

Principal's Letter

Dear parents/guardians, teachers, and students,

I hope you enjoyed your Spring Break as we now head into the final quarter of the school year. During the break, I spent a day in New York City visiting one of our sister schools, the Bronx School of Science, to learn about their programs. I had a chance to tour their facility, which faces as many, if not more, challenges as our own. As at our school, many students at Bronx Science have a chance to work with researchers through mentorships at different universities and institutions. How are we different? For starters, they have nine 40-minute class periods every day!

Our first One Question was voted by the school community this past month as a way to support students' intellectual curiosities and address complex problems that connect our curricula and activities. Ian Ladner's question, "What are the social responsibilities of educated people?" will be the focus for students and teachers as a unified theme across the school during the 2009-2010 school year. Our summer reading (to be named at the end of the month) will give some food for thought on this very important question. At the end of this school year, I plan to offer a special grant opportunity supporting the One Question so teachers can acquire resources and opportunities over the summer as they plan for next year. In the fall, I plan to offer the grant opportunity again but instead to students who wish to pursue special resources for class projects and 8th period activities that relate to the One Question. We are very fortunate that many corporate sponsors, through the efforts of the Partnership Fund, have made contributions to

make these grants available to teachers and students.

The tjSTAR (Symposium to Advance Research) will also be launched this year on May 28 as a special school day to celebrate student research at TJ. Over 500 science and technology research projects, including IBET, CHUM, and senior science and technology labs, will be presented for students to learn about each other's work and get a sense of the type of research that can be completed at TJ. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in workshops and design competitions, led by teachers and corporations, where they can learn new skills through hands-on experiences. In addition, many professionals connected to research and policy will be giving presentations and demonstrations, and serving on panels to help students understand how research connects to society. The keynote presentation will be from the U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, who will spend some time at TJ to learn how a school like ours challenges students beyond No Child Left Behind. tjSTAR is a very important school day that serves as a capstone for the year, highlighting many characteristics that define our uniqueness: research; innovation; student-initiated projects; corporate, university, and government partners; and a curriculum that extends beyond our textbooks.

Please don't hesitate to contact me ([Evan.Glazer at fcps.edu](mailto:Evan.Glazer@fcps.edu)) if you have ideas to make TJ an even better place for learning and growing. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours truly,
Evan Glazer
TJ Principal

President's Message

Well it's May and like the Triple Crown contestants we are headed into this year's homestretch!

The next six weeks will be very busy with exams and class activities. Our students will round out their academic year with SOL's, AP exams, SAT's, and final exams. For fun we have had our Monticello Market and look forward to J-Day, the Senior Prom, ANGP and Junior Campout. We work and play hard at TJ!

By the time you receive this Tech cetera the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will have made a decision regarding the "marked up" county budget, and the FCPS School Board will be considering how best to divide up the "fiscal pie." Please check the PTSA website and look for emails as we will communicate with the TJ community at large when and if we need to rally support, especially on TJ-specific issues.

I would remind you that even if you are not directly affected by a change to depot busing next year, we would like to have community-wide support opposing this measure. Depot busing would mean that TJ students would be dropped off at a base school nearest their house in the afternoon, and then require private transportation home. For working parents this might be a "deal breaker" regarding a student's attendance at TJ. Presently, students at TJ and base schools have transportation to within walking distance of home if they live within FCPS boundaries.

There is also some indication that a variation of the bell schedule is being considered by FCPS for elementary and middle schools. Dr. Dale did poll the PTA presidents regarding changes up to 30 minutes. There was no serious objection to this minor change, but SLEEP advocates feel they have some alternatives which would save money and improve start times for the high schools.

On April 20, Dr. Dale recommended a 10 point grading scale with pluses and minuses to the FCPS School Board. The School Board will vote on May 7 regarding the new scale. We are pleased this recommended scale does not include an A+. Please visit the FCPS website to view his recommendation. The Superintendent has told us that no decision has been made regarding retroactive Honors weighting, and we feel this issue may linger over the summer. We strongly favor retroactive weighting and are following this issue closely. Though it becomes increasingly hard to communicate during the summer months, we plan to continue keeping you up to date on these issues as the new PTSA board takes over.

Take a moment to view the revised TJPTSA bylaws, which are posted on the website. We welcome your suggestions. These bylaws are revised every five years, and most of the changes are dictated by a template provided by the state PTA organization.

Lastly, the nominating committee has done a terrific job of selecting a slate of officers for next year. This slate is also posted on the website. Our election will take place at the PTSA General Membership meeting on Monday, May 18 at 7pm.

FYI

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP PTSA MEETING

- Monday, May 18 at 7 pm in the library. We will elect next year's executive committee slate and vote on the revised bylaws.

ATTENTION: The June PTSA meeting has been moved to Monday, June 8 at 9am.

SSAB MEETING – Thursday, May 21st at 7:30 pm in the library.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED - Several PTSA Board positions would benefit from being filled before the summer. We are looking for a **PTSA Webmaster** (training provided), **Directory volunteers**, **Back to School Bash volunteers**,

Hospitality volunteers and Membership volunteers. Please consider helping out if you can!

Thanks!
Liz Ross

PTSA Update

PTSA Nominating Committee

At the April 13 PTSA meeting, the Nominating Committee (NC) presented the following slate of officers to serve on the PTSA Executive Committee for the 2009-2010 school year:

President: **Carrie Kilgore** (2010)
Vice President: **Denise Bunting** (2011, 2012)
Vice President: **Louise Epstein** (2007, 2011)
Treasurer: **Eileen Swoboda** (2007, 2011)
Recording Secretary: **Lou Baumgartner** (2012)
Corresponding Secretary: **Helen Lin** (2011)

To explain the process: Nominating Committee members Lynne Hamrick, Robin Howard, Ellen Ranard, Jane Pyrak, Linda Russ, Vicky Linnell and Michele Pitler were approved at the PTSA meeting on February 9, 2009. The NC searched for candidates by posting announcements on the PTSA website and in Tech cetera, solicited recommendations from past and present PTSA Board members, and reviewed attendance at PTSA meetings and events. Many factors were considered by the NC in the selection of the slate of officers, including a diversity of class, geographic location, interests, new and experienced parents, and also participation in PTSA and other activities at TJ.

Carrie Kilgore has been PTSA Treasurer for the past two years. She is currently the hospitality chair, the parent committee chair of the Partnership Fund and Vice-President of the Academic Boosters, as well as a volunteer in the front office and eighth period office. **Denise Bunting** is currently a PTSA Vice-President. She has co-chaired the Back-to-School Bash,

participated in the Academic Boosters Phone-a-thon, helped with Tech cetera and is a volunteer in the Front Office. **Louise Epstein** has served as PTSA Corresponding Secretary and is currently the President of Academic Boosters. For many years now she has been a volunteer in the College Career Center and the Cluster I Representative. Louise also currently serves as President of Fairfax County Association for the Gifted and Co-Founder and Vice-President of Fairgrade. **Eileen Swoboda** formerly served two years as PTSA Treasurer and is currently on the board of the Partnership Fund. **Lou Baumgartner** is an active volunteer for JV baseball and formerly served as treasurer on two Executive Committees outside TJ. **Helen Lin** is currently the PTSA Corresponding Secretary and is a parent liason with Loudon County Public Schools.

Voting on these nominees will take place at the General Membership PTSA meeting on Monday, May 18 at 7:00pm.

Volunteer Coordinators

We are approaching the end of the academic year, and want to thank our dedicated volunteers! Soon it will be time to sign up for next year, and we especially welcome parents of the Class of 2013 to join us. There are many ways to help at TJ, including serving on the PTSA board. Please come to the next meeting (May 18, 7:00pm) and see what positions are open. Also, check out the Volunteer page on the PTSA website for more opportunities to get involved.

