

Principal's Letter

Dear parents/guardians, teachers, and students,

This past month I have had numerous meetings with parents, teachers, and students to discuss next year's budget. Teaching and learning will be impacted with larger class sizes, less chance of obtaining first choice in elective courses, and reduction in course offerings with low enrollment. A report describing possible areas that might be impacted is accessible in the news section on the TJ homepage. I want to thank the many of you who have also taken time to send me emails expressing strategies we can take to address the fewer number of staff available to us next year. Making these difficult changes during a budget crisis is not easy since all of our programs are important to us. I am hopeful that Fairfax County's Board of Supervisors will transfer the additional funds requested by the FCPS School Board to minimize our cuts. While we face challenges and changes ahead, we will be resilient in our efforts to maintain the uniqueness of our programs and support the mission of our school.

In February I attended an evening lecture titled "It's Time to Bail Out the Future" by Norm Augustine, former CEO of Lockheed Martin and chairman of the National Academy of Sciences report "Rising Above the Gathering Storm in 2007." I have a great deal of respect for Mr. Augustine's work as he constantly advocates for more science and technology funding in Congress, both in research and in education. He presented plenty of evidence to illustrate that many other countries are now leading the charge in science and technology initiatives once dominated by the United States. He also pointed out that foreign workforces are willing to work for significantly lower wages than American counterparts. As a result, many corporations outsource jobs overseas in order to

remain afloat in a difficult economy, and hence Americans compete with the rest of the world for their jobs. Given there are more honors students in China than students of every ability level in the United States, we face some stiff competition ahead. As a country, Mr. Augustine declared, we need to re-examine our priorities so our children can have the opportunity to enjoy the same lifestyle we have come to enjoy over the past 40 years.

How can we compete and "bail out the future?" Mr. Augustine emphasized that our investment in science and technology will make the difference. It is our culture of innovation and creativity that not only propels the expansion of knowledge, but more importantly, impacts humanity through improvements in lifestyle, health, and career opportunities. While scientists and engineers reflect less than 10 percent of the American workforce, they create new opportunities for a majority (dare I say most) of the workforce through new careers and new ways of thinking within careers. The prosperity of our economy is dependent on our children's commitment to advancing science and technology.

I am thankful to be involved in a community with this very unique and important mission. Presentations like this remind me of the importance of our role as parents, teachers, and administrators to cultivate unique opportunities for our students and remind our children how important they will be in solving some of our economy's and humanity's greatest challenges. At TJ, we face a million dollar gap in funding each year that is expected to widen in this tough economy, but I am thankful to many of our corporate partners and parent organizations such as the Partnership Fund, PTSA, and Booster groups who donate time and resources to our school to close this gap. Everyone in our community pitches in so we can bring innovative opportunities to our students.

Please join me on March 18 for the principal's coffee at 9:00am. If you can't attend, don't hesitate to email me at [Evan.Glazer at fcps.edu](mailto:Evan.Glazer@fcps.edu) if you have ideas or suggestions to make TJ a better place for learning and growing.

Sincerely,
Evan Glazer
TJ Principal

President's Message

WOW! What terrific parents we have in the TJ community! At the February 9th PTSA meeting we had over 85 parents in attendance to hear and offer feedback regarding the potential impact of the FCPS budget crisis at TJ. Dr. Glazer was good enough to share his extensive report regarding the impending cuts, and took over an hour's worth of questions and suggestions from the audience. The number of parents, and their thoughtful feedback, spoke volumes about the tremendous level of interest and advocacy within our school community. Dr. Glazer has spent the last several weeks bringing this information to other groups including the staff, teachers and students. He and his leadership team will have some hard decisions in the upcoming weeks and months regarding the situation for next year. We are not likely to know the full impact of the cuts until the exact budget numbers are available. In the meantime, Dr. Glazer is dedicated to maintaining our same standard of academic excellence.

The PTSA executive committee meets monthly with Dr. Glazer. Recently, we began a new initiative to have a monthly "roundtable" meeting with members of the school and our PTSA constituency who can not regularly attend our meetings, but whose feedback we are seeking in an effort to "cast a wider net" for opinions regarding how the PTSA can best advocate for the whole community. Last month we met with the senior class leadership. We thanked them for, and commended them on, their success at TJ and explored ways that we might better include them as alumni. We also touched on a variety of current issues and were impressed with their feedback. This month we will be meeting with some of the teacher leadership and the class sponsors.

Please stay in touch with the many current county issues confronting our school. We have sent out two PTSA updates recently. Everyone listed in the directory should have received information directing them to website information on the budget, SLEEP and grading policy issues. Take a moment to educate yourselves and do not hesitate to call anyone on the executive committee should you have questions. There are upcoming community meetings, and an FCPS survey, which all are encouraged to participate in regarding a new bell schedule proposal made in response to the SLEEP initiative. In addition, we are anticipating FCPS staff recommendations regarding changes in the grading policy by March 31st. Honors weighting is still under discussion, with a task force meeting in March. Presently, Dr. Glazer is recommending that all courses at TJ receive at least an Honors weighting.

Finally, I know everyone is touched by the current financial climate at many levels. The PTSA is no exception. We continue to explore new ways that we can optimize our involvement in programs which give back to the school. Generally these programs require a fair amount of volunteer effort, but are not costly in a monetary sense to the individual. If you would like to be involved, we could use your help. Please try to support the "free money" programs at grocery stores, Amazon and through recycling efforts, where you can. Also, there are a number of employers who will donate significant money to the school based on the number of volunteer hours parents or other family members provide. If you work for ExxonMobil, Freddie Mac, Verizon, or Intel, and you or any family member volunteers at the school, or performs service hours as a part of school organizations, it is likely you can file for these funds. We are happy to guide you and help with the paperwork! Please contact Carrie Kilgore, our treasurer, at [ptsa.treasurer at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.treasurer@tjhsst.edu) to find out more.

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FYI

PTSA MEETING and PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE

– Monday, March 18th at 9am in the cafeteria. Topics for discussion will include depot busing, program cuts, and grading policy. All are welcome!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Thank you to the terrific slate of volunteers that was elected at our last PTSA meeting. Please see the attached flyer if you are interested in serving on the executive committee or taking on a PTSA Board role.

PTSA BOARD POSITIONS - Two large PTSA jobs will require work over the summer. If you are interested in working on the **Directory** or **“Back to School Bash”** committees, we would love to hear from you soon! We are also looking for a new PTSA webmaster. Please contact Helen Lin at [ptsa.correspondingsecretary at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.correspondingsecretary@tjhsst.edu) if you might be interested in helping out.

Thanks.
Liz Ross
PTSA President

TAYLOR SWIFT AT TJ! – Now that we have your attention, we received a request from an ambitious TJ student who would like to get community wide support for a contest to bring the recording artist Taylor Swift to one lucky high school. This sounds like a fun “competition” in which parents and students can jointly participate. Please help if you can.

Here are the details: Verizon Wireless is sponsoring a contest to bring the singer Taylor Swift to a high school (<http://www.taylorswiftconcerts.com/>). Thomas Jefferson is one of the schools with a very good chance to win the contest. However, each student can only vote 100 times. Therefore, parents can provide much needed assistance in winning the contest by taking a minute to vote. The student body would love to have Taylor Swift perform at TJ. The webpage to vote is http://taylorswiftcontest.com/contest_form.php.

The voting ends on 3/23/09. To vote online you do NOT need to be a Verizon customer. However, only Verizon wireless customers can send in their votes in a text. They can send TJHSST's school code

(5720) to 3401. Everyone can vote up to 100 times. For questions contact Joseph Scholle at [scholle at gmail.com](mailto:scholle@gmail.com)

PTSA Update

PTSA Officers -- It's that time of year when the **Nominating Committee** seeks nominations for elected positions on the TJ PTSA **Executive Committee** for the 2009-2010 school year. Do you want to get involved and make a difference at TJ? Do you want to keep up to date with what's going on and network with other parents, students, and teachers? Then we have the job for you! Please step forward and volunteer to serve as an officer on the PTSA Executive Committee. The positions are: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. Any PTSA member with a willingness and ability to serve and provide leadership is welcome to apply. (Note: PTSA by-laws require that a person may be nominated for president only if he/she has served on the executive board for at least one term.) PTSA members who want to nominate someone else for an office may do so, with the nominee's permission. **The deadline for nominations is March 20, 2009.**

The nomination form can be found at the end of this newsletter or on the PTSA website. Please send any questions or completed forms to the Nominating Committee at [ptsa.recordingsecretary at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.recordingsecretary@tjhsst.edu). The Nominating Committee members are Lynne Hamrick, Robin Howard, Vicky Linnell, Michele Pitler, Jane Pyrak, Ellen Ranard, and Linda Russ.

Serving the TJ Community

Free Money

Ideas to Increase our Amazon.com Earnings

If you use our TJ link to Amazon.com, TJ earns money on each purchase you make!

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5. Share the link with your family and friends. Enter the Amazon.com website by clicking-through on the Amazon icon on the **PTSA** Homepage (<http://tjhsst.edu/ptsa>) before you add items to your cart. TJ currently earns about 6.5% - 7% of your purchase. The more items our community buys, the higher the % we earn! Buy and use Amazon.com gift cards for double the contribution! See <http://tjhsst.edu/ptsa/support.htm#amazon> for more details about the program. Contact Nora Callahan at 703-319-9434 or **NoraVA at Verizon.net** with questions, comments or ideas.

Staples Recycling 4 Cash

Recycling 4 Cash at Staples has changed its ink and toner recycling program. The program now allows customers to recycle ANY ink or toner cartridge (up to 10 cartridges per calendar month per customer), and receive \$3 per cartridge back in Staples Rewards.

Only one Staples Rewards account is allowed for each address. We need parents/students to bring their empty inkjet/laser cartridges to the Main Office. We also need parents to open Staples Rewards accounts, take the recycled items to Staples once a month, and donate the rewards back to TJ.

