

## Principal's Letter

Dear parents/guardians, teachers, and students,

We are rounding out the first quarter with a lot of activity at TJ. IBET teams have started their field trips to begin their research and many seniors are submitting research papers for the Intel Science Talent Search. Flu season has begun, so please pay close attention to dates when vaccinations are offered at base schools. We like sharing cookies and brownies, but not germs, so please stay home when you are sick. When students are away from school, don't hesitate to ask teachers to provide assignments through Blackboard or email.

We started the renovation process with a successful series of meetings with our architects. Parent, student, and teacher focus groups, along with curriculum disciplines, met with the architects to articulate their values and needs for our school environment. Also meeting with the architect was the general TJ renovation team, which consists of representation from teachers, students, the PTSA, the administration, the Partnership Fund, and alumni, all of whom will be serving on this team for the whole school year. Note that TJ's renovation is not an item on the Fairfax County 2009 bond because our construction will not begin until 2012. You should expect to see a sizeable amount listed for TJ in the 2011 bond.

Many of you have submitted ideas to address the honors weighting challenge we currently face at TJ. After review by the FCPS leadership team, they have asked that we deliberate on the following options during the month of November: (1) maintain the current system; (2) no weighting and no GPA; (3) no weighting with an addition of 0.5 to the final GPA; and (4) another option that you may submit. There will be information and discussion meetings for parents on November 11, at 6:00 p.m.,

and November 18 at 9:00 a.m. There also will be meetings for students on November 9 at 3:10 p.m., and November 11 at 2:20 p.m. In December, an electronic survey will be administered where you can offer your feedback, and a recommendation will be made to the superintendent in January prior to course registration. Any changes will not take effect until the 2010-2011 school year.

On November 2, on behalf of our school, I accepted the US Department of Education's Blue Ribbon Schools Award, at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. This is the highest distinction given by our federal education agency, and the first time in its history the award has been given to TJ. It is quite an honor to be part of the Jefferson experience, constantly striving for educational excellence and innovation.

Please contact me ([Evan.Glazer at fcps.edu](mailto:Evan.Glazer@fcps.edu)) if you have ideas for making TJ an even better place for learning and growing.

Sincerely yours,

Evan Glazer  
TJ Principal

## President's Message

I can't believe we have finished the first quarter but as I look at the gorgeous trees and feel the cooler temperatures, I realize that we have. Homecoming was wonderful this year. As is the norm at TJ, it captured the spirit, talent, energy and enthusiasm of our Colonials. Many thanks to all of you who made these events so successful – it takes our dedicated students, teachers, and many parent volunteers to make these things happen.

The PTSA has continued to be very busy. We hope your Back-to-School Night was informative and enjoyable. As always, that special night brings

record crowds to the school along with much excitement and parking challenges and provides a great unifying event for the PTSA, Partnership Fund, and our Booster Groups. At the PTSA meeting before the classroom visits, we heard from Dr. Glazer and the Partnership Fund and approved our annual PTSA budget. Later in the month, we held our October PTSA meeting where we were able to hear from many of our committees. Our “Navigating TJ” forum, held in late September, was an informal parent-to-parent presentation designed to help incoming families and was very well attended. On October 14, the school had a half-day but the hospitality committee went back to work and sponsored a wonderful Harvest Luncheon for our teachers and staff. Thank you to all who helped and donated food.

Major issues still face our community. As noted in Dr. Glazer’s letter, he will be holding a series of meetings to discuss the various options for honors weighting. Please try to attend one of the sessions. They will be held on November 11 at 6:00 p.m. and on November 18 at 9:00 a.m. before the PTSA morning meeting. This issue will be critical to the future of TJ – please come and make your thoughts and ideas part of the discussion.

We are beginning to receive information about the school budget for next year, and the outlook is bleak. Although no decisions or even recommendations have been made, we have received some indications of what budget cuts may be required next year. The county is facing a \$178 million shortfall, which will translate to many significant changes to our schools. The current FCPS plans reflect an increase to average class size by 1 for most schools. However, TJ and other advanced academic programs would have to increase by 3 students. This devastating increase would cause many changes to our programs, including elimination of some of our smaller classes and significant increases in some class sizes. Other changes adversely affecting TJ would include administrative staff reductions, an activity fee for sports team participation, and student paid advanced placement fees. Countywide, the alternative to these deep budget cuts is to increase state and county revenue to FCPS. County revenue is real-estate tax dependent. Please contact your county superintendent and make your thoughts known.

PTSA memberships expire on October 31 of the following school year. If you have not already had the opportunity to renew your membership this year, please become a member now at <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/payments.htm>. Most of your dues are used at TJ to allow us to support the students and faculty through many programs, to advocate and inform on school-wide issues and to show support and thanks to our faculty and staff through hospitality and other acknowledgements; a small percentage goes toward maintaining the national, state and local PTA organizations. Please become a member -- your \$15 dues are really needed and important.

Student Directories are available for purchase for \$10 in the main office.

Our next PTSA meeting will be a morning meeting following the Principal’s Coffee/ Honors Weighting Forum on November 18 in the cafeteria. Please come, bring your ideas and questions and plan to have a fun and informative morning. If you would like emails with meeting reminders and copies of our meeting agendas and minutes, please contact [ptsa.recordingsecretary at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.recordingsecretary@tjhsst.edu).

Please take special note (on page 3, below) of a letter to our community from the Principal at Langley High School, regarding some unfortunate choices made by Langley students during their homecoming celebration.

As always, it is an honor to serve as your PTSA President. Please do not hesitate to call or email me with your thoughts or questions. I would love to hear from you.

~~Carrie Kilgore  
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**Dear Students, Staff, and Parents of Thomas  
Jefferson Science and Technology High School:**

**Student Services Corner**

In designing Homecoming Week for 2009, our Student Government planned many activities with the intent of refocusing our traditional class vs. class rivalries onto our football game opponent. Such inner rivalries have been divisive and destructive in the past and we have been doing a lot to promote a different, more unifying culture.

