 meter relay team of **Marzen, Fleming, Freshman Ronit Malka, and Senior Alison Underwood** took third place with regional-qualifying performances.

Varsity Lacrosse: The TJ Varsity Lacrosse team has just come off two strong wins against Stone Bridge (14-6) and South Lakes (7-6). The team has come together and improved dramatically in the second half of the season. They have progressed defensively, and are looking forward to a competitive district tournament starting May 5.

Currently, the team is ranked 20th in the region and 5th in the Liberty district. Attackmen **Stephan Kowalski, Karl Leswing, and Collin Hennegan** lead the team with goals.

On April 10, we celebrated Seniors' Night and honored our graduating seniors and their families. Thanks to seniors **James Brameyer, Patrick Coleman, Grant Hannigan, Brian Ichter, Ivan**

Lee, Karl Leswing, Andrew Lutes, Michael Malinowski, and Paul Nunez and the team managers, Anne Rohlfing and Rachel Cackler, for being part of the Jefferson Lacrosse program.

2008 TJ VARSITY LACROSSE SENIORS



Graduating Seniors: Back row - Michael Malinowski, Brian Ichter, Andrew Lutes, James Brameyer, Front row - Paul Nunez, Karl Leswing, Ivan Lee, Grant Hannigan, Patrick Coleman

JV Lacrosse: The JV team has had a very competitive season with 3 wins and 4 losses with three games remaining. **Drew Hayes, Dev Mehta, and Matt Lycas** lead with goals, and **Adam Mounts** with assists. The defense is anchored by **Richard Garrett, Joe Latta, Jake Brooks, Christian Matthews, and Dan Schlicht**, and has gotten stronger each game and is now a dominant force among area lacrosse teams. Goalie **Quasar Wei** has been outstanding in the net this year coming through with 75 saves in some hard fought contests. The team has had strong wins against McLean, Yorktown, and South Lakes, and a close loss to Stone Bridge and Woodson. We are looking forward to great things from this JV squad in the future. "We are getting better every game and we're looking to peak, individually and as a team, as the season ends" says Coach Long.

Athletic Boosters Annual Sports Physicals: Don't be left out on the first day of try-outs!!!

Every athlete who tries out for a sport must have a new medical exam each SCHOOL year. Parents, want to get your child's sports physical taken care of early for the 2008-2009 school year? Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, June 4**, to get your student's annual sports physical at TJ. The Colonial Athletic Boosters are sponsoring this popular at-school fundraiser to ensure that our athletes are ready for the 2008-2009 season and also to support TJ's many fine athletic programs.

Medical professionals will perform the comprehensive physicals from **3-7:30 p.m.** The full **\$50 fee is a donation to support TJ athletics.** TJ students, siblings, and friends needing physical exams for sports or summer camp are welcome. Every athlete needs a new athletic physical every school year so, save a trip to the doctor's office and come out and support TJ Athletics. **NEW** this year: pre-register at <http://www.fcps.edu/supt/activities/atp/ppeschedule.htm> and limit the time your child stands in line. You can **start calling on May 21** to make your appointment. Walk-ins are welcome after 6:00 p.m. Call the athletic trainers at **703-750-8387 for more information.**

Crew Boosters

Thomas Jefferson showed no sign of relinquishing its dominance of D.C. area crew as all eight competition shells (four men's 8's and four women's 8's) took **first place** finishes at the **Walter Mess Regatta** on the Occoquan on Saturday, April 5. The men's and women's 1st and 2nd 8's also defeated St. Albans and National Cathedral in a race on the Potomac, and they seem undeterred by the absence of last year's senior male rowers, who *Rowing* magazine rated one of the strongest high school 8's in the nation. The men's V8 has repeatedly captured the region's "triple crown" - the Virginia State, SRAA National and Stotesbury Cups, and, given the depth of entire team, TJ seems well positioned to maintain their winning tradition.