Please contact Brenda Lin at 703-725-4327 or at [linb02 at hotmail.com](mailto:linb02@hotmail.com) if you are interested in helping with this program.

ANGP – All Night Grad Party



Senior Parents: Buy Your Student's ANGP Ticket NOW To Insure The Best Party for Our Seniors

Every year about 98% of all TJ seniors attend the capstone celebration of their four years here, the All-Night Grad Party (ANGP). Already more than three-quarters of the senior class have bought their tickets!

We won't be sending you a paper ticket, and there won't be a paper ticket to lose. Students who have had their tickets paid for will simply be on "[The List](#)" of attendees at the front door. To check to see if your student's name is there, go to: http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty/tickets.html#ticket_list.

To those of you who have held off buying your student's ANGP ticket, please do so as soon as possible. One main reason to do so is that the purchase price will then definitely go toward YOUR student's party, the one for the Class of 2009, rather than being held over to the Class of 2010. Every year, some of the spring collections are held over to the next class's party. This is because organizers need to be careful not to go over budget in their planning. Final decisions are being made *right now*. The price is **\$109** and includes all food, music, activities, door prizes, etc.

Here's how to purchase your ticket:

1) Fill out the form in this newsletter or go to <http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty/tickets.html> for the Ticket Order and Acknowledgement of Risk form.

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** drop form and check off in the TJ front office in the "Grad Party" box.

--Julia Villacorta and Sandy Evans, ANGP Ticket Chairs

The ANGP Food Committee Needs Shoppers!

Thank you very, very much to those who volunteered last month to be our cooks and bakers. This month, we need shoppers.

The Food Committee is actively collecting the following items: **CASES OF WATER, GATORADE, COKE, DIET COKE, and ROOTBEER**, as well as boxes or bags of **REGULAR SIZE CANDY BARS**. Since these items will keep we are getting started now to stockpile our needs for the big night. If you are willing to donate any of these items, please buy them now and drop them off in the main office with a note attached that they are ANGP donations. We have made arrangements with the main office to pick them up as they come in. Please include your name and email or phone number so we can thank you. And, well . . . thank you!!

Still interested in cooking or baking, or have a question? Please email Barbara Barrett ([BarbaraBarrett09 at gmail.com](mailto:BarbaraBarrett09@gmail.com)).

Thank you, from the ANGP Food Co-Chairs: Mini Kanwal, Barbara Barrett, and Barbara McGarey

Senior Video: We still need still photos and/or video that could be used as part of the ANGP Senior Video. Please email those items to [cfhookey at hotmail.com](mailto:cfhookey@hotmail.com), or send "hard copies" to Charles Hookey c/o TJ, no later than **April 15, 2009**.

Student Services Corner

Student Government Association

Hello Colonials!

Ready for the second annual **TJ Olympics**? It will start on Monday, March 2nd, with an opening ceremony during 8th period. Don't miss out!! For a week, you will be able to participate in various competitions during lunch, 8th period, and JLC. Make sure you sign up for your desired events, which range from Volleyball to Dancing with the Faculty. The sign-up sheets will be available to you in your foreign language class. If you are not taking

a foreign language, then you can sign up on the door of Room 210.

Next on the agenda is "**Inspirational Quotes on Walls.**" Students voted their favorite quotes on Intranet the week of February 16th. For the next few weeks, SGA will be working with TJ Mural Club to paint the top 8 quotes on the walls of TJ.

Got the Winter Blues? SGA is bringing back the **Winter Chill-Out**, an event for students to gather with their friends and just relax! It will take place during 8th period on Friday March 20th.

At the end of January, representatives from the class and student government at TJ traveled to Richmond to advocate at the annual "**Friends of Our Virginia Governors Schools Legislative Visit.**" All Fairfax County schools get their funding from two main sources – the County and the State. But TJ, as well as the 17 other Virginia governor's schools, also get funding from a third source called "Incentive Grants for Gifted Students." With the current financial situation, we know that educational funding from the state and the county is going to be cut. However, if the Incentive Grants were also to be cut, TJ would be hit from three sides instead of just two. The purpose of our visit to Richmond was to ask our legislators to keep the Incentive Grants in next year's budget. SGA strongly encourages you to write to your state senator or delegate about this issue, urging them not to cut Incentive Grants.

Office of Special Services

ADA Amendments Act of 2008

On September 25, 2008, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Amendments Act of 2008 was signed into law and went into effect January 1, 2009. This Act updated regulations for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. These updated regulations have the potential to impact a student's qualification as disabled under Section 504. If you have questions regarding the changes in Section 504, please contact Brandon Kosatka, Director of Student Services.

Guidelines

The latest issue of the TJHSST Student Services Department newsletter, *Guidelines*, dated December 2008, is available at: <http://information.tjhsst.edu/dss/>.

Items from Other TJ Offices

Academic News

Foreign Language News

Several TJ students were selected to participate in the summer *Governor's Language Academies*. This wonderful program offers our students (at no cost) a fun and challenging immersion program. Students have the opportunity to interact with native speakers and explore cultural aspects of a foreign language. This year's participants are:

- French: **Barbara Lantz, Kathryn Zagrobelny**
- Japanese: **Byon Han Kim**
- German: **Katie Mitchell, Neal Milstein**
- Russian: **Willie Nicklas**
- Spanish: **Rajni Rao, Katherine Helmick**
- Latin: **Amith Ananthram, Chris Kilgore**
- Chinese: **Claire Cundiff**

Students are now registering for the *Modern Foreign Language Tournament* that will take place on March 7 at South Lakes HS from 8:30am to noon. Students had to try out to represent our school, and will perform in several categories on March 13.

On March 11, all the French students will participate in the *National French Contest 2009*. This national assessment will take place during 6th period and the results will arrive at the end of April.

The *Spanish National Exam* will also be administered during the spring.

The first week of March is *National FL Week* and the FL teachers are planning several activities to celebrate the study of foreign language, an essential

part of the well-rounded education of our future citizens of the world.

German News

All German II, III, and AP German students took the **National German Exam** in January. (There is no exam for levels I or V.) Frau Vaden is very proud to report the outstanding results.

Of the 71 test takers, 53 students scored in the top 10% of the nation. Three of TJ's German students had perfect scores (see names with ** stars), and many more were only one or two answers away from the highest score. The students listed below, having placed at least in the 90th percentile of the nation, were eligible to apply for a free summer study program in Germany, sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of German. Four students have sent in their applications and should begin the interview process soon.

Congratulations to these German II students, who scored in the top 10% in the nation: **Daniel Shanker, Casey Huang, Graham Schmidt, J Lee, Madison Russell, Aram Tramblian, Daniel Mares Zarate, James Miller, Andrew Rowberg, Nicholas Skeen, Lisa Yang, Jonathan Phillips, Jonathan Spitz, Abhishek Cauligi, Patrick Yu, Pavan Naik, Mehan Clark, Anne Norland.**

Congratulations to these German III students, who scored in the top 10% in the nation: **Kristina Brant **, Cassidy Walsh **, Kelsey Johnson, Jake Hermle, Katie Mitchell, Lisa Junta, Kelsey Dressing, Kate Shipman, Neal Milstein, Alex Stabile, Nihar Sinha, Annie Silverman, Spencer Clark, Alex McGlothlin, Anna Green, Robert Carlson, Kaylee Yocum, Tracy Esman, Emma Ferris, Chris Carey, Jin Kim, Daniel Schlicht, Julie Thatcher, Myles Cook, Nora Vivanco.**

Congratulations to these German AP students, who scored in the top 10% in the nation on the German IV exam: **Mariet Kurtz **, Suzan Ok, Tyler Brobst, Jimmy Clark, Rebecca Justice, Kelly Schumann, Erica Curles, Neha Rathi, Arda Menzilcioglu, and Ewan Kay.**

From Russia, with love

The Russian program is eagerly gearing up for its biennial trip to Russia over Spring Break. The group will travel to Moscow, Pskov and St. Petersburg. All spots have been filled for the trip and the students are planning their activities (they will be performing skits for Pskov University students). The Russian Honor Society (SLAVA) recently conducted a toy drive for orphan children in Pskov. Thank you for all your donations! Congratulations to the English classes of Ms. Waterfall, Mr. Miller and Mrs. Bello for contributing the most toys. These classes have won Russian-themed parties!

The second phase of this community service project takes place in Russia when TJ students work with local university students in Pskov, Russia to share and spread the understanding of social responsibility through this joint community service project.

The results are in! TJ students participated in the National Russian Essay Contest in November 2008! We promised to let you know the results but the awards are too numerous to list! 53 students wrote essays and each essay earned recognition! Congratulations to **Sarah Schmoltner** and **Jessica Tyler**, whose essays at the Advanced Level won Gold Medals. Their essays have been forwarded to Moscow for International Judging! Wish them luck! The Russian Honor Society is very proud of all the students but wish to recognize some of our Level One students. They competed nationwide in the same category as level 2 students and earned recognition! Honorable Mention goes to: **Avi Sachs, Edward Reinsel, Michael Wattendorf, Nathan LaPierre, Daniel Yoo, and Stephen Seliskar**. **Leila Bushman** earned a Bronze Medal and, **Chantal Montrose, Katy Williamson, and Jahnavi Madiraju** were awarded Silver Medals! A very impressive showing by Level One students!

On February 6th students took the AP Practice Exam. The AP Russian Exam is taken on-line so our students enjoy the challenge of typing in Russian! Students scored higher on this year's exam than ever before, and are more confidently anticipating the AP Exam in the Spring.

Students at all levels of Russian will have the opportunity to participate in the Virginia State Olympiada for Spoken Russian, sponsored by the American Council of the Teachers of Russian. This year, the Virginia State Olympiada will once again be hosted by George Mason University and will take place on Friday, March 20, 2009.