Included in these activities were Spirit Days where students dress up in some fashion to show their school spirit based on the overall theme of the week. Our theme was Saxons United. One of our Spirit Days was TJ Day where students were encouraged to dress up like the “typical” TJ student. Students dressed up in stereotypical “nerd” fashion.

This spirit day and this characterization are regrettable for many reasons. But mostly they are regrettable because we offended many of our friends at Thomas Jefferson. Langley High School students have great admiration and respect for our brothers and sisters (in some cases literally brothers and sisters) at TJ and we, staff and students, in no way meant to harm, hurt, or offend you. Our intention was to have spirited fun against our opponent for the week; to unite against our common opponent; to poke fun at certain characteristics of our friends; and to change the long culture at Langley of belittling each other. We were wrong not to get rid of all the negative aspects of the past.

You should know that some of our own students felt we should not do this again in future years. One student rightly brought attention to the negative gender stigma Science and Math scholars carry and its negative impact on the future of women in these fields. TJ Day promoted the stigma when we should be doing everything in our power to erase it.

Please know that the administration at Langley High School has learned a great deal from this event and we will do more to oversee Student Government’s activities. We will take a more careful and active role in educating our student leaders as they work to find a balance between spirit and respect for everyone.

Matthew J. Ragone  
Principal  
Langley High School

***Guidelines***

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

***Student Government Association***

Hey TJ – Congrats on making it through the first quarter!

The next big event the SGA is working on is Service Week, which will take place in February. The week will be dedicated to raising money for charities and will involve the entire school. All charitable clubs will have an opportunity to earn money to use for donations to whatever causes they support.

Start thinking about how you’re going to be involved!

## Homecoming 2009

For all those who were not able to attend the Homecoming Football Game and half-time celebrations, here are some wonderful photographs (thank you, Thuy McMurray!) of the fun-filled evening.



Freshmen show their colors



The Marching Band enters the stadium



Dr. Glazer and the Homecoming Court



Cheerleaders lead a packed stadium



The winning float-Class of 2012 (Don't Worry, Be Happy)



Sophomore, Senior, Freshman, Junior - CLASS UNITY!!!



Seniors rally the crowd



The Varsity football team honors the memory of Sebastian Hamilton

## Serving the TJ Community

### Free Money

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Questions? Contact [NoraVA at verizon.net](mailto:NoraVA@verizon.net).



### LOST: Harris Teeter Shoppers!

Last year we had a lot more Harris Teeter **VIC** Cards registered and we were so close to earning a \$2,000 bonus! Please register your **VIC card** today with TJ code 5534. Maybe we can get the big bonus **this year!** Five % of your Harris Teeter private label purchases are contributed by to TJ.

All Harris Teeter private label purchases earn a bonus:



### Volunteers

#### Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee was pleased to host a Harvest Lunch for the Faculty and Staff on Wednesday, October 14, after the students were dismissed for the half day. We are so grateful to those who donated delicious food and who helped us serve the lunch. Everyone had a wonderful time. We are so glad that we can show our gratitude to the Faculty members for their dedication to our TJ students. November is looking like a very busy time for the committee with two major events - receptions for the National Honor Society (November 5) and the National Merit Semi-finalists (November 13). We also will be helping with the Academic Letters Handout Reception and the Thanksgiving Lunch (November 19).

#### Landscape Committee

The Landscape Committee has been hard at work around the grounds. We have successfully planted the wooden planter box in the Aud Lob Courtyard with a beautiful Serviceberry tree (*amalanhier canadensis*), Eastern Woodland Ferns (*dryopteris marginalis*) and Variegated Toad Lily (*tricyrtis hirta variegata*). Many thanks to Merrifield Garden Center for keeping the costs low and delivering our plant material. We have spruced up the Millennium Courtyard, adding irises and penstemon digitalis to the beds, and we have added new plants to the Native and Herb Hill Gardens. The maple trees on the Native Hill have begun to turn. Don't miss the stunning orange color as you come into TJ. Many thanks to Carol Miranda, Nancy Dale, and Thuy McMurray for their constant efforts in the gardens.

Our next weekend effort will be on Saturday, November 7, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. We will be cleaning up and putting the beds to rest for the winter. All are welcome. Students, this qualifies for community service. Bring a friend! We will provide food and water.

Contact Eleni Silverman at [eleni1 at cox.net](mailto:eleni1@cox.net) or (703) 960-0008 (cell) if you would like to join the fun.



The newly planted box in the AudLob Courtyard

## Volunteer Committee

**Thank you!!** A great big thanks to the wonderful volunteers who helped us score the *Myers-Briggs tests*! We finished in one morning, instead of the usual two days!! We welcomed many new faces and enjoyed the social time. Special thanks go to those who made the trip to TJ, but were “excused,” due to the lack of scoring materials. We really appreciate your flexibility.

And another big thanks to all who helped with the *vision/hearing screenings*. It was a fun day interacting with the TJ students!

***There are many ways to volunteer at TJ!!*** You can sign up online for the many listed opportunities. Go to the PTSA site and click on “*Volunteer Information System*” and “*Returning students*” at <http://www.tjhsst.edu/supportingtj/ptsa/login.htm>. Or contact any of the **Booster groups: Crew Boosters, Colonial Athletic Boosters, Band**

**Boosters, Theater Boosters, Academic Boosters and Orchestra Boosters.** All have links on the PTSA website.

We will be stepping down as Volunteer Coordinators and are looking for some “understudies” who will work with us this year and be ready to take over next year. *It’s a wonderful way to meet new people and see how the TJ community works!*

~~ Jill Cook and Rajni Goel  
[ptsa.volunteers at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.volunteers@tjhsst.edu)

## Help Wanted: PTSA Webmaster

The PTSA webmaster "graduated" in June. We need a volunteer to take over maintenance of this website. The position involves XHTML, CSS, FTP or WinSCP, Dreamweaver, making PDFs, monitoring the webmaster email address, etc. A pro-active approach is preferred. Availability in the summer is a must. Minimal JavaScript is helpful, but not necessary. We prefer that a TJ parent handle this job. If you have any questions, please contact our "retired" Webmaster at [ptsa.webmaster at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.webmaster@tjhsst.edu).

## All Night Graduation Party (ANGP)

**X**-Cellent!    **X**-Citing!    **X**-uberant!  
**X**-traordinary!

**X** marks the spot for the Class of TWENTY **TEN**'s  
All Night Graduation Party –

## ANGP 20**X**

CHECK IT ALL OUT at  
<http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty/about.html>  
(also in Korean on the website)  
and at the ANGP table Senior Night, November 19!

Work has already begun to make ANGP 20**X** the best yet!!  
Parents, guardians, grandparents and supporters can help NOW!

HOW??



### 1. VOLUNTEER!

ANGP is an enormous undertaking, involving hundreds of volunteers.

**ALL** parents and supporters from every class are welcome to join in. The form for volunteers can be found at the back of this newsletter or online at: <http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty/volunteer.html>.



### 2. BUY TICKETS!

To purchase tickets, download the Ticket/ Acknowledgment of Risk form at

<http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty/tickets.html> and drop the form and a check in the ANGP Ticket box in the TJ front office, or send both in to the address on the form. Tickets are paperless and the names of students that have purchased tickets will be posted on a link to “The List” on the ANGP 2010 ticket page.

**EARLY BIRD SPECIALS:** All tickets purchased in 2009 will be discounted to \$90 and will be entered in a raffle. Beginning January 1, 2010, the price will rise to \$110.

*Our goal is 100% attendance. Scholarships for tickets are available if needed. Please see your child’s guidance counselor.*



### 3. DONATE!

Honor your Senior with a donation and a dedication. All donations in cash and in-kind will be recognized. The website for donations is: <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/pta/payments.htm>

**ANGP 2010 is TJ's alcohol-free, drug-free, all-night celebration and is sponsored by the TJ Parent, Teacher, Student Association (PTSA).**

## Academic News

### German News

The German Honor Society has hosted several events in the fall season. In “Film und Foto Club” students shared experiences from summer stays in Germany or German speaking cultures. The annual Oktoberfest party gives all TJ students the chance to

enjoy the food and fun of Munich’s major celebration. In early November, the German Honor Society hosts a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

## Class News

### 2010 – Seniors

Thank you to all parents who chaperoned at homecoming, and also to those who volunteered and were on standby to help if necessary. It is wonderful to have so much support from the Class of 2010 parents.



*Senior Class Faculty Sponsors, Ms. Hurowitz and Dr. Osborne, leading members of the Senior Class with their homecoming float*

On **Thursday, November 19**, come hear our faculty sponsor, Dr. Osborne, talk about graduation, and if we're lucky, we will learn the secrets of getting an A in Multivar and Complex. OK, that isn't allowed – but now that I have your attention, please join us at **Senior Parent Information Night** at **7:30 pm** in the **TJ Cafeteria**. You will hear from students, faculty sponsors, and parents about plans for graduation, prom, and the All Night Grad Party (ANGP). You will also have an opportunity to purchase graduation announcements.

Bring your checkbook, as this is a good opportunity to pay your senior dues (usually about \$30 to \$40), purchase a ticket for your child to the ANGP, and volunteer to work at the party (remember, you must be signed up as a volunteer to attend the party after graduation).

At Senior Night, we will also be collecting **baby photos** for the ANGP – please bring your cutest 4 x

6 photo (baby to 5 years old) of your TJ student and a wallet-size senior yearbook picture. Please print the student's name on the back and do not send originals that you need returned.

Hope to see you all there!

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

## 2011 - Juniors

The class of 2011 is very busy gearing up for multiple events scheduled in November.

On Saturday, November 21, we will have a space at the TJ Craft Fair and Gift Show, which will be held in the cafeteria from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please come by and support our class. Crafters, please donate your crafts and/or talents to our show.

Our class has teamed up with Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions to offer our students an opportunity to take a **practice SAT**. These scores will not go on record, but will give students the experience of taking the test. The test will be given on November 21, from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The test will be held at TJ and the price is \$20 for pre-registered students. Registration ends Friday, November 6. Registration forms can be obtained from Ms. Pierce in Room 238.

Twenty to thirty parents will be needed to proctor the test on November 21. Volunteer by emailing [valleccrm at cox.net](mailto:valleccrm@cox.net) or calling (703) 978-5288.

~~ Connie Valle, [valleccrm at cox.net](mailto:valleccrm@cox.net)  
Jane Hsu, [dogstar3 at msn.com](mailto:dogstar3@msn.com)  
PTSA Class of 2011 Representatives

## 2012 – Sophomores

October was a busy month for our TJ Sophomores. Homecoming activities, PSATs, sock hops and the end of the first grading period all made for a very full month.

Homecoming was a big success and the kids did a great job organizing the week's many spirit-filled activities. We have included a picture of the Class

of 2012's can sculpture – and don't miss their Homecoming float on the Homecoming photos page, above. The Sophomore Class float was the only float with a moving part and came in first place. We would like to thank all the parent volunteers who offered their time as chaperones and contributed to make Homecoming such a great time for everyone. We'd also like to thank the parents who chaperoned the sock hop.



As we've mentioned before, the Sophomore Class is hard at work planning for the silent auction to be held in the spring of 2010. The date will be March 13, 2010. Please save the date and join us and other TJ Sophomore parents at a special evening at the Fort Belvoir Officer's Club overlooking the Potomac River. This is the major activity for the Sophomore Class, the proceeds of which will go towards the Class of 2012's Graduation and Prom. Our goal is to raise enough funds to cover the entire cost of these two events.

Don't forget, we need your help. An event like this requires a lot of advance work to solicit items to include in the auction as well as to plan the event. We'll also need a lot of help at the event to make it a success. Many of you have indicated a willingness to help and there is still room for more!

We are also looking for donations from our families and local businesses for silent auction items. Silent auction items could include such items as vacation weeks; tickets to sports events, concerts, and the theater; professional services; art work; gift certificates to restaurants, book stores, and other places of interest; and baskets of collections – cooking, movies, etc. But don't limit yourselves to these items. Let us know your innovative ideas to support the silent auction and our fundraising efforts.

Please contact us at [tjclassof2012 at cox.net](mailto:tjclassof2012@cox.net) to donate silent auction items or offer to help with the various activities – as they say, many hands make light work and we have a lot of work ahead of us.

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

## **2013 – Freshmen**

Mark your calendars! The Freshman Lock-In is scheduled for April 9, 2010. Parents, please volunteer to chaperone this wonderful all-night event.

Kudos to all of the freshmen for surviving the first quarter, and for learning to work cooperatively in their IBETs. Everyone seems to be adjusting well to the rigors of TJ academics and having fun along the way. The *Kite Runner* project within the IBETs concluded in October with students designing, assembling and flying their kites of many colors throughout the hallways and in the courtyards.

A big round of applause to the FroshCom officers, who organized activities and carried the entire class through the first months of the school year – including Homecoming Week. A big shout-out to: **Seongmin Lee, Bohe Hosking, Avinash Ramesh, Yash Bhatnagar, Jenny Chen, Allison Chou, Taylor Culman, Kaley Thornton, and Saloni Chaswal.** All of the freshmen showed great school spirit during Homecoming Week and a couple of seniors were overheard saying that the Class of 2013 would be a force to be reckoned with for next year's float competition!

Please remember that if students need extra help in any particular subject, they should explore whether 8th period tutoring is available in that subject area. Many teachers offer this wonderful opportunity for extra help, which students can take advantage of by simply signing up on Blackboard beforehand and showing up.

Please feel free to contact the Class of 2013 reps Yun Pang or Pam Cooper with any questions.

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PTSA Class of 2013 Representatives

## **News Round-Up and Awards**

### **Siemens Competition 2009 TJHSST Winners**

This year, TJ has 10 winners in the Siemens Competition for Math, Science and Technology.

**Semifinalists** (Top 300 Research Projects in the Nation): **Temple Douglas; Stephanie Gu; Allison Koenecke; Anirudh Mohan; Swetha Pasala; Vish Sridharan; Dennis Wang; and Akshar Wunnava.**

**Regional Finalists** (Top 40 Research Projects in the Nation): **Aryan Khojandi and AJ Swoboda.** These projects will advance for competition in November, with final national awards announced in early December.

### **Social Responsibility News**

Forty grant applications to support this year's One Question ("What are the Social Responsibilities of Educated People?") have been submitted, and are now being reviewed. Students have proposed many ambitious projects to tackle the One Question.

Along with those proposed projects, other undertakings are happening through TA, classes, and 8<sup>th</sup> period. Some examples: Ms. Schoepfle's sophomore TA is planning to make sandwiches for the homeless. Mrs. Mateo sponsors a new 8<sup>th</sup> period activity, "Nuestros Pequeños Amigos," focusing on an orphanage in Nicaragua. Mr. Ero's AP Statistics class will do a sociology study.

Students also have the chance to listen to guest speakers on the theme of social responsibility.

**Joyce Meng**, a 2004 alum and current Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, spoke on September 24 about Givology, a non-profit organization which she founded, and which is dedicated to providing education in rural China and India. **Josh Tetrick**, a Richmond lawyer, social entrepreneur, and writer spoke on October 23, describing his experiences working in Kenya and South Africa, as well as his work in the USA. More guest speakers will be scheduled for coming months.

Members of the Social Responsibility Seminar course (fall semester) are preparing other projects

and events for upcoming months. If students are interested in this semester course for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, they should speak with their counselors. It carries ½ credit in Social Studies.

### **National Council of Teachers of English Awards**

Three TJ students have received certificates for superior writing in the 2009 Achievement Awards in Writing by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE): **Luke Cheng, Mica Moore, and Daniel Ranard**. Each participant submitted a sample of his or her best writing in any form or genre as well as an impromptu essay on a subject determined by NCTE. For 2009, portfolios were submitted by 1,783 juniors; of that group, 544 were selected for Achievement Awards in Writing, including 14 students from Virginia.

### **William and Mary Leadership Award**

**Lisa Nam** of TJHSST has been nominated for the College of William and Mary Leadership Award, which recognizes students who demonstrate leadership both in the classroom and in their communities.

Each spring, every high school in Virginia is invited to nominate one member of the junior class to receive the William and Mary Leadership Award. Schools are encouraged to select a student whose leadership is recognized by faculty and by students, who shows school loyalty that inspires others to contribute and participate, who exhibits a passion for learning characterized by a pursuit of out-of-class intellectual experiences, who is an independent thinker, who pursues a rigorous academic program, and whose grades place him or her near the top of the class.

As the nominee selected from TJHSST, Lisa will attend the William and Mary Leadership Conference next fall, where seminars are offered that explore the qualities and applications of leadership and students have the opportunity to interact with other young leaders from all over the state. Congratulations!

## **TJHSST Partnership Fund**

### **TJ Partnership Fund: Every Family, Every Year**

**DONATIONS:** Thanks to our loyal annual supporters, and also to many new donors, our Back-to-School Appeal is going gangbusters. We raised over \$5500 at Back-to-School Night alone! If you have not yet contributed, please send completed donation forms to the PF Office at school or donate online at [www.tjpartnershipfund.org](http://www.tjpartnershipfund.org).

**GIVE AT THE OFFICE:** Be able to say, "I gave at the office," by including the Partnership Fund in your workplace United Way or Combined Federal Campaign contributions.

**UNITED WAY#: 8705;  
CFC# 81947.**

And please inform the Partnership Fund Office of the details of your contributions, as the information we receive from the campaigns themselves is often incomplete.

**LAB TOURS:** Of all the events that the Partnership Fund is involved in, the Lab Tours certainly are the most educational. On October 15, parents toured Astronomy, Communications, CAD, Computer Systems, Biotechnology and Energy Systems. Parents heard from each Lab Director and had plenty of time to ask questions. Our tour guide, Optics and Modern Physics Lab Director, Bob Latham, who knows a few things about TJ Labs, provided even more information. Partnership Fund photographer, Thuy McMurray, was on hand to memorialize the tour (see below). On Friday, October 23, parents toured the Robotics, Prototyping, Microelectronics, Oceanography, Chemical Analysis, Optics/Modern Physics and Neuroscience Labs. Our final tour of the fall is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3 and will include a lunch with the Lab Directors.

*(TJ Partnership Fund continues on next page)*

## TJHSST Boosters

### Academic Boosters

#### Quiz Bowl

The TJ Quiz Bowl team did outstandingly at the University of Maryland's Fall Tournament on September 26, 2009, with the A team finishing third out of 24 participating teams. The A team, consisting of **Stephen Eltinge** (captain), **Olivia Murton**, **Siddharth Hariharan** and **Diana Gerr**, achieved a 10-2 record at the tournament. The B team, which consisted of **Peter Town** (captain), **James Bradbury**, and **Ananth Sridhar**, achieved a 6-5 record. James Bradbury placed 7th, Stephen Eltinge placed 9th, and Diana Gerr placed 12th. TJ also successfully hosted its very own tournament, the Thomas Jefferson Invitational Academic Tournament, on October 17, 2009.

#### Lincoln Douglas Debate

At the Wake Forest National Earlybird Tournament, all four of TJ's competitors made it to elimination rounds – something we've never managed before. **Betty Huang** and **Omeed Maghzian** competed in the JV octafinal round; **Ashneil Jain** competed in the varsity double octafinals; and **Akaash Gupta** made it to the quarterfinals.

At the WACFL-1 tournament, at the Varsity level, we had three qualifiers who will go on to compete in the Metrofinals tournament in March: Akaash Gupta, Betty Huang, and **Daniel Sun**. At the JV level, **Karishma Popli** was the seventh seed speaker.

#### Forensics

The Forensics Team competed at Battlefield High School in Haymarket on October 14. In Extemporaneous Speaking, **Rebecca Friedman** took third place and **Kyle Angelotti** took fourth place. **Leif Bakke** and **Arvin Ahmadi** tied for first place in Original Oratory. **Hillary Liu** took First Place in Declamation.



Parents hear Astronomy Lab Director, Lee Ann Hennig, describe her program during the October 15 Lab Tour.

#### TOURS IN KOREAN AND CHINESE:

Last year's Korean-language Lab Tour was a huge success, and we are planning another one for this spring. This year, we would very much like to host a Chinese-language tour as well. If you are interested in helping to organize or interpret for a Chinese-language tour, please contact Hilde Kahn, Parent Chair, at [hildekahn at verizon.net](mailto:hildekahn@verizon.net) or (703) 356-3307.

**CORRECTIONS:** The following individuals were inadvertently omitted or listed incorrectly on our 2008-09 Donor List:

**Pamela James, \$100 - \$249**

**Doug & Betsy Lobel, \$2500 & up**

**TJ Korean Parents Community, \$1000 - \$2499**

**GRANT-WRITER NEEDED:** The PF needs an experienced grant-writer to help us with an opportunity we would hate to miss out on. Please contact Pam Cooper, Volunteer Chair, at (703) 450-0321 or [pamcooper3 at verizon.net](mailto:pamcooper3@verizon.net) for more information.

**CONTACTS:** For questions & general information, contact Kathy Young in the PF Office at (703) 750-8316 or email [Jeffersonpartnershipfund at tjhsst.edu](mailto:Jeffersonpartnershipfund@tjhsst.edu).

**Thank you for helping to  
KEEP TJ NUMBER ONE!**

## Policy Debate, Public Forum Debate

On October 31, the Policy Debate and Public Forum Debate teams competed at their first WACFL tournaments. In Varsity Policy Debate, **Hannah Clark** and **Andre Kessler** placed 1st, **Johnny Kim** and **Max Wang** placed 2nd, and **Akshay Deverakonda** and **Abigail Xu** placed 5th. In addition, **Hannah Clark** won the 2nd place Speaker award. In Junior Varsity Policy Debate, **John Chae** and **Jared Golant** placed 3rd, and **Eric Kim** and **Samuel Luo** placed 5th. In Varsity Public Forum Debate, **Emily Yu** and **Rebecca Friedman** placed 4th. In JV Public Forum Debate, **Alvina Jiao** and **Eugenie Quan** placed 3rd. Congratulations to all!

## Model UN

TJHSST Model UN Delegation claimed the **Secretary General's Award for Best Large School Delegation** at the George Mason High School (GMHSMUN 2009) Conference on October 17. TJ Delegates won Best Delegate Awards in 7 out of the 10 committees they participated in! Congratulations to all the Delegates!

**Best Delegate** Awards were presented to **Andrew Barlow, Mike Crumplar, Brendan Kim, Swetha Pasala, John Pulice, Serena Saffarini, Anirudh Saraswathula, Dan Wang, Deanna Zhu,** and **Jacob Zucker.** **Outstanding Delegates** were **Collin Jones, Miller Ke, Arda Menzilcioglu, Neal Milstein, Steve Qian, Kishore Rao, Avi Sachs, Mohima Sanyal,** and **Dennis Wang.** **Honorable Delegates** were **John Han, Ashneil Jain, Mayank Jain, Hannah Lan, Kevin Lim, William Lucht, Matt Lycas, Shreyas Mahapatra, Andy Mai, Jason Miller, Adam Mounts, Ryan Pillai, Pranava Raparla, Sid Sethi, Shriram Sundararamah,** and **Anurag Shyamala.** **Verbal Commendations** were awarded to **Chantelle Ekanem, Ashu Goel, Wills Johnston, Kamna Kathuria, Michael Nguyen, Richard Nguyen, Allen Shi,** and **Shiying Yang.**

## Band Boosters

**Marching Colonials:** The weather gods finally smiled on TJMC. The rains blew out just long enough at Towson University in Baltimore on

Saturday, October 24, for our marching band to score a whopping 92.15. That's a season-high score and while there were no other competitors in their class, TJMC ranked 3rd overall that night. Our band also grabbed first overall in percussion and 3rd and 4th in all other major categories.

The week before, the hearty souls of TJMC took to the field in a raging downpour once again, and once again, the angry clouds did not dampen our band's spirit. On Saturday, October 17, TJMC scooped up three big awards at the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Oakton Classic. TJMC took first prize for best drum majors, best percussion and best color guard!



TJMC Color Guard walking towards the field in the pouring rain at Westminster

Here for your viewing pleasure is TJMC performing their show, Visionaries, at TJ football half time on October 9. Please click on this link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EWIFjNMrLF0>

**Virtual Tag Day:** Knock knock, who's there? It's your lovely local high school teenager, asking for money to fund her band programs! During these annual fall fund drives, band members solicit donations door to door throughout their neighborhood. The TJ neighborhood, though, is far and wide so we can't ask our children to go door to door. Instead, we are sending letters to parents, relatives, alumni and their parents, asking them to donate to our band program. If you've already given, many thanks!

We are asking each student to send in at least two or more addresses of friends or relatives who we can contact in hopes of raising additional funds to help cover the costs of the band program. We will be sending forms home with the students soon. Please return them as soon as possible and much gratitude for your support!

## ***Band Announcements***

**In Memorium:** We pause and remember Rae Ann Murashige, who passed away one year ago on November 10, 2008. Rae Ann and her husband Allen were very active members of TJ Band Boosters for eight years while their children, Lance and Danielle, attended TJ. Rae Ann worked tirelessly on band booster activities and is especially remembered for organizing Citrus Fundraising. We mourn the loss of Rae Ann and she will always be in our thoughts. We would like to thank the many contributors who donated to TJ's band program in Rae Ann's honor and memory.

**White House Ornaments:** Before you know it, you'll be hitting the party circuit. You're going to need some gifts fast for all those hosts. White House Ornaments to the rescue! They make excellent hostess, holiday and teacher gifts. Drop off orders and pick up more order forms from the envelope on the wall across from Ms. Ulrey's office, or email [kbvienna at cox.net](mailto:kbvienna@cox.net) for more information.

**Scrip Sales:** It's always a good time to order scrip! Gifts cards are available to many stores, online retailers, restaurants and grocery stores. Contact Sharon Slatery at [slateryfamily at cox.net](mailto:slateryfamily@cox.net) or check out our web site, [www.tjhsstband.org](http://www.tjhsstband.org) or the yahoo group. Don't forget that your student will receive a fundraising credit of 1% of your total purchase, and the remaining profit helps to lower band costs throughout the year.

**Citrus:** Back by popular demand! Flyers coming soon.



TJMC at Orkney Springs band camp in August.

## ***Band Calendar***

**TJMC Banquet :** Cafeteria, Wednesday, November 11, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Band Boosters Meeting:** December 1, 6:30 p.m., Principal's Conference Room, audlob entrance, immediate left, first door on your left.

## ***Colonial Athletic Boosters***

*!Important notice!*

*The CAB has an immediate need for a **Secretary** and for a **Merchandise Chair!** Both positions are open and are key to the success of the organization. Please consider joining us – we will be happy to train you, and the jobs can be shared. Thank you!!*

And thanks to all our enthusiastic parents and fans who have spent cold, rainy days and nights as well as beautiful, sunny fall days cheering on our teams! Now, let's sit back and celebrate the season with our children...Join us!

***\*Fall Sports Banquet\****

*Thursday, November 12*

*6:00 Dinner / 7:00 Ceremony*

*See flyer at:*

***[http://sports.tjhsst.edu/boosters/pdfs\\_docs/Fall09banquetFlyer.pdf](http://sports.tjhsst.edu/boosters/pdfs_docs/Fall09banquetFlyer.pdf)***

Now, for the team news...

**Varsity and JV Cheer:** The varsity squad gave an excellent performance at the Homecoming Pep Rally and later that night, **Adrea Jackson** was crowned Homecoming Queen at the Homecoming football game. Congratulations, Adrea!

The squad competed on October 20 in the Northern Region Cheerleading competition at the Liberty District Semis. They received zero technical deductions for their routine and placed fourth. This placement determines the order in which they will perform at the Final competition. At press time they were preparing for their Final competition on October 27 at Fairfax High School. The JV squad led those TJ fans in attendance in cheering at the right times during the performance.

The varsity competition squad was led by senior captain **Amanda Gilbert** and included seniors **Maddy Byrd, Nora Gayer, Adrea Jackson, Hyun Ji, Victoria Kedzie, Dayoung Ko, Christy Moore, Minh Nguyen, and Cheng Xu**; and underclassmen **Michelle Gahagan, Priya Krishnan, Lucia Melgarejo, Daniella Miller, Jane Pak, Emily Saitta** and **Kathy Shi**. **Nikki Pangilinan** joined the squad for the competition as an alternate.

The captain of the JV squad is **Jane Hu**. Members of the squad also include **Karina Charipova, Joowon Choi, Ashley Hwang, Anna Knight, Anna Li, Nikki Pangilinan, Srishti Shrivastava, Tiffany Wu** and **Andrew Yang**. The cheerleaders and parents thank the coaching staff of **Melissa and Jessica Barg** (varsity) and **Carolyn Wilson** (JV) for a great fall season!



Varsity squad, including alternate Nikki Pangilinan, after performing an amazing routine for both rounds of competition.

**Cross Country:** Congratulations to both the girls and boys XC teams for successfully defending their Liberty District Championships! The TJ boys have now won the Liberty District XC Title every year since TJHSST joined the Liberty District in 2005 (and have 9 consecutive District Championships starting with the 2001 season, if you include their success from the previous Concorde District). Similarly, the TJ girls have won 4 of the past 5 Liberty District XC Championships (finishing 2nd in 2006). This is clearly a remarkable tribute to Coach Ryan and his staff for the wonderful job that they have done over the years.

We had a number of great performances, including a tremendous effort by **Stephanie Marzen** to defend her Liberty District Cross Country Individual Title in the girls' race. Both teams had 6

individuals earn All-District Honors: for the TJ girls were **Stephanie Marzen, Sarah Stites, Rekha Schnepf, Sarah Nielsen, Lisa Junta, and Kelly Rogers**; for TJ boys were **Jimmy Wu, Jonathan Phillips, Will Manaker, JB Reiter, Sam Brinton, and Ian Rappaport**. Overall, the times were slow due to the soggy turf from recent rains; however, in the championship meet it is the place and team score that count!

TJ's Girls won the Liberty District Girl's Championship with a low score of 26 points (just 1 point more than last year's winning total) including placing 6 runners in the top 15. Langley girls gave a surprisingly good performance in finishing 2nd with 41 points. Together, the two teams (TJ and Langley) captured 8 out of the first 9 places. TJ girls were led by District Champion Stephanie Marzen who ran the course in 18:28. Stephanie was followed by teammates Sarah Stites (3rd 18:48), Rekha Schnepf (5th 19:06), Sarah Nielsen (8th 19:19), Lisa Junta (9th 19:22), Kelly Rogers (13th 19:10) and Rachel Kuprenas (19th 20:10).

TJ Boys won the Liberty District Boy's Championship with a score of 34 points, easily outdistancing 2nd place South Lakes. TJ boys were led by Jimmy Wu who finished 2nd with a time of 16:07. Jimmy was followed by teammates Jonathan Phillips (3rd 16:09), Will Manaker (6th 16:19), JB Reiter (10th 16:31), Sam Brinton (13th 16:51), Ian Rappaport (14th 16:52), and Dave Warrington (17th; 17:01).

Before the District meet, all four teams (girls and boys varsity and JV teams) won their respective races and took home the trophies at the October "Runnin' with the Wolves Rocktoberfest" in Forest, VA,!! It was a spectator's dream if you were a TJ fan... watching one TJ runner after another make their way to the front of the pack and push the pace.

For meet highlights and results, be sure to visit the Colonial Athletic Boosters cross country page at <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/boosters/Team-crosscountry.php>, or the XC team site at <http://www.colonialtnf.com/>.

*(Cross Country photos on next page)*



TJ varsity girls win 1st place at the Runnin' with the Wolves Rocktoberfest in Forest, VA, on Oct 17: (from left), Sarah Stites, Lisa Junta, Sarah Nielsen, Rekha Schnepf, Kelly Ivins-O'Keefe, Kelly Rogers, and Stephanie Marzen.



TJ varsity boys win 1st place at the Runnin' with the Wolves Rocktoberfest on Oct 17: (from left) JB Reiter, Will Manaker, Jonathan Phillips, Jimmy Wu, Sam Brinton, and Dave Warrington.

**Varsity Dance:** The team will participate in the UDA Fairfax Dance Championship on Saturday, November 21, at Paul VI High School in Fairfax, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The team will bring new routines to the competition and will compete in the High Kick and Jazz Dance categories. In addition, **Lisa Nam** (captain), **Lianna Kramer**, **Deborah King**, and **Stephanie Levin** will each compete in the solo division. Please come out and support your TJ Dance Team!

**Varsity Field Hockey:** The team finished the season with an overall 11-6 record and a 3-3 record in District play. The team allowed only 12 goals all season while scoring 39. Led by seniors **Emily**

**Kehne, Katie Martinez, Hope Smith, Anna Stapleton, Megan Tetlow and Katy Williamson**, the team was competitive in every contest. The defense was especially solid all year, and scoring, while led by **Allison Smedberg** and Smith, was well distributed throughout the team.

Five members were named All-District: 1st team - Katie Martinez, Hope Smith and Allison Smedberg; 2nd team - **Erin Corey** and **Allie Ivener**.

Next year's returning players Smedberg, Corey, Ivener, **Allie Brouckman, Taylor Enders, April Hyon, Hae Mee Kang, Kelly Keith, Amber Kuo** and **Elizabeth Pina** should form the nucleus for another competitive squad.

Thank you to Coach **Teri Davis** for her outstanding leadership and coaching, and to the girls for their dedication and efforts this season. Special thanks as well to manager **Thalia Aoki** for her hard work on behalf of the team.



Seniors (left to right) Anna Stapleton, Emily Kehne, Hope Smith, Katie Martinez, Megan Tetlow and Katy Williamson

**JV Field Hockey:** After a disappointing rain cancellation of their final game against South Lakes, the team ended their season with an overall record of 2 wins, 6 ties, and 2 losses. With **Rheem Brooks** in goal, and captain **Caroline Woods, Jackie Duong, Hope Flaxman, Helen Hastings, Julia Ruth** and **Kristin Skowronski** on defense, the team let in only two goals over the entire season. The offensive players, including captain **Katy Burgio, Lyuba Bolkhovitinov, Laura Brouckman, Karen Clark, Molly Hemenway, Brittany Peck, Connie Scoggins** and **Ceci Vollbrecht** really came together over the season,

generating exciting offense, solid shots, and corner plays. With Coach **Carol Horton** ensuring that the relatively new team got a solid sense of skills and strategy, next year should be a very strong season for JV field hockey!



Kristin Skowronski rushes on a defensive corner with support from Helen Hastings, Rheem Brooks, Caroline Woods, and Katy Burgio

**Varsity Football:** The Colonials provided an exciting Friday night of football under the lights, in front of a capacity Homecoming crowd. It was a formidable defensive showing, including sacks by **Joe Latta** and **Adil Dittmer**, holding Arlington County's Washington-Lee to just one touchdown (on a rare breakaway). An early interception by Dittmer helped slow the W-L offense, and at the end of the first half, a second sure touchdown was avoided when **Myles Cook** snagged an interception near the goal line. In the second half, an amazing chase by **Sy Rashid** stopped a long return by W-L, and they didn't score. **Daniel Barnes** blocked a key W-L pass in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Near the end of the contest, the offense produced a very strong drive, moving the ball inside the 10-yard line with only a few minutes left, nearly tying the game.

The Colonials gave another great effort against Langley the following Friday. The away bleachers at Langley were filled with loyal Colonial fans and the TJ Marching Colonials pep band, who braved the cold rain to rally the crowd. In the second quarter, excellent pass defense by **Alex Harasty** prevented a Saxon TD. In the second half, a blocked PAT by **Alex Shmorhun**, a tipped pass caught by **Sungwon Byun**, and some excellent work by the defense put the Saxons on notice that TJ came to play! Our players faced difficult conditions and some large opponents, but great receiving by **Dittmer**, a long kickoff return by

**Rashid** and two touchdowns by QB **Kevin Karn** dashed Langley's hopes of a shutout.

**JV Football:** The team saw their first win in years against McLean High School in early October. The Colonials record may not show a complete winning season, but if effort and team spirit count for anything, they are unbeatable! This first win was a sign of good things to come. **Luke Birch** proved his skills with an amazing catch from quarterback **Mike Taylor**. And Taylor demonstrated that not only can he find his running backs in the field, but he can score touchdowns as well!

If the touchdown wasn't enough, **Doug Hearney** ran a conversion and scored the extra 2 points, making it a challenge for McLean to even catch TJ. As you can imagine, the TJ crowds were on their feet! Other notable moments were from **Mike Maccannan**, who showed great talent in finding the passes from Taylor. Both the O-line and D-line proved unstoppable with great blocking by **Ben Torczon**, **Ryan Tasker-Benson**, **David Neuberger** and **Bryce Summers**. The third quarter proved even more exciting when **Alex Zaita** jumped sky-high and caught a McLean pass for an interception. The boys also showed real teamwork when Neuberger stepped in as center – a position he was not familiar with – when **Paul Yea** was sidelined with a knee injury.

It isn't easy playing both offense and defense the entire game, but the JV Colonials endure, with both spirit and perseverance. Come out and show your support for the JV Colonials – who could very well be the "rising stars" of the TJ football program.

**Freshman Football:** In the second outing of the season, the freshmen took on the highly vaunted Stone Bridge Bulldogs. On the very first play of the game, **Justin Hwang** pulled down an interception and hopes were high; however, the team was unable to capitalize with a score. The first half ended with the Colonials down 0-22. **Michael Chan** also snagged an interception in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, and gained significant yardage running behind blocks from **Ji Soo Song** and **Joe Nissen**. It set up the lone scoring drive for the Colonials when **David Rice** carried the ball in from the 15-yard line. **Cole Rosenberg** contributed his PAT to make the score 22-7. Despite the fact that Stone Bridge kept their first string team in for the entire game, the

determined Colonials managed to hold them scoreless in the second half, with key plays from **Sam Yoo, Robby Vasta, Giovanni Basurto** and **Kyle Alexander**.

We opened October with a hard fought game against Washington-Lee. **Jack Brown** recovered a fumble in the opening drive, but the Colonials were unable to convert. Although the Generals scored first, the offense and defense worked hard to keep the game close. Alexander made his first reception of the season in the second quarter and gained 11 yards on a pass from **Nick Mattes**. Early in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, special teams provided the only TJ touchdown in the game: **Patrick O'Connor** returning a kickoff for 6 points. He was followed into the end zone moments later by **David Rice**, whose successful 2-pt conversion tied the game at 8-8. It remained a really tight game until well into the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter when Washington-Lee was able to score a couple of late TD's to end the game. Although the final score of 8-20 may appear lopsided, the Colonials played a tough game from opening kickoff through the final whistle.

**Girls Golf:** The team's season has ended with a 2-2 record. This year, they played against Marshall (W 205-207), Stuart (W 211-223), Edison (L 107-99), and Woodson (L 220-201). Toward the end of the season, the team also played 2 prequalifying events (9-hole) and **Ellen Nguyen, Christine Galloway** and **Megan Anand** entered the State Qualifier event (18-hole) at Twin Lakes. They all did well; **Anand** finished second with a score of 79 and advanced to the State tournament, which will be held in Virginia Beach this year.

**Varsity Volleyball:** The team dominated their matches against South Lakes and Marshall in September. At South Lakes, the Lady Colonials won the match in three sets: 25-12, 25-17, and 25-14. **Angela Liu** got the team off to a great start with nine consecutive serves. **Kathleen Roche, Blair Graham, Shannon Eriksson,** and **Sara Gokturk** consistently delivered kills throughout the match. **Limor Steinberg** played an amazing defensive game in the back court. The second and third sets were played as smoothly as the first, and **Emily Schultz** established the serving record this season with thirteen consecutive serves. The entire team maintained a high level of energy and demonstrated overall strength and finesse. The

home game against Marshall once again exemplified the team's ability to work hard and persevere. The Colonials won the match in four sets: 25-14, 14-25, 25-20, and 25-13.

On October 8, the teams successfully hosted the "Dig Pink" volleyball matches against McLean. Dig Pink is a National Breast Cancer Awareness rally with approximately 600 college and high school volleyball teams nationwide participating in this event. District play starts the first week of November. Come out and cheer for your Lady Colonials!

**Freshman Volleyball:** The team defeated the Herndon Hornets in three games on October 20. The Lady Colonials were led by captain **Christina Shincovich**, who had 5 service aces and 4 kills. **Namita Kansal** and **Emmelyn Luu** also contributed with 3 kills and 6 serves, respectively. Way to go Lady Colonials on your first win of the season!

### *Crew Boosters*



Thank you to those who attended our Crew interest meetings. If any student is interested in rowing for TJ and has been unable to attend our meetings, please contact the captains at [TJMensCaptains at gmail.com](mailto:TJMensCaptains@gmail.com) or [TJWomensCaptains at gmail.com](mailto:TJWomensCaptains@gmail.com), to get on their email lists and learn more about TJ Crew.

**Winter training** for any interested student, including all returning and novice rowers, begins on Monday, **November 16** in the TJ cafeteria. These work-out sessions are held Monday through Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Although attendance is not mandatory, most rowers attend as many sessions as possible to begin their conditioning before spring practice begins. This is a great opportunity for novice rowers to get in shape on the rowing machines and meet other team members.

*(Crew Boosters continued on next page)*

The Crew is sponsoring a **Craