

Principal's Letter

Dear parents/guardians, teachers, and students,

The school year nears a close and we celebrate our seniors for their terrific accomplishments during their years at TJ. They cared enough about energy conservation that a group spent a year raising funds to put solar panels on the roof of our school. They created a legacy with a school store, The Armory, and have given it to other classes to maintain in the future. They started an outdoor classroom and patio in "learning cottage city" to make it more welcoming outside the school (and inviting on nice days). They created a new spirit activity for TJ with a gingerbread house contest near the holidays. Their class earned the greatest number of Intel Science Talent Search semifinalist awards since 1991, and they were the first class ever to have two finalists in that competition. They offered new "toys" to the senior lounge to make it even more fun and entertaining during their breaks. They became the first class to share their research with the rest of the school through tjSTAR, giving future students an opportunity to expand the work they have started to the next level of excellence. These contributions have made TJ a more special place for all of us.

Special thanks to senior sponsors Ms. Nancy McCormick and Mrs. Judy Bello, and to administrator Mrs. Mary Ann Bosley, who have worked with these students hand-in-hand during the ups and downs of their TJ experience. In addition, many thanks to our senior parents for your non-stop volunteering efforts, assisting at home, and bringing in great treats for all of us! It has been a great ride for our seniors thanks to this teamwork.

As we head into the summer, I hope you enjoy a restful break. I look forward to a trip to Disney World with my nieces, an environmental biology excursion to Tangier Island, a few visits to the Nationals ballpark, attending a national technology conference, an alumni barbecue, catching up on a lot of reading, and a hiking trip.

Wherever your summer adventures lead you, I hope you enjoy our One Book summer reading for the whole school community, "Three Cups of Tea," by Greg Mortenson and David O. Relin. The book was chosen by a committee to begin our understanding of the One Question for next year, "What are the social responsibilities of educated people." According to the inside jacket, the book is about a "one-man mission to counteract extremism by building schools, especially for girls, throughout the breeding ground of the Taliban." Sounds like a captivating read! In addition to the One Book, I look forward to our new social studies seminar course next year focusing on this One Question, as well as special projects created by students and teachers in other courses. Resources for these projects will be provided through a grant opportunity from the Partnership Fund.

Please contact me ([Evan.Glazer at fcps.edu](mailto:Evan.Glazer@fcps.edu)) if you have ideas to make TJ an even more special place for learning and growing. Have a pleasant summer!

Sincerely,
Evan Glazer
TJ Principal

President's Message

It's time to celebrate! It is with laughter and tears that the Seniors, most of their parents, and I, end our time at TJ. What a wonderful voyage of the mind and heart this has been for all of us. True, we have a lackluster facility, but every morning it becomes a sensational place, brightened by the smiles and enthusiasm of the vibrant students who make this place exceptional. Each year we bid a bittersweet good-bye to our senior leaders, and welcome a new batch of energetic young faces. Our TJ family continues to grow and thrive.

Thank you especially to the PTSA executive committee members who have served with me throughout the year. Michele, John, Helen, Denise and Carrie, you have been the best group of advisors, volunteers and friends any PTSA president could hope for. Thank you to the many committee chairs and liaisons on the PTSA board who each shared their amazing talents and made our efforts and success more than just the sum of our individual parts. Every year we log over 60,000 volunteer hours donated by our very generous pool of parents. You are not just important, you are vital to the success of our school.

Thank you especially to the faculty and administration whose tireless efforts and superior leadership and instruction continue to make this not only the best, but the most joyful school in the country. We are very grateful for the opportunity this special environment gives our children to live, learn, and grow into successful young adults.

Looking back, our year began and ended with two inaugural events: the "Back to School Bash" and the tjSTAR Symposium, respectively. Both of these were very successful, thanks to the tremendous efforts of many faculty, staff, students and parents. These events represent the start of fantastic new and lasting traditions at TJ. We so appreciate the terrific support of our invited educators and guests, speakers, and corporate donors (even one "intelligent" robot). Our students did a wonderful job of presenting their projects and remain our best ambassadors.

We continue to work and celebrate. Almost every day and night at the end of this year is filled with an opportunity to witness the talents of our diversely interested and diversely able group of young people: championship soccer, tennis, and cross country competitions, a jazz cabaret, the final chorus performance, J-Day, Relay for Life. We still have much to look forward to: Senior Prom, Graduation, ANGP, Junior Campout, Alumni Reunion...and, oh no...final exams, and then summer vacation! TJ's summer one book, "Three Cups of Tea" is available in three versions based on reading level. You might consider reading this book as a family over the summer.

This year has also been marked by a number of important issues which we have successfully advocated through the efforts of an involved and motivated TJ community. Issues like the school profile, the decile distribution, FCPS grading and weighting policies, and depot busing have benefited from our input, or been resolved in our favor, due to our faithful group efforts. Recently we were able to persuade the School Board to restore TJ's neighborhood busing through overwhelming participation in our online petition, letters and voices. Thank you to the School Board for restoring this vital service to our school.

To everyone, I hope the memories of your time here continue to fill you with the warmth and love of the community of which you will always be a part.

"You can kiss your family and friends good-bye and put miles between you, but at the same time you carry them with you in your heart, your mind, your stomach, because you do not just live in a world but a world lives in you."

~Frederick Buechner.

Thank you all very much for the wonderful opportunity to serve as your PTSA president.

Wishing you great Learning, Life, Laughter, and Love,

Liz Ross
TJ PTSA President
Ebross3@msn.com



Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and FCPS Superintendent Dr. Jack Dale, seen here with Tj TODAY student staff, were among the special guests for the first TJ STAR Symposium.

PTSA MEETING – Monday, June 8 at 9am in the cafeteria. All are welcome, including incoming freshmen parents!

HAPPY SUMMER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

PTSA Update

Volunteer Coordinators

We are at the end of the school year, and want to again thank our dedicated volunteers for the time and energy spent at TJ this year!

PTSA committee chair opportunities: There are many ways to help at TJ, including serving on the PTSA board; we will soon update the Volunteer page on the PTSA website, where you will find information on the open positions. We especially encourage parents of the Class of 2013 to get involved!

Summer Packets: To all our seasoned volunteers, and to those who would enjoy a great new experience in pre-school-year preparation, we invite you to join us for summer packet stuffing! *Our tentative date is Wednesday, August 12, 9:00am*; please email us if you'd like to be on our volunteer list. We look forward to seeing you there!

As always, you may contact us at [tjvolunteers at gmail.com](mailto:tjvolunteers@gmail.com).

~~Jill Cook and Rajni Goel
PTSA Volunteer Coordinators

Serving the TJ Community

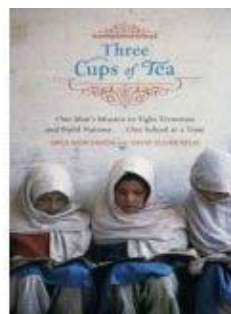
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For more details about the program, see <http://tjhsst.edu/ptsa/support.htm#amazon>. Contact Nora Callahan at 703-319-9434 or **NoraVA at Verizon.net** with questions, comments or ideas.



One Question....One Book. Earn for TJ when you buy it!

This summer's required One Question reading is "Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace . . . One School at a

Time," by Greg Mortenson. Order your copy from our Amazon fund raising link (see above). Or, if you're viewing this online, [click here](#) to **order your copy** today!



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Landscaping

We hope each time you drove out of TJ last month you enjoyed the fragrant blooms on the native Fringe Tree donated by the Cackler family. The Audubon "rescue" ferns and native plants are looking happy under the maple tree near the sculpture and we should see some flowers in adjacent Monarch Way Station soon.



The chartreuse hosta and spider lilies brightening up the area under the oak by the main office were generously donated to TJ from the garden of Nancy Burns.

The landscaping committee is focusing our last garden day on revamping the area in front of the school near the Aud Lob in preparation for ANGP and graduation. **Please join us Saturday June 6, from 9:00am to 12:00pm.** If you can join us please RSVP to Carol Miranda at [cnsmiranda at hotmail.com](mailto:cnsmiranda@hotmail.com), so we can let you know if we need to change our plans due to weather. All are welcome; no experience is necessary. Students, this is a fun way to earn community service hours. Get a head start on next year!

Many thanks go to our Landscaping committee members, Nancy Dale, Thuy McMurray, Michele Pitler, Elaine Tholen and Eleni Silverman, for their hours of planting, weeding, mulching and watering, and to the many other student and parent volunteers who pitched in to keep TJ looking beautiful.

ANGP – All Night Grad Party



**LAST, LAST, LAST Chance
To Buy Your ANGP Ticket!!!**

Senior Parents/Students:

Don't miss out on the All-Night Grad Party (ANGP), the fun and safe capstone celebration of four wonderful years at TJ! It takes place at TJ right after graduation ceremonies on June 13.

Most seniors have bought their tickets. If you're one of the few who waited, you have only a few more days! All tickets must be prepaid with parent permission form. ***No tickets will be sold at the door!*** The price is **\$109** and is all-inclusive for food, music, activities, door prizes, etc.

There are no paper tickets. Students who have purchased tickets and sent in their parent permission form are on "**The List**" of attendees, which will be at the front door when the students arrive after graduation that night. To check to see if your student's name is there, go to: http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty/tickets.html#ticket_list.

Here's how to purchase ANGP tickets:

1) Fill out the Ticket Order and Acknowledgement of Risk forms found at <http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty/tickets.html>.
OR

2) Write a check for \$109 to “TJHSST PTSA-ANGP,” send it with the form to this address:
Julia Villacorta, ANGP '09 Tickets, 8304
Hunting Hill, McLean, VA 22102, **OR**

3) drop the form and check off in the TJ front office in the “Grad Party” box.

We look forward to seeing you there!

~~Julia Villacorta and Sandy Evans
ANGP Ticket Chairs

ANGP Volunteers:

Thank you to the over 300 parents who have volunteered their time, talents and energy for the ANGP. We simply could not have the ANGP without your help.

If you haven't volunteered, but would like to, it's not too late. We need at least 35 more volunteers for ANGP: 10 volunteers for the first shift (9:00 pm-11:00 pm); 10 volunteers for the third shift (3:00 am-6:00 am); and 15 volunteers for the wrap up/ clean up shift (6:00 am to 9:00 am). Volunteers for the first shift should be junior, sophomore, or freshman parents.

Origami Folders Needed! This ancient and elegant art of paper-folding will take on a whole new dimension at ANGP...if we have volunteers to help.

PLEASE contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Chris Zigadlo, at [czigadlo at aol.com](mailto:czigadlo@aol.com), as soon as possible to sign up. Remember, only parents on the volunteer list will be admitted to the building. Thank you!

Student Services Corner

Student Government Association

Hey Colonials! In just a few weeks, we will finally reach the finish line. SGA would like to take this last opportunity to thank everyone for such a wonderful year! Because of your help, interest, and support, we are ending the year feeling proud of our accomplishments, including Homecoming, Slivoskey Grant, TJ Olympics, Leadership Conference, Quotes on Walls, and JDay!

Finally, SGA would like to say a few words to seniors. Seniors, happy graduation and congratulations to you! We'll definitely miss you next year. Please come visit us.

SGA wishes everyone a safe and fun summer!

Exam Schedule

Senior Exams

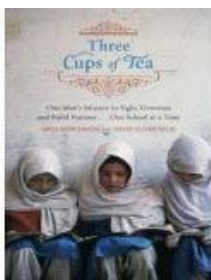
Friday, June 5	Period 7 exam
Monday, June 8	Periods 3 and 4 exams
Tuesday, June 9	Periods 5 and 6 exams
Wednesday, June 10	Periods 1 and 2 exams

Underclass Exams

Friday, June 12	Period 1 exam (modified blue day)
Monday, June 15	Periods 2 and 3 exams (half day; 12:50 pm dismissal)
Tuesday, June 16	Periods 4 and 5 exams (half day; 12:50 pm dismissal)
Wednesday, June 17	Periods 6 and 7 exams (half day; 12:50 pm dismissal)
Thursday, June 18	NO EXAMS (10:50 am dismissal)

One Question Updates

One Book for One Question



The One Book selection for 2009 summer reading is Three Cups of Tea, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin.

Faculty and students who reviewed the nominated books particularly liked

this non-fiction work on the impact of one man's sense of social responsibility. This book lends itself well to the 2009-2010 One Question, "What are the social responsibilities of educated people?" submitted by Ian Ladner, and in fact highlights all four core principles and skills valued at TJ: Critical Inquiry and Research, Problem Solving, Intellectual Curiosity and Social Responsibility (CIRPSICSR). Juniors who run the TJ armory are planning to order about 500 copies, so that some students may purchase their book at school. The book is also easily available through public libraries, bookstores and online purchasing (<http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0143038257?ie=UTF8&tag=tjhsst-20>). See "Free Money" on page 3 of this newsletter.

One Question Semester Course

The TJ Leadership Team has approved a semester course for the coming school year, entitled "Exploring the Social Responsibilities of Educated People." Students will be able to take this semester half-credit course either first or second semester. Please see the description outlined below, under "**Announcements and Information**," for details. Interested students should see their counselors as soon as possible to enroll in the course.

National Honor Society

Membership in the National Honor Society is an honor bestowed upon students that demonstrate

diligence in their academics as well as outstanding character, service and leadership.

In order to be considered for selection to the National Honor Society, you must have the equivalent of an unweighted GPA of at least **3.5** at the end of your sophomore or junior year. Students who are academically qualified will be invited to attend an interest meeting and to complete an information form. You must complete **6** hours of community service between the end of this school year and selection deadline in October. These hours may be completed in or out of school. You must attend an interest meeting and complete an information sheet that details all of your relevant experiences. Your request for consideration also obligates you to continuing service to TJ and the community. The faculty committee will then consider your discipline record, as well as input from the entire faculty, to select those students worthy of the honor.

Students who are selected must then pay their dues prior to the induction ceremony. Membership becomes official only with participation in the induction ceremony.

Obligations for members include completion of 24 additional service hours, 12 of which must be completed out of school, and attendance to mandatory chapter meetings. The faculty committee or the executive committee may also require attendance at an official NHS event.

Guidelines

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

HELP KEEP TJ ON TOP! – TJ Partnership Fund

The difficult economic climate has not deterred the TJ Partnership Fund – or the many generous parents and local corporations – in their never-ending drive to meet our high school's resource

needs. At the end of May, TJ received nearly \$85,000 in cash and various technologies donated through the Partnership Fund by concerned TJ parents and corporations, and another \$95,000 in federal research support funds. The Partnership Fund is also providing maintenance support for the new technologies. These donations are in addition to the \$100,000 in contributions the Partnership Fund passed on to TJ in the first half of the school year. The Partnership Fund presented Dr. Glazer with a check for \$50,000 for the school's needed resources at the annual dinner.



Mark Skolnik, TJ Partnership Fund, presents a check for \$50,000 to Dr. Glazer.

But we are still a long way from meeting the technological and equipment needs that maintain TJ's unique position among public high schools! Please support your school through a direct grant, a matching grant from your employer, or by introducing us to someone who might support TJ. Contact Gary Bottorff at 703-750-8317 or at gary.bottorff@fcps.edu.



Sprocket, the robot (left), stands with TJ students and Dean Kamen at the annual awards dinner.

During the month of May, the Partnership Fund signified its enduring commitment to the school through its financial support of, and partner involvement in, the tjSTAR Symposium on May 28, and recognition of significant donors at its annual awards dinner held the same evening. Virginia Secretary of Education, Dr. Thomas Morris, and Tom Davis, former US Congressman, joined the dinner to lend support. Dean Kamen, the inventor of the Segway and a great advocate for education, spoke about the need to support science and technology students to solve the world's problems. And special guest, Sprocket, the intelligent robot, lent his humor and insight to the evening's events.

THANKS to all benefactors, supporters and donors of the TJ Partnership Fund for a year full of commitment to TJ's ongoing resource needs!

Items from Other TJ Offices

Academic News

Spanish News

More than 5000 students across the United States participated in the 2009 National Spanish Exam. Over 400 of our estudiantes took this rigorous exam and 192 students received gold medals; 118 received silver medals; 53 were awarded bronze medals; and 41 received certificates of excellence. In addition, **Christina Popps** won "Top Scorer for Level 3" and **Andrew Hendricks** won "Top Scorer for Level 4." These two received \$100 US Savings Bonds, in addition to their medals. ¡Felicidades!

French News

French Honor Society Elections

On Wednesday, April 22, TJ's French Honor Society welcomed 37 new members. The inductions were organized by the new officers: Co-Presidents **Anna Nikolova** and **Mohima Sanyal**, Secretary **Grace Merkin**, Treasurer

Temple Douglas, Historian **Danette Song**, and Webmaster **Alex Streicher**. The Society also said a heartfelt “au revoir” and “merci mille fois” to this year’s officers, **Natalie Medvedev**, **Rachel Eilbott**, **Lauren Groskaufmanis**, **Anthony Tran**, **Katherine Dove** and **Naren Tallapragada**, along with all our senior members. May they continue their studies of our beautiful language throughout college and their careers.

In the **National French Contest** this year, 80 Jefferson students placed in the Top 10 in their respective categories. Locally, in the Northern Virginia Chapter, 48 Jefferson students earned Top 5 rankings in the Washington metropolitan area. And 267 Jefferson students participated in the **Le Grand Concours**, given annually in March, which tests students' proficiency in 3 categories: listening comprehension, reading comprehension and grammar. Congratulations to all the candidates for their achievements and a hearty "thank you" to staff and volunteers who made these endeavors successful.

Trip to Spain and France planned next year over Spring Break

For the first time, the Spanish Department and the French Department will be collaborating on a trip over Spring Break 2010. We will be arriving in Madrid where we will stay for three days taking in the city and the ancient capital of Toledo. Then we drive through the heart of old Castile to Segovia and next to Burgos. From there we'll travel to Bilbao, San Sebastian, and then across the border to France and the seaside resort of Biarritz. After touring the Basque region we'll take the TGV train to Paris and spend the remainder of our time there before heading back to the US. Any and all may go on this trip (no need to speak French or Spanish). To register, go to www.acis.com, type in Lasalle for Leader name and 59794 for the ID number for the trip. Feel free to contact Mme LaSalle and/or Sra Pou for more information.

From Russia With Love!

The Russian Program is currently wrapping up a very exciting year!

Congratulations to **Jessica Tyler** for her selection as the winner of a trip to Vladimir, Russia, this summer to participate in a home stay/study program with fourteen other students from different regions of the US. Jessica received this award after scoring a Gold Medal in the Advanced Level of the National Olympiada of Spoken Russian sponsored by the American Council of Teachers of Russian (ACTR). In addition to her First Place state award for spoken Russian, Jessica was awarded 3 scholarships totaling \$1500.00 for her success in Spoken Russian.

Direct from Moscow: **Sarah Schmolter** and **Jessica Tyler** were awarded Gold Medals at the International judging round for their essays, which had already received Gold Medals at the National Level.

More good news for TJ Russian students! **Ashley Lewis** ('09) and **Maria Whittle** ('07) will both return to American Councils for International Education for paid summer internships. Ashley will combine her computer science skills with Russian to work in the IT Department and Maria will use her Russian skills proofreading materials to be posted to the website. Ashley will be joined this year by **Julian Warchall** ('09) and **Roman Averbukh**, ('10) in IT. Before and after her trip to Russia, Jessica Tyler will work with Maria. **Amy Ruskin** is our TJ candidate to be selected a Russian Scholar Laureate by ACTR. Congratulations Amy!

SLAVA (Russian Honor Society) sponsored the successful school-wide, 8th period activity of truffle making to celebrate Mother's Day. Also, on J-Day, SLAVA's ever-popular Siberian Freeze drinks (think Starbucks Frappuccinos) sold with rapidity.

Summer fun! TJ Russian students look forward to the visits of two friends from the Pskov State University. Both Anna Gladkova and Sergei Nikitin are expected to arrive from Russia near the end of July, and they look forward to spending time renewing friendships with TJ friends.

Now, don't you want to sign up for Russian next year?! It could be the decision of a lifetime – guaranteed to provide exciting opportunities and a solid academic program. See you in Russian Class!

Class News

2009 – Seniors

What a journey! Time to say "Good Bye," "Keep in touch," "See you," "Nice knowing you," "Thanks for being there for me"..... It's been a wonderful four years at TJ. Don't forget to thank all your teachers, counselors, school officials and especially your parents. All of us are proud of your achievements and happy to see your progress from childhood to adulthood. We sure are going to miss you.

The senior lounge has been busy with lots of activity as all the new equipment is installed. Special thanks to Kevin Zigadlo's family for donating the table tennis and foosball tables. Amar Desai's family donated \$2000 through the Exxonmobil VIP program and ANGP purchased a pool table as the Senior gift to the school.

For information about upcoming events and announcements, go to:
<http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty/info.html>.

Important Dates:

- June 10: Last day of senior classes. Senior obligations must be paid by this date in order to attend graduation.
- June 11: Graduation Rehearsal: 1 pm in Gym 1, attendance is mandatory. Senior picnic after rehearsal

June 13: Graduation at GMU Patriot Center.
Seniors arrive by 6 pm. Graduation at 7.30 pm

June 13: All Night Graduation party at TJ after graduation. Bring your yearbook!

We hope every student has purchased their ANGP ticket and can come for the final school party!

Thank you all very much for giving me the opportunity to connect every month.

~~Anjana Desai, [nayanj885 at yahoo.com](mailto:nayanj885@yahoo.com)
PTSA class of 2009 Representative

2010 – Juniors

We did it – we survived junior year! OK, maybe the students deserve the credit, but I think parents deserve some praise as well for providing support to their students during this tough year! On to the year-end celebration...

Who: The entire junior class and about 100 junior parents

What: Junior Campout

When: June 17 – June 18, 4:30pm to 8am.
Note the time change – the students want to start the event earlier than originally announced. The students' expectation is that after the last exam is over at 12:50 pm, students will go out to lunch with friends (or go home), then return to the school for the campout at 4:30 pm.

Where: TJ Practice Field

Why: Celebration! The class will have sports equipment and board games available for everyone to enjoy, and other activities are planned (sponge wars, capture the flag, inflatables, a soc hop, movies and much more)!



The students have sent an information packet home to the parents with permission slips. Every student who is participating in the campout needs to complete the forms and

pay the \$30 fee – the due date was June 1 and forms should have been handed in at Room 203 (Ms. Hurowitz).

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to chaperone. I still need a few parents to help with the 11pm-3am and 3am-7am shifts.

Food Assignments – based on physics schedule:

- 1st period – soda and sports drinks (cans and individual plastic bottles)
- 2nd period– bagged snacks (chips, pretzels, etc.)
- 3rd period – fruit (cut up fruit or bananas, grapes, apples) or veggie platters
- 4th period – muffins or donuts
- 5th period – 24 bottles of water
- 6th period – 1 dozen precut bagels and 1 cream cheese
- 7th period – cookies, brownies, desserts

What to Bring -- sleeping bags, pillows, flashlights, warm clothes for the night (just in case), rain gear (so it won't rain), and anything you might need for the next day of school. Tents are being organized based on student "teams," so not every student will be bringing a tent.

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

2011 – Sophomores

First, a thank you to the parents who stepped up to help out at the Class of 2011's first ever garage sale, the Monticello Market, held on May 1 and 2. A number of very pleased customers from the neighboring community, as well as from the TJ community, commented on the event's success and thanked the students for holding the event. Unsold items were given to the Salvation Army.

On Friday, June 12th from 4-7 pm the Sophomore "Sizzle" is planned with activities taking place outside on the tennis courts and game fields. Please contact the class liaisons if you are able to chaperone this event.

A big thank you to Heather Sondel for taking the time to attend the Class of 2011 parents' meeting held on May 18, and to field our questions regarding the landscape of events to come over the next two years. Roughly 30 parents attended the meeting. Discussion centered on the class' financial needs and capabilities. It was conveyed that, traditionally, both graduation and prom facility costs are paid for by the class. An overwhelming majority of parents present desired to raise funds adequate to cover both events.



Janie Willner, Allie Nelson, Sarah Morell, Kelli Keith, and Benedict Nguyen help out at Monticello Market

After some discussion, it was determined that our class will need to raise approximately \$25,000 - \$35,000 to cover both graduation and prom costs. We currently have, after the Monticello Market, assets of approximately \$18,500 on hand. The sponsors are fleshing out the possibility of a fundraising idea to undertake next year in addition to the traditional dances and the possibility of charging for Junior Campout. Any fundraising ideas you have are appreciated (especially events with which you have had personal experience) and can be sent directly to the sponsors at [Jennifer.Pierce at fcps.edu](mailto:Jennifer.Pierce@fcps.edu) or [Michael.Miller2 at fcps.edu](mailto:Michael.Miller2@fcps.edu).

The All Night Grad Party is sponsored by the PTSA and traditionally not paid for with class funds. In recent years, the ANGP has run approximately \$90 per student; however, no student is turned away due to an inability to pay. Sophomore parents are encouraged to volunteer during the 9:00pm – 11:30pm slot June 13, at

this year's ANGP, both to enable Senior parents to attend graduation and to preview ANGP in anticipation of 2011. Please contact Michelle Pitler at [mb1955 at aol.com](mailto:mb1955@aol.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

Lastly, the class will be turning over the role of parent liaison to two new 2011 parents next year: Jane Hsu (mother of Diana Gerr); and Connie Valle (mother of Roberto Valle). They are both looking forward to the opportunity to serve the class. Jane may be contacted at (703) 748-0689 or [donstar3 at msn.com](mailto:donstar3@msn.com) and Connie may be contacted at (703) 978-5288 or [valleccrm at cox.net](mailto:valleccrm@cox.net).

A personal "thank you" from both of us to all of you who have volunteered in support of the class of 2011 throughout the last two years. There are many of you. Have a wonderful and refreshing summer holiday!

~~Daniela Owen ([danielaowen at verizon.net](mailto:danielaowen@verizon.net)),
Eileen Swoboda ([eswoboda at gventerprises.net](mailto:eswoboda@gventerprises.net))
PTSA Class of 2011 Representatives

2012 – Freshmen

As we approach the end of our first year at TJ, we would like to wish you and your family a fun and safe summer. Thank you for all your support this year.

The planning for our Sophomore Silent Auction is underway and we are looking for parents to help coordinate solicitation, marketing, inventory, auction and registration. This event is planned for Saturday, April 24, 2010. Please let us know your ideas and suggestions for the auction, and whether you are interested in volunteering for our Silent Auction next year.

Please e-mail us at [TJClassof2012 at cox.net](mailto:TJClassof2012@cox.net), if you have any questions.

~~Ann Nguyen and Janet Tasker
PTSA Class of 2012 Representatives

News Round-Up and Awards

Johns Hopkins Robo-Challenge

On May 2, TJ freshmen **Daniel Jang**, **Vansh Kumar** and **Daniel Mares**, participated in the "Johns Hopkins Robo-Challenge 2009." The event was sponsored by Johns Hopkins University's Whiting School of Engineering. The TJ team won 1st place in the "Mystery Course Challenge" and second place in the "Petite Slalom Challenge." More information about the competition can be found at: <http://cissrs.lcsr.jhu.edu/JHRC2009>.

We want to thank Mr. McNichol for providing the information, and to congratulate our kids for their great performance in the competition. Go Colonials!

Dupont Challenge Science Essay Competition

Congratulations to sophomore **Julian Whitman** and freshman **Sarah Stites**, award winners in the 2009 DuPont Challenge Science Essay Competition. Julian won First Place in the Senior Division (Grades 10-12), and Sarah was awarded Second Place in the Junior Division (Grades 7-9). Their winning essays were selected from more than 10,000 entries from across the nation. Julian's essay, Water from the Wind: Beetle-inspired Hydrophilic/Superhydrophobic Structured Surfaces, was sponsored by Chemistry teacher Dr. Omar Acio. English teacher Erinn Harris sponsored Sarah's essay, Battle in the Body. The students and their sponsoring teachers joined the other first, second, and third place winners in Orlando, Florida, on April 23-26, where they received their awards at NASA Kennedy Space Center and enjoyed a day at Walt Disney World. This is the first time a TJ student has won first place in the DuPont Challenge, or that two TJ students were among the top six award-winners.

Honorable Mention winners were: **Kumar Snigdha** (Junior Division) "How Fruit Flies Can Be Used to Model Human Hearts" – Teacher: Erinn Harris; **Pranita Ramakrishnan** (Junior Division) "The Bitter Medicine with a Better

Value” – Teacher: Jennifer Seavey; **Miles Le** (Senior Division) “Dudes in Space: Surfing on the Magnetic Winds” – Teacher: Dr. Omar Acio.



For more information about the award, see: <http://thechallenge.dupont.com/index.html>.

TJ Korean Families Donate Funds to Faculty, Partnership Fund and Booster Groups

This spring, over 120 Korean families with students at TJ formed the TJ Korean Parents Community, to work together for the benefit of the TJ community. The group started by raising money to donate \$1,000 to the Partnership Fund, \$1,000 to the Academic Boosters, and \$1,000 to the Athletic Boosters, in addition to providing a special Korean luncheon for TJ faculty and staff on May 22, 2009. The TJ Korean Parents Community also is working with the PTSA Cultural Liaisons Committee to translate more information from PTSA newsletters and other TJ publications, and to disseminate that information to interested Korean parents through a Korean language Google group.

Any Korean families who are interested in joining the TJ Korean Parents Community are encouraged to contact Yun Pang at [yunjungp0201 at gmail.com](mailto:yunjungp0201@gmail.com).



The faculty and staff were treated to a wonderful luncheon, courtesy of our Korean community moms, on Friday, May 22nd.

Sunshine for Soldiers

On Sunday, May 24, the Teenage Republicans conducted a "Sunshine for Soldiers" Charitable Project at the Giant Store in Greenbrier Shopping Center. The students collected several shopping carts full of products worth more than \$400 to send to soldiers overseas, and \$350 in cash to buy more. It was a very successful day for our students and, more importantly, for our soldiers.



John Sununu, Stewart Hahn, Cassie Black and Adria Jackson

TJHSST Boosters

Academic Boosters

Biology Bowl and Merit Exam

On April 24, members of the TJ Biology Olympiad team traveled to Clemson University to compete in its annual Biology Merit Exam and Biology Bowl.

In the Biology Merit Exam Division II (students who have not taken AP Biology), **John Chae** won first place, **Tushar Kamath, Aakash Nangarlia, Eric Jian** and **Sonica Saraf** received 1st Honorable Mentions, and **Daniel Sun** received a 2nd Honorable Mention. In Division III (students who are or have taken a second year of life science), **Dennis Wang** placed first, **Hanwen Xu, Jessica Liu, Jerry Liu** and **Hajae Lee** received 1st Honorable Mentions, and **Christine Shen, Kevin Zhou, Christine Lee, Janet Shin, Judy Zeng, Rachel Marzen** and **Andy Mai** received 2nd Honorable Mentions.

In the Biology Bowl, **Tushar Kamath** placed second in Division II, **Hanwen Xu** placed 1st in Division III, and **Christine Lee** placed second in Division III.

Certamen

Last month's newsletter did not contain a complete list of the Level 1 Certamen team that placed first at the State Finals on April 18th. The Level 1 team included **Jared Golant, Rachel Goldstein, Sam Sohn, Quentin Moore** and **John Chae**.

Chemistry Olympiad

Congratulations to **Stephen Eltinge**, who was selected as one of 20 students nationally to participate in the June 2009 Chemistry Olympiad Training camp in Colorado Springs!

Computer Teams

Congratulations to **Brian Hamrick, Andre Kessler** and **Jeff Chen**, all of whom have been invited to participate in the 2009 US Informatics (Computer) Olympiad Camp. Rumor has it that Jacob Steinhardt, TJ '08, also will be there as an assistant coach.

At the American Computer Science League All-Star competition at Bob Jones HS in Madison, AL, the Frosh 'Puter Team competed in the Junior-5 category. **Alex Chen** had a perfect four contest score of 40 points. TJ placed first in the Central Division for the year's competition and earned an invitation to the All-Star competition. Our All-Star team was Alex Chen -- Team Captain, **Saketh Are, Mitchell Lee, William Qian**, and **Glenna Yu**. At All-Stars, the team had a perfect 40 in the programming portion, and 32 of 40 points in the short question portion. Glenna Yu scored a perfect 8 of 8 in the short questions. The 72 total score put us in first place in the Junior-5 category, outscoring American, Canadian and Romanian teams.

In the **Continental Mathematics League JAVA** competition, which was open to both TJ Computer Teams and anyone else who wanted to test their JAVA skills, TJ scored 99 points and earned second place in this national competition. **Brian Hamrick** was TJ's highest scorer, and **Mitchell Lee** was TJ's second highest.

Debate and Forensics Teams:

Forensics

Congratulations to **Rebecca Friedman**, who finished fifth in the Virginia HS Forensics League State Competition for Extemporaneous Speaking and qualified for TOC in Extemporaneous Speaking, the most prestigious national tournament.

Policy Debate

At the NCFL Grand Nationals Tournament, the teams of **Hannah Clark/Andre Kessler** and **Lisa Pang/Kathy Hutchinson** both broke to the double-octofinal rounds (top 32 teams out of a field of over 130), the first TJ policy teams from TJ to do so.

At VHSL States, the team of Hannah Clark and Andre Kessler placed 2nd in the Varsity round-robin. In addition, Hannah Clark received the 3rd speaker award.

Student Congress Debate

TJ's Student Congress Debate team sent five debaters to the local VHSL Student Congress Northern Region tournament. **Lauren Frank** qualified for the VHSL State tournament, while **Neal Milstein** was named an alternate for the tournament.

Math Team

Congratulations to **Brian Hamrick** and **Mitchell Lee**, who were invited to attend MOSP (Mathematics Olympiad Summer Program)!

Physics Team

Congratulations to **Daniel Li**, who was invited to be on the US Physics Olympiad Team!