Parent volunteers are needed! How can parents help? Please let Betsy Sandstrom, Coordinator of the Virginia State Olympiada, know if you can assist at the Olympiada. [Betsy.Sandstrom at fcps.edu](mailto:Betsy.Sandstrom@fcps.edu)

Do you speak Russian?

Говорите ли вы по-русски?

If so, we need you to **Judge!** If you speak Russian, please consider volunteering to be a judge at the Virginia State Olympiada of Spoken Russian. We will assign you to a level other than your child's level! Judges' training will take place at GMU on Friday, Feb. 27th at 2:30 in the afternoon. Let us know if you know others who may be willing to judge!

Want to be included in Russian Podcasting? Contact Stuart Maier for more information.

To contact the SLAVA (Russian Honor Society) officers, email: [slavaofficers at gmail.com](mailto:slavaofficers@gmail.com).

Class News

2009 – Seniors

Parents, we hope you are enjoying your seniors' last few months of school. Most seniors will be visiting colleges as acceptance letters came in. Here are some dates and events to note down:

Friday, June 5th - Prom: Westwood Country Club, Vienna

Week of June 8-13 - Senior Picnic

Saturday, June 13th – Graduation, George Mason Patriot Center

Saturday, June 13th – Sunday, June 14th - All Night Graduation Party, at TJ.

Have you purchased your ticket to ANGP? This is the biggest party of the season, attended by 98% of the senior class! Make sure your senior does not

miss out having a blast with all his/her friends of the past four years.

Also please send a baby picture (0-5 yrs old), and senior picture of your senior with the name on the back and drop it in the ANGP baby photo box in the front office

Finally, there is a TJ tradition that seniors give a gift to the school which can be used by all students.. One of the suggestions for this year's gift is to update the equipment in the senior lounge, which is pretty beaten up. All contributions are welcome. Comments and suggestions are also welcome and can be sent Anjana Desai. Thanks.

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

2010 – Juniors

What a great class of parents! Within hours of my sending an email to the Junior Class parents asking for volunteers for the **Junior Class Campout**, I had received 50 replies. Thanks for your support.

Most people are interested in chaperoning the first shift (7 pm to 11 pm). No surprise. We now have plenty for that shift, but we still need help for the later shifts – 11 pm to 3 am, and 3 am to 7 am. So if you haven't volunteered, you still have the opportunity! If you have volunteered, please consider whether you can switch to one of the later shifts, or stay a little longer past the first shift to help out.

Many of you asked for more details on the event. The campout is held on the TJ football field. The students will be planning the activities for the evening. Parents will probably be asked to provide food donations (similar to the freshman lock-in). I'll keep you posted as I find out more information.

Also, don't forget that junior parents need to start thinking about the **All Night Grad Party** (ANGP) and shadowing the senior parents this year so we can run the party next year. Contact me or the ANGP chairs at [ptsa.angp09 at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.angp09@tjhsst.edu) for more information, and please start attending the ANGP meetings on the first Tuesday of the month in the College Career Center at 7:00 pm.

Important Dates:

Friday, March 27th – Mr. Colonial: Come watch junior boys compete for the title.

Saturday, April 18th – Class of 2010 Spring Formal. We will need chaperones.

Saturday, June 13th – All Night Grad Party – the Class of 2009 needs us to help!

Wednesday, June 17th – Class of 2010 Campout (TJ football field).

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

2011 – Sophomores

After careful consideration and many calls and e-mails, we have regrettably come to the decision not to go ahead with the **Sophomore Auction**, which was going to be held on May 1. Our student officers did a great job, gathering ideas and initiating planning for the event. The same can be said of our Teacher Sponsors, who spent many of their free hours trying to make the auction possible. We'd also like to thank those sophomore parents who have kindly volunteered to help with the Auction after receiving our e-mails asking for assistance. Unfortunately, at this time, we don't have enough parent participation to chair the overall event as well as the various auction committees which would make it possible for the students to go ahead with their plans. The task demands significant adult direction and involvement above and beyond the typical call of duty.

Where do we go from here? Well, the first thing that we will do is to have a brainstorming session about our students' 2011 graduation ceremony, and how best to raise the money needed for graduation festivities.

Please email us if you have any suggestions ([danielaowen at verizon.net](mailto:danielaowen@verizon.net) and [eswoboda at gventerprises.net](mailto:eswoboda@gventerprises.net)). Although we might be unable to reply to each of you individually, we will be glad to pass on your comments to our student officers and sponsors. We will get back to you later on in the year with a further update. Thank you!

Daniela Owen and Eileen Swoboda
PTSA Class of 2011 Representatives

2012 – Freshman

The **Rob The Cradle Soc Hop** held on Friday, February 13th, was a lot of fun. Many thanks to Michelle Lee, Julie Martin, Sangeeta Garg, Nora Callahan, Mary Taylor, Jim and Stephanie Woods, Janie Yang, Yvette Sutton, Menta Vipul and Cathy Withers for chaperoning at the event.

Your students have been meeting with their counselors about course selections for next year. As your students finalize next year's selections, they need to be taking into consideration the prerequisites for the senior labs they might be interested in. Also, summer is just a few months away. Visit the Career Center link through the TJ website for information about summer opportunities.

Freshmen Lock-In is fast approaching! The class officers and council have been working hard to put together a great event for Friday, March 13th. The Lock-In begins at 7 PM on the 13th, and ends at 7 AM on the 14th. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help! Each student has been assigned to bring in a snack item based on their IBET. The assignments are: Chips (Wood/Orser/Lewis), Soda (DelCerro/Lepkowski/Lewis), Water and/or Whipped Cream (McFaden/Curtis/LaFever), Cookies/Desserts (McFaden/Lewis/LaFever), Paper Products (Rosenblum 1st - plates...Iorga 1st - silverware...Kosek 1st - napkins), Candy (Locklear/Seavey/Kosek), Finger Food (DelaCuesta/Rosenblum/Harris). For any last-minute questions, please e-mail Mike Auerbach ([Michael.Auerbach at fcps.edu](mailto:Michael.Auerbach@fcps.edu)) or Kendal Orenstein ([Kendal.Orenstein at fcps.edu](mailto:Kendal.Orenstein@fcps.edu)).

Please email us at [TJClassof2012 at cox.net](mailto:TJClassof2012@cox.net) if you have any questions or if you want to help.

Ann Nguyen and Janet Tasker
PTSA Class of 2012 Representatives

News Round-Up and Awards

2009 TJHSST Science and Engineering Fair

In one of the largest Science and Engineering Fairs held at TJ during the last twelve years, 187 students presented projects, individually and in teams of two or three, on February 7th, in TJ's cafeteria. A total of 73 judges were on hand to evaluate the projects and award first, second, third and honorable mention honors for student research.

Students presented their work on Friday, February 6th, to fellow students as an eighth period activity. Then, they competed on Saturday morning and hosted the general public who visited during an Open House on Saturday afternoon. Thanks to the PTSA and parent volunteers (led by Ms. Atti Galván), who provided a welcome break from the competition by serving lunch for the students.

Mr. Robert Latham, Optics Lab Director and Science Fair Chairman, conducted the awards ceremony. Dr. Evan Glazer handed out awards and personally congratulated all of the student participants.

The following students earned First Place awards: **Aditya Palepu, Akshar Wunnava, Alex Kim, Andrew Smith, Anirudh Mohan, Kathleen Atkatsch, Manna Fujiu, Sapir Nachum, Alice Chae, Lauren Corbett, David Kim, Dennis Wang, Jonathan Hsu, Andrew Lam, Ellen Huang, Jason Kaushik, Jared Hallet, Jayson Marwaha, Joseph Jachowski, Kyle Markwalter, Leeann Li, Maneeshika Madduri, Stephanie Marris, Christine Pham, Molly Patterson, Naren Tallapragada, Riley Ennis, Rishi Iyengar, Scott Skirlo, Sumit Malik, Victoria Saadat, Vishwajith Sridharan, Yangbo Xu, Yohan Sumathipala, Divya Srinivasan.**

In addition to most of the first place winners, **Varun Bansal, Kevin Casto, Joy Lee, Jessica Liu, Christopher Olund, Jessica Szelc, Huan Song** and **Anirudh Saraswathula**, will participate in the next level of competition, the Regional Science and Engineering Fair.

The Regional Fair will be held March 27-29 at Robinson Secondary School. Grand prize winners at the Regional Fair will be invited to the International Science and Engineering Fair in Reno, NV, May 8-15.

TJ congratulates all students who undertook research projects for the fair and who spent time and energy presenting their work.

Chinese Dragon Dancing at the Inaugural Parade

On January 20th, following President Obama's inauguration, several TJ students participated in the inaugural parade in Washington, DC. They performed a traditional Chinese dragon dance in front of our new President, the First Lady, and other guests. The TJ participants were: 9th Graders - **Jessica White, Jason Ye, Timothy Yeh**; 10th Grader - **Richard Qin**; and 12th Graders - **Simon Li, Simon Ho, Tim Zhu**.

The dance was broadcast nationwide. A video clip can be found at the C-Span web site:

<http://www.c-spanarchives.org/flash/player-time.html?start=2009-01-20%2018:44:17&stop=2009-01-20%2018:46:18&net=1>

One Question Submissions

After a month of publicity and a TA activity explaining the new One Question initiative, Carter Vaden, faculty coordinator, is happy to report that 85 students submitted a question. The questions were reviewed by a JLC committee of faculty and parents as well as a student committee, and the five top contenders were selected. Those five students will now enter phase two of the submission process, writing a rationale for their question. In March, the five rationale statements will be posted anonymously on the One Question website (<http://academics.tjhsst.edu/oneq/>). Students and faculty will then vote on the winning question.

