

## Principal's Letter

Dear parents/guardians, teachers, and students,

Welcome to a new school year! I hope you have enjoyed a relaxing summer with personal hobbies, fun with your friends, and time with your families. This rest and reflection time away from school is essential to recharge your mind so you can think creatively and get excited about the difference you will make in the coming year. I hope you have enjoyed our summer reading, *Cradle to Cradle*, a book about designing sustainable materials that can be reused and repurposed in our society. I invite you to think of ways we can employ cradle to cradle concepts at TJ and challenge our students to develop some ideas for our school and their future. These discussions about sustainability are coming at a very important time for our school, given the planning for our school renovation will begin in late spring. TJ has been far from quiet this summer. We have had about 1000 students engaged in learning experiences, either through TJ summer school classes or our TJ's Summer Tech Institute, open to rising 8th and 9th grade students in the region. The outreach program invited students to take one week classes like Cool Chemistry, Stamp Computers, Engine Dissection, Forensics, and much more in our unique labs. We anticipate a few facility and grounds modifications within the next month. We will soon have some additional outlets in place in the cafeteria and library to support Sun kiosks from the grant we received last year. This will enable students to have greater access to computers outside of our labs. In front of the building, we will add more recycling containers and will repaint the road to improve traffic at drop off and pick up zones. New courses for students this year include a communications

systems research senior research lab, history of science, math techniques for scientists and engineers, non-AP US history, and AP Chinese. We have two new school-wide activities planned in the spring:

- 1) One Question: An opportunity for students to pose an interdisciplinary question for the school to investigate in courses and activities the following year.
- 2) Research Symposium: A school-wide event where students can learn about each other's projects, as well as engage in activities that get them excited about research opportunities.

I look forward to seeing you at our Back-to-School Night at 6:30pm on September 17th to meet our faculty, staff, and administration. Don't hesitate to contact me at 703-750-8306 or [Evan.Glazer@fcps.edu](mailto:Evan.Glazer@fcps.edu) if you have feedback and suggestions that will help make TJ an even better place for learning and growing.

Looking forward to a great 2008-2009,  
Evan Glazer, TJ Principal

## President's Message

**Welcome!** We hope you enjoyed every minute of your summer break and that it was filled with special times and created wonderful memories for you and your family. The PTSA has been busy all summer getting ready for the start of the 2008-2009 school year, and is enthusiastic about making this another terrific year for everyone in the TJ community. Please let us know how we can help you throughout the year by contacting anyone on the executive committee [ptsa@tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa@tjhsst.edu).

I want to extend a special welcome to Freshmen parents and students. We are thrilled to have you join us at TJ! We hope that early events for the Freshmen class gave parents and students every opportunity to feel welcomed, and to get all their questions answered. The Big Sibs and Orientation programs, cluster gatherings and Back to School Bash are our way of welcoming you and helping you and your student get to know TJ. Also, the PTSA will again be sponsoring a fall forum especially directed at the Freshmen and sophomore parent audience on **Wednesday, October 15 at 7pm in the school cafeteria titled "Navigating TJ: Parent Tips for Your Four Years."**

**I would like to highlight a few important ways to be involved and informed at TJ. These can be accessed through the school's website or directly at:**  
<http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/index.htm>

**VOLUNTEERS:** Please take a moment to visit the PTSA website and find a volunteer opportunity that you enjoy. This is a great way to share your time and talent and spend time getting to know other parents and students. Connect to the PTSA website at <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/index.htm> and follow the link under Volunteers. We need you!!

**MEMBERSHIP:** We would love to have every parent, teacher and student join the PTSA. The PTSA gives you a voice to advocate for students, parents and faculty at TJ and also provides needed funding. We are facing a real budget crisis. Though each school will suffer the consequences of similar cuts, it is the school communities who rally to support their students through volunteer efforts, membership, and fundraising that will mitigate the budget impact the most for their respective schools. The PTSA runs few fundraisers, only jacket and directory sales, so please also consider a donation where

possible. Remember to sign up for Family Connections and your Blackboard account if you have not already done so at <http://fcps.blackboard.com/webapps/portals/frameset.jsp>. The KIT (Keep in Touch) program is also undergoing changes and families are asked to update their accounts by returning their emergency care cards to the school or updating online at <https://www.fcps.edu/kit/>.

**FREE MONEY!:** We are making a great effort to maximize participation in the "free money" programs. These can vastly improve the financial resources of the PTSA which are used for our school and our students. These programs don't involve your donation, but merely that you **SIGN UP** so that a portion of your already planned purchases can go to the school.....found money!! Please take a moment to sign up for the grocery and retail programs at **GIANT, SAFEWAY, HARRIS TEETER AND AMAZON** where you already participate. Click here to go directly to the PTSA website and click on the link for **Support the PTSA**  
<http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/index.htm>  
THANKS!!!

**S.O.S. (Support our students):** Please take a moment to review the "Guide to Giving" provided with your packets. Each organization at TJ relies heavily on the volunteer and monetary donations of its members, and the community at large, to survive. This easy guide outlines the purpose and needs of each group that welcomes your participation. A copy of this guide can also be found on the PTSA website <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/index.htm> Finally, special thanks to the tremendous volunteers who have generously donated their time over the summer to our many projects: directory, packet formulation/stuffing, cluster gatherings and Back to School Bash. We are very grateful to the Directory Committee, under the leadership of Subhash Goel, and the Volunteer

coordinators, Jill Cook and Rajni Goel, along with the many Cluster coordinators for their terrific efforts over the summer. Great job and many thanks!

Finally, all are invited to attend our **PTSA meetings**. Our next meeting is on **Monday, October 20, at 7pm in the library**. Please come and share your ideas and questions about the upcoming school year. This is your school, your PTSA, and your agenda. Please come and help us create this year's plan.

Also, consider attending other committee meetings that may interest you:

**Curriculum Advisory Committee (CAC)** ,  
**Student Services Advisory Board (SSAB)**,  
and **Human Relations**. Check the calendars (PTSA and School) for scheduled meeting times.

Thanks again for letting us enjoy the opportunities and experiences of the coming year together!

Liz Ross, TJHSST PTSA President

PTSA Executive Committee:

John Pang 1<sup>st</sup> VP

Denise Bunting 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

Carrie Kilgore Treasurer

Michele Pitler Recording Secretary

Helen Lin Corresponding Secretary

## **TJ Begins the Year with a Bash!!!**

On August 28th, hundreds of students, teachers and parents celebrated the upcoming school year by attending Thomas Jefferson's first annual Back to School Bash. Originally set to take place on the grounds of TJ, the rain forced us to move the majority of the celebration into the Cafeteria; however, in true TJ fashion, everyone had a fabulous time. Student and parent organizations sponsored tables which showcased their particular group in a variety of ways. The afternoon's festivities included music,



### **PTSA General Meetings 2008-2009**

- September 8 - Library at 7:00 P.M
- October 20 - Library at 7:00 P.M
- November 19 - Cafeteria at 9:00 A.M  
(Combined with Principal's Coffee at 8:30 A.M)
- December 8 - Library at 7:00 P.M
- January 12 - Library at 7:30 P.M  
(Combined with Principal's Coffee at 7:00 P.M)
- February 9 - Library at 7:00 P.M
- March 18 - Cafeteria at 9:00 A.M  
(Combined with Principal's Coffee at 8:30 A.M)
- April 13 - Library at 7:00 P.M
- May 18 - Library at 7:00 P.M
- June 15 - Library at 7:00 P.M

**Next Board Meeting: Monday, October 20,  
at 7pm in the library**

food, games, contests, the sale of TJ spirit wear and the opportunity to learn about and sign up for many student and PTSA organizations. Students spent the afternoon reconnecting with old friends and meeting up with new ones. One of the afternoon's highlights was the karaoke machine which was broken in by Principal Glazer and Freshmen Pranava Raparla singing "Hey Jude"! After their initial song, there were many groups of singers willing to share their "talent" with the rest of the crowd! The celebration ended with TJ's first Varsity Football game against Falls Church.....which we WON!!!! What a perfect way to end a really fun day. Details regarding our 2nd Annual Back to School Bash will be sent out some time this spring. You won't want to miss it!



Great fans helped propel TJ's Varsity football team to an overtime win against Fall Church.



"The Bash" offered fun times and fun games.



We had a full house for our first annual "Back to School Bash" even though rain moved the celebration indoors!



Joined by our beglittered "Leader of the Band", Dr. Evan Glazer, the band members performed during the event.

## ***Reflections Program 2008-2009***

Our PTA will provide, once again, the opportunity for Thomas Jefferson HSST students to participate in the Local, State and National PTA Reflections Program. The Reflections Program offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. The theme for the 2008-2009 program is "Wow". Watch for more information in school, in future newsletters, and on the TJ intranet. Start creating your works of art (literature, music composition, visual arts, film/video, dance choreography, and photography) related to this year's theme. The deadline for submitting entries will be in mid October 2008. Entry forms and more information are at <http://www.novadistrictpta.org/>

## **Committees**

### ***All Night Grad Party 2008***

The party was a great success with the school transformed. Students spent the whole night enjoying the casino, music, karaoke, inflatable activities, and many other fun things as well as all kinds of international foods and spectacular desserts. Thank you again to every business and parent who donated their time and resources to make the event so successful. Bernadette and Ed Saperstein, Co-Chairs, ANGP 2008.

### ***ANGP 2009***

The All Night Graduation Party for the Class of '09 is just 9 months away! It's a fantastic alcohol-free celebration which begins right after graduation and continues through the night to the following morning. All Senior parents are invited to come and hear the plans for the 2009.

All Night Graduation Party which begins on June 13, 2009! Where will it be held? What happens? The plans are Top Secret and are only discussed at our ANGP meetings. It's a surprise for our graduates!! Please join us at the next ANGP meeting: Tuesday, October 7, at 7pm in the Career Center.



The talented trio of Robin Howard, Michele Pitler, and Terri Minshew will be leading a great group of volunteers for this year's ANGP!

### ***Curriculum Advisory Committee***

The 1st meeting of the CAC for this school year will be on Thursday, October 16, in the TJ Career Center. The 2nd meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 13, in Room 106. Both meetings start at 7:30 pm and should end by 9 pm or earlier. No particular experience is needed to serve on this committee, but we will be looking for people with specific experience to help in some areas. For example, we are currently looking for a parent who has experience in reviewing grant requests for research, and could help with requests to be filed in late October or early November. If you can help here, please contact the committee's chairperson, Ed Saperstein, at [edsaperstein@cox.net](mailto:edsaperstein@cox.net) Periodically we plan to post brief updates about the CAC on our web page at

<http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/comm-curr-advisory.htm>

## **Grocery Program / Recycling committee**

**Office Depot's 5% Back to Schools Program** Earn 5% in credit for TJ to use towards FREE supplies!

- Shop at Office Depot for all of your school supplies.
- Provide our school's 5% Back to Schools ID number 70103076 each time you make a qualifying purchase (e.g., computers are excluded).
- Office Depot will total the qualifying purchases\* made during each program period.
- Office Depot will award us 5% of the qualifying purchases in merchandise credit which can be used towards FREE supplies!

If you don't know TJ's 5% Back to Schools ID ask the cashier to look it up. Forgot to use your school's ID when you made a recent purchase? Past purchases made within the current quarter can still be entered for credit! To give 5% of your qualifying school supply purchases back to TJ in the form of merchandise credits, simply bring your receipt and our ID number to the store and ask a store associate to apply your purchase.

### **Register Your Grocery Cards and Earn \$\$\$ for TJ Today!**

It's time to register your grocery cards to earn money for TJ. Giant, Peapod, Safeway and Harris Teeter support our schools by donating a portion of sales to us whenever you use your store loyalty card. The Harris Teeter and Safeway programs started August 6 so don't waste any time and sign up today.

You can sign up in store, online or by completing and submitting the flyer to the front office or at Back to School Night. The flyer is attached near the end of this *Tech cetera*. The fastest way to start earning money when you shop is to sign up online. See the [Support the PTSA](#) page on the website to access links for each program. You must register and identify TJ as the school you want to support EVERY school year.

[Giant A+:](#) Bonus Card: TJ code 02307.



[Peapod by Giant:](#) Register your Giant card as outlined above and then at Peapod.com under My Account – Personal Settings – Giant Bonus Card.



[Harris Teeter Together in Education](#) Vic Card: TJ code 5534.



[Safeway Club Card for Education Club Card](#) TJ code 154534149.



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shopping using the new Amazon.com link on the [Support the PTSA](#) page of the website.

(<http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/support.htm>)

The more books, songs, magazines, clothes, electronics, etc. bought in a month, the higher the percentage we earn. To make this really easy, go to the page now and set up a bookmark so you can access the link quickly! Students, teachers, staff, family and neighbors can all help by shopping using our link.

**Note:** You must start your shopping using the Amazon link on the PTSA site and complete your purchase within 24 hours of placing items in your "Shopping Cart". If you need to return to the site to complete your purchase, please start at our Amazon.com link and continue your shopping.

What is this partnership worth? If 1,000 TJ families, students, staff, alumni and friends spend \$100 each, at a minimum we would earn \$4,000! If 1,800 spend an average of \$200 each, we would earn at least \$14,400. Like our students, this program has unlimited potential! Please participate!

If you have any questions, please contact Nora Callahan at [norava@verizon.net](mailto:norava@verizon.net)

### ***Recycling for TJ***

Help the environment and TJ at the same time. The recycling committee collects empty inkjet and laser toner cartridges and old cell phones to earn \$\$\$\$ for TJ! Please collect empty cartridges from your home, office, friends, and relatives and place them in the collection box in the Main Office. PTSA volunteers will do the rest. Same thing with old cell phones - We even collect damaged and outdated models. The PTSA earns up to \$3.00 per cartridge and even more for qualifying cell phones. So help us turn your trash into dollars for our students!



Nora Callahan and Lisa Hodge will be re-energizing our receipts programs this year.

### ***Hospitality Committee***

Hospitality's first event of the year, the Welcome Back Breakfast for Faculty was held on August 26, 2008. This event kicks off the new school year for all TJ faculty and staff. Many thanks to those parents who donated food or came to help. Our next large event is our Apples for the Teachers Faculty Thank You in October. If you would like to join us in planning and assisting with these events or are able to donate food to the school's celebrations, please email Carrie Kilgore at [JCKVienna@aol.com](mailto:JCKVienna@aol.com).

### ***TJ Jackets on sale***

Most Fairfax County schools reserve the right to wear a "letter jacket" just for the kids who earn a letter. As usual, TJ is a little different. Our students are allowed to purchase "letter jackets" to wear with or without letters because just attending TJ is something to celebrate.

The PTSA buys these high-quality jackets directly from the manufacturer and sells the jackets for less than retail price, earns the profit to spend on TJ's needs, rather than a retailer, and saves you some time and hassle. Most Fairfax County schools

simply send you to a local retailer, but no retailer is local to our community and why should you pay more than you need to? The funds raised by the PTSA support programs that benefit all TJ students and teachers. Each of the 3 jacket styles is lined, wool, personalized, has "Science and Tech" on the front, and "JEFFERSON" on the back. They can be worn with or without a letter – parents and teachers even wear them! About 25% of all students buy one during their years at TJ. Why not buy one early and wear it all 4 years?

The first sale for the 08/09 school year is at Back to School Night on Sept. 17, as well as during Lunch in the Cafeteria: Sept. 17, 18, 19 (Wed – Fri) for late November delivery. We'll have sample jackets for you to try on. Sizes seem to vary each year so you must TRY A JACKET ON before ordering!

If you have questions about the jackets or would like to help out, please contact Joan Turner at (703) 922-0439 or at [jturnermom@aol.com](mailto:jturnermom@aol.com).



## ***Landscaping Committee***

Our Landscaping volunteers have been hard at work this summer, weeding, watering and mulching to keep the gardens around TJ looking great. Make sure you don't miss the native pink joe pye, yellow woodland sunflowers and red hibiscus on the hill as you enter TJ, and the purple coneflower and purple Russian sage on the other hill as you leave.

To keep things looking great, we are in need of more volunteers for our weekly gardening mornings and monthly weekend workdays. To get added to our volunteer list contact Carol Miranda at [cnsmiranda@hotmail.com](mailto:cnsmiranda@hotmail.com) or 703 281 2913. We will send you emails announcing specific workdays. Even though we work hard, we always have a lot of fun. Hope you can join us. Students - this counts as community service.

## ***Volunteer Committee***

Volunteer at TJ! There are many opportunities to become involved in the TJ community as a volunteer. Both new and returning families must sign up online to volunteer for any of the multitude of choices we offer, which are listed on tasks – something for everyone! And please remember to register your professional skills/special interests on that signup page. You never know when we may need a microbiologist, an astronaut or a movie star!! We are currently looking for a chair for the following PTSA position:

**Parliamentarian:** Ensures that correct meeting procedure is followed at monthly PTSA meetings.

**Thank you, Summer Volunteers!!** We want to send a huge thank-you to all those who helped us stuff the Back-to-School packets on August 6. We had an unexpectedly large number of parent, student and faculty volunteers and were able to get all 1,875 packets stuffed in a very short time! Thanks also for the help with packet distribution on August 22nd. We love our dedicated volunteers!

## Student Services Corner

The Student Services Advisory Board (SSAB) presents:

An Evening of Networking for Freshmen Parents (Sophomore Parents welcome) on Thursday, September 25th, 2008 at 7:30pm in the TJ Cafeteria.

Question a student panel, discuss issues with parents of upperclassmen, or talk with fellow freshmen parents. Come share experiences and ask questions about IBET, form carpools and meet people, and enjoy snacks and friendly people! If you have any questions, please contact the SSAB PTSA Representative, Linda Russ, at 703-444-0539.

### **Guidelines**

The latest issue of the TJHSST Student Services Department newsletter, Guidelines, is available at: <http://information.tjhsst.edu/dss/>

### **Student Government Association**

Welcome TJers to an exciting new school year!

Your 08-09 SGA is ready for a great year full of fun activities, civic involvement, service, and spirit! First on the agenda is Homecoming. This year's overall theme is "What's IN, What's OUT" meaning that each class theme has to have either "in" or "out" in the name.

- **Seniors** *IN the Jungle the Mighty Jungle*
- **Juniors** *A Day IN the Life*
- **Sophomores** *OUT West*
- **Freshmen** *INcognito*

**Homecoming week** is **Oct. 6-10th**, and the dance is on Oct. 11th.

Here are the spirit days:

- Monday - IN Vogue (dress your best)
- Tuesday - Check Me OUT (dress as your

- favorite literary character)
- Wednesday - Inseparable (dress as twins, triplets, famous groups, etc.)
- Thursday - What's IN, What's OUT (class theme day)
- Friday - IN Living Color (class color day)

SGA is also planning new initiatives for this year. Here is a quick snapshot of what we've got planned: -

- Hold a mock election to see how TJ student's opinions of the presidential candidates stack up to the rest of the nation.
- Paint inspirational quotes on the walls of TJ.
- Hold spirit days throughout the year.
- Set a Guinness Book of World Records.

As always, your suggestions and input are very much appreciated and encouraged. Drop off any ideas/suggestions to Room 210. Thanks and let's go TJ!!

Officers:

- **President:** Molly Patterson ('09)
- **Vice President:** Mikey Kim ('09)
- **Secretary:** Mary Kim ('10)
- **Treasurer:** Alice Chae

('09) Sponsors: Melissa Schoeplein and Marianne Razzino

## Academic News

The FCPS School Board last year approved a minimum GPA requirement for all TJ students in order to remain in good standing. This requirement was established as a means to evaluate student placement following admission. Regulation 3355.9 from the Superintendent's Office declares, "An enrolled student shall maintain a cumulative B average at the end of each school year in order to remain a student in good standing at TJHSST." The regulation also notes intervention

strategies will be developed and documented by faculty and staff to help students when they are not showing good standing. It is FCPS administration's wish that students are placed in a learning environment appropriate to their academic challenge and motivation level. All courses that a student completes count toward the cumulative GPA. Thus, any student in any grade whose cumulative GPA falls below a B average may be required to continue their education at their base school during the following school year, even if it would be a student's senior year.

## Class News

### *2009 – Seniors*

Senior parents: It's an exciting time for our seniors. Please help organize the All Night Graduation Party. Visit the ANGP website <http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty/index.html> and join the growing list of senior parents who are supporting and planning the most memorable graduation celebration. Also, we will be needing volunteers for the homecoming dance on Saturday Oct 11th. Other volunteer opportunities will be communicated as the dates and needs become available. If interested in helping email Anjana Desai at [nayanj885@yahoo.com](mailto:nayanj885@yahoo.com) or fill out the parent Volunteer information online at <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/login.htm> look forward to working with you all.

### *2010 - Juniors*

Welcome back to TJ! Are you and your student ready for junior year? Problem sets in Physics? Hum II? PSATS, SATs, SAT2s, APs? Juniors catch up on their sleep now while they can! Contrary to what you may have heard, junior year is not all about work and tests. The junior class officers will be planning some fun events for the class. The class officers for this year are:

President, Lisa Nam; Vice President, Sam Zhang; Senator, Emma Ferris; Secretary, Megan Falls; Treasurer, Grace Wang; Co-historian, KC Chae; Co-historian, Emily Evans. Dr. Osborne and Ms. Hurowitz will continue as the faculty sponsors. Please mark your calendars now for these junior class events. We will be needing chaperones for all of them.

**Friday, October 24th** – Junior Soc Hop

**Friday, March 27th** – Mr. Colonial

**Saturday, April 18th** – Class of 2010 Spring Formal

**Friday, May 29th** – Class of 2010 Campout (TJ football field)

The Homecoming dance will be held on Saturday, October 11. We hope that you are eager to help out again. Please email me if you would like to chaperone that evening and let me know whether you prefer the early shift (usually 7:30 – 10 pm) or late shift (usually 9:30 pm – midnight). We are also looking for a **flat bed truck** for the class **Homecoming float**. Let me know if you have one and are able to pull the float at the Homecoming game on Friday, October 10. For information on class events, please remember to check out the class website throughout the year at: <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/2010/>

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

### *2011 – Sophomores*

As our students are getting ready to start their second year at TJ and are excited at the prospect of new challenges, we would like to remind all parents that your Class Liaisons will soon be busy. Have your compiling lists of volunteers for this year's forthcoming events. At time of press, dates are still being finalized but we would like to encourage anyone who would like to help during this upcoming year, to send an e mail to either Eileen or Daniela so that you can be contacted as soon as any need for volunteers arises. We wish

everyone a very happy and rewarding academic year and look forward to seeing you all back at TJ!

Eileen Swoboda [eswoboda@gventerprises.net](mailto:eswoboda@gventerprises.net)

Daniela Owen [danielaowen@verizon.net](mailto:danielaowen@verizon.net)

## ***2012 – Freshmen***

As we all begin the journey of TJHSST, Ann Nguyen (Billy 2012) and Janet Tasker (Ryan 2012) are looking forward to meeting the freshmen families and providing you with parent-to-parent assistance as the Freshmen Class Liaisons. We are both new TJ families so we are still trying to get the lay of the land. Please bear with us as we navigate these new waters. We can be reached individually via e-mail at [ann.hl.nguyen@cox.net](mailto:ann.hl.nguyen@cox.net) and [jtasker@cox.net](mailto:jtasker@cox.net). We've also set up an e-mail address just for Freshmen class communications. The address is [TJClassof2012@cox.net](mailto:TJClassof2012@cox.net). It was great seeing some of you at the Back-to-School Bash. We appreciate those parents who have already signed up to volunteer for Freshmen class events. Right now, we know of three major events that the Freshmen class has to look forward to. Each one entails parent involvement to varying degrees, so let us know if any of these activities are of interest to you.