Woman's third eight competing at St. Andrews

But to the Colonial rowers, what matters most is Stotesbury, "Stotes" -- a race on the Schuyhill

widely regarded as the most prestigious high school regatta in the country. There, TJ has faced and beaten some of the most well-funded, well-recruited, and well-trained private school teams anywhere. While many rowers walk to their campus rivers, TJ rowers drive for hours to a shared boathouse in a public park. And yet, despite the lack of money, county rules forbidding fall or summer team training, constant repairing of aging boats, AP heavy course loads, and 4.0 GPA's, Jefferson rowers can slap on their school's tongue-in-cheek bumper sticker, "TJ: We came for the Sports," with genuine pride. Despite the odds, these hardworking, determined rowers win Stotesbury, States and Nationals year after year. But can they do it in 2008?



Men's second eight competing at St. Andrews

On April 19, the team traveled to **St. Andrew's School in Delaware** to compete against some of the Northeast's private school crew powerhouses, notably St. Joseph's Prep, Kent, and Greenwich. This year, the **girls** poured on the speed and their **2nd, 3rd, novice and freshman 8's all came in second**. The boys had a tougher time with none of the top three boats placing. But TJ has lost most years at St. Andrews – maybe too confident from their local wins, maybe too unsteady after only being on the water a few weeks; and yet, somehow, they've managed to glide past some of those same teams to take home their sport's most cherished gold. No doubt, the loss at St. Andrews stung. Last June, Jefferson graduated its largest group of senior varsity rowers and this year has had some major coaching changes. But they haven't retreated and called this a rebuilding year. They have another bumper sticker on those mileage weary cars: "TJ Crew: A Winning Tradition."

As always, if you have questions about Crew, contact Head Coach Matt Shoop at [shoop2 at cox.net](mailto:shoop2@cox.net). If you have any general questions about the team or the TJ Crew Booster organization, please contact Jeff Hoel, Crew Booster President, at [Jeffrey.hoel at gd-ais.com](mailto:Jeffrey.hoel@gd-ais.com) or Visit our websites <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/boosters>.

Chorus/Choir Boosters

TJ Choir – All Work and No Play? As the year winds to an end, TJ Choir shows no signs of giving up! Approximately thirty-three students from TJ's combined choirs have just returned from a four-day jaunt to Orlando, where they not only partook of the usual theme park fare but also managed to snag some snazzy hardware while they were there. The choir achieved a rating of "Superior" in their category at the Festival Disney event where the choir, as well as choirs from around the country, were judged. From the photo, it looks as though all had a good time.

Please get ready and plan to attend the **annual Spring Show!** This year's theme is "British Invasion." The show will be on **May 30 at 7:30 p.m.** Choir parents – check your email for details on the traditional Parent Choir – always a hit at this final concert. The last choir Booster-related event for the year is the picnic following the show, held at Floyd Park on June 1. We ask that parents attend this event, as this is the second of two annual meetings for the Boosters and the food is great. You will have the opportunity to vote for the 2008-2009 Booster Board members at this meeting.



Choir Trip to Disney

Orchestra Boosters

The School year is rapidly winding down. By now, those of you who ordered should have received your Festival CDs. As a reminder, those whole and half note supporters will receive their free CD for the final spring concert. This is one way we say thanks for your generous support. Speaking of that **final concert**, it will be on **Tuesday, June 5, at 7 p.m.** We will provide the usual Quiznos dinner and a post concert reception will celebrate the year's achievements of our students. The concert itself will also afford Ms. Bailey the typical venue to recognize outstanding performers, graduating seniors and those seniors with eight semesters of orchestra participation. Finally the **symphonic orchestra (minus seniors!) will be required to play at the Graduation Ceremony on Saturday, June 14.** I'm very appreciative of all the contributions both parents and students do that help make the success and popularity of the orchestra programs possible. Thanks so much! 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's** final production of the year, *Macbeth*, garnered glowing reviews in the Washington Post from Cappie critics. "Thomas Jefferson's cast rose to the occasion and delivered a powerful production," wrote a reviewer. **Maya Gueron**, as Lady Macbeth, "effortlessly slipped into the skin of an icy, tormented madwoman. Frantic, powerful and high-pitched, she commanded attention with the slightest movement." **John Goodwin** also received notice for this portrayal of Macbeth. "Never afraid to get up close and physical with the other actors, he seemed to be living onstage," the reviewer wrote.