URGENT NEED! There are still many unfilled slots for AP exam proctors! Please consider volunteering on one of these dates (number of volunteers needed in parentheses):

Mon, May 4, 8am: Government (6)
Tue, May 5, 8am: Computer Science (3)
Tue, May 5, Noon: Statistics (2)
Wed, May 6, 8am: Calculus (6)
Thu, May 7, Noon: Japanese (1)
Fri, May 8, 8am: US History (5)
Fri, May 8, Noon: European History (2)

Mon, May 11, 8am: Biology (4)
Mon, May 11, Noon: Physics (2)
Tue, May 12, 8am: Chemistry (2)
Tue, May 12, Noon: Psychology (3)
Wed, May 13, 8am: English Lang (4)
Fri, May 15, Noon: Latin (1)

If you can help, please contact **Kathy Young** at [gyoungcoach at gmail.com](mailto:gyoungcoach@gmail.com).

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 in mid-August! *Note: We don't have a firm date yet, but will confirm in the June Techcetera.* 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

Student Services Corner

Student Government Association

Summer is just a month and a half away. However, as we get closer to AP test weeks, there's no question that the stress level is rising. SGA wants to wish everyone good luck – we know everyone will do well!

The biggest event that happened last month was the second annual TJ Leadership Conference for middle school students. It took place on Saturday, April 18, and we had 40 participants. Thanks to everyone who volunteered on that day!

The remaining events SGA has planned will take place this month. They include the Inspirational

Quotes on Walls, Guinness Book of World Records, and, most importantly, JDay! The booth request forms were due last month, and the activities coordinator will be mapping them out the next few weeks. Stay tuned for more information.

Guidelines

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

You, Too, Can Be a "tjSTAR" – TJ Partnership Fund

The volunteer parents who lead the TJ Partnership Fund remind us all that, even in troubling economic times, we **still** expect TJ to deliver for our students. Please make a donation to support our ability to meet TJ's pressing resource needs!

Please visit <http://www.tjpartnershipfund.org/> to view the technology and equipment "wish list" generated by TJ faculty and to make a direct contribution.

tjStar Symposium on May 28!

The support that the Partnership Fund has generated for **The TJ Symposium to Advance Research** is a wonderful example of what we can do when we all pitch in. Our volunteer parents have solicited over \$40,000 in donations from several of our corporate "partners" – and an anonymous TJ parent has given \$5000! Please help make tjStar a huge success. Among those who support tjSTAR are ExxonMobil, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Deltek, Raytheon, ManTech and SAIC.

For further information about how you can help TJ through the Partnership Fund, please contact Gary Bottorff at 703-750-8317 or [Gary.Bottorff at fcps.edu](mailto:Gary.Bottorff@fcps.edu).

ANGP – All Night Grad Party



Q: How many days, hours, minutes & seconds until graduation?

A: Less than fifty! For the exact answer, see: <http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty/index.html>

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- * Everything you need to know about graduation, senior activities leading up to June 13 and ANGP is available on the ANGP Web site (above)
- * Scholarships for ANGP are available; please see your child's counselor for assistance. We want everyone to be part of this special party!
- * 95% of TJ grads attend the ANGP. It is *definitely not* just another soc hop or lock in.
- * Tickets *will not* be sold at the door.



THINGS YOU NEED TO DO:

Buy your tickets now - tickets will *not* be sold at the door. Tickets are just \$109 for a fabulous night of fun with TJ friends. Next month, we unleash the kids on one another - so spare your child and yourself the onslaught of that peer pressure. 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.

Baby Photos due May 15 - send 2 photos of each Senior student: One 4x6 baby photo (0-5yrs old) and one wallet-sized senior picture. Print the student's name on the back of each print. No originals please as the photos will not be returned. Drop the photos in the ANGP Baby Photo box in the Front Office or mail to: Tracy Parlett, 709 Santmyer Dr SE, Leesburg, VA 20175. Email questions to: [tracyparlett at verizon.net](mailto:tracyparlett@verizon.net).



THINGS ANGP NEEDS FROM YOU ([please!](#))

Volunteer Food Donations -- We have a "donation situation" and need your help! ANGP is currently stockpiling the follow items so if you can find it in your heart to purchase and bring in any of the following *please do it now* and drop them off in the TJ Main Office:

- * Cases of BOTTLED TROPICANA JUICE, GATORADE, COKE AND 7-UP;
- * BOXES OF FULL-SIZED CANDY BARS;
- * BAGS OF TORTILLA CHIPS;
- * JARS OF SALSA.

Also, please contact Barbara Barrett [BarbaraBarrett09 at gmail.com](mailto:BarbaraBarrett09@gmail.com) if you can offer:

- * Large fruit and cheese platters;
- * fresh strawberries, fresh pineapple, or
- * home-made baked goods.

ANGP Prep Day is May 16 - and we could use your help! Stop by the TJ Cafeteria any time between 10 – 3 on Saturday, May 16 to help with various set-up tasks. *Everyone welcome - No experience needed.*

Items from Other TJ Offices

Academic News

Chinese News

On April 3, 11 teams from Washington DC, Maryland, North Carolina, and Virginia participated in the 2009 **Chinese Bridge Team Language and Performance Competition** for US Middle-High School students. The event was sponsored by the Confucius Institute of University of Maryland and the Chinese Embassy. Representing TJ, and winning 2nd place, were: **Anna Knight, Helena Manguerra,** and **Margaret Tarmann**. Good job!

Japanese News

The month of March is always busy for the Japanese program. We started with **MAATJ (Mid Atlantic Association of Teachers of Japanese) Haiku Contest**. Congratulations to: **Serena Lei** (Level 2) – 1st place; **Winona Mantelli** (Level 3) – 2nd place; **Gloria Lee** (Level 4) – 2nd place. Good job everybody!

Most of the month was dedicated to hosting the Japanese exchange students from Chiben HS. This 16th annual program was very successful, and the Japanese students made friends with many TJ students. The kindness and generosity of the TJ community made the program a wonderful experience for the visiting students. Thank you for welcoming the students and making them feel at home. We will be visiting their community in the summer of 2010 with about 10 TJ students.

We have also been busy preparing for the **National Japan Bowl** in DC. This year, the students showed excellent team work and made great progress at the event. Congratulations to: **Jason Ya, Daniel Kang, Annie Lin** (Level 2) – 4th place; **Connie Xie, Jungeun Choi, Brian Yu** (Level 3) – 5th place; **Steven Kim, Han Kim, Andrew Lam** (Level 4) – 4th place.

Last but not least, the **JNHS (Japanese National Honor Society)** held the induction ceremony for new inductees. We welcome to the JNHS the following students: **Samantha Sharp, Sarah Notis, Jenifer Lee, Jason Ya, Kyle Slugg, Daniel Kang, Annie Lin, Alene Kim, Karen Dang** and **Serena Lei**.

From Russia With Love!