The events are:

- Homecoming Dance
- Freshmen Lock-In
- IBET Symposium

Homecoming Dance will be October 11. There is a full week of activity surrounding Homecoming with class skits, t-shirts, "best dressed" contests, and floats. Students will be organizing the week's activities and building a float. In addition, the students will be looking for a parent's garage in order to build/store their float. If you live near TJ and are willing to provide "float shelter," please let us know. We will need about 20 parents to chaperone the dance. Please send an

e-mail to [TJClassof2012@cox.net](mailto:TJClassof2012@cox.net) if you are interested in helping with this event. The Freshman Lock-In takes place in the Spring and is the largest event. We will be looking for more than 100 parents to spend the night with the Freshmen students at TJ and supply them with food and drink. The event itself, like most events at TJ, is student directed and planned. We are there to support. Please send an e-mail to [TJClassof2012@cox.net](mailto:TJClassof2012@cox.net) and let us know if you would be interested in being a chaperone.

Lastly, the IBET Symposium, held at the end of May is organized by the IBET teachers for students to present the results of their IBET projects. Parents will be needed to provide refreshments and to greet other parents during two mornings of presentations.

That's all we have for now although we expect that there will be additional requests from time to time that we'll be asking for help with. We will also try to keep you informed on major activities. Wishing you a very exciting September at TJ. Ann and Janet

## News Round-Up and Awards

Students **Daniel Li** (2010) and **Jack Wang** (2008) went to US Physics Team Training Camp. **Brian Hamrick** (2010) went to Math Olympiad Summer Program. **Brian Hamrick** (2010), **Haitao Mao** (2008) and **Jacob Steinhardt** (2008) went to the USA Invitational Computer Olympiad Camp. **Brian** and **Jacob** were two of four team members selected to represent the US at the International Olympiad in Informatics held in Cairo, Egypt, August 16-23, 2008. The US team came home with two Gold and two Silver medals from the competition. Both Brian and Jacob earned Silver medals. Congratulations Brain and Jacob. Congratulations to **Bronwyn Koehl** who earned a Silver Medal this summer at the International Russian Language Olympiada held in Moscow. **Andrew Smith (AJ)**, was an apprentice this summer at the **Naval Research Laboratory (NRL)** in Washington, DC. It was an eight week Science Engineering Apprentice Program (SEAP) where he worked in the Optical Physics Lab with mentor Dr. Peter Judd, a research engineer. **Andrew** and **Colin Maloney** (another TJ student) worked together in the optical physics lab and at the end of their 8 week apprentice program they jointly presented their project to 3 judges, parents and mentors. Andrew and Colin were awarded first place for their project titled, "Non-uniformity Characteristics and Applications of a Large Format Short Wave Infrared Imaging System" during the NRL SEAP Awards Ceremony Friday, August 15. TJ Students selected for **SEAP NRL** this summer were **Abel David, Aditya Palepu, Alex Simon, Andrew Smith (AJ), Apurva Sisodia, Arianna Geneson, Bo Fan, Brandon Vargo, Carolyn Scoggins, Clarice Lee, Colin Maloney, Dan Emmons, Jama Mohamed, Joy Lee, Justin Wang, Kevin Casto, Lexi Moutafakis, Luke Cheng, Matthen Fu, Michael Kremer, Mohima Sanyal, Robert**

**Bui, Sam Pell, Shipra Maheshwari, Soonwook Hong, Sumit Malik, Varun Bansal, Vivian Cooper, William Minshew, Yangbo Xu.** If you would like your student's individual awards (academic, athletic, service or other) recognized in Tech cetera, please email them to John Pang, [ptsa.firstvp@tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.firstvp@tjhsst.edu). Team awards will be recognized by the Academic Boosters.

## TJHSST Partnership Fund

### A MEANINGFUL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS

### The TJ Partnership Fund Helps Keep TJ Academically Strong

TJ's NUMBER 1 status only reinforces our school's constant critical need for essential funding: for faculty continuing education, for lab equipment, for computers. Current funding is not nearly enough to cover such expenses and the gap continues to grow.

TJ's situation is so serious that a nonprofit foundation was formed to help meet the need!

*The TJ Partnership Fund, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization created in 1999, is the charitable foundation raising private funds for TJHSST.*

**The partnership fund needs volunteers – from experienced fundraisers to enthusiastic beginners. come join the team.**

- **WRITING AND COMMUNICATIONS:** Are you a good writer? Experienced with Public Affairs? Please help our communications committee: we write brochures and newsletters about TJ.
- **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT:** We welcome help in the Partnership Fund Office to record donations, as well as help with mailings and other basic administrative duties. As little as one morning or afternoon on a weekly or occasional basis will help.
- **EVENT PLANNING:** We host various events at TJ and other places and can use your help coordinating and planning these

events.

- **RESEARCH AND PROPOSAL WRITING:** Do you love to surf the internet? Help us research corporations who might be interested in partnering with TJ. Ever written a grant proposal? We could use your help!
- **FUND-RAISING SUPPORT:** Have you worked at a nonprofit? Are you familiar with the software package Raisers Edge? Would you like to learn about nonprofit fundraising? Please let us know.

Please contact TJ parent Carrie Kilgore at 703 938-9508 or by email at [TJPartnership@aol.com](mailto:TJPartnership@aol.com).

Visit our *student-designed website* at

[www.tjpartnershipfund.org](http://www.tjpartnershipfund.org)

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## TJHSST Boosters

### *Academic Boosters*

#### **Join Academic Boosters this School Year**

Start the year off right! Join the TJ Academic Boosters, which supports almost twenty TJ academic teams by paying for teacher sponsor expenses, registration fees, preparation materials, and more. Our children go above and beyond what they learn in class. Academic competitions allow them to demonstrate in-depth knowledge of subjects ranging from computer programming to world politics. Competitions also teach teamwork, leadership skills, and how to demonstrate poise under pressure. The accomplishments of our Academic Teams are one of the hallmarks of TJ!