Scholastic Writing Awards Gold Keys

Congratulations to Jefferson's two Gold Key recipients in this year's Scholastic Writing Awards. Ninth grader **Avi Sachs** (Jennifer Seavey, teacher) and 10th grader **Nayan Lamba** (Mike Miller, teacher) will now move on for national award consideration.

March is National Athletic Training Month!

During March, Athletic Trainers across America are being recognized for their commitment to helping people prevent injuries and stay healthy and active. This year's theme is Quality Health Care for Life and Sport. Athletic Training is an Allied Health Care Profession. Highly educated and dedicated to the job at hand, Athletic Trainers can be found in high schools and colleges, corporations, professional sports, the military, performing arts and clinics, hospitals and physician offices.

Fairfax County Public Schools has two Certified Athletic Trainers at each high school. Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology would like to recognize their Athletic Trainers, Heather Murphy and Kristin Lillis for providing quality health care for the students, athletes, faculty and staff every day.

The 50 Certified Athletic Trainers in FCPS will be recognized by the School Board on March 19th at Luther Jackson Middle School at 7pm. For more information on Certified Athletic Trainers you can visit <http://www.fcps.edu/supt/activities/atp/>

TJHSST Partnership Fund

TJ REALLY NEEDS YOUR HELP - tjSTAR SYMPOSIUM

The TJ Symposium to Advance Research, (tjSTAR), May 28, 2009, is a day-long school-wide symposium to provide students an opportunity to share their research projects and to learn about future TJ research and research aspects of potential careers. This symposium also serves as an opportunity for students to inspire each other with new ideas for study in future years, obtain feedback from their peers, and involve alumni and community partners in our academic programs.

This symposium gives corporations a chance to interact with TJ students on topics central to careers and to the future of their organizations. Participation/sponsorship in the following ways will inspire TJ students:

- ** Participation in panel discussions on selected science & technology & society topics
- ** Displays and demonstrations
- ** Design challenges
- ** Conference operation

Parents: please identify corporations to participate and/or donate. We need as much corporate involvement as we can get! Contact Gary Bottorff at 703-750-8317 or [Gary.Bottorff at fcps.edu](mailto:Gary.Bottorff@fcps.edu). Your kids will thank you.

RINGING IN THE YEAR! PARTNERSHIP FUND PHONATHON

Many, many thanks to all volunteers and participants in the Fourth Annual TJ Partnership Fund Phonathon, held on Sunday, March 1. Year after year parents gather together to talk to other parents about the needs of our number one ranked school. While communicating the school's needs, parents get to know one another too. Special thanks to all the new and repeat donors. The school needs you!

YOU'VE GOT MAIL! SPRING NEWSLETTER HAS ARRIVED

All parents should have received the spring mailing with our donor form. You still have plenty of time to be on the Honor Roll of generous supporters of TJ, supplying those extra dollars for basic needs to run TJ's high caliber curriculum. Parents have been extremely generous despite the gloomy economic climate, and it is much appreciated.

TJHSST Boosters

Academic Boosters

Chemistry Olympiad

Congratulations to **Stephen Eltinge, Victor Hsu, Patrick Gould, Chris Au, Krishnan Chander, Rhitwika Sensharma, Dahan Choi, Vish Sridharan, Ritchie Yein, Andy Mai, Dan Sun, Minsik Jun, Udaysankar Chackarathan, Ashu Goel, Sherie Zhou, Steve Qian, Alicia Goertel, Rebecca Zhang, Jeremy Ho, Ashwin Raja, Sabrina Mohamed, and Nader Al-Naji**—TJ's semi-finalists for the Chemistry Olympiad. These 22 students will compete on February 27th in the

lab competition to determine our 12 local finalists, who will take the National Chemistry Olympiad Exam.

Chess

Congratulations to our TJ chess players for their success at the World Amateur Team & U.S. Team East tournament in Parsippany, New Jersey. TJ won the top High School Team prize as well as the Top Virginia Team title! **Eddie Lu** defeated Alex Lenderman (USCF rating: 2611), an international master and top player rated under 21 in the United States. Team members were: **Mark Cheung, Yang Dai, Jacob Daniels, Arman Khojandi, Aryan Khojandi, Eddie Lu, Quentin Moore, Aravind Ponukumati, and Craig Saperstein**. Each player will receive a digital clock, along with engraved plaques for each winning title. The U.S. Amateur Team East of 2009 was the second biggest in history, with 283 teams.

The TJ Chess team is looking forward to the 2009 Virginia States Scholastic Chess Championship in Charlottesville on the weekend of March 13, 14, and 15. Interested students should pick up permission forms from Mr. Ero in room 234 as soon as possible. So far, over 20 students plan to make the trip over to the UVA-area to play. TJ's Chess team has won States for the past 10 years, and is looking forward to another exciting championship!

At the beginning of spring break (April 3rd to 5th), the Chess Team will travel to Nashville to compete at SuperNationals. This event is scheduled every fourth year at a lavish hotel resort, the Gaylord. The TJ Chess Team has risen through the ranks in the past three years, moving from 5th place to 2nd place last year. Interested students should pick up packets from Mr. Ero in room 234, as the deadline to register is March 5. Contact Chess Captains Eddie Lu and Aryan Khojandi for more information.



World Amateur East Chess Tournament: Eddie Lu, at right, on board one against IM Alex Lenderman. To Eddie's right are Aryan Khojandi, Yang Dai and Craig Saperstein.

Freshman Computer Team

TJ's Frosh 'Puter Team scored a 49 out of 50 on the American Computer Science League Contest Two. **Alex Chen, William Qian, Arjun Srinivasan, and Miraziz Yusupov** turned in perfect tens on the mixed short problems and computer program contest.

Debate and Speech Teams: Speech

Four members of the TJ Speech team attended the Columbia University tournament, including **Maya Chaudhuri** (Extemporaneous Speaking), **Arvin Ahmadi** (Original Oratory), **Matt Palko** (Oral Interpretation), and **Abigail Xu** (Declamation).

On February 4, the Speech team competed at the VHSL Liberty Districts. **Rebecca Friedman** placed 1st in Domestic Extemporaneous Speech, **Maya Chaudhuri** placed 1st and **Josh Hall** placed second in Foreign Extemporaneous Speech, and **Arvin Ahmadi** placed first in Original Oratory.

The Speech team attended the VHSL Regional Tournament. Rebecca Friedman placed 3rd in Domestic Extemporaneous Speech and will compete at States in April. Arvin Ahmadi placed 4th in Original Oratory and is an alternate for States.

Lincoln Douglas Debate

The Lincoln-Douglas Debate team had one of the best showings of the year at WACFL 5. At the varsity level, **Akaash Gupta** ranked sixth place and **Lily Hsiang** also qualified for Metro Finals (Metros). In Junior Varsity, **Kainan Wang** was undefeated and placed third, **Janiel Li** placed sixth, and **Chris Seok** and **Rebecca Zhang** both qualified for Metros. The team has six varsity and nine JV debaters who have qualified for Metrofinals. Good luck to all fifteen Metrofinals qualifiers!

Five members of the Lincoln-Douglas Debate teams attended a tournament at Columbia University. **Akaash Gupta**, a sophomore, won his rounds in octofinals, placing him among the top eight Lincoln-Douglas debaters.

Policy Debate

Four two-person teams from the TJ Policy Debate team attended the Harvard Invitational Tournament and competed in the JV Division. **Katie Lin** and **Chris Lee** won four of their six rounds, and broke into octofinals. **Abigail Xu** and **Rachel Marzen** broke into double-octofinals, with a 3-3 record. Chris Lee won 13th speaker and Abigail Xu won 16th speaker.

At WACFL 5, TJ policy debate teams in the Varsity Division placed first (**Hannah Clark** and **Andre Kessler**), second (**Kathy Hutchinson** and **Lisa Pang**), fourth (**Akshay Deverakonda** and **Steven Eltinge**) and fifth (**George Liang** and **Sungmin Sohn**). In addition, **Hannah Clark** won 1st speaker and **Lisa Pang** won 2nd speaker. In JV, **Max Miroff** and **Peter Ahnn** placed first.

Public Forum Debate

At the Harvard Invitational Tournament, **Noa Ovdia** and **Sam Surette** advanced to triple-octofinals with a 4-2 record in the JV division.

At WACFL 5, the Varsity team of **Rebecca Friedman** and **Emily Yu** placed 5th with a 3-1 record. In the JV division, **Darwin Li** and **Daniel Kim** placed 4th with a 4-0 record, and **Betty Huang** and **Linda Chiang** received their second 3-1, qualifying them for Metrofinals.

“It’s Academic” Shines at WJIAT Regional Tournament

On February 14, TJ sent 4 teams to the Walter Johnson Invitational Academic Tournament (WJIAT) in Bethesda, Maryland. TJ-A, consisting of **Naren Tallapragada, Kevin Casto, Joshua Hahn, and Harry White**, went 10-1 and placed 2nd overall out of 35 teams. TJ-B, consisting of **Michael Eng, Diana Gerr, Arjang Navab, and Nish Parameswaran**, placed 8th. TJ-C, consisting of **Graham Lobel, Thalia Aoki, Steve Eltinge, and Seoup Youn**, placed 11th.

Math Team Excels at Princeton and Harvard-MIT Math Tournaments

Three eight-person teams from the TJ Varsity Math Team traveled to Princeton for its 3rd Annual Math Competition. Competing against over 50 other teams, the TJ-A team (**Brian Hamrick, Jimmy Clark, Kee Young Lee, Dan Li, Casey Mihaloeuw, Chris Olund, Sam Rush, and Arvind Thiagarajan**) came in second overall and third in the Power contest.

Several students also won individual awards. **Brian Hamrick** placed 5th in Algebra and 3rd in Individual Finals. **Casey Mihaloeuw** placed 4th in Geometry and 7th in Combinatorics. **Daniel Li** placed 5th in Algebra. Freshman **Mitchell Lee** placed 8th in Combinatorics and 10th in individual finals. The Math Team thanks Mrs. Clark, Mr. Diao, and Mr. Tsang for driving and supporting the team.

At the Harvard-MIT Math Tournament, the TJ-A team (**Brian Hamrick, Kee Young Lee, Arvind Thiagarajan, Casey Mihaloeuw, Jimmy Clark, Sam Rush, Daniel Li, and Chris Olund**) placed 1st overall, 2nd in the guts round, and 3rd in the team round. TJ-B (**Akshar Wunnava, Eric Bomgardner, Seungin Sohn, Mitchell Lee, Yangbo Xu, Hanwen Xu, Dan Emmons, and Renjie You**) placed 15th overall and TJ-C (**Luke Cheng, Allison Koenecke, Jenny Yung, Divya Garg, Anirudh Mohan, Yuqing Zhang, Billy Rieger, and Lenny Li**) placed 38th overall, out of 78 teams. In the Individual Awards for the 526 in

the division, Brian Hamrick was 2nd in Calculus, 2nd in Combinatorics, and 2nd Overall. Kee Young Lee was 1st in Calculus, 6th in Combinatorics, and 4th Overall. Casey Mihaloeuw was 7th and Arvind Thiagarajan was 9th in Combinatorics.



Harvard-MIT Math Tournament participants

For complete results, see <http://web.mit.edu/hmmt/www/datafiles/results/>. For photos, see <http://good-times.webshots.com/album/570223386Fxejq>.

Model UN Wins Awards At U Penn Conference

TJ’s Model UN team attended the U PENN Model UN Conference (ILMUNC) and claimed many awards. Gavels (Best Delegations) went to **Nate Coddington, Kate Kingsbury, Serena Saffarini, Anirudh Saraswathula, Carolyn Scoggins, Kylene Smart, and Naren Tallapragada**. Outstanding Delegations went to **Sid Bhatia, April Hu, Aman Kansal, Christine Lee, Hirsh Sharma, Swati Teerdhala, Mohima Sanyal, and Lyndsey Wheeler**. Honorable Delegations were awarded to **Max Kieff, Curtis Mills, Aditya Palepu, Jeff Pontell, and John Pulice**. Verbal Commendations went to **Mike Crumplar, Amar Desai, Brendan Greenley, Collin Jones, Ankit Kapoor, Kamna Kathuria, Neal Milstein, Zach Perconti, Pranava Raparla, Avi Sachs, Dan Wang, Dennis Wang, and Shiyong Yang**.

TJHSST Model UN Delegation claimed the **Secretary General’s Award for Best Large School Delegation** at George Mason University (MASUN’2009) Conference on February 20th and 21st. TJ Delegates won Best Delegate Awards in 9 out of the 12 committees they participated in!

Congratulations to all the Delegates!

Best Delegate Awards presented to **Sid Bhatia, April Hu, Ashneil Jain, David Kim, Aaron Koenig, Shreyas Mahapatra, Curtis Mills, Neal Milstein, Mica Moore, Arjang Navab, Naren Tallapragada, Dan Wang, Dennis Wang, and Shiying Yang.**

Outstanding Delegates were **Bryan Cheong, Mike Crumplar, Brendan Greenley, John Han, Hareesh Nagaraj, Richard Nguyen, Michael Nguyen, Steve Qian, Kishore Rao, Colvin Wang, Andy Yang, Deanna Zhu, and Nelson Zhu.**

Honorable Delegates were **Ankit Kapoor, Mohima Sanyal, Siddhant Sethi, and Cheng Xu.**

Ocean Bowl

TJ's A Team placed 1st and the TJ-B Team placed 3rd at the 2009 Chesapeake Bay Bowl. The TJ-A team included: **Alexander Kim, Joey Jachowski, Janiel Li, Margaret Tarmann** and **Janice Park.** The TJ-B team included: **Suzanne Ok, Julia Sokolow, Daniel Seidman, Holly Jachowski, and Meredith Burkle.**

Physics Team

Twenty TJ students qualified for the second of three rounds in the Physics Olympiad. The 20 qualifiers are **Jack Chen, Aviv Cukierman, Michael Chang, Lawrence Diao, Thomas Georgiou, Jared Hallett, Brian Hamrick, Victor Hsu, Kee Young Lee, Casey Mihalow, Will Minshew, Chris Olund, Emma Pierson, Daniel Ranard, Arvind Thiagarajan, Ming-Yee Tsang, Yangbo Xu, Hanwen Xu, Rengie You, and Lenny Li.**

Science Bowl

TJ's Science Bowl team (**Aaron Koenig, Hanwen Xu, Daniel Li, Kee Young Lee, and Greyson Lewis**) placed first out of 21 teams in the regional competition, winning \$750 for TJ. The team will compete in nationals from April 30th to May 5th.

Certamen

TJ continued to play a dominating role in Virginia certamen this past month. On January 31, seven

teams competed at Riverbend, winning trophies in all levels. The Latin I team, comprised of **Jeremy Loffredo, Zikuan Li, Quentin Moore** and **Weina Bao,** and the Latin IA team, comprised of **Rachel Goldstein, Billy Nguyen, Jared Golant** and **Sam Sohn** received fourth place. In Latin II, TJ fielded two teams. The first, whose members included **Sidhanth Rajesh, Philip Meyers, Austin Dunn,** and **Connor Hann,** received fourth place. The second, comprised of **Zachary Seid, Akhila Ananthram, Frederick Short** and **Daniel Kim,** received first place. In Latin III, the TJ team, comprised of **Ashwin Raja, Katharine Zucker,** and **Siddharth Hariharan,** triumphed, receiving first place. On Upper Level, the results were exceedingly close. The senior team, whose members were **William Czaplyski, Lara Howerton, Maya Wei,** and **Alexander Spalding** received fourth. The junior team, comprised of **Anne Marie Creighton, Amith Ananthram, Christopher Kilgore,** and **Vivaek Shivakumar,** placed second. Congratulations to everyone who competed.

On February 21, TJ hosted its fourth annual certamen, which was attended by over 100 teams. The event was a tremendous success. Thank you to all the students and parents who volunteered.

On March 7, several TJ teams will be attending the Broadneck certamen in Annapolis, MD. Wish them luck!

Band Boosters

Winter Showcase February 28: By the time you read this, TJ's spectacular winter show of color guard and drum line units will have come and gone. It is Band Boosters signature annual event and TJ played host to hundreds of performers, their families and guests. Colossal thanks go to Steve Ballard for running the show, Ted Zagrobelny for organizing the event, Elizabeth Overton for coordinating our fleet of volunteers, Felicia Schwenk, Leslie Mayer and Valerie Fetsch for creating the program, band director Mary Ulrey, and all our wonderful parents who dedicated so much of their time, money and energy to this exciting day of performance art.

Anders, Lauren Houck, Jack Borsi, Paul Anderson, Jimmy Clark, Brian Schwenk, and Kennan Murphy-Sierra.



From back left: CJ Cahill, Maya Wei, Ilona Fleischer, Rebecca Justice, Sarah Notis, Corinne Mayer



Vivian Lu, David Kim, Joubin Izadi, Steven Olin, Joe Danger Fetsch, Patrick Stalcup, Ian Cougar Plunk, Jon Shredder Sredl, Eddie Lichter, Max Beck, Jacob R. Dominy

All District Band: A small army of TJ band students performed at the concert on February 7. Congratulations to Concert Band performers **Katie Yu, Andrew Kim, Emily Harmon, Stephanie Melendez, Andrew Rice, Julian Whitman, Quynh-My Luu, Bryce Summers, Greg Vernon, Michael Monte, and Megan Clark.** Congratulations also to Symphonic Band performers **Ellen Zhong, Jin-Ah Kim, Andy Eshbach, Andrew Hendricks, Eric Westman, Jean He, Sydney Schrider, Joseph Muldoon, Han Kim, Alexander Spalding, Michael Poussard, Casey Mihalow, Autumn Chuang, Brett**

Juicy Succulent Citrus: Is your band boosters supply of luscious grapefruits dwindling? Despair not, you have one final month to grab some more of that heavenly citrus. Get your order in while supplies last, these tasty treats go fast! With spring peeking out from beneath the hard earth, you'll want to get a preview of these fresh-from-Florida delights, straight off the truck. March features Ruby Red Grapefruit and Temple Oranges. Order by March 13 to [TJcitrus at hotmail.com](mailto:TJcitrus@hotmail.com). Delivery/pickup March 21.

Cookie Dough Sale: Back by popular demand, Band Boosters is again offering scrumptious frozen cookie dough! Each 2.7 pound box contains 48 pre-formed cookies – a bargain at \$14 a box. The sale runs until March 9. Order the dough through any curricular band student or contact Lisa Rabe at [plbdmj_r at yahoo.com](mailto:plbdmj_r@yahoo.com). Pick up your cookie dough in the band room on Saturday March 21 between 10 to 1 pm (same time/location as citrus pickup). Some savory selections are Chocolate Chunk and Snickerdoodle.

Rae Ann Murashige Memorial Fund: Please consider making a donation in memory of Rae Ann, who passed away on November 10. Rae Ann and her husband Allen have been very active members of TJ Band Boosters for eight years while their children, Lance and Danielle, attended TJ. Danielle graduated in June 2008 and is a first year student at University of Virginia. Rae Ann worked tirelessly on band booster activities and is remembered especially for organizing Citrus Fundraising. Please make checks payable to TJHSST Band Boosters with the memo line stating "Rae Ann Murashige" and mail to: Henry Ruempler, 5415 Waycross Dr, Alexandria, VA 22310.

License Plate Frames: It's not too late to order your customized license plate frames. They make a great gift, only \$20! Use as novelty frame for panoramic photos or photo collections. To order, contact [Sylvie at wrtc.org](mailto:Sylvie@wrtc.org). See samples at <http://www.tjhsstband.org>. To order Gift Cards (variety available), contact [KayCorey at cox.net](mailto:KayCorey@cox.net).

Colonial Athletic Boosters

Winter sports are just about completed and will close with the Sports Banquet & Awards Ceremony on Thursday, March 5, 2009. It was a good season with some outstanding performances. Check out Banquet News under Publications on the CAB website. Spring sports began on February 23rd.

Orders for memory bricks in the Millennium Courtyard must be received by March 15th for installation this spring. Check the CAB website for details and order forms.

CAB Scholarships applications are due May 26, 2009. Again, check the CAB website.

There is a critical need for volunteers in CAB leadership. Please contact Charles Hookey at cfhookey@hotmail.com if you can help.

Boys Varsity Basketball: The basketball gods have been fickle, letting TJ play well, but not giving them quite enough to win. After a Senior Night where the nine seniors; **Spencer De Mars** (EA MIT), **Mason Freedman**, **Glen Hookey**, **Sean Ji**, **Mikas Kuprenas**, **Cameron McCord** (accepted USNA), **Wooyoung Moon** and **Mike Ross** (ED Duke), were cheered and celebrated, TJ went into the playoffs against Woodson. The teams had split the regular season, each winning in the other's home. This was likely the last-ever game against Woodson (next year Woodson will join the Patriot District), and the Monticello Maniacs showed up in force.

TJ's defense held the Cavaliers to 22 points at halftime, but could only score 11 for themselves. With six minutes left in the game, Woo Moon popped two quick three-pointers to bring the game to three points at 27-30 and the TJ crowd to their feet. Even with a third three-point shot by Woo, TJ could get no closer and ended their season at 5-17.

After the game, a Woodson player told a TJ parent that the Woodson coach said he is glad not to have to face TJ anymore, and that he would "never even schedule an out-of-district game with Jefferson." We'll miss them.

Virtual Tag Day: 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 far and wide; 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!

Safeway Club Card Program: Support TJ Bands with your Safeway Club Card. Register at www.escrip.com, band code 252809887. 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.

Step up to the Plate: We need you! Many band boosters are graduating in June and that leaves several exciting positions waiting to be filled! 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 at yahoogroups.com](mailto:tjbandboosters-subscribe@yahoo.com).

Important Band Dates:

Band Boosters Meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 6:30 pm. Principal's conference room

Winter Guard/Drum Line Competition: March 7, Loudoun Valley High School

Concert Band Pre-Festival: Tuesday, March 10

Concert Festival: Symphonic Band Friday March 13, Symphonic Wind Ensemble March 14

Winter Guard/Drum Line Competition: Saturday, March 21. Edison High School

Winter Guard/Drum Line Finals Competition: Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29. Potomac/CD Hylton High Schools. Prince William County, Virginia

Liberty District honors go to Spencer De Mars, Second Team; and Mike Ross, Honorable Mention. De Mars was also named to the District All-Defensive Team.



Varsity Men's Basketball celebrates their Senior Night. L-R Sean Ji, Travis Triggs, Mike Ross, Woo Moon, Spencer De Mars, Cameron McCord, Mikas Kuprenas, Glen Hookey, Mason Freedman

Boys Freshman Basketball: On *Friday, February 13, 2009*, at Stone Bridge HS in Loudoun County, (the impressive athletic temple to District, Regional and State team championships), the upstart TJHSST freshman team turned Friday the 13th into a nightmare for the hometown Bulldogs.

Turn back the calendar to Dec 2 at home at TJ. It was the season opener for both teams, a key District match-up and a chance to test their mettle for the tough season ahead. The Bulldogs jumped out to an 8-2 lead and never looked back, taking a decisive 50-21 win that night. But now, on February 13, it was the Colonials who jumped out to a 4-2 lead and extended it to 16-9 at halftime. The first half featured a strong Colonial defense and a patient game-control attack, which quickly drew the opponent into foul trouble. After halftime, the small Bulldog crowd grew to gym capacity and taunted and jeered our Colonial players on their every ball touch. Despite the deafening crowd, the Colonial players kept their composure and aggressive banging of the boards. Key second-half foul shots and plays, including **Mayank Jain's** steal, layup and subsequent conversion on the two-shot technical foul for a four-point play, extended the Colonial lead to 22-16 and quieted the Bulldog third-quarter rally. The game picked up to a furious pace in the fourth quarter as teams traded baskets. With less than two minutes to play, the Bulldogs

mounted a last desperate charge and whittled their deficit down to 3 points with 5.5 seconds to go, at 38-35.

A TJ foul on a Bulldog layup attempt allowed them to pull within one point on two converted foul shots. Score 38-37 Colonials, the closest margin since the tip-off. The Bulldogs raised the crowd noise volume to decibel 10 on the sound dial. However, the Colonials completed the upset by making the inbounds pass with 1.8 seconds left and allowing the clock to run down. At the final horn, there was a stunned silence from the Stone Bridge fans, broken by the wall of cheers emanating from the jubilant Jefferson bench and the small but vocal contingent of TJ parents. TJ freshmen owned the house on February 13, 2009.

It was a terrific way to end the season and a long journey from that night in Fairfax in December. The final team roster included players **Victor Weiss, Shriram Sundararaman, Robbie Clark, Eugene Cai, Nishant Garg, Vasilios Rajendra, Mayank Jain, Sameer Singh, Burke Deutsch** and **Mike Taylor**; team managers **Arman Khojandi** and **David Neuberger**; and Coach **Mark Gray-Mendes**. Congratulations and Go Colonials!



TJ Freshman Boys Basketball Team

Girl's Varsity Basketball: The team ended District play with an exciting 46-42 win against Stone Bridge to finish 3-11 in District play. The Lady Colonials lost in the first round of the Liberty District tournament to Langley in a close contest. The team was competitive all year under first-year head coach **Victor Chen**. We will miss **Jessica Gorman, Kiara Savage, Aoibheann Thinnis**, and **Katie Zettler**, our four graduating seniors. Good

luck to you all.

The following players were recognized with All-District honors: **Shannon Eriksson** and **Katie Zettler** - Third team All-District; **Kiara Savage** - All-Defensive Team. Thanks to all the players and coaches for their hard work and efforts this season!

Girls JV Basketball: The team wrapped up its season with 3 wins and 13 losses. Many of the games were close and could have gone in TJ's favor. The Colonials defeated three schools: Stone Bridge, Wakefield and South Lakes. The team was led by Coach **Jason Simpson** and co-captains **Maren Leibowitz** and **Barbara Lantz**. The high scorer was freshman **Erin Slatery**, followed by sophomores **Maren Liebowitz**, **Candice Kaplan**, **Barbara Lantz** and **Marta Moore**, with contributions from freshman **Sage Williams** and sophomores **Katie Bailey**, **Ariel Copeland**, **Kelli Keith** and **Jasleen Singh** (on injured reserve for most of the season). The Lady Colonials played with heart and determination all season and TJ can be proud of its JV girls basketball team!

Girls Freshman Basketball: The girls finished an exciting season with a win at home against Stone Bridge and a final record of 10-6. Everyone on the team scored during the season and worked hard to ensure the team's success. **Jacky Hennegan**, **Jackie "JQ" Dallaire** and **Christine Harris** were the team's offensive threat, leading the team in points scored. **Christine Jacobs** and **JQ Dallaire** were amazing rebounders and worked with **Albany Jacobson-Eckert** and **Lianna Yang** to shape the team's outstanding defense. **Priyanka Dochibhotla** and **Divyanka Salona** were assets to the team offensively making many assists during the season. The team was sorry to lose **Elena Alecia**, a strong post player, late in the season due to injury. The freshman girls wish to thank their coach, **Alexa Romano**, for pushing them hard throughout the season and leading them to success.

Cheer: Both the varsity and the JV Cheerleading squads had an outstanding season! Thank you to both squads for cheering at the basketball games throughout the season.

The varsity team included **Ashley Afranie-Saykyi**, **Laura Barnes**, **Madeline Byrd**, **Alice Chae**,

Michelle Gahagan, **Victoria Kedzie**, **Su Hyun (Mary) Kim**, **Marika Lohmus** (captain), **Carolyn McAllister**, **Daniella Miller**, **Jryoon (Jane) Pak**, **Kathy Shi**, and **Claire Wenger**.

The JV team included: **Temple Douglas** (co-captain), **Jane Hu** (co-captain), **Lucia Melgarego**, **Yoon Jin (Jenny) Park** and **Tiffany Wu**.

We would like to say congratulations and best wishes to our graduating seniors: **Ashley Afranie-Saykyi**, **Laura Barnes**, **Alice Chae**, **Marika Lohmus**, **Carolyn McAllister** and **Claire Wenger**! We would also like to give a big thanks to our mascot, **Kyle Markwalter**, for an outstanding job at all home basketball games. And thank you to our varsity coaches, **Melissa** and **Jessica Barg**, and JV coach, **Hillary Fairfull**, for all of their guidance and support.



Winter Varsity Cheer Squad & Coaches with "Tommy J"

Gymnastics: Congratulations to the team on placing a very close second behind Stone Bridge at the Liberty District meet. Senior **Kelly Watson** placed 1st on vault (9.4), 2nd on bars (8.825) and 6th on beam (8.5) but sprained her ankle during her floor routine and was unable to finish. Senior **Chrissy Franzel** placed 3rd on floor (8.9) and vault (9.1); and 4th on bars (8.525) and beam (8.55), finishing 3rd all-around. Junior **Amanda Gilbert** placed 3rd on beam (8.6), 6th on vault (8.8) and 8th on floor (8.35); and senior **Mary Linnell** placed 8th on vault (8.7). Also competing at Districts were senior **Ariel Coronel** (floor, vault, bars), sophomore **Hailey Johnson** (bars, beam), and sophomore **Nikki Pangilinan** (beam).

At the Regional meet, Jefferson took fifth place with a team score of 131.95. **Chrissy Franzel** placed 3rd on beam (9.2) and 6th on floor (9.15), *qualifying for States in both events*. She also scored 9.1 on vault and 8.55 on bars for an all-around score of 36. **Amanda Gilbert** competed all-around despite a shoulder injury. Also competing all-around were **Mary Linnell** and **Ariel Coronel**. Hailey Johnson competed on vault and Kelly Watson competed on bars despite her still-injured ankle.

Swim and Dive: The teams split their final two meets of the season, with narrow losses to Woodson but convincing wins over Marshall. Both boys and girls finished with dual meet records of 4-3. Winning individual events for the girls were **Katie Bennett, Aedan Collins, Brenna Ferris, Brianna Kim, Lauren Laffosse and Kelsey Rainey**. Contributing to relay wins were **Bennett, Collins, Mary Kate Dilworth, Ferris, Leah Gonzalez, Kim, Laffosse, Anna Lan, Jae Sim and Grace Wang**. Winning individual events for the boys were seniors **Wade Gong and Peter Ballen; Joey Bouchard, Matt Callahan, Alex Dona, Steven Howard and Stephen Seliskar**. Contributing to relay wins were seniors **Zachary Batts, Gong, Andrew Hong and Jed Metge; and Jack Borsi, Bouchard, Callahan, Dona, Seliskar and Sam Speers**.

Top finishers at the Liberty District meet included **Katie Bennett, Jae Sim, Lauren Laffosse, Matt Callahan, Wade Gong, Alex Dona, Joey Bouchard and Stephen Seliskar**. Scoring points in individual events the following week at the Northern Region meet were Bennett, Sim, Callahan, Gong, Seliskar and Dona. At the **State Championship meet**, the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Seliskar, Wade, Callahan, and Dona won the consolation finals, placing 9th and narrowly missing the TJ school record. Callahan also placed 16th in the backstroke, and the boys medley relay team of Gong, Batts, Dona, and Callahan placed 11th.

Winter Track: *The Girls & Boys Teams Both placed 2nd at Liberty District Championships!* The boys team scored 102 points and the girls scored an even 100, but both came up just short behind tremendous efforts by the South Lakes boys team

and the WT Woodson girls team. For the Woodson girls, it was their first District Championship in over 20 years. Several TJ athletes earned All-District honors including 5 District Champions: **Sheila Bushman** (pole vault 1st), **Dan Markwalter** (pole vault 1st), **Sarah Stites** (3200m 1st, 1600m 2nd); and double champion **Timmy Galvin** (1600m 1st, 1000m 1st). Sarah Stites set a Liberty District Indoor meet record while winning the 3200m run in 11:14.65, placing her among the top runners in the state.

Also earning All-District for TJ girls were **Amanda Gilbert** (pole vault, 2nd), **Katherine Sheridan** (1000m 2nd, 1600m 3rd), **Ronit Malka** (4x800m 2nd, 4x400m 3rd, 1000m 4th), **Neesha Schnepf** (4x800m 2nd, 3200m 4th), **Sarah Nielsen** (4x800m 2nd), **Margaret Coad** (4x800m 2nd), **Rebecca Corey** (triple jump 3rd, 4x200m 4th), **Nora Gayer** (high jump 3rd), **Tania Ermak** (4x400m 3rd, high jump 4th), **Kimee Moore** (4x400m 3rd, pole vault 6th), **Kathryn Moore** (4x400m 3rd), **Stephanie Marris** (55m hurdles 4th, 4x200m 4th), **Dorothy Ho** (4x200m 4th), **Marie French** (4x200m 4th), **Stephanie Marzen** (1600m 5th), **Sara Gokturk** (shot put, 6th); and for TJ boys were **Colin Maloney** (1600m 2nd, 3200m 3rd), **Jacob Hanger** (4x800m 2nd, 4x400m 2nd, 500m 4th), **Timothy Tran** (4x800m 2nd, 4x400m 2nd), **Alex Witko** (4x800m 2nd, 3200m 2nd), **Jonathon Phillips** (4x800m 2nd, 3200m 4th), **Colin Donahue** (4x400m 2nd, 500m 5th), **Arvind Rachamadugu** (long jump 3rd; triple jump 5th), **Andrew Zukowsky** (pole vault 3rd), **Jerold Council** (55m 4th, triple jump 6th), **Lawrence Diao** (shot put, 5th), **Mic Byrne** (pole vault tie for 5th), and **Patrick Roemer** (pole vault tie for 5th).

Several TJ Girls & Boys Qualify for the 2009 VA AAA State Indoor Track Championship! On February 21, at the Northern Regional Championship meet, the TJ teams made outstanding efforts, with many athletes setting personal bests in their respective events. Special recognition goes out to the following athletes who earned **All-Region honors and qualified for the VA State Indoor Track Championship** (February 27-28): **Sarah Stites** (3200m 3rd), **Nora Gayer** (high jump 5th), **Katherine Sheridan** (1600m 5th, 1000m 6th), **Neesha Schnepf** (3200m 6th), **Rebecca Corey** (triple jump 6th), **Arvind Rachamadugu** (long

jump 3rd), **Colin Maloney** (4x800 3rd), **Timmy Galvin** (4x800m 3rd), **Jacob Hanger** (4x800m 3rd), **Timothy Tran** (4x800m 3rd), **Dan Markwalter** (pole vault 4th) and **Alex Witko** (3200m 4th).

Congratulations to the state qualifiers and to all of the athletes for making this such an outstanding season for winter track & field at Jefferson! And special CONGRATULATIONS to the coaches for putting together another great season. Go TJ!!

Varsity Wrestling: Coaches **Clint Behling** and **James Pilkington** have led the team to new heights this year, and we are very grateful for their skill and dedication. The team placed second at the 2009 Liberty District Championships, with eight medalists! The three District champions were **Matt Becker** (285lb weight class), **Mike Howard** (140) and **Alex Shmorhun** (145). The two District finalists were **Joe Latta** (215) and **Kevin Zigadlo** (160). Also continuing on to the Regional Championships were third-place finishers **Matt Lamb** (125) and **Stuart Maier** (103) and fourth-place finisher **Devan Samant** (112); and District Alternates **Myles Cook** (119), **Sam Zhang** (130) and **Ashley Miller** (135).

At the Northern Region Championships, TJ placed 9th among the 30 participating teams, with **Mike Howard** placing 1st, **Matt Becker** 2nd and **Alex Shmorhun** 4th. *TJ sent three wrestlers to the AAA State Championships for the first time in the school's history and **Mike Howard** placed 5th in the state at that meet! This is indeed an outstanding year for TJ wrestling!*

JV Wrestling: At the JV Liberty District Championships, TJ also had outstanding results: District champions included **Jeremy Weller**, **Bryce Summers**, and **Ian Garrett**; and finalists were **Andrew Martin**, **Daniel Kang**, and **Skyler Anderson**. Taking 3rd for the Colonials were **Julian Whitman**, **Mac Stevens** and **Peter Reischer**, with **Jake Brooks** taking 4th.

With five varsity District medalists and eight JV medalists returning to the wrestling team next year, the outlook for the 2009-2010 season is excellent!



The Varsity Wrestling Team Celebrates its Second-Place Finish at the 2009 Liberty District Wrestling Tournament.

Save the date for Athletic Boosters Annual Sports Physicals

Don't be left out on the first day of try-outs!!! Every athlete who tries-out for a sport must have a new medical exam each SCHOOL year. Mark your calendars for Monday **June 1st**, to get your student's annual sports physical at TJ. The Colonial Athletic Boosters are sponsoring this popular at-school fundraiser to ensure that our athletes are ready for the 2009-2010 season and also to support TJ's many fine athletic programs. Medical professionals will perform the comprehensive physicals from 4:30pm-7:30. Every athlete needs a new athletic physical every school year so, save a trip to the doctor's office and come out and support TJ Athletics. Look for more information as the date approaches.

Volunteers Needed for Physicals!

We need medical and non-medical parents to help make the sports physicals a successful fundraiser! If you are a TJ parent and a physician (MD or DO), physician assistant (PA), physical therapist (PT) or nurse practitioner (NP), please consider helping out with the TJ Colonial Athletic Boosters' major fundraiser on June 4th. We also need non-medical parents who want to help with working a station or check-in/out desk. Last year this fundraiser provided over \$9,000 in support of our various sports programs. Your expertise and a few hours of your time will greatly benefit our TJ athletes! If you are willing to volunteer, please call or email

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



Crew Boosters

After a long winter of hard work-outs in the TJ cafeteria, the TJ Crew team finally hit the water at the end of February. The rowers are enjoying practice and looking forward to their first races. The experienced rowers will have their first regatta (the "Polar Bear") on March 28th, and the novice rowers race for the first time on April 4th. Join the Crew team parents on the Occoquan River and cheer on the team. Directions to Sandy Run are on our website: <https://sports.tjhsst.edu/crew/pages/?13>. **Attention Rowers/Coxes and Families:** Please register on the crew website to receive team emails: <https://sports.tjhsst.edu/crew/register>. If you have questions about crew, please email Crew Booster President Teresa Zeng at [TJCrewPresident at gmail.com](mailto:TJCrewPresident@gmail.com).

Orchestra Boosters

Hopefully those who ordered CDs from our winter concert have received and are enjoying them. We will offer the same service at the next concert on **March 17th at 7:00**. Once again we will provide a Quiznos dinner order form and will need parent assistance for the post-concert reception. This will be the Pre-Festival concert, with the same pieces being performed at the Festival itself at Westfield High School on March 21st.

Looking ahead, those who successfully audition for All-State Orchestra will participate in that event at Hayfield High School, April 2-4th. It will then be on to Myrtle Beach, which looks to be a very exciting trip. Thanks to the chaperones who are giving their time for this event.

I continue to need volunteers for leadership positions on the Board for next year, most specifically my position. Our next Booster's

meeting will be on **Monday March 9th** at 7:30 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room at TJ. Please join us and thanks for your support of the program. Larry Jones ([lawrencemjones at aol.com](mailto:lawrencemjones@aol.com)).

Theater Boosters

TJ Drama presented the 22nd Annual Knight of One Axe to enthusiastic audiences on February 20-21 in the TJ Auditorium. The five one-act plays presented were *11 Variations on Friar John's Failure*, directed by **Vincent Pollet**; *The Least Offensive Play in the Whole Darn World*, directed by **Luke Bean** and **Nicole Boyd**, *Who's a Good boy?* directed by **Ali Ruth** and **Mikey Kim**, *Tell-Tale Heart*, directed by **Natalia Czapski** and **Karthik Ravishankar**, and *Sure Thing*, directed by **Patrick Gould** and **Rajni Rao**.



Tim Yuan, Brianna Buch, Keegan Cotton and Lizzie Steele act out their version of *Rent* in *Least Offensive Play in the Whole Darn World*.

Congratulations to **James Mannion** for being selected to the all-star cast to the Virginia High School League theatre competition. He was one of seven actors out of 98 who participated. This is the first year that TJ Drama has earned accolades at both the Virginia Theatre Association and the Virginia High School League competitions.



James Mannion and Anna Burke in *Sure Thing*

TJ Drama's spring show is *Up the Down Staircase*. Auditions will be held March 2-3, and callbacks will be March 4. The show will be presented April 24-25 at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium.

The Shakespeare Troupe will host the 3rd annual Shakespearience on March 14 from 8:30-4 pm at TJ. Shakespearience is a day when students in grades 1-8 learn about Shakespeare while having a great time participating in workshops and

performances planned and taught by TJ students. Students in grades 1 and 2 participate in a shorter morning activity called *Shakespalooza* tailored to their interests. Students interested in registering for the event can sign up online at <http://arts.tjhsst.edu/troupe>. Participation in Shakespearience is free.

Announcements and Information

TJ Apple Federal Credit Union

As part of Apple's expanding business, the TJ Apple Federal Credit Union is now opening on Wednesdays during lunch, in addition to its normal Monday and Friday operations during lunch. Students, teachers, and faculty can all do business at the branch, located in the cafeteria. Apple still offers great programs such as eXtra Student Savings, with a 4% interest rate



Noteworthy Dates

March 2009	
2	Red Day – note, this is a change in schedule
3	ANGP meeting, 7pm in Career Center
3	Band Booster meeting, 6:30pm in Principal’s Conference Room
3	Band Concert, 7pm in Auditorium
4	Athletic Booster meeting, 7pm in Library
5	Military Night, Lake Braddock Secondary School, 7pm in Lecture Hall
5	Athletic Booster’s Winter Sports Banquet
6	Anchor Day – note, this is a change in schedule
9	Orchestra Booster Monthly meeting, 7:30pm in Principal’s Conference Room
10	Band Concert, 7pm
10	Diversity Committee meeting, 7pm in Career Center
10	Spring Meet-the-Coach meeting, 7pm in Auditorium
12	Crew meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center
13-14	Freshmen Lock-in, 7pm-7am
17	Orchestra Concert, 7pm
17	Academic Booster meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center
18	PTSA meeting with Principal’s Coffee, 9am in Cafeteria
18	Government Affairs Committee meeting, 7pm in room 106
19	Choral Pre-Festival Concert, 7pm in Auditorium
19	Curriculum Advisory Committee meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center
21	Athletic Booster’s Spring Team Photos
21	Choral Festival at TJ
27	Class of 2010 Election of Mr. Colonial, 7pm in Auditorium
27-29	Regional Science and Engineering Fair, Robinson Secondary School
April 2009	
1	Athletic Booster meeting, 7pm in Career Center
3	Student Holiday
4	VA State Science and Engineering Fair
6-10	Spring Holiday
8	3 rd quarter report cards mailed home
9	Crew meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center
13	PTSA meeting, 7pm in Library
14	ANGP meeting, 7pm in Career Center
14	Band Booster meeting, 6:30pm in Principal’s Conference Room
14	Diversity Committee meeting, 7pm in Career Center
15	Orchestra Booster Monthly meeting, 7:30pm in Principal’s Conference Room
15	Government Affairs Committee meeting, 7pm in room 106

16	College Panel Night, 7:30pm in auditorium
18	Class of 2010 Spring Formal
23	Curriculum Advisory Committee meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center
24-25	Drama Booster’s “Up the Down Staircase” performances, 7pm in Auditorium
May 2009	
5	ANGP meeting, 7pm in Career Center
5	Band Booster meeting, 6:30pm in Principal’s Conference Room
6	Athletic Booster meeting, 7pm in Career Center
8-15	International Science and Engineering Fair, Reno, Nevada
9	Diversity Committee Outreach Day meeting, 1pm in Auditorium
12	Orchestra Booster Monthly meeting, 7:30pm in Principal’s Conference Room
12	Diversity Committee meeting, 7pm in Career Center
14	Crew meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center
17	PTSA meeting, 7pm in Library
20	Government Affairs Committee meeting, 7pm in room 106
21	Curriculum Advisory Committee meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center
25	Memorial Day Holiday
27	Band Concert, 7pm
28	Jazz Concert, 4pm
28	TJ STAR symposium, during school hours
29	Choral Spring Show, 7:30pm in Auditorium
June 2009	
2	ANGP meeting, 7pm in Career Center
2	Band Booster meeting, 6:30pm in Principal’s Conference Room
3	Athletic Booster meeting, 7pm in Career Center
3	Orchestra Concert, 7pm
5	Senior Prom, Westwood Country Club in Vienna
7	Crew Family Picnic, 12pm in Cafeteria
8	Athletic Booster’s Spring Sports Banquet,
9	Orchestra Booster Monthly meeting, 7:30pm in Principal’s Conference Room
11	Crew meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center
13	Graduation at the Patriot Center
13	All Night Grad Party at TJHSST
15	PTSA meeting, 7pm in Library
17	Class of 2010 Campout on TJ football field
17	Government Affairs Committee meeting, 7pm in room 106



Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Ticket Order Form for All Night Grad Party, Saturday, June 13, 2009

(Following the Graduation Ceremony)

PLEASE COMPLETE FULLY AND PRINT CLEARLY

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parent's email: _____

TICKET PRICE \$ 109 _____

Additional Tax Deductible Donation

\$ _____

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

Total \$ _____

Check number _____

Make Checks Payable to "TJHSST PTSA-ANGP".

Your cancelled check is your receipt. No paper tickets will be issued. A list of those who have paid for tickets will be posted on the website.

Return to: "Grad Party" mailbox in front office

OR mail to Julia Villacorta, ANGP '09 Tickets

8304 Hunting Hill, McLean, VA 22102

Ticket Questions? Contact Julia Villacorta

703-917-9135; email: TheVillacortas@cox.net

or Sandy Evans; 703-538-2783;

email: EvansSandy@aol.com

Visit our website for more information:

<http://tjhsst.edu/gradparty/tickets.html>

This form, including the **emergency**

information, must be completed by

Parent/Guardian and received by the Name of

Student's TA Teacher _____

Committee by **June 1st, 2009**

T shirt size (circle one) S M L XL XXL

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Phone # during party hours: _____

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Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Name Signature

By signing this document, I give my permission for the TJHSST All Night Graduation Party Executive Committee to seek medical attention for my child in the event that I cannot be reached during an emergency.

PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

I understand that participation in the All Night Graduation Party, (ANGP), involves public property, and that neither the All Night Graduation Committee, nor its parent volunteers, will have any responsibility for the condition of this property. I have been made aware of the purpose of the ANGP, and that its activities include physical games, and agree that, to the best of my knowledge, my child is physically able to safely participate in this Celebration. Also, I have had an opportunity to have all my questions concerning the All Night Graduation Party answered to my satisfaction and I understand that my child will abide by all restrictions and procedures set forth by the Graduation Party Committee.

Student Name (Print) Date

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Nomination Form for TJHSST PTSA 2009-2010 Executive Committee Positions

The Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology is currently seeking candidates for six elected Parent, Teacher, Student Association offices for the 2009 –2010 school year. Any PTSA member with a willingness and ability to serve and provide leadership is welcome to apply. PTSA members may nominate someone else for an office with the nominee's permission.

Candidates are being sought for the following elected positions: **President** (nominee must have served on the executive board for at least one term); **First Vice President**; **Second Vice President**; **Recording Secretary**; **Corresponding Secretary**; and, **Treasurer**.

If you have questions about the specific duties of any of these offices, please see the PTSA bylaws <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/documents/ptsa-bylaws-2003-June.pdf> (pp 9-10) or contact Nominating Committee Chair Jane Pyrak at [ptsa.recordingsecretary at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.recordingsecretary@tjhsst.edu).

When making a nomination, complete the information below and email to ptsa.recordingsecretary@tjhsst.edu.

DEADLINE: MARCH 20, 2009.

Nominee: First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Email address:

Positions you would consider (check all that apply):

President **First Vice President**

Second Vice President **Recording Secretary**

Corresponding Secretary **Treasurer**

Qualifications, experience, interests:

Are you an officer or board member in any other organizations related to education?

If Yes, please list:

Nominee's Student(s) Name and Year of graduation:

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Check List

- March 2nd is a Red Day; March 6th is an Anchor Day (schedule changes)
- March 13 and 14, Freshman Lock-In
- March 18, PTSA meeting with Principal's Coffee, 9am in Cafeteria
- March 27, Class of 2010 Mr. Colonial election, 7pm