Science Bowl

The TJ team competed against 66 other regional champion teams in the national championship competitions in May. TJ's team won 5 games, then was eliminated before the finals. However, TJ placed first in their Division Team Challenge, a hands-on optics/physics problem, and won \$500.

It's Academic (renamed Quizbowl)

The team is busy competing until the end of the school year in national competitions. Three teams of four competed in the 2009 National Scholastic Championship held at George Mason

University over two days of the Memorial Day Weekend. In a field of 64 teams from across the country, Team A (**Naren Tallapragada, Kevin Casto, Harry White** and **Joshua Hahm**) placed 10th overall in the competition. Finally, two teams will compete at the National Academic Quizbowl Tournament held in Chicago on May 29-31. Team members Harry White, Joshua Hahm, Naren Tallapragada, and Kevin Casto will comprise team A, while Team B consists of **Arjang Navab, Seoup Youn, Michael Eng** and **Nishantha Parameswaran**.

Band Boosters

The Year in Pictures



Thomas Jefferson Marching Colonials (TJMC) camp at Orkney Springs, Virginia



TJMC Trumpets in the water



TJMC Parade of Champions, James Madison University. TJMC is Grand Champion!



TJ Winter Guard Championship, March 2009
Joo-Ah Lee and CJ Cahill



Winter Drum Line Championships, March 2009
Ian Plunk, Joe Skippy Fetsch, Jon Shredder Sredl, Joubin Izadi, DavidKim, Ellen Zhong



Ryan Johnson, saxophonist, Spring Band Concert, May 27



Michael (Colonel) Sanders, Jazz Cabaret, May 28, 2009

TJMC Tentative Planning Dates:

Guard clinics: May 19-21, 4:15-7:15 (Vets and rookies welcome)

Weapons Auditions Only: May 26, 4:15-7:15.

Pre-camp at TJ: Aug. 11-15

Orkney Springs: Aug. 16-21

Camp at TJ: Aug. 22

Post Camp at TJ: Aug. 24-28 (evenings only)

Post Camp at TJ: Aug. 31-Sept. 3 (time TBD)

Football Game and Pot Luck - First Show:

Sept.3

Performance at TJ: Sept. 4 (am only)

Colonial Athletic Boosters

The TJ athletic program has a lot to be proud of this spring, with many District and Regional honors earned!! Check out our website <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/boosters>, for more team information and important dates.

Varsity Baseball: The Colonials had an overall record of 4-16. The Liberty District was particularly competitive this year, with four of the top ten baseball teams in Northern Virginia. Senior co-captain **Ryan Stumvoll** led the team in innings pitched, and victories. Ryan and **Alan Allworth** were named to the 2nd Team All-District. Alan led the team in runs batted in and was second in runs scored. Co-captain **Mason Freedman** and **Tom Woodruff** were named Honorable Mention All-District. Mason led the team in batting average, on-base percentage and runs scored. Tom had the team's highest

slugging percentage. **Nick Perez, Jonathan Wildes** and **Travis Triggs** provided solid defense in the outfield with Nick and Jonathan providing the primary base-stealing threats.

Nick also finished with the second highest on-base percentage. **Mike Ross** finished with the second highest number of innings pitched. Also making significant contributions were co-captain **Jeff Siebach** who started at first base, and **Wes Stukenbroeker** who started a few games at second base and also combined with **Patrick Still** as the team's designated hitter. **Chris Kilgore, Kyle Applegate, Kyle Gaarder, Patrick Still, Kurtis Carlock** and **Danny Lenhart** are expected to fill the pitching void next year resulting from the graduation of senior pitchers Stumvoll, Freedman and Ross.

A special thanks goes to team managers **Courtney Brown, Cassidy Daly, Michelle Gahagan** and **Sarah Schmoltner** for their hard work and support. The team thanks head coach **David Gardziel** (who doubled last year's team victories) as well as his staff, assistant coaches **Eric Williams, Josh Silver, Craig Lewis** and **Ed Burke**.

JV Baseball: The season ended on a high note with an exciting makeup double-header on a beautiful Saturday afternoon at Marshall. The Colonials took the first game 6-1, but lost the abbreviated nightcap 2-0. It was quite a roller coaster of a season, from the big win (by slaughter-rule) over McLean to the tantalizingly close losses to South Lakes, McLean and Woodson. Unfortunately, with all the rain we were unable to play our full schedule of games.

Under head coach **Adam Nelson** and assistant coach **Luke Rosa**, the entire squad improved their skills over the course of the season, with several individual leaders emerging. On offense, sophomore **Jason Schwartz** (1B/P) finished with a .500 batting average. **Robbie Clark** (2B/OF) led the freshmen with a .281 batting average. On defense, sophomore **Will Pyrak** (C) was error-free behind the plate, and freshman

Alec Powell (OF) was error-free in the field. On the mound, freshman **Mark Elias** had a 2.4 ERA. Other major contributors were sophomores **Peter Hansen, Daniel Hothem, Ashneil Jain, Sean Long** and **Michael Monte**; and freshmen **Brent Baumgartner, Zach Hasan, David Neuburger, Bryce Summers** and **Benjamin Torczon**. Manager **Tabor Trischler** was invaluable.

At the close of the season, some of the players volunteered with the Springfield Challenger Little League, assisting youngsters who have special needs. It was rewarding for all.



TJ JV Baseball Players Volunteer with the Springfield Challenger Little League Program

Cheer (Varsity and JV):

CAR WASH FUNDRAISER RESULTS: Thank you to all who supported the cheer car wash and to all the cheerleaders who helped wash cars! We raised \$420.00 for the needs of the fall cheer squads.

Fall Tryouts: If you plan to try out for Cheer in the fall, please mark the month of August on your calendar! You can find the dates in the May issue of Techcetera. If you want to know about cheer/tumbling camps being held in the area this summer, or if you have any questions, send an email to tjcheercoach@gmail.com.

Men's Varsity Lacrosse: The team ended the regular season with strong wins against Marshall (17-5) and South Lakes (11-9). The Colonials battled and defeated Stone Bridge 13-12 in overtime in the district playoffs, and earned a

slot in the regional playoffs. The Colonials finished the season ranked as the 16th team in the region.

Senior **Stefan Kowalski** was designated first team All-District, first team All-Region, All-American, and Offensive Player of the Year for the Liberty District. **Liam Carter-Condon, Collin Hennegan, Ryan Vaughn, Tom Hillenbrand, Will Minshew, AJ Smith, Andy Doyne, Adam Christian, Quantum Wei** and **Jonny Coleman** all received District Honorable Mention for their play this season. We would like to thank our graduating seniors **Ben Bloom, Adam Christian, Jonny Coleman, Ben Daly, Andy Doyne, Stefan Kowalski** (team captain), **Mike LeGore, Will Minshew** (team captain), **AJ Smith** (team captain) and **Ryan Vaughn**. We wish them the best of luck as they head off to college in the fall. Thanks to head coach **Alex Gorman**, assistant varsity coaches **Jim Condon** and **Chris Werwaiss**; head JV coach **Greg Farquhar** and assistant junior varsity coach **Vi Sieu Duong**; and team managers **Marika Lohmus, Lauren Wolbarsht** and **Stephanie Pao** for their dedication to the team.

JV Boys Lacrosse: The team wrapped up the Spring 2009 campaign with a tough loss to Woodson and a dramatic victory against South Lakes, taking their season record to 2-6. The South Lakes game showed the real potential of the JV squad. After an early lead, South Lakes pulled ahead and held on to the advantage until late in the fourth quarter when TJ scored back-to-back goals to tie the game. With a mere eight seconds remaining in the game, **Gabe Boning** grabbed the ball and ran the length of the field. Dodging two defenders, he laced the ball into the bottom right-hand corner of the goal with one second left to spare. TJ won 6-5.

As the season ends, the players and parents want to thank first-year head coach **Greg Farquhar** and assistant coach **Vi Sieu Duong** for their hard work and dedication to the players and the program. They have brought the team a long way this season and have prepared them well for success in the future. Also, thanks to the Booster

Club, the fans, and the many volunteers for their help in making this an enjoyable season.

Girls Varsity Lacrosse: Since spring break, the team has turned the victory corner by taking home three wins in their last five games. The victories included South Lakes, Mt Vernon and Fairfax. TJ finished the regular season at home on Senior Night with a strong victory over South Lakes, 14-6. **Jacky Hennegen** led all scorers with 7 goals, followed by **Sheila Bushman** with 3, **Amelia Gonzalez** with 2, and **Jenny Jones** and **Emma Ferris** with one goal each. In the district playoff game, the girls played well but came up short in the end to second-seed Madison. One of the bright spots of the game was senior goalie **Yoomin Ahn**, who made 17 saves. The team appreciates the hard work and dedication that the seniors displayed this season and wish them the very best at college next year. Next year's captains Emma Ferris, Amelia Gonzalez, Jackie Hennegan and Krissy Brant have begun to make off-season plans and are looking to get the team ready for next season.