To join, go to:

<http://academics.tjhsst.edu/aboosters/membership.htm>. Membership donations are entirely **tax deductible**.

Also, ask your employers about their **employer matching gift programs**.

Academic Boosters will gladly facilitate matching

contributions by completing paperwork. Family contributions and matching gifts will be publicly recognized by listing your students' names on the Academic Boosters bulletin board, in our annual report and on our website.

### ***Band Boosters***

**Marching Colonials:** By the time you read this, our Marching Band students will have returned from an intense and exciting practice week at Shrine Mont in Orkney Springs, a woodsy mountain retreat tucked away in bucolic Shenandoah Valley. Students have been attending weekly sectional practices since June, capped by three weeks of band camp to prepare for marching season. The Band Boosters would like to thank the many parent volunteers who chaperoned the Orkney trip and culminating activities during the final week of summer.

**Class of 2012, Parents, Alumni, and Fans: Questions about band? Confused? We are here to help.** Learn all about TJ Bands and Boosters at <http://www.tjhsstband.org> Subscribe to the Band Boosters Yahoo group by sending an email to:

[tjbandboosters-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:tjbandboosters-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

Volunteers always welcome!

### **Announcements**

**Spaghetti Dinner before Back-to-School Night:** This year's spaghetti dinner will be held on **Wednesday, September 17 from 5 to 7 p.m.** in the TJHSST cafeteria before Back-to-School Night begins. Dinner includes: spaghetti with sauce (meat or meatless), garlic bread, salad, beverage, and dessert. The spaghetti dinner is a fundraiser for all band programs and is open to the entire school. Advanced reservations and payment preferred by September 12, \$10 per person; contact [ghe@eoir.com](mailto:ghe@eoir.com). Please see order form in PTSA package distributed with 2008 schedules. You may also buy tickets at the door for \$11, while food lasts.

**Safeway Club Card Program:** Shop Safeway, support TJ Bands. Register at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com), band code 151809887. **Please present your Safeway Card to cashier at checkout.** Using your phone number instead may not link your purchases to your e-scrip account. You can also use your credit cards to benefit TJ Band Boosters when you shop at participating merchants such as Macy's, Orvis and Office Depot.

**TJ Customized License Plate Frames:** Attention all students, parents, alumni, staff...we have a license plate frame for you! Show your school or team spirit! Contact: [Sylvie@wrta.org](mailto:Sylvie@wrta.org), (703) 342-0215.

See samples at: <http://www.tjhsstband.org>.

**Holiday Gifts:** Shop early! **White House Commemorative Ornaments** – Easy to mail gift, \$20 – [nsitarz@att.net](mailto:nsitarz@att.net). See samples at: <http://www.tjhsstband.org>. **Gift Cards** – A variety available! – [kaycorey@cox.net](mailto:kaycorey@cox.net).

**Innisbrook Wraps, Gifts, and Chocolates** – Order online at [www.innisbrook.com](http://www.innisbrook.com) (school number 110170-A-1) – [djruskin@cox.net](mailto:djruskin@cox.net).

**Please donate to band program!** Local high school bands fund their programs through annual Tag Day fund drives. During these drives, band members solicit donations door-to-door throughout their neighborhood. The TJ neighborhood is vast and far-reaching; we must rely on our virtual neighborhood. **Be a good neighbor;** mail your charitable donation to TJHSST Band Boosters - Henry Ruempler, 5415 Waycross Dr. Alexandria, VA 22310. Thank you for your support!

### **Noteworthy Dates:**

September 17: Spaghetti Dinner – 5:00 – 7:00 pm

September 20: Marching Band Competition – USSBA Westminster (MD) Clinic

September 27: Marching Band Competition – USSBA Regional (Herndon HS)

October 4: Marching Band Competition – USSBA (Annapolis/Naval Academy)

October 7: Band Booster Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Principal's Conference Room

November 12: TJMC Banquet for band students and families, TJ Cafeteria, 6:30 pm

## **Colonial Athletic Boosters**

### **Crew Boosters**



Interested in joining the largest team of boys and girls at TJ and rowing on the beautiful Occoquan River? TJ Crew offers a competitive national crew program. If you are strong, tall and have a good athletic work ethic, this could be the sport for you. Almost all rowers who join TJ Crew have never rowed before. Through daily practices with top rowing coaches, rowers get into excellent physical condition and learn rowing skills and teamwork.

Crew is a spring sport, running from mid-February through the end of May, but if you are not participating in a winter sport, we highly recommend that you take part in our winter training program that begins in mid-November at TJ.

Students interested in rowing should contact the Crew Captains at [TJRowing@gmail.com](mailto:TJRowing@gmail.com). We encourage freshmen and upper class novices (and their parents) to join us at our Crew Interest Night on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the TJ Cafeteria. We will also be holding an open house on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at the TJ Boathouse at Sandy Run Regional Park – come and try rowing with us!

To find out more about TJ Crew, check out the Crew website <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/crew/> or contact Head Coach Matt Shoop at [shoop2@cox.net](mailto:shoop2@cox.net). TJ Crew is managed by parents through the TJ Crew Booster organization. For Booster questions, contact Teresa Zeng, President, at [TJCrewPresident@gmail.com](mailto:TJCrewPresident@gmail.com).

Crew is a club sport and receives no funding from Fairfax County. Please support TJ Crew by attending our Yard Sale at TJ on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> and Gift Fair at TJ on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. We also welcome your tax-deductible donations for the yard sale, and if you have a craft that you would like to sell at the Gift Fair, please check out our website at [www.tjgiftshow.com](http://www.tjgiftshow.com) or contact us at [tjgiftshow@gmail.com](mailto:tjgiftshow@gmail.com) for more information.

#### **Dates for the calendar:**

October 14, Crew Family Interest Night, 7:30 pm, TJ Cafeteria

October 25, TJ Crew Yard Sale, 8 am – 12:00 pm, TJ Cafeteria

October 26, Crew Open House, 1 pm- 3 pm, Sandy Run Regional Park

November 15, Crew Gift Fair, 9 am – 4 pm, TJ Cafeteria

#### ***Chorus/Choir Boosters***

The TJ Choir and its Choral Boosters are off to a busy start this school year. Several students participated in the annual TJ Choir Bootcamp led by Director Luke Frels from Monday, August 25 to Thursday, August 28 for several hours each day. Choir members then participated in the first annual TJ Back to School Bash at the conclusion of Bootcamp.

We have many activities coming up quickly this year, beginning with Potluck Supper on Thursday, October 2, at which students can pay their wardrobe fees and parents can fill out numerous choir participation-related forms, including medical, car pooling, volunteer opportunities, etc.), and make generous sponsor donations. Please also save the date of Saturday, November 8 for our 6<sup>th</sup> annual TJ Choir Cabaret and Silent Auction. This is the choir's major fundraising event for the school year. We will be accepting donations of auction items through October 31. We ask that each choir family (and their friends, neighbors and other

acquaintances) donate at least one good or service that can be auctioned that evening. It is never too early to start thinking about donation items!! In addition to the Silent Auction, the evening will include wonderful desserts and fabulous singing. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the soloists and small and large ensembles as they entertain you with a wide variety of show tunes.

The first meeting of the TJ Choral Boosters will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 18, 2008 in the Music Wing near the Aud Lob. All are invited.

#### ***Orchestra Boosters***

Welcome back to returning Orchestra members and parents and a special welcome to the incoming class of 2012. I am sure you will find the Orchestra program to be most rewarding and well worth the time, passion and commitment that your students contribute to its and their own growth and success. I'm also in need of parents' commitment to ensure the success of the program. While returning parent's will know that I will soon have group listing established to communicate by email, for now I will use this method as well as the Orchestra's website which you may link to from the TJ site. I'll have Boosters application forms there, and will also provide by a number of other means. Please remember that this is the principal means by which we gain funds to support the program throughout the entire year. We need your financial commitment, in addition to the traditional opportunities to volunteer. In that vein, I still have need of some folks to assist me in a number of areas: Hospitality (organizing the concert receptions), a representative to attend the monthly PTSA meetings and someone to assist me with the concert CD ordering. If any of you would enjoy helping in any of these areas or any other fashion, please reach out to me. We would greatly value your support. We typically meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 8:30 in the Principal's Conference Room at TJ. Please contact me if you have any

questions or would like to help. Thanks! Larry Jones (lawrencemjones at aol.com)

## ***Theater Boosters (Shakespeare and Drama)***

TJ Drama and Shakespeare Troupe are looking forward to a new school year that includes a Rodgers & Hammerstein musical, an acclaimed play about teaching in an inner-city school, and two of Shakespeare's most popular comedies.

This year's musical is *Oklahoma!* This much-loved musical will be performed December 12-14 in the TJ Auditorium. Most of the cast for the musical was selected before summer break, but auditions for dancers and chorus (freshmen only) will be held September 22. Please check the drama bulletin board in the Aud Lob to the right of the front doors for audition times.

Shakespeare Troupe will lead off the year with a Froshfest production of *Love's Labours Lost* on November 7. Froshfest is a "new actor's show" – only students who have never acted in a TJ production may audition. Check the Shakespeare Troupe bulletin board by the stairs next to the Aud Lob for audition times. The Troupe's second production of the year will be *As You Like It*, which will be presented January 30-31. All Shakespeare Troup productions are directed by students.

TJ Drama, under the direction of Mr. Vincent Pollet, will perform *Up the Down Staircase* on April 24-25. Adapted from Bel Kaufman's bestseller, the play addresses the challenges of teaching in a New York public school. Many may remember the movie version starring Academy Award winner Sandy Dennis in 1967.

TJ Drama also plans to stage its very popular *22nd Annual Knight of One Axe* on February 21-22. This production features five one-act plays, four of which are directed by students.

TJ Drama and Shakespeare Troupe welcome new members. It's easy to get involved! Just check the bulletin boards for audition times and sign-up lists for crews. The Theatre Booster Club

encourages parents to join and volunteer their time to help put on the many excellent student productions. Specifically, the Boosters are in need of a volunteer to photograph dress rehearsals of shows and make photo CDs of the photographs. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Fitzsimmons at [TJ.TheatreBoosters@gmail.com](mailto:TJ.TheatreBoosters@gmail.com). You can also visit the Theatre Boosters webpage (<http://arts.tjhsst.edu/theatreboosters/>) for information on how you can get involved and support a fine tradition of drama at TJ.

## **Announcements and Information**

Translators available upon request: Contact Jean Lee at [tjlanghelp@comcast.net](mailto:tjlanghelp@comcast.net) or call 703-753-4604.

## Noteworthy Dates

<b>September 2008</b>	
15	Partnership Fund Board of Directors meeting, 4:30pm in Band room
16	Academic Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Cafeteria
17	Back to School Night, 7pm Band Booster Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7pm in Cafeteria
18	TJ Choral Booster meeting, 7pm in the Music Wing near the Aud Lob
19	Freshmen Audition for Theater Booster performance of "Oklahoma!" Class of 2011 Soc Hop, 8pm
23	Theater Booster Meeting, 6:30pm in Library
25	SSAB Freshmen Night, 7:30pm in Cafeteria
27	TJ Open House, 8:30am
<b>October 2008</b>	
1	Athletic Booster meeting, 6:30pm Band room
2	Chorus/Choir Booster Pot Luck Supper
7	ANGP meeting, 7pm in Career Center Band Booster Meeting, 6:15pm in Conference Room
9	Crew Board Meeting, 7pm in Career Center
11	Homecoming, Dance at 7pm
13	Columbus Day Holiday
14	Orchestra Booster Monthly meeting, 7:30pm in Principal's Conference Room
14	Crew Interest Night, 7:30pm in Cafeteria Diversity Committee Monthly Meeting, 7pm in Career Center
15	PSAT testing for Sophomores and Juniors, 8:30am to 12:00pm
15	PTSA Navigating TJ Forum, 7pm in Cafeteria
16	CAC meeting, 7:30pm
20	PTSA meeting, 7pm in Library Partnership Fund Executive Committee Meeting, 4:30pm
21	Academic Booster Meeting, 7pm in Cafeteria
24	Class of 2010 Soc Hop
25	Crew Yard Sale, 8am-12pm in Cafeteria
26	Crew Open House, 1-3pm at TJ Boathouse at Sandy Run Regional Park
<b>November 2008</b>	
3-4	Student Holidays
11	ANGP meeting, 7pm in Career Center Orchestra Booster Monthly meeting, 7:30pm in Principal's Conference Room
13	CAC Meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center
15	Crew Gift Fair, 9am-4pm in Cafeteria in Principal's Conference Room 7:30pm
19	PTSA meeting with Principal's Coffee , 8:30am in Cafeteria
20	SSAB meeting, 7pm in Library
26	Students released 2 hours early
27-28	Thanksgiving Holidays
<b>December 2008</b>	
5	ANGP meeting, 7pm in Career Center
6	PTSA meeting, 7pm in Library
12	Orchestra Booster Monthly meeting, 7:30pm in Principal's Conference Room
12-14	Theater Booster Performance of "Oklahoma!" in Auditorium
24-Jan 2	Winter Vacation
<b>January 2009</b>	
5	Orchestra Booster Monthly meeting, 7:30pm in Principal's Conference Room
6	ANGP meeting, 7pm in Career Center
12	PTSA meeting combined with Principal's Coffee , 7pm in Library
19-20	Martin Luther King Birthday & inauguration Holiday
26-27	Student Holidays

**February 2009**

- 3 ANGP meeting, 7pm in Career Center
- 9 PTSA meeting, 7pm in Library
- 10 Orchestra Booster Monthly meeting,  
7:30pm in Principal's Conference  
Room
- 16 Washington's Birthday holiday

**March 2009**

- 3 ANGP meeting, 7pm in Career  
Center
- 9 Orchestra Booster Monthly meeting,  
7:30pm in Principal's Conference  
Room
- 18 PTSA meeting with Principal's Coffee  
,8:30am in Cafeteria
- 30 Student Holiday

**April 2009**

- 3 Student Holiday
- 6-10 Spring Holiday
- 13 PTSA meeting, 7pm in Library
- 14 ANGP meeting, 7pm in Career  
Center
- 15 Orchestra Booster Monthly meeting,  
7:30pm in Principal's Conference  
Room

**May 2009**

- 5 ANGP meeting, 7pm in Career  
Center
- 12 Orchestra Booster Monthly meeting,
- 20 PTSA meeting, 7pm in Library
- 25 Memorial Day Holiday

**June 2009**

- 2 ANGP meeting, 7pm in Career  
Center
- 9 Orchestra Booster Monthly meeting,  
7:30pm in Principal's Conference  
Room
- 13 Graduation at the Patriot Center, All  
Night Grad Party at TJHSST
- 15 PTSA meeting, 7pm in Library

## **All Night Grad Party 2008**

The party was a great success with the school transformed. Students spent the whole night enjoying the casino, music, karaoke, inflatable activities, and many other fun things as well as all kinds of international foods and spectacular desserts. Here are a couple of photos to provide you a glimpse of the evening. Thank you again to every business and parent who donated their time and resources to make the event so successful. Bernadette and Ed Saperstein, Co-Chairs, ANGP 2008

### **All Night Grad Party Donor Levels of Giving**

ANGP Friend \$50  
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ANGP Benefactor \$250  
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#### **[Thank you to all our additional donors:](#)**

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# Grocery Programs Fundraiser

Grocery Programs are a great source of funds for the PTSA.  
Please help us with this no-cost to you fundraiser.

Shop Giant, Peapod, Harris Teeter and Safeway(eScrip) to earn \$\$

This is an EASY way to raise money for our students **without cost to you!!**

But you must **RE-designate TJ each School Year!**

Complete and return to the main office by Sept 17<sup>th</sup> or bring to Back to School Night or start earning money even faster and register online now!

## Giant:

Giant BonusCard number (12 digits) \_\_\_\_\_

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1. You will need your Giant BonusCard number (it's on your Giant card or key tag). (If you don't know your number, you can call the BonusCard hotline at: 1-877-366-2668 and Giant will register you or you can register in the store.)
2. Go to: <http://www.giantfood.com/aplus>
3. Thomas Jefferson's Code is **02307**

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Online:

1. Register your Giant card as outlined above
2. Enter Giant card # at Peapod.com under My Account – Personal Settings – Giant Bonus Card

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Vic number (first 11 digits) \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Or Online:

1. With your Vic number (it's on your Harris Teeter Card.) Go to: [http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together\\_in\\_education/link\\_to\\_your\\_school.aspx](http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/link_to_your_school.aspx)
2. Thomas Jefferson's Code is **5534**

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Safeway Card # (11 digits) \_\_\_\_\_

Or Online:

1. Go to <https://secure.escrip.com/jsp/supporter/registration/step1>.
2. Follow instructions to register (New or Renew) and choose Thomas Jefferson HSST PTSA, Group ID **154534149**.
3. If you select the "Yes Renew" option, please go to the "my escrip" section to verify Thomas Jefferson is designated. Some parents accidentally continue to send their earnings to an elementary or middle school they no longer attend.

*Make a copy and PASS IT ON! ASK FAMILY & NEIGHBORS TO SUPPORT TJHSST – even if they live out of town!*

Questions: Call Nora Callahan at 703-319-9434 or email [NoraVA@verizon.net](mailto:NoraVA@verizon.net)

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**Check List**

- Become a member of the TJHSST PTSA!
- Back to School Night, September 17
- SSAB Freshmen Night, September 25
- Homecoming, October 11
- PSAT Testing for Sophomore and Juniors, October 15
- BUJ [[ Unb[ 'H>. 'DUFYbhH]dg': cf'Mti f': ci f'MUfgzCVtcVYf'% ž+. \$\$'DA ''