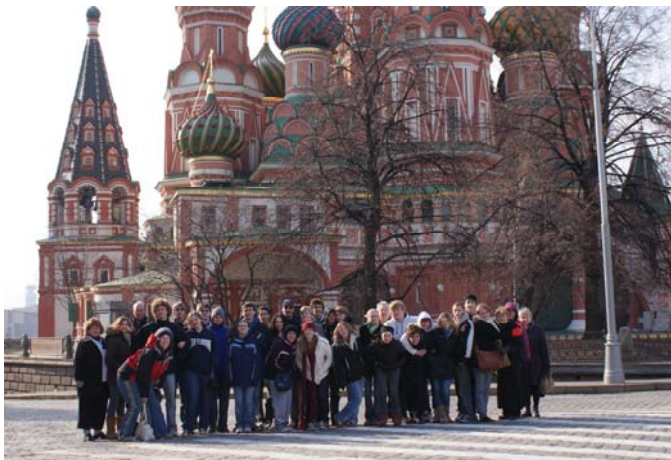
The Russian Program has had a very exciting spring! The Russian Olympiada, a contest for students to showcase their cultural knowledge and speaking abilities, took place at GMU in March. The Olympiada is sponsored by The American Council of Teachers of Russian for high school students who are studying Russian.

Gold Medals were awarded to: **Tania Ermak, Ben Silverman, Ned Danyliw, James Graham, Jahnavi Madiraju** (Level One Students); **Art Kulatti, Timothy Yuan** (Level Two Students); **Amy Ruskin, Liza Miadzedskaya** (Heritage) (Level Three Students).

At the Advanced Level, **Jessica Tyler, Katie Neitzke,** and **Ashley Lewis** were all recognized as medalists and finalists for the National Olympiada Team of Spoken Russian. If selected, one of these students will travel to Vladimir, Russia to participate in a home stay/study program with 14 other students from different regions of the USA.

More recently, 19 TJ students, along with 8 students from C. D. Hylton High School, spent 11 days in Russia. Upon arriving in St. Petersburg, they began touring the city. Over the four days spent there, students visited the world famous collection of art in the Hermitage museum, toured many palaces (including the gilded Catherine's palace and luxurious Yusupov palace), and explored the massive Peter and Paul's Fortress. Their next stop was the ancient city of Pskov, where they bonded with students of Pskov Pedagogical University, with whom the TJ Russian program is partnered. Pskov is full of ancient ruins and classic Russian churches and

memorials, though its architectural style is distinct from that of St. Petersburg. In Pskov, the students visited a local elementary school, where toys were given as a reward to school children after they had assisted TJ students in describing a simple science experiment in Russian. It was a great sharing of science and language skills! The toys were collected on behalf of the Russian Honor Society in a toy drive organized by **Kennan Murphy-Sierra**. In Moscow, students strolled on the Red Square at night, toured the Kremlin, visited the Tretyakov Gallery, and shopped along the Arbat.



Congratulations go to **Willie Nicklas**, accepted to the Governor's Russian Studies Academy, and **Claire Cundiff**, who studies Russian but will represent TJ at the Chinese Academy! Run! Don't walk! Sign up for Russian now! It's not too late to join our very exciting program filled with life-changing opportunities!

Class News

2009 – Seniors

Congratulations to Senior parents! At last the big decision of where your child will spend the next four years of independent life is behind you. Enjoy the next six weeks of your child's final school year, encouraging him/her to continue working hard, but also to take time out to enjoy

friends and family as the school year winds down. Here are some events and dates to note:

May 4-15: AP Exams

May 18-22: SOL Testing (Geosystems for seniors)

June 4: Senior parent Program: Transitioning to college at 7:30pm, Auditorium

June 5: Senior Prom at Westwood Country Club, Vienna, VA

June 5-10: Senior Exams (full days of school)

June 11: Graduation Rehearsal 1 pm in gym 1 and Senior picnic

June 13: Graduation at GMU Patriot Center, 7:30pm

June 13: All Night Graduation Party at TJ

For other relevant information, please check the ANGP section of the newsletter.

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

2010 – Juniors

ANGP is not just for Senior Parents: Join the fun in making this year's All Night Grad Party come together. Get a peek at ANGP so you'll be in-the-know when our students are seniors. How can you help?

1. Sign up to volunteer on **June 13**, the night of the ANGP, during the "graduation shift" (**9pm to 11:30pm**) to help out while the senior parents are at graduation. It is a TJ tradition to help the class ahead of your class. Please contact the volunteer chair if you can help: [ptsangp09 at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsangp09@tjhsst.edu).

2. Mark your calendar: This year's ANGP committee plans to have "**ANGP Prep Day**" on **May 16 from 10am to 3pm**. Prep Day will be a gathering ("open house" format... come when you can) where we will help the different committees with preparations: painting large dice for the casino (decorations), cutting store coupons and cutting up the play money, cutting tablecloths, packing "passports," preparing volunteer name

tags, etc. You can just show up that day, but we'd appreciate a heads up if you plan to attend. Please contact Robin Howard in advance at: [tjangp09 at gmail.com](mailto:tjangp09@gmail.com).

Junior Campout: Some of you have asked about the camp out date. The camp out is still on for **June 17**, a celebration to follow the last final exam. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to chaperone. I will be emailing details on the event later in the month.

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

2011 – Sophomores

Our Monticello Market was great. We would like to thank all parent volunteers who so generously helped out in so many different ways and made it all possible. Our student officers worked indefatigably to make sure that every detail was covered and everything was ready for the event. Thanks also to our two sponsors, Jennifer Pierce and Mike Miller, and our Class Assistant Principal, Heather Sondel, who devoted so many of their precious free hours to work with our students and inspire them to show how great the Class of 2011 is!

We are not stopping here. The Class is planning more fundraising events for the next academic year. We already know that some traditional, already "tested" good fundraisers will happen in junior year: the Class Camp-Out, for example. In addition, we want to propose something new and we need everyone's ideas. If you would like to participate in a meeting which will focus on our "landscape" of class events over the next two years, please join us on May 18, from 6pm to 7pm in the TJ Library. That night, beginning at 7pm, we are also going to have our scheduled PTSA meeting. It would therefore be a wonderful opportunity for our families to come along and participate in both meetings. We hope to see you then. Thank you!

~~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

We had our first Silent Auction Planning meeting on April 27, 2009. Please let us know of your ideas, suggestions and/or interest in volunteering to help with the Silent Auction next year.

Don't forget, May 28 is **IBET Symposium Day** when, along with many other scheduled events, the freshmen will present their IBET research projects

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

TJs Squash Team:

In their first year together on a squash team, players **Jeremy Ho** (Captain, '10), **Connor Cheong** ('11), **Jack Franzen** ('12), **Stacy Hong** ('12), **Zachary Ho** ('13), Thomas Merckens (Sidwell Friends '09), Victor Balcer (Georgetown Day School '11), and Ned Gidley (the Heights '13), met squash teams from DC, Virginia and Maryland in inter-high school matches. Though only in their inaugural year, the TJs were in first place throughout the season and did not give up that position until the last game, when a key player took ill. They ended the season in second place after 42 matches and 27 wins.

With its U.S. foundation in the northeast, Ivy League colleges dominate the sport of squash. We are looking to spread squash's popularity at TJ for next year's winter season. We are actively recruiting additional team members who have good racquet (badminton, racquetball, tennis) skills, are strategic thinkers, and are enthusiastic. The TJs Squash Team is composed primarily of students who attend TJHSST, but it is not a school-sponsored activity.

TJHSST Boosters

Academic Boosters

Botball

Congratulations to three TJ Botball Teams who competed with 39 other teams in the DC Regional Botball Tournament on Saturday, April 18. The TJ "Senior" Team won 1st place in the Double Elimination Round, 1st place in Documentation, and 3rd place overall. The TJ "Sophomore" team won 4th place in the Double Elimination Round and 5th place overall. The TJ "Freshman" team lost twice in the Double Elimination Round.

The members of the "Senior" Team are **Mac Stevens, Eric Kolker, David Ensey, David Mazzocco, Kelsey Dressing, Jake Hermle, Patrick Stalcup, Joel Heck and Jeremy Vercillo**. The members of the "Sophomore" Team are **Quantum Wei, Jimmy Clark, Megan Clark, Caelan Garrett, Ben Chao, Jacob Baldwin, Victor Youk, Jonathan Corzo and Sam Prestwood**. The members of the "Freshman" Team are **Minh Nguyen, Albert Gural, Paul Wolfeich, James Graham, Kyle Withers, Anish Tondwalkar and Helen Lai**.

The Botball teams would like to thank the parents of Mac Stephens, Jimmy and Megan Clark, and Kyle Withers, who provided space and food for each team to work evenings and nights. The Botball teams are also grateful for the financial support of the Academic Boosters. Without them, none of this would have happened.

Certamen

TJ Certamen finished their regional season with flying colors.

On Saturday, March 28, Jefferson sent three teams to the Classical Cottage Certamen in southern Virginia. Amidst fierce competition, Jefferson students emerged victorious on every

level. On Level II, **Daniel Kim, Zachary Seid, Frederick Short, Brian Shin and Akhila Ananthram** received second place by just the slightest margin. On Level III, **Ashwin Raja and Connor Cheong** earned third place against considerable odds. On Upper Level, **Amith Ananthram, Vivaek Shivakumar, Christopher Kilgore, Anne Marie Creighton and Alexander Spalding** crushed the competition, earning first.

On April 18, TJ Certamen sent six teams to State Finals. On Level I, **Rachel Goldstein, Sam Sohn, Quentin Moore and John Chae** received first place. On Level II, **Austin Dunn, Connor Hann, Sidhanth Rajesh and Philip Meyers** received fourth place. The other Level II team, composed of **Zachary Seid, Akhila Ananthram, Brian Shin, Daniel Kim and Frederick Short**, capped their winning season with third place. On Level III, **Ashwin Raja, Catherine Zucker, Connor Cheong, Siddharth Hariharan and Nayan Lamba** received third place. In the competitive Upper Level, Jefferson fielded two teams. The Senior team, composed of **Maya Wei, William Czaplowski, Lara Howerton and Alexander Spalding**, received fourth place. The Junior team, composed of **Vivaek Shivakumar, Amith Ananthram, Christopher Kilgore and Anne Marie Creighton**, received second.

Chemistry

Congratulations to **Christopher Au and Stephen Eltinge**, who placed #1 and #2 in the regional Chemistry Olympiad Exam, and competed at Catholic University on April 23 for one of 20 slots for the National Team training camp in June.

Chess

Our Chess Team finished the season strong this year at the Super-Nationals Chess Tournament. Among over 5200 players, TJ finished second overall in the team competition for the second consecutive year. TJ also won our first National Blitz Chess Championship (speed chess). Our under-1200 squad finished 8th in the nation.

Special congratulations to team co-captain **Eddie Lu** who finished fifth in the nation individually.



The following players traveled to the national championships this year: **Nimesh Chakravarthi, Yang Dai, Jacob Daniels, Hari Devanathan, Xavier Ferrier, Adam Hood, Madhu Karamsetty, Arman Khojandi, Aryan Khojandi, Darwin Li, Jeremy Loffredo, Edward Lu, Ronit Malka, Stephanie Marzen, Quentin Moore, Emma Pierson, Bharat Ponnaluri, Aravind Ponukumati, Craig Saperstein, and Anish Tondwalkar.**



Chess Team members with their trophies

Computer Team – Frosh

TJ's Frosh 'Puter team earned 49 points on the American Computer Science League (ACSL) Contest # 4, for a cumulative total of 195 out of a possible 200. **Saketh Are, Alex Chen, Dasith Gunawardhana** and **Glenna Yu** earned perfect 10s.

Computer Team - Senior

On March 28, the team of **Brian Hamrick, Jack Chen, Casey Mihalow** and **Mitchell Stern** finished third at the University of Maryland High School Programming Contest.

Congratulations to **Vivaek Shivakumar**, who finished third in the country on the North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad!

Forensics

Congratulations to **Rebecca Friedman**, who finished fifth in the Virginia HS Forensics League State Competition for Extemporaneous Speaking!

Future Problem Solving

Two TJ teams qualified for the FPS International Conference, continuing our tradition of two team qualifiers (usually only one Virginia team is sent) for the second year in a row! The team of **So-Jung Youn, Ellen Huang, Natalie Medvedeva** and **Pooja Vinayak** placed first at the 2009 Virginia Future Problem Solving State Bowl, and also won third place in the Skit Competition. The team of **Daniel Sun, Janiel Li, Max Wang** and **Ashneil Jain** placed second at the State Bowl. Good luck to both teams at Internationals!

Japan Bowl

Congratulations to the three TJ teams that competed in this year's Japan Bowl! TJ's Level 2 Team (**Jason Ya, Daniel Kang** and **Annie Lin**) placed fourth. Our Level 3 Team (**Connie Xie, Jungeun Choi** and **Brian Yu**) placed fifth. And, our Level 4 Team (**Steven Kim, Han Kim** and **Andrew Lam**) placed fourth.

Math Team

This year, 18 TJ students qualified to take the USA Mathematical Olympiad exam. This is the highest number ever for TJ, and the highest number of qualifiers in the nation this year. Congratulations to the following students: **Chris**

Au, Luke Cheng, Jimmy Clark, Dan Emmons, Brian Hamrick, Adam Hood, Sin Kim, Allison Koenecke, Kee Young Lee, Mitchell Lee, Daniel Li, Casey Mihalow, Sam Rush, SeungIn Sohn, Arvind Thiagarajan, Akshar Wunnava, Hanwen Xu and Yangbo Xu.

Odyssey of the Mind

Congratulations to the two TJ teams that placed first at States and will be participating in the World Competition. The team of **Sunaina Kapoor, Christianna Hay, Molly Patterson, Rashmi Reddy, Kushal Seetharam, Nicole Yu** and **Ankit Kapoor** placed first in the "Shock Waves" Structure problem and received the Runatra Fusca Award for extreme creativity. The team of **James Heard, Ryan Kim, Josh Lee, Jeanette Miranda, So-Jung Youn, Sue Liu** and **Matt Green** placed first in the "Teach Yer Creature" Technical problem.

Physics

Congratulations to **Daniel Li**, who was selected on March 9, 2009 as one of twenty members of the 2009 US Physics Team! Bravo also to those named as Semi-Finalists: **Jared Hallett; Brian Hamrick; Dan Li; William Minshew; Chris Olund; Arvind Thiagarajan; Mingyee Tsang; Yangbo Xu.** We are proud of you!

Band Boosters

Congratulations: Jin-Ah Kim, flute, was recently chosen to perform the "senior solo" with the Symphonic Wind Ensemble. She will play "Poem for Flute and Band" by Charles Griffes at the spring band concert, featuring the Symphonic Band and Symphonic Wind Ensemble. This is the final band concert of the year and will be held on Wednesday, May 27, at 7 pm in the TJ auditorium. Senior **Matt Chamberlain** will also conduct "... and the Mountains Rising Nowhere" by Joseph Schwantner.

Band Class of 2013: Welcome to TJ – where science and art meet in an elegant dance! We have conducted our fine arts orientation, and are ready to register and audition our new students. Thank you to our many current students who are offering help and fielding questions.

Jazz Cabaret: Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 28, at 7:00 pm, for the TJ Jazz I and II ensembles' annual cabaret performance in TJ's cafeteria. Come and enjoy refreshments as you listen to jazz tunes from the curricular Big Band, the 8th period Jazz II, and guest artists Joe Brotherton (trumpet) and David Bandman (trombone and euphonium). Joe is a former Marine Corps trumpeter and currently resides in Washington, D.C. where he teaches and performs locally and around the world. Master Sergeant David Bandman is a euphonium player and music arranger with the Air Force Ceremonial Brass, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. He is an arranger/composer for the Big Apple Circus and a private instructor. Come and hear them perform with our own TJ jazz ensemble.