Boys Varsity Soccer: The team captured the District title for the third consecutive year! Coming into the tournament as a 5th seed with a record of 2-2-3 in the highly competitive Liberty District, the team scored 6 goals and gave up 1 in the three games that culminated in the District championship. The first of these three came against South Lakes (4th seed) and ended with a final score of 4-1 in a game which was played over two consecutive nights due to a driving thunderstorm. The boys dominated this game, scoring early with the first two goals coming off corner kicks from **Sean Lee**, first to **Brian Murphy** and then to **Ryan Kim**. The third goal was scored by **Evan Burch**, with assists from **Justin Etkin** and Sean Lee. The final goal came on a throw-in from Lee to Kim, who pounded his shot past the goalkeeper.

The following night the team prevailed over McLean (1st seed) with a 1-0 win on a goal late in the second half off a throw-in, which slid past to Lee, who calmly fired home. The

championship title was cemented by a win against Stone Bridge (2nd seed) with a final score 1-0. With only a handful of TJ scoring opportunities, the one goal scored was on a corner kick by Lee and was unassisted. Stone Bridge played their usual aggressive attacking style and had many scoring opportunities, but goalie **Josh Yoon** had many excellent saves and the defense stymied Stone Bridge's best efforts, as shown in the shutout result.

TJ also prevailed in the first round and quarter-finals of Regional play. The team won the first game against Oakton, 2-0, with an unassisted goal from Lee and then a goal by Etkin from a throw-in by Lee. In the quarter-finals, TJ prevailed over Wakefield with a score of 1-0. The only goal of the game came off a free kick from Murphy to Burch, with Lee scoring the goal. In the Regional semifinals against Robinson, the team played the first half of the game to a scoreless tie and had a strong second half, but lost 1-0.

Girls Varsity Soccer: The team ended their season by winning 2 out of their last five games. They lost to Woodson 3-0, in a game that was closer than the score indicated. They then beat District rival South Lakes 3-1 on two goals from freshman **Adrienne Ivey** and one by sophomore **Erin Corey**. Senior night was finally held on April 30th after delays brought on by electricity failures and rain. Prior to the game, seniors **Amanda Cain, Claire Kim, Kayley Sullivan, Stephanie Valarezo, Natalie Villacorta** and **Lauren Wendlberger** were honored. The game was a 1-0 victory over Marshall thanks to a late game goal by sophomore **Maren Leibowitz**. The regular season ended with a very hard fought game against eventual District Champions McLean. The Colonials lost 2-0 despite an outstanding performance in goal by junior **Katie Martinez**.

In a rain-delayed District Tournament game, the Lady Colonials gave Stone Bridge a run for their money despite missing key players with injuries. They lost 4-1, with **Ivey** scoring TJ's lone goal.

Girls Varsity Softball: The team continued its strong play through the final third of its schedule, wrapping up a fine 2009 season. Leading the Colonial charge again were the dynamic duo of **Meghan Mutchler** and **Barbara Lantz**. Meghan continued her superb pitching and heavy hitting, while Barbara provided excellent catching and power batting, including two late-season over-the-fence homers. Both were chosen as first-team Liberty District All-Stars. Seniors **Toby Loewenstein** at third base and **Sally Bornbusch** at first completed their stellar TJ careers, with Toby honored as a second-team all-district star; while the consistent hitting and outfielding of **Emily Schultz** earned her a spot in the district's "honorable mention" group.

The rest of the TJ roster also contributed strong play. **Hope Smith** at shortstop and **Helen Hastings** at second base completed the solid infield. With **Ariel Deutsch** on the injured list, able outfielding came from **Sydney Schrider, Kelsey Henderson** and **Allie Brouckman**. **Emily Maier** entered the starting line-up in the late season to contribute hot hitting, while **Bethany Connor** and **Lauren Kim** also made the first starts of their varsity careers; and **Alice Lee** added bench support.

Highlights of the late season included a thrilling contest in which TJ came within inches of upsetting Liberty District champion McLean, as Meghan struck out 17. In the bottom of the seventh, Helen crushed a drive to the fence which drove in the tying run and almost knocked in the winning run, before TJ lost 4-3 in extra innings. The next day, Meghan shut out South Lakes, 6-0, with Barbara's bases-loaded triple the key blow. The Colonials also came achingly close to beating Marshall, losing 1-0.

The TJ fighting spirit showed again when the Colonials, playing without four injured starters, trailed South Lakes 3-1, and later 8-4, but roared back to win it, 12-9, behind the gutsy pitching of Emily Schultz. The TJ attack was led by Barbara, with four hits including a homer and five RBIs, and Maier with three hits and a walk.

Congratulations on a fine season to the players and their dedicated coaches, **Brian Fleury**, **Raymond Fleury** and **Lauren Wagner**.



Seniors Toby Loewenstein and Sally Bornbusch

Boys Tennis: Liberty District and Northern Region Champions!! The boys team won the 2009 Northern Region tennis title by defeating the three-time Virginia State Champion team from Robinson on Friday, May 15, in a four-hour match on the neutral courts of Arlington's Wakefield High School.

In a contest of six singles matches and three doubles matches, one team must win five matches. After the singles, Robinson led 4-2, which meant TJ had to win all three doubles matches to prevail. TJ's #3 doubles team (**Chris McPherson/Sean Cheng**) won first 6-2, 6-4. Then TJ's #1 doubles team (**Edwin Zhang/Spencer Clark**) won 7-5, 6-4. And finally, in three sets, TJ's #2 doubles team (senior co-captains **Glen Hookey/Spencer Frei**) clinched the victory, winning 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.

In the first round of the Regional tournament, TJ defeated National District runner-up Yorktown High School, and in the regional semi-finals TJ defeated Patriot District champion Lake Braddock. Both TJ and Robinson qualified to be among eight high schools playing for the State title. On May 26, TJ lost to Central Region runner-up Deep Run HS (west of Richmond) and Robinson lost to Richmond's Mills Godwin HS.

Prior to the Regional tournament, the boys team claimed their eighth consecutive District Title. In the District "Individual" tournament, TJ's #1 doubles team (Edwin Zhang/Spencer Clark) was 1st. Zhang and Clark finished 2nd and 3rd, respectively, in the singles.

Girls Tennis: Northern Region Champions!!

The girls team defeated Marshall (their only two losses in the regular season), and took the Northern Region title in a match spread over two days. The teams were even after singles (3-3) when darkness forced suspension of play. On Saturday morning, TJ wrapped it up, winning two of the three doubles matches.

On May 26, our Northern Region Champion team defeated suburban Richmond's Deep Run High School to advance, for the fourth straight year, to the State semifinals. Rain forced the match to the indoor courts of Fairfax Racquet Club, where in about two hours, the girls prevailed 5-1 in the best-of-nine contest (no doubles play was necessary).

Track and Field: TJ Girls 1st, Boys 2nd at Liberty District Championship!! The girls claimed the Liberty District championship by accumulating 140 points during the 2-day competition held on May 14-15, easily outscoring second-place Stone Bridge's 104 points. The boys team pulled out a 96-point tie for second place with Stone Bridge. Among many great performances, TJ had six individual District Champions and two Championship relay teams.



Members of the Thomas Jefferson Girls 2009 Liberty District Outdoor Track and Field Champions with Coach Jeff James standing on the right.

An amazing 35 TJ athletes earned All-District honors, including 6 individual District champions and 2 championship relay teams: **Timmy Galvin** (1600m, 1st; 4x800m 1st; 800m, 4th), **Lauren Laffosse** (pole vault, 1st; long jump, 3rd), **Kathryn Moore** (300m hurdles, 1st; 4x400m, 3rd), **Dan Markwalter** (pole vault, 1st), **Alex Witko** (3200m, 1st; 1600m, 2nd), **Kimee Moore** (4x800m, 1st; 800m, 2nd; 4x400m, 3rd), **Ronti Malka** (4x800m, 1st; 800m, 3rd), **Jacob Hanger** (4x800m, 1st; 4x400m, 3rd), **Sarah Stites** (3200m, 1st), **Sarah Nielsen** (4x800m, 1st), **Moira Poje** (4x800m, 1st), **Logan Gates** (4x800m, 1st), **Timothy Tran** (4x800m, 1st), **Arvind Rachamadugu** (long jump, 2nd; triple jump 2nd; 4x400m, 3rd), **Katherine Sheridan** (1600m, 2nd; 3200m 2nd), **Amanda Gilbert** (pole vault, 2nd), **Nora Gayer** (high jump, 2nd), **Sara Gokturk** (shot put, 3rd; discus, 3rd), **Colin Donahue** (4x400m, 3rd; 400m, 5th), **Ayka Sugiura** (pole vault, 3rd), **Ryan Johnson** (100m hurdles, 3rd), **Ronit Malka** (800m, 3rd), **Stephanie Marzen** (1600m, 3rd), **Andrew Zukosky** (pole vault, 3rd), **Tanya Ermak** (4x400m, 3rd), **Rebecca Corey** (4x400m, 3rd), **Jack Sullivan** (4x400m, 3rd), **Neesha Schnepf** (3200m, 4th), **Jimmy Wu** (3200m, 4th), **Candice Kremer** (100m hurdles, 5th; long jump, 5th), **Patrick Roemer** (pole vault, 5th), **Lawrence Diao** (shot put, 5th), **Sy Rashid** (400m, 6th), **Jonathon Phillips** (1600m, 6th), **Max Dreo** (3200m, 6th) and **Ed Cai** (triple jump, 6th).

10 GIRLS, 2 BOYS EARN ALL-REGION HONORS: The girls placed 6th with 33.5 points, and the boys placed 21st with 6 points. Earning All-Region honors were: Gayer (high jump, 3rd), Laffosse (pole vault, 3rd), Gokturk (discus, 4th), Sheridan (4x800m, 4th, 1600m, 4th; 3200m, 7th), Malka (4x800m, 4th; 4x400m, 8th), Kimee Moore (4x800m, 4th; 4x400m, 8th), Galvin (1600m, 6th), Witko (3200m, 6th), Marzen (4x800m, 4th, 1600m, 7th), Stites (3200m, 8th), Kathryn Moore (300m intermediate hurdles, 8th; 4x400m, 8th) and Corey (4x400m, 8th).

4 TJ ATHLETES EARN ALL-STATE HONORS: The season ended on May 30, at the

Virginia State AAA Outdoor Track & Field Championship, where the girls 4x800m relay team (Malka, Marzen, Sheridan and Kimee Moore) placed 3rd in a very competitive field to earn All-State honors. Sheridan also earned All-State honors by placing 8th in the 1600m.

TWO NEW SCHOOL RECORDS SET IN 2009: This proved to be a record-breaking season for **Dan Markwalter** who, in only his second season of pole vaulting, set a new indoor pole vault record of 13'3" and tied the outdoor school record of 13'6" set back in 1995. Also establishing a new school record was the boys 4x400m relay team of **Donahue, Rashid, Rachamadugu** and **Hanger**, who scorched the oval in a record time of 3:26.91, eclipsing the old school record set in 1997.

Congratulations to all Track & Field coaches and athletes for a great season!!!

Crew Boosters



At the Scholastic State Rowing Championship Regatta with more than 40 schools and 1600 rowers from Virginia and D.C. competing, the boys' 1st

Varsity boat won the bronze medal, coming in 3rd after a close final sprint against winning Yorktown and second place St. Albans. Racing on the boys' first varsity boat were seniors **Nolan Pollack** and **Connor Finch**; juniors **Nader Al-Naji, Bryan Cheong, Thomas Georgiou, Daniel Ranard** and **Chris Zeng**; and sophomores **Will Richhart** and **Ashu Goel** (coxswain). (Varsity senior **Dan Granados** was injured and not able to compete at States, but did compete at Stotesbury and SRA Nationals.)

In addition, the boys' 2nd and 3rd varsity eights made the finals at the State Championship, with the boys' 2nd eight just missing the medals stand with a fourth place showing. On the girls' side, the 1st Varsity boat took second in the Petite Final with a strong racing time. Racing on the

girls' 1st Varsity boat are seniors **Carolyn McCallister** (coxswain), **Kelly Kirschner**, **Natalie Lubsen**, and **Maggie Voth**; juniors **Erin Haas** and **Stephanie Snoich**; sophomore **Elizabeth King**; and freshmen **Erin Slatery** and **Colleen Maher**. The girls' 2nd varsity eight raced hard and well and the girls 3rd varsity eight won their heat, made the finals, and also just missed the medal stand with a fourth place showing.

At the Ted Phoenix Regatta (the lower boat State championship regatta), the boys' 4th eight took first and the freshman and novice boys made the finals and gave a strong showing among a very competitive field. The girls 4th eight took first, and the girls' novice boat made the finals in a very competitive race.

In May, TJ Crew traveled to Philadelphia, for the annual Stotesbury Cup Regatta, the nation's largest and most prestigious high school regatta, with over 180 schools and 5000 rowers competing from 11 states, DC and Canada. Five of Jefferson's seven boats made the semi-finals with very competitive times that had them among the top of the Virginia schools racing



Four of TJ's Varsity boats and the Boys Freshmen Eight competed over Memorial Day weekend at the SRA National Championship Regatta. The boys' 1st Varsity Boat made the Petite Final, taking second place, ahead of both Yorktown and St. Albans (the two local schools that had placed 1st and 2nd ahead of TJ at the State Championship). This put the boys Varsity in 8th place overall – one of only two US public schools in the top 12 in the finals.

Congratulations to **Nolan Pollock** who made All Met. Also, congratulations to junior **Chris Zeng**, who has been invited to attend the US Junior Men's Selection Camp for the Junior National Team, and to freshman **Colleen Maher**, who has been invited to the US Junior Women's Development Camp. These are very competitive summer programs in Princeton, NJ (boys), and New London, Connecticut (girls), that select rowers from all over the country. TJ Crew has sent rowers to both the selection camp and/or developmental camp each year for the past 5 years.

TJ Crew rowers and coxes have maintained their tradition of hard work, dedication and good sportsmanship, and look forward to another great season next year.

Prospective Rowers: To learn more about crew, check out the FAQs for Novices on our website: <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/crew/pages/?51> and contact Head Coach Matt Shoop at [shoop2 at cox.net](mailto:shoop2@cox.net) or Crew Booster President Teresa Zeng at [TJCrewPresident at gmail.com](mailto:TJCrewPresident@gmail.com). We hope to see you at Sports Night for Rising Freshmen on June 11.

Orchestra Boosters

Congratulations to our thirty one graduating seniors in the Orchestras! I would also like to make special acknowledgement of those nineteen seniors who participated in the Orchestra program for all eight semesters at TJ. They are **Zach Greer, Asher Rubin, Ariel Coronel, Samuel Griffis, Jennifer Kobayashi, Aki Kodama, Autrine Loghmanian, Kelly Watson, Billy Melicher, Tyler Brobst, Andrew Hong, Jenny Jones, Mikas Kuprenas, Debjani Saha, Kayley Sullivan, Jessica Tyler, Camille Vu, Justin Wang** and **Yangbo Xu**. This is a significant achievement, and testimony to their dedication and love of music, as various changing academic requirements mandate that sacrifices, like summer school attendance, be made in order to allow for this participation. Well done and thanks so much for your commitment to the Orchestra Program.

Our final concert and senior recognition went splendidly. Thanks to all who helped. A special thanks to our Director **Allison Bailey** for her superlative leadership, teaching ability and commitment to our students that makes the TJ Orchestras the best in the county!

This is also my final note to all of you. Bobbie Herbst ([mautumn at aol.com](mailto:mautumn@aol.com)) has graciously agreed to serve as President next year, and the Boosters could not be in more capable hands. I would like to extend my appreciation to her and thanks to all of you. It has been my pleasure to serve you all in this capacity for the past three years. Thanks and take care! Larry Jones ([lawrencemjones at aol.com](mailto:lawrencemjones@aol.com)).

Choral Boosters

We would like to wish hearty congratulations to the four TJ Choir students who participated in the All State Honors Choir in Fredericksburg, VA, on April 23-25: **Alex Pham, Alexa Silverman, Ali Ruth, and Kimmy Hann.** Way to go!!!

On Friday night, May 29, members of the TJ choirs participated in the Annual Spring Show. The theme for the evening was "Summer Daze." The show featured individuals, small groups and entire choirs, and the audience was decked out in Hawaiian leis. Several of the performances were accompanied by a small rock band. In addition to the wonderful performances by the students, the Parent Choir "performed" its annual fine-tuned, well-rehearsed number, along with well-timed, dance-like movements. A number of TJ Choir alumni helped close out the evening by joining with the current students in the singing of the traditional Spring Show closing song, "If You Believe in Music."

As we complete another successful choir year, the Choral Boosters would like to thank all of the parents for their support during the year. We would also like to thank this year's Boosters organization for its assistance with making this a successful year. Finally, we would like to issue

a HUGE thank you to **Mr. Frels** for being a fantastic teacher and friend to our students and for helping the TJ choirs continue to perform at a top-notch level each and every year.