Also singled out were **Will McGarey** for his "sound performance" as Banquo, **Robby Tracy**, for his portrayal of Macduff, **Patty Rupinen**, **Jackie Fitzsimmons**, and **Elena Lagon**, who "lived up to their names as the Weird Sisters," and **Kevin Place**, who played Duncan.

Natalia Czapski and **James Mannion** designed a creative set, and **Christina Beasley** and **Kevin Deisz** deserve recognition for the lighting,

particularly during the scene where Banquo's ghost appeared. **Nicole Boyd** and **Patty Rupinen** also made the blood on the costumes appear realistic and believable.



Elena Lagon, Jackie Fitzsimmons and Patty Rupinen convincingly portray the three witches in *Macbeth*

Many students and adults worked behind the scenes to make *Macbeth* successful. They include Drama Club Director Vincent Pollet, student director **Meg Harries**, production assistants **Paige Engelbretsson** and **Allie Nelson**, and fight choreographer **David Blore, class of 2006.**



Roy Crihfield, playing Malcolm, addresses his subjects as the new King of Scotland in the last scene of *Macbeth*

The Booster club would like to give a special thank you to **Vice President Nancy Fitzsimmons** for her work as the Cappie Coordinator, Hell Week meal coordinator, and chaperone. Other Boosters who helped make *Macbeth* possible, include Tom Ainsworth, Geetha Ravishanker, Holly Markwalter, Eileen Place, Helen Lee, Kathy Adams, Nan Booth, Sheena McConnell, Susan Lagon, Joyce Manchester, Terry Tracy, Anne Schmoltmer, Laura

Gould, Brenda Simon, Laura Anderson, Elaine Tholen and Susan Bikoff.

The **Drama Club's** performance schedule has been announced for next school year. The Cappie musical is ***Oklahoma!***, and it will be performed on December 12-14. Auditions for the show will be held on June 2-3, and callbacks will be on June 4. Additional auditions for dancers and freshmen will be held on September 22. The **22nd Annual Knight of One Axe** will be held February 21-22 with auditions on January 5-6. The spring drama show will be ***Up the Down Staircase*** on April 24-25. Auditions for that show will be held on March 2-3.

Congratulations to **Lindsey Doane** for being selected to represent TJHSST at the Virginia Governor's School for Humanities and Visual & Performing Arts this summer. Congratulations also to **Nicole Boyd** who was selected as an alternate. The four-week residential program for rising juniors and seniors is sponsored by the Virginia Department of Education and is hosted by the University of Richmond.

Announcements and Information

Notice: Students Beginning Summer Project Work

Students who may be planning summer learning opportunities such as internships, summer work experiences, or independent summer projects should be aware that they may wish to enter their work in the next **TJHSST Science and Engineering Fair to be held February 6 and 7, 2009**. Whoa! Why should a student be thinking about an event that is so far in the future? The International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF), whose rules TJ adheres to, requires many kinds of safety checks, ethical determinations, and background research before any data can be gathered by a student researcher.

Here are some points that potential science fair participants must keep in mind before they undertake a project:

- The first task is to find a faculty sponsor for your project. Even if you are doing the project at your home, at a science camp, or

at another institution, you must have a faculty sponsor – the sooner the better and before any project work begins. Before school is out for the summer, ask a teacher who is knowledgeable in the area of science or engineering you have chosen to study to sponsor your summer work. For rising seniors, this sponsor should be the Lab Director of their chosen Science and Technology Lab. This teacher will work with you to assure that all of the safety aspects of your experimentation will be addressed. Your sponsor will help you sort out which forms you need to have filled out before you begin your project.

- Go to the website <http://www.societyforscience.org/isef/document/index.asp> and **download the ISEF forms**. Note that some of the forms require signatures that are dated before experimentation begins. At least one form requires a dated signature after experimentation is completed. Many students make the mistake of taking all of their forms to their mentor on one day and the mentor does not notice the dating requirement.

It is normal – and preferred -- for a student to be more excited about the project than about the science fair forms, but failure to adhere to all of the requirements will result in disqualification no matter how wonderful your research turns out to be.

If you have **any questions** about science fair participation, **come by Room 121WK and ask Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Luxenberg, or Mr. Latham**. They will be delighted to help you qualify for the TJ Fair. Remember that the TJ Fair is the first step on the road to the International Science and Engineering Fair.

TJHSST Summer Tech Institute

TJ offers the 2008 Summer Technology Institute for students completing the 7th or 8th grade during Spring 2008 (rising 8th and/or 9th graders) regardless of high school enrollment. These enrichment courses provide hands-on experiences with a focus on the uses of technology. Courses will focus on the use of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) using hands-

on approaches and research-based methods, and may explore aspects of art, English, humanities or other disciplines with an integration of technology. Complete information regarding all course offerings, dates, and descriptions will be made available on the website: <http://information.tjhsst.edu/sumtechins.html>

Most classes will be five-day courses from 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m. Students are expected to bring their own lunches and provide their own transportation. Costs are \$200 for each course. Registration for courses will begin approximately May 12, 2008, and must be completed through the FCPS Office of Adult and Community Education: <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OACE/index.htm>.

TJHSST Summer School 2008

Applications for all for-credit, summer school courses at TJHSST will be accepted starting on May 12 and will continue to be accepted until courses are filled.

Noteworthy Dates

May	June
1 Last JLC	1 Crew Booster End of Year Picnic, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Cafeteria
1 Government Relations Committee Meeting, 7-9 p.m., Rm. 106	2 Spring Band Concert, 7 p.m., Auditorium
2 Freshman Lock-In	3 Band Booster Meeting, 7 p.m., Principal's Conf. Rm.
5-16 AP Exams	3 ANGP Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Rm. 106
6 Band Booster Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Principal's Conf. Rm.	3 Spring Sports Banquet
6 ANGP Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Career Center	4 Curriculum Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Career Center
7 Curriculum Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Career Center	4 Sports Physicals
8 Crew Booster Board Meeting, 7-10 p.m., Career Center	4 Academic Team Achievement & Recognition Banquet, 5-10 p.m., Cafeteria
8 Academic Boosters Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Career Center	4-5 IBET Symposium
12 PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Library	5 Government Relations Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Room 106
13 Diversity Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Career Center	5 Orchestra Concert, 7 p.m.
13 Orchestra Boosters Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Principal's Conf. Rm.	6 Senior Prom, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Westwood Country Club
14 Human Relations Committee Meeting, 4 p.m., Career Center	7 Landscaping Work Day, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
15 Chorus Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m., M-8	9 Spring Band Banquet
17 Landscaping Work Day, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	9 PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Library
19 Newsletter Submission Deadline	10 Orchestra Boosters Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Principal's Conf. Rm.
19-29 SOLs	11 Human Relations Committee Meeting, 4 p.m., Career Center
24 Relay for Life	11 Rising Freshman Sports Night, 7-8:30 p.m., Gym I/II
26 Memorial Day Holiday	12 Senior Class Picnic, Lake Accotink
28 Mentorship Fair	12 Crew Booster Board Meeting, 7-10 p.m., Career Center
28 Colonial Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7-9 p.m., Library	14 Graduation, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Patriot Center
29 Jazz Cabaret, 7 p.m., Cafeteria	14 All Night Grad Party, after graduation, TJ
30 Choral Spring Show, 7:30 p.m.	17 Last Day of School
30 Junior Class Campout	

The summer school program will take place July 8 through August 7 at TJHSST. Registration forms are available online and complete registration packets will be accepted and processed at TJHSST May 12 - May 23. Completed registration packets may be dropped off in the designated box in the TJ main office or mailed to the school, but they must be received no later than June 24, 2008. Confirmation of registration will begin on or about May 30, 2008. Additional information about summer school at TJ can be found at <http://information.tjhsst.edu/summer.html> and about FCPS Summer programs in general at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/summer.htm>.

To contact the summer school office, please dial (703) 750-5019, or email Heather Sondel, Summer School Principal, at Heather.Sondel@fcps.edu.



Dear Seniors/Parents,

The school year is almost over, and the senior issue of tjTODAY is fast approaching. Five years ago, tjTODAY started a new policy of allowing seniors to place personal ads in this issue. The product was highly successful so we are offering this opportunity to you again. Our printing expenses for this one-of-a-kind 32-page issue continue to rise so our ad prices have gone up a bit over last year, but all involved would say, it's worth it!