Tickets will be available at the door: \$5.00 for students and seniors and \$8.00 for adults. Advance discounted tickets also are available. For information, contact Nancy Etkin at n.etkin@verizon.net. (See the flyer towards the end of the newsletter.)

Solo and Ensemble Festival: On April 25, thirty- six solos, one duet, one trio, and two quartets performed for adjudication throughout the day at Sidney Lanier Middle School. Congrats to all our participants from the entire band class spectrum!

All-Virginia Band and Orchestra: A rousing round of applause to the thirteen TJ band students who participated in this state-wide event on April 4 before a packed house. The students played magnificently and the Rachmaninoff piece was especially challenging.

Band Happenings

TJ Marching Colonials: Please check the calendar below for rehearsal and camp dates. You don't want to miss out on this exciting and intense summer/fall activity! TJMC performs during half time at all home football games and also travels to competitions in the fall. Rehearsals begin in June with Orkney Springs band camp, the major summer attraction. All home and overnight camp sessions are mandatory for band and color guard.

Color Guard: September may seem a long way off, but TJ guard is already preparing for fall Marching Band. The ensemble held an interest meeting on April 23 to acquaint prospective members with TJMC and Winter Guard. Color Guard is the visual component to the live instrumental music and employs dance with flag and weapons precision and artistry.

Guard clinics will be held on May 19 to 21. Vets and rookies are encouraged to attend. If spinning weapons is your fancy, please come to auditions on May 26.

Summer rehearsals begin June 11 outdoors at TJ, and are held every Thursday through mid-August. If you are in town, please make sure to attend these rehearsals.



Ilona Fleischer and Sarah Notis of TJ Winter Guard, savoring their Finals performance at Potomac High School in Dumfries

Winter Guard/Drum Line Kudos: We just wrapped up our most electrifying and successful season in memory. Before we take our final bow, we wish to add Steve Greer and Blair Hansen to

our list of tributes. These men dutifully towed the trailer stuffed full of instruments and props to all our competitions and we just couldn't have done it without their consistent and dependable help.



Winter Guard at Loudoun Valley High School March 7. Kathryn Zagrobelny, Maya Wei, Joo-Ah Lee, Rebecca Justice, Corinne Mayer, Ilona Fleischer, Sarah Notis



TJ Drumline with Instructor Steve Ballard

Winter Showcase, our signature winter event, took many hands and hours to produce that commendable night, and we'd like to recognize some additional parents. Thank you, Steve Dressing, for standing out in the cold and rain for hours to direct traffic and man parking and props. Appreciation also to Band Boosters president Ananthakrishna Sarma for crisis management, Jane Limprecht for gate keeping, Margaret Dominy for handling judge's hospitality, Henry Ruelmpler on special assignment, Doug Rice for tabulation and Steve Greer as warm up coordinator. A warm thanks to all the parents who donated food, coolers, ice, whiteboards and their time.

Here, for your viewing pleasure, we present Winter Showcase Drum Line and Guard performances in high definition, a first for Tech Cetera! Many thanks to Kim and Jeff Keithline for their gorgeous videography:

<http://gallery.me.com/jeffkeithline/100013>
(Drum Line)

<http://gallery.me.com/jeffkeithline/100028>
(Winter Guard)

The link will take you to Internet Explorer. If you wish a much faster download, consider using Google Chrome as your browser and key in the above links.

Band Announcements

We need you! Many seniors are graduating, and that leaves holes where board and committee chair positions used to be. Don't be shy; we want your talent and expertise! Learn about TJ Bands and Boosters at <http://www.tjhsstband.org>. Subscribe to our Yahoo group by sending an email to: [tjbandboosters-subscribe at yahogroups.com](mailto:tjbandboosters-subscribe@yahoo.com). Several rewarding fundraising chairs are also opening up. Please contact Felicia Schwenk at [fns5 at aol.com](mailto:fns5@aol.com) if you are interested.

Let's Dish! This is an easy and fun way to get healthy, homemade dinners on your table – and raise funds for TJ's Bands at the same time! The prices are reasonable too. Try making arrangements with your Band Booster friends to sample it together. Many Band parents who tried it out last year keep going back. Please contact Felicia Schwenk for the promotional code at [fns5 at aol.com](mailto:fns5@aol.com).

License Plate Frames: It's not too late to order your Customized license plate frames. They make a great gift, for only \$20! Use as a 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).

Important Band Dates:

Spring Band Concert: May 27, 7:00pm in auditorium

Jazz Cabaret: May 28, 7:00 pm in cafeteria (See flyer at back of newsletter)

Spring Band Banquet: Tentative date June 4. Details to follow.

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):

The dates for the Orkney Springs overnight camp are firm. This schedule and any updates will be posted on www.thjsstband.org. Please check that site often. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to e-mail Band Boosters president Ananthakrishna Sarma at [sarma.sarma at verizon.net](mailto:sarma.sarma@verizon.net) or band director Mary Ulrey at [MEUlrey at fcps.edu](mailto:MEUlrey@fcps.edu).

Colonial Athletic Boosters

The 2009 Spring Sports season is in its final days and we hope the weather will cooperate!

Important Spring Dates:

Tuesday, May 26: Applications are due for the Colonial Athletic Boosters Scholarships (four at \$1,000 each).

Monday, June 1: Annual Sports Physical event.

Monday, June 8: We'll wrap up the season with the annual Spring Sports Banquet and Awards.

Check online at <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/boosters> or google Colonial Athletic Boosters for details on all of these events.

TJ Athletics in the Spotlight!

To really appreciate the bumper sticker phrase “*We Came for the Sports,*” check out this link to an *ESPN Rise* (ESPN’s high school sports publication) article that highlights athletics at TJ: <http://sports.espn.go.com/highschool/rise/news/story?id=4048770>

We have a lot to be proud of!!

Varsity Baseball: The team won two of four games in the spring tournament. One of the losses was in extra innings after the team had rallied from a five- run deficit, and one of the victories was against the tournament winner.

Since the tournament, the team has split its first two games. The 7-2 victory over South Lakes came behind a strong pitching performance from **Ryan Stumvoll**, in which he became the first TJ pitcher this season to throw a complete game. Among the starters, **Alan Allworth** leads the team in RBIs, while **Mason Freedman** leads the team in runs scored, batting average and on-base percentage. The team has scored significantly more runs this season because of greater depth up and down a starting line-up that has five players with batting averages over .300 (Freedman, Allworth, Stumvoll, **Jeffrey Siebach** and **Tom Woodruff**). **Nick Perez** and **Jonathan Wildes** have averages just under .300 and have been the primary base-stealing threats. Perez has the team’s second-highest on-base percentage. The starting line-up also includes **Mike Ross**, **Patrick Still** and **Travis Triggs**, who have played steady defense in left field.

Other pitchers on the staff include Freedman, Ross, **Kyle Applegate**, **Chris Kilgore**, **Kyle Gaarder**, Wildes, **Kurtis Carlock**, **Danny Lehnert** and Triggs.

JV Baseball: The team members, under the direction of head coach **Adam Nelson** and assistant coach **Luke Rosa**, are playing tough

ball and are competing with the top teams in the Liberty District. While the team is still looking for their first regular-season win, the games against Madison, McLean and Woodson were close and came down to the last few innings. The players are improving both offensively and defensively, with the pitching continuing to pound the strike zone. The JV Colonials are made up of sophomores **Peter Hansen**, **Daniel Hothem**, **Ashneil Jain**, **Sean Long**, **Michael Monte**, **Will Pyrak** and **Jason Schwartz**; freshmen **Brent Baumgartner**, **Robbie Clark**, **Mark Elias**, **Zach Hasan**, **David Neuberger**, **Alec Powell**, **Bryce Summers**, **Benjamin Torczon**; and manager **Tabor Tritschler**.



JV Colonials' Introductions on the Foul Line

Cheer: The Noodles and Company fundraiser was a great success. Thanks to all of you who came out and supported us! We had a fantastic turnout and raised \$350.33 for the needs of the fall cheer squads!

Car Wash Fundraiser To help raise funds for the equipment/uniforms/pom poms needed for the teams, the cheer squads will be doing some car washes. Please come get your car washed and support the team! If you cheered this past year or plan to try out in the fall, come out and help wash!

When: Saturday, May 9

Time: 9:00am-12:00 Noon

Where: Ravensworth Sunoco, 8011 Braddock Road (just a few miles west of TJ, right before the Braddock Road exit onto the beltway).

FALL TRYOUTS:

If you plan to try out for Cheer in the fall, please mark your calendars and plan your summer schedule with the following dates in mind:

~ Tryouts will be Tues-Thurs, August 11-13

~ 4:30-7:30pm - Tues and Wed (learn material)

~ 4:30-6:30pm - Thursday (judging day)

(The competition squad will be chosen after camp. All varsity members may or may not be on the competition squad.)

~UCA private camp held at TJ for **JV**: Monday and/or Tuesday, August 17-18 (primary focus will be stunting). Time TBD - it most likely will be an all-day camp so both dates should be reserved. Camp is MANDATORY for anyone participating in Fall Cheer.

~UCA private camp held at TJ for **varsity**: Wednesday and Thursday, August 19-20 (stunting and competition routine). Time TBD - it most likely will be an all-day camp so both dates should be reserved. Camp is MANDATORY for anyone participating in Fall Cheer. If a varsity member does not attend camp, they will automatically be placed as an alternate for competition.

Boys JV Lacrosse: After struggling through tough losses against Madison, Langley and Stone Bridge, the team cruised to victory against McLean on April 13. Perhaps it was the Florida sunshine that did it...

Strong offense from nearly the entire front line attack and most of the middies resulted in a fantastic 11-4 victory. The Colonials will take this momentum into their remaining games against Marshall and Woodson, and for the season finale at South Lakes on April 28.

As for that Florida sunshine... ten JV'ers joined the bulk of the varsity squad on a Spring Break lacrosse trip to Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex. A week's worth of games and practices looks like it may have paid off. And somehow the team managed to get in a few roller coaster rides as well!

Boys Varsity Lacrosse: This spring break the team had the chance to attend a spring training session in Orlando. The boys really pulled together during the trip and created a greater sense of camaraderie and community. They will remember this experience for a long time! Thanks to **Coach Gorman, Coach Condon** and all the parent chaperones for their time and efforts to make it a great program; a special thanks to **Mr. Minsheu** for organizing the trip for the team. It came at a great point in the season as Senior Night is close upon us and will help solidify the bonds made by the senior class as they transition to their next endeavor.

The TJ lacrosse community would like to recognize the seniors and their families for all the support they have given over the years to make this program a great experience. Graduating this spring are **Ben Bloom, Adam Christian, Jonny Coleman, Ben Daly, Andy Doyne, Stefan Kowalski** (Team Captain), **Mike LeGore, Will Minsheu** (Team Captain), **AJ Smith** (Team Captain) and **Ryan Vaughn**. We wish them the best of luck in the future.



TJ Boys Lacrosse at Disney's Wide World of Sports Spring Training Camp

Girls Varsity Lacrosse: After losing several key players to graduation last year, the team is undergoing a rebuilding season this year. The season began slowly with losses to several tough opponents. The last game before spring break was played at McLean in the rain where the girls pushed the Highlanders from start to finish only to fall short of victory by one goal. The game

featured four goals by **Jacky Hennegan**, and one each by **Jenny Jones**, **Ellie Clougherty**, **Judy Kim** and **Amelia Gonzalez**. The team is looking forward to continuing to improve their play in the remaining games of the season. The last game of the regular season was on April 28 at home against South Lakes, at which we honored our seniors; **Yoomin Ahn**, **Laura Barnes**, **Sheila Bushman**, **Sarah Catlow**, **Alice Chae**, **Ellie Clougherty**, **Jenny Jones** and **Meghan Kelly**.

Girls Varsity Soccer: The team started the season with two wins in their first three games. They began with their home opener against the Lee Lancers, where senior **Kayley Sullivan** secured the 1-0 victory with a late second-half goal. Junior goalie **Katie Martinez** got the shutout for TJ. Following a 2-0 loss to Herndon, the girls beat the Yorktown Patriots 2-1. This was an especially sweet victory following the 5-0 loss from last year. Goals came from two freshmen: **Jackie Dallaire** and **Emily Gale**. District play began in late March where TJ suffered a tough 2-1 loss to Langley. The girls came out strong and dominated much of the play, but they were unable to pull out a victory. TJ's lone goal came from freshman **Adrienne Ivey**'s header off a beautiful corner kick from senior **Stephanie Valarezo**. Next came a match against a very strong Madison team. Madison came out hard and led 3-0 at the half. After some reorganization, TJ played a much tighter second half and the final score was 4-1, with the TJ goal coming from Sullivan. Finally, the girls stood up well to a highly ranked Stone Bridge team. The defense showed strength and the girls created some offensive opportunities but were unable to capitalize. The game ended with a 4-0 loss.

The season ends with games on April 27 and 28 at South Lakes, followed by the District Tournament starting on May 1.

Outdoor Track & Field (TNF): We are off to a fast start despite cool, windy conditions!

The first half of our season has been a cool, rainy, windy affair, but TJ's athletes are eager for the very competitive second half of the season. The team boasts five District champions and twelve All-Region athletes, including two All-State performers, from this past winter's indoor season. Through mid-April, 38 athletes have already surpassed the District qualifying standards in their events, including two that have surpassed the Regional standard and one athlete surpassing the State standard.

Fans of TJ TNF will have plenty of opportunity to cheer on their favorite athletes as two important meets will be held in early May at the TJ stadium track. On May 9 (8am - 5pm), TJ will host the prestigious Penultimate Relays, which brings many of the area's top performers into direct competition with TJ athletes. Then, on consecutive evenings – May 14 (Thursday) and May 15 (Friday), TJ will host the Liberty District Track and Field Championships. Put these dates on your calendar and plan on coming out to cheer on TJ track and field athletes!

Boys Varsity Soccer: The first seven games of the schedule have been very competitive, often with difficult field conditions. The games were close enough to require three of the seven games to be decided in overtime. The team began the season at Lee with a 1-0 win, with the goal scored by **Sean Lee**, followed by a 1-1 tie at Annandale with the goal scored by **Brendan Corbett** off a corner kick from **Justin Etkin**. The boys were victorious 3-2 over Herndon at home, with goals by Lee, **Evan Burch** and **Alex Burch**. District play began at Langley with a 2-1 overtime loss, with the goal scored by **Brian Murphy** assisted by **Jeff Pontell**. Later that week a home game against Madison ended in a scoreless tie. Following spring break, the team traveled to McLean where they lost 1-0 when the opponent scored with 3 minutes left in the game. At Stone Bridge, the team gave up a goal in the first three minutes but tied the game late in the first half with a corner kick from Etkin, redirected with a beautiful header from **Sean Ji**. The game ended in a 1-1 tie.

Varsity Softball: The team soared through the middle of its schedule, posting three stirring victories and playing other exciting close games.

Leading the way was junior **Meghan Mutchler**, with dominant pitching and big-time hitting, including two homers crushed over the fence. Sophomore catcher **Barbara Lantz** also provided power hitting along with superb catching. The defense was strong, with senior **Toby Loewenstein** at third, junior **Hope Smith** at short, freshman **Helen Hastings** at second and senior **Sally Bornbusch** at first; while the outfield, with junior **Ariel Deutsch** on the injured list, was ably patrolled by juniors **Emily Schultz** in left and **Sydney Schrider** in center, and sophomores **Kelsey Henderson** or **Allie Brouckman** in right. Hastings also contributed solid pitching depth, with bench strength provided by sophomore **Bethany Connor** and juniors **Emily Maier**, **Lauren Kim** and **Alice Lee**.

TJ's first April win was over Chantilly, 8-6, highlighted by two-run doubles by Meghan and Barbara, as Meghan struck out 12. TJ next made it two straight victories by beating Annandale 3-2. Back-to-back doubles by Helen and Meghan brought in two early runs. With the score tied 2-2, Kelsey drove in a run with a clutch hit, then Helen pitched three shutout innings for the save. TJ then came achingly close to a third straight win, against Good Counsel, paced by Meghan's homer and run-scoring hits by Toby and Emily S. But a final-inning bases-loaded rally fizzled out with TJ still behind, 5-4.

At Marshall, TJ roared back from a 5-0 deficit with a stunning fifth-inning rally, sparked by doubles by Helen and Barbara, and Meghan's game-tying homer. In the seventh, Emily S. lined a run-scoring single to put TJ ahead. But Marshall then scored again for a 7-6 win. Finally, TJ beat Woodson 2-1 in nine heart-stopping innings, as Meghan fanned 14 batters, then ripped a single to bring Toby in with the game-winning run in the bottom of the ninth.



Meghan Mutchler winds up to deliver another strike
Boys Tennis: The team, led by juniors **Edwin Zhang**, **Spencer Clark**, **Chris McPherson** and **Sean Cheng**, along with seniors **Glen Hookey**, **Spencer Frei** and **Eric Bomgardner**, continues to dominate the Liberty District and was undefeated (7-0) for the first half of the season. At press time, a win at McLean is the only second-half match in the books, as two others have been rained out entirely and a third is unfinished.

Girls Tennis: The team, led by seniors **Natalie Kirchner** and **Jenny Fang**, and juniors **Nora Lam** and **Joyce Chung** were 6-1 after the first half of the season. Second-half victories over Langley and McLean brought the girls record to 8-1 at press time. They are eager to defend both their District and Regional titles this year.

Crew Boosters



The Jefferson Crew team enjoyed a beautiful spring day at St. Andrews School in Delaware, the annual highlight of the spring season. Over 110 members of the TJ Crew team, plus a crowd of 200 TJ parents, family members and coaches, attended the regatta at St. Andrews. While the parents enjoyed a "tailgate" style party on the banks of the river, the team raced against some of the top rowing teams in the country.

Most competitive teams practice and race all-year long with their school team and have the benefit

of being well-funded, recruited members of a private-school team with their own boat house. Jefferson's team has been working hard together for less than two months, and because recent regattas on the Occoquan were canceled due to bad weather, some of our novice boats raced for the very first time in this competitive venue. Although most of our boats didn't finish in the top three, the rowers should be proud of their respectable showing in the races on Saturday.



St. Andrews Regatta

The Varsity 8 girls were happy to take back the St. Andrews/Jefferson Cup. About 10 years ago, the head coaches from Jefferson and St. Andrews established a cup which for 10 years has been kept by the St. Andrews girls' team. But the Varsity Girls beat St. Andrews on Saturday, and took possession of the cup. The Varsity 8 boys also beat St. Andrews and, thus, did not have to relinquish their cup to St. Andrews.



Girls Varsity 8 rowing at St. Andrews

The crew team is looking forward to the championship races in May. If you have any questions about TJ Crew, please contact Crew Booster President Teresa Zeng at [TJCrewPresident at gmail.com](mailto:TJCrewPresident@gmail.com)

Register Now for Athletic Boosters Annual Sports Physicals!

Don't be left out on the first day of try-outs!!! On-line registration is now open! Go to <http://www.fcps.edu/supt/activities/atp/index.htm>. New this year, choose your appointment time when you register! Every athlete that tries out for a sport must have a new medical exam EACH SCHOOL YEAR. Mark your calendars for **Monday, June 1**, 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-7:30pm. 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. Call 703-750-8387 with any questions.

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 1. 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! Go to <http://www.fcps.edu/supt/activities/atp/index.htm> and sign up to volunteer.

Orchestra Boosters

By this time the trip for the Orchestra to Myrtle Beach will have been completed. Thanks to those parents who were able to chaperone for this event. There is always a great deal of camaraderie amongst not only the students but the parent volunteers as well.

Our final concert will be at 7pm on Wednesday June 3. Please remember that all whole and half note sponsors will get that concert CD recording as a gift for their support. Many thanks. At that concert, various awards as well as senior recognition will be granted, in addition to the always great music. Don't miss it! Our next Booster's meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 12** at 7:30pm 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 (Shakespeare and Drama)



Lindsey Doane (teacher Sylvia Barrett), Will McGarey (teacher Paul Barringer) and Cara Newlon (student Alice Blake) talk after class.

Has TJ Drama or Shakespeare Troupe played a major role in your life? If so, Theatre Boosters hopes your family can attend a Potluck Banquet on June 1 from 6-9 p.m. at TJ. If you haven't already done so, please RSVP to Cathy Boyd at [boydclan at verizon.net](mailto:boydclan@verizon.net) and put "Drama Banquet" in the subject line. Those attending should bring an entrée to share, along with salad or dessert.

The Shakespeare Troupe will be performing a Shakespeare plays at 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 22, in the TJ Auditorium. Directors are **Kevin Deisz, Natalia Czapski, Matt Bikoff and Karthick Ravishankar**. The performances will last about an hour and offer a great opportunity for students interested in seeing a broad sampling of Shakespeare's plays.



Cara Newlon (Alice Blake) daydreams about her crush on teacher Paul Barringer while in class.

TJ Drama presented *Up The Down Staircase* to enthusiastic audiences in the TJ Auditorium April 24-25. Set in a New York City high school in the 1960's, the play addresses the challenges and rewards of teaching in an inner city school. **Lindsey Doane** skillfully portrayed the main character, Sylvia Barrett, an idealistic and new teacher who quickly realizes that teaching teenagers in a chaotic environment is not what she expected. She makes friends with fellow English teachers, marvelously played by **Jackie Fitzsimmons** and **Will McGarey**, who help her negotiate the school bureaucracy. **Kevin Place, Matt Bikoff** and **Kyle Markwalter** convincingly played not always helpful school administrators. There were many noteworthy performances of students playing students, including **Kara Newlon**, who portrayed a love-sick Alice Blake, and **Mikey Kim**, who played an intelligent but delinquent Joe Ferone.

Special recognition goes to Director Vincent Pollet, **Emily Clarke**, student director, and productions assistants, **Aaron Bland, Christine Jacobs and Maham Shohrab**. Special thanks also to the entire production crew for the

recreation of a 1960's New York City high school classroom.

As always, TJ Drama productions would not be possible without the support and contributions of the Theatre Boosters. Thank you Nancy Fitzsimmons, president, for coordinating all volunteer activities, not the least of which was organizing all the meals for Hell Week.



Lindsey Doane (Sylvia Barrett) confronts student Joe Ferone, played by Mikey Kim.

Announcements and Information

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 21 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 from August 10 through 21 at 8 am - 2:30 pm. The cost is \$350.00 per student. Registration will occur through 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)).

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 will be made 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 for courses will begin approximately May 12, 2009 through the FCPS Office of Adult and Community Education: www.fcps.edu/aceclasses.

Sample list of potential courses by week:

Week 1: July 6 – 10

Forensics, Science and the Law
Merging of Art, Science, and Technology
The Science and Technology of Sound and Music
Disease Detectives

Fun with Electronics!
Journalism
Busted, Confirmed, or Plausible?

Week 2: July 13 – 17

Calculator, Probes, Math... Go!
Digital Photography
Forensics, Science and the Law

Merging of Art, Science, and Technology
Meteorology - Weather & the Atmosphere
Nonfiction Writing
Database Development

Week 3: July 20 – 24

Marine Tech Exploration – Energy Systems
Marine Tech Exploration – Oceanography
Cool Chemistry
Digital Photography
Intro to Web Design
Disease Detectives
Poetry in Kites: A Creative Process to Kite
Design

Week 4: July 27 – 31

Cool Chemistry
Intro to Web Design
Fun with Electronics!
Astronomy

Merging of Art, Science, and Technology
Poetry in Kites: A Creative Process to Kite
Design
Busted, Confirmed, or Plausible?

*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.*

TJHSST Web Site Survey

TJHSST is currently developing a new look for our web site and revisiting the organization of information on the site. Your input is a valued part of that process. If you are a parent and have not yet taken a survey, please take a moment to visit <http://www.tjhsst.edu/> and follow the link to the survey. Your feedback on the current site will help us make improvements.

~~Richard Washer
TJ Web Master Faculty Advisor
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Noteworthy Dates

May 2009	
4-15	AP Exams
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
9	Penultimate Track, 6am in Stadium
12	Orchestra Booster Monthly meeting, 7:30pm in Principal's Conference Room
12	Diversity Committee meeting, 7pm in Career Center
12	Crew meeting, 7:30pm in Library
14-15	District Track Meet, 3pm in Stadium
14-16	Crew Team to Stotesbury Cup Regatta, Philadelphia, PA
18	PTSA meeting, 7pm in Library
18-29	SOLs
19	Academic Booster meeting, 7pm in Career Center
20	Government Affairs Committee meeting, 7pm in room 106
20	Northern VA District PTA Meeting, 6:30pm in Career Center
21	Curriculum Advisory Committee meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center
21	Latin Honor Society Award Ceremony, 4pm in Lecture Hall
21	SSAB Meeting, 7:30pm in Library
21-23	Crew to SRAA Nationals, Princeton, NJ
25	Memorial Day Holiday
27	Mentorship Fair, all day
27	Band Concert, 7pm
28	TJ STAR symposium, during school hours
28	Jazz Cabaret, 7pm in Cafeteria
29	J Day at TJHSST
29	Choral Spring Show, 7:30pm in Auditorium

29-30	Math Competition to Penn State
June 2009	
1	Drama Banquet and Awards, 6pm in Cafeteria
1	Athletic Booster Sports Physical, 4:30pm
2	ANGP meeting, 7pm in Career Center
2	Band Booster meeting, 6:30pm in Principal's Conference Room
2	Academic Boosters Awards Banquet and Ceremony, 7pm in Cafeteria
3	Athletic Booster meeting, 7pm in Career Center
3	Orchestra Concert, 7pm
4	Transition to College Night, 7:30pm in Auditorium
5	Sophomore Sizzle, 4 pm in Gym
5	Senior Prom, Westwood Country Club in Vienna
5-10	Senior Exam Period
7	Crew Family Picnic, 12pm in Cafeteria
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
12-18	Underclassmen Final Exams
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, 7pm
17	Government Affairs Committee meeting, 7pm in room 106
July 7	
	Band Booster Meeting, 6:15pm
August 2	
	Alumni Association BBQ and Reunion, 10am



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: _____

Allergies/Reactions: _____

Medications: _____

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.

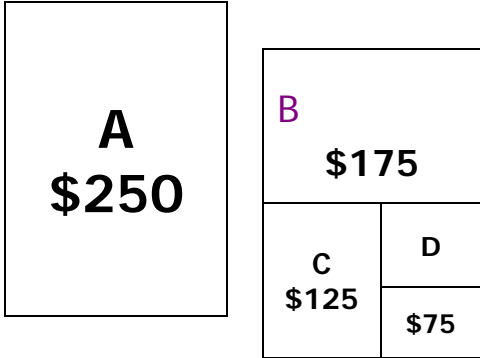
Student Name (Print) Date

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Dear Seniors/Parents,

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

<p><u>Suggestions for Advertisement Design</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Take a look at advertisements printed in older and current editions of tjTODAY. Look for advertisements that appeal to you.2. Collect pictures and photos that you would like to use in your advertisement.3. The simple the advertisement design, the better. Pictures should generally be the same size and shape to retain a professional layout in your advertisement. Collages are not always the best choice.4. Make sure to select lighter colored photos, as advertisements will be printed in black and white. Dark photos may not show up as easily as lighter photos in the print edition.5. Your advertisement must be fully laid out and camera ready. Digital/electronic submission is preferred. Send to Jennifer.Seavey@fcps.edu	<p><u>Advertisement Packages</u></p> <table><tr><td>A: Full page (\$250)</td><td>10.25" x 15"</td></tr><tr><td>B: Half page (\$175)</td><td>10.25" x 7.5"</td></tr><tr><td>C: Quarter page (\$125)</td><td>5.125" x 7.5"</td></tr><tr><td>D: Eighth page (\$75)</td><td>5.125" x 3.75"</td></tr></table> <div style="text-align: center;"><p>The diagram illustrates the sizes and prices of the advertisement packages. Package A is a large vertical rectangle labeled 'A' with '\$250' below it. Package B is a smaller vertical rectangle labeled 'B' with '\$175' below it. Packages C and D are shown as two smaller vertical rectangles side-by-side, labeled 'C' and 'D' respectively, with '\$125' and '\$75' below them.</p></div>	A: Full page (\$250)	10.25" x 15"	B: Half page (\$175)	10.25" x 7.5"	C: Quarter page (\$125)	5.125" x 7.5"	D: Eighth page (\$75)	5.125" x 3.75"
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c/o Jennifer Seavey, Room. 107
6560 Braddock Alexandria, VA 22312-2206
(703) 750-8375

Deadline for all advertisement submissions: **May 15, 2009**

Please retain a copy of all materials submitted, as tjTODAY will not return submissions. We recommend that you send in a copy and keep the original. Thanks!

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Student's name: _____ Parent's name _____

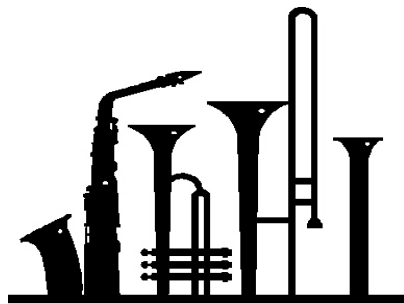
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Address: _____

Package (circle one only): A B C D Amount of check: \$ ____ . ____

Today's Date: _____ Thank you for your order!

tjTODAY seniors: Teresa Ventura, Gloria Driessnack, Lisa Kong, Viola Li and Carolyn McCallister



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Own Jazz Ensembles
And

Featuring

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and
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7:00pm**

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Check List

- May 18, PTSA Meeting, 7pm in Library
- May 18-29, SOLs
- May 25, Memorial Day Holiday
- May 28, **tjStar** (Symposium to Advance Research)