We wish the best of luck to our graduating seniors (please make music a part of your life wherever you may go), and may Mr. Frels and the underclass students and parents continue to maintain the fine traditions and fantastic reputation of the TJ Choral program well into the future.

Theater Boosters (Shakespeare and Drama)

Congratulations to the following for being nominated for Cappie Awards this year: **Rajni Rao** (Comic Actress in a musical), **Keegan Cotton** (Male Dancer) and the **TJ Orchestra** (best orchestral performance). The Cappie show this year was *Oklahoma!*

On May 22, the Shakespeare Troupe performed scenes from four Shakespeare plays in the TJ Auditorium. **Matt Bikoff** directed a scene from *Much Ado About Nothing*, **Nicole Boyd** directed a scene from *Julius Caesar*, **Karthik Ravishanker** directed a scene from *The Comedy of Errors*, and **Kevin Place** directed a scene from *Hamlet*. The following students performed monologues from those performances: **Kevin Deisz** (Orsino in *Twelfth Night*), **Anna Burke** (Luciano in *The Comedy of Errors*), **Nicole Boyd** (Lady Macbeth in *Macbeth*), and **Kevin Place** (King Henry in *Henry V*).

The Theatre Boosters have elected the following parents as officers for 2009-10:

President: Eileen Place
Vice President: Dawn Meyers
Treasurer: Susan Lagon
Secretary: Susan Norland
Concessions: Leigh Burke
Techcetera Article Submissions: Susan Norland
Photographer and Photo CD production: David Seidman

Video Production: Mark Strickman
Theatre Booster Website Manager: Malathi Rao
Cappies Booster Parent: Karen Nelson

TJ Drama and the Shakespeare Troupe could not produce the excellent shows and events without the support of the Theatre Boosters. Thanks to every parent who volunteered this year. **Nancy Fitzsimmons**, president, deserves special recognition for her tireless work and dedication. Thank you, Nancy, for your leadership and your willingness to go the extra mile to make this year so successful.

The Boosters would also like to thank **Vincent Pollet**, director, for his leadership, tireless energy and commitment to TJ Drama. May you have another great year in 2009-10!

Announcements and Information

Jefferson Alumni Day

Saturday, August 1 at TJHSST: This will be the largest event in TJHSST Alumni history – Join over 1000 alumni, faculty and staff for a picnic, class reunions, school tours, keynotes, competitions, class photos, activities and more! For information, go to www.TJHSSTalumni.org.

Looking for Hosts of Greek and Turkish Cypriot Teens

Please consider hosting a pair of Greek and Turkish Cypriot teens from Cyprus for four weeks this July (July 1- 28), as part of the newly formed Cyprus Friendship Program (CFP). To be eligible, families need to provide a safe-neutral setting for the teens to get to know one another, a single bedroom for them to share, and daylong adult supervision. The families of Natalie Lubsen ('09) and Dan Muir ('07) will be among the families hosting this summer.

CFP is an all-volunteer grassroots peace program, aimed at building trust, understanding, and friendships among the next generation of leaders in Cyprus. It has been established under HasNa, a local 501(c) (3) that works to bridge divided communities in the world. CFP has been founded by several people who were active with the successful Children's Friendship Project for Northern Ireland, which concluded successfully in 2007 after 21 years.

Greek and Turkish Cypriot teens have lived their whole lives partitioned on the small island of Cyprus and separated by UN peacekeeping forces. Only recently have Cypriots been allowed to cross through the neutral zone to meet people from the other community. All teen participants speak English (as a second language).

For more information, contact Cathy Colglazier at [CCCcolglazier at fcps.edu](mailto:CCCcolglazier@fcps.edu).

One Question Semester Course

Exploring the Social Responsibilities of Educated People. This semester course is a project-based seminar class, comprising background research, class discussion, and long-term projects directed to the 2009-2010 One Question, "What are the social responsibilities of educated people?" The course will include exploration of various sources on social responsibility (readings, guest speakers, films, video conferences, websites, etc.) to set the framework. After an initial period of research and discussion, students will propose active projects entailing social responsibility. Ideally students will work together, in pairs, small groups, or as a whole class, but if individuals wish to pursue their own project, that is an option. Members of this class will also serve the school community in promoting the One Question. During class time students will generate and carry out ideas for disseminating the concept of social responsibilities for educated people. (Examples include inviting speakers for the student body, arranging brown bag discussion lunches for the school community, and suggesting 8th period activities.) The

students will work on their projects and on activities for the school community during class time. Through this seminar students will develop skills in discussion, event organization, project planning, community outreach, problem solving and social responsibility.

Summer Refresher Course in French and Spanish Offered at TJ

Two non-credit foreign language classes are being offered this summer from August 10 to August 21st to facilitate the transition from French I to French II and Spanish I to II at TJ. The courses will be formatted to provide a review of Level I vocabulary and grammar concepts while encouraging the oral practice of the languages in class. The target language will be spoken in the class as much as possible. Classes will meet on weekdays, August 10 to 21 at 8 am - 2:30 pm. The cost is \$350 per student. Registration will occur via both ACE and TJ.

All Girls' Computer Science

This summer, we will be offering an all-girls' section of Introduction to Computer Science during summer school. Once students have enrolled in summer school, female students will receive a letter describing the all girls' section and will have the opportunity to choose to be in that section. Please consider having your daughter be a part of this section. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ann Drobnis ([ann.drobnis at fcps.edu](mailto:ann.drobnis@fcps.edu)) or Cliff Hardison ([cshardison at fcps.edu](mailto:cshardison@fcps.edu)).

Medical Observership at Inova Fairfax Hospital

Any student interested in a weeklong pediatric medical observership (routine and ICU care) at INOVA Fairfax Hospital should contact Liz Ross at [ebross3 at msn.com](mailto:ebross3@msn.com).

TJHSST Summer Tech Institute – Summer 2009

TJ offers the 2009 Summer Technology Institute for students completing the 7th or 8th grade during Spring 2009 (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 are available on the website:

<http://information.tjhsst.edu/sumtechins.html>

All courses will be offered at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22312. The classes will be five-day courses from 8:30am – 2:00pm offered according the schedule below. Students are expected to bring their own lunches and provide their own transportation. Costs are \$200 for each course. Several courses require an additional lab/field trip fee to be paid at registration time. Registration has begun through the FCPS Office of Adult and Community Education.

List of one-week courses, held during July:

- Astronomy
- Busted, Confirmed, or Plausible?
- Calculator, Probes, Math.... Go!
- Cool Chemistry
- Database Development
- Digital Photography
- Disease Detectives
- Forensics, Science and the Law
- Fun with Electronics!
- Intro to Web Design
- Journalism
- Marine Tech Exploration – Energy Systems
- Marine Tech Exploration – Oceanography
- Merging of Art, Science, and Technology

Meteorology - Weather & the Atmosphere
 Nonfiction Writing
 Poetry in Kites: A Creative Process to Kite
 Design
 Science and Technology of Sound and Music

For registration or enrollment status in the
 Summer Tech Institute, visit the website of the
 FCPS Office of Adult and Community Education
 at www.fcps.edu/aceclasses

Noteworthy Dates

June 2009	
3	Orchestra Concert, 7pm
5	Sophomore Sizzle, 4 - 7pm, outside
5	Senior Prom, Westwood Country Club in Vienna
5, 8-10	Senior Exam Period
7	Crew Family Picnic, 12pm in Cafeteria
7	Alumni Outing: Nationals Game
8	PTSA meeting, 9am in Cafeteria
8	Athletic Booster's Spring Sports Awards Banquet, 6pm
9	Orchestra Booster Monthly meeting, 7:30pm in Principal's Conference Room
11	Graduation Rehearsals and Class Picnic
11	Crew meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center
11	Rising Frosh Sports Night, 7pm, Gym 1

12, 15-17	Underclass Final Exams, 12:50pm dismissal
13	Graduation at the GMU Patriot Center
13	All Night Grad Party at TJHSST
16	Academic Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Career Center
17	Class of 2010 Campout on TJ football field, 4:30pm
17	Government Affairs Committee meeting, 7pm in room 106
18	Last day of school, 10:50am dismissal
July 7	Band Booster Meeting, 6:15pm
August 1	Alumni Association BBQ and Reunion, 10am

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Check List:

- June 8, PTSA Meeting at 9am in cafeteria
- June 13, Senior Graduation at GMU
- June 13, Senior ANGP Party at TJ afterwards
- June 15, 16, and 17, underclass final exams, half day dismissals at 12:50pm
- June 18, 10:50am dismissal