<p><u>Suggestions for Advertisement Design</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Take a look at advertisements printed in older and current editions of tjTODAY. Look for advertisements that appeal to you.2. Collect pictures and photos that you would like to use in your advertisement.3. The simple the advertisement design, the better. Pictures should generally be the same size and shape to retain a professional layout in your advertisement. Collages are not always the best choice.4. Make sure to select lighter colored photos, as advertisements will be printed in black and white. Dark photos may not show up as easily as lighter photos in the print edition.5. Your advertisement must be fully laid out and camera ready. <p>Digital/electronic submission is preferred. Send to Jennifer.Seavey at fcps.edu</p>	<p><u>Advertisement Packages</u></p> <p>A: Full page (\$250) 10.25" x 15" B: Half page (\$175) 10.25" x 7.5" C: Quarter page (\$125) 5.125" x 7.5" D: Eighth page (\$75) 5.125" x 3.75"</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 20px; text-align: center;">A \$250</div><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">B \$175</div></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">C \$125</div><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">D \$75</div></div>
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Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology
c/o Jennifer Seavey, Room. 107
6560 Braddock Alexandria, VA 22312-2206
(703) 750-8375

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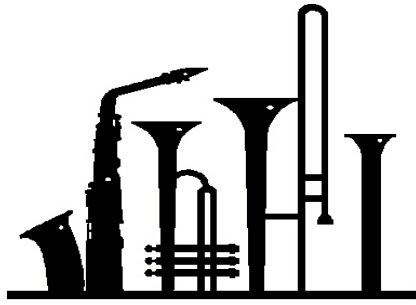
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TJHSST JAZZ ENSEMBLES I & II

Invite you to a Swinging Evening of
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At Their Annual

Jazz Cabaret



**Wailin' "Charts" By
Our Own Jazz
Ensembles
And
Featuring
Navy Commodores
Saxophonist
Rob Holmes**

Thursday, May 29 at 7:00pm
In the TJHSST "New Orleans Café"
6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22312

Suggested Donation: \$4 Student or Sr. Citizen, \$7 Adults
Discount Advanced Tickets Call: (703) 266-6748, Or Email: VA_Cruz at cox.net

Thomas Jefferson Jazz Ensembles Present



Thursday, May 29, 2008 at 7:00 pm

Order your tickets now for this very enjoyable evening culminating a year of hard work and fun for our jazz students. The event features guest soloist saxophonist **Rob Holmes**. Rob is the baritone saxophonist with the United States Navy Band Commodores Jazz Ensemble, and has played professionally for more than twenty years. A native of McLean and graduate of Langley High School, Rob is a performer, educator and composer/arranger. He has contributed more than twenty original compositions and arrangements to the Commodores' music library. Washington jazz fans can also hear Rob perform with his own groups, including Dr. Cleve Francis and Friends, The Eric Felten Jazz Orchestra and The Great American Music Ensemble. Rob has performed at the Aspen Jazz Festival, aboard the Premier Cruise Line's "Starship Oceanic", the Kennedy Center and Regis Philbin's show on location in Norfolk, Virginia.

Advance Ticket Orders: \$3 students/Srs. & \$6 adults (\$4 / \$7 at the door) (Suggested Donation)

Orders may be dropped off in the Jazz Cabaret envelope outside Ms. Ulrey's door or mailed, if postmarked no later than Friday, May 23. All prepaid tickets will be held for pick up at the cafeteria door on cabaret night. **Do not miss this special evening of music and refreshments!**

Ticket Order Form for Jazz Cabaret

Name: _____ Email and Phone # _____
No. of Students/Sr. Citizen Tickets _____ at \$3 = _____
No. of Adult Tickets _____ at \$6 = _____
Total Tickets Ordered _____ = _____

Checks Payable to TJHSST Band Boosters & dropped off at school or mailed to: Tricia Cruz, 13529 Moss Glen Road, Clifton, VA 20124. **(Postmarked by Friday, May 23, 2008).** **Questions contact:** (703) 266-6748 or VA_Cruz at cox.net

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Check List

- Freshman Lock-In – May 2
- PTSA Executive Board Meeting – May 12
- Memorial Day Holiday – May 26
- Junior Campout – May 30-31
- Seniors – June 1 – Last day to buy ANGP tickets!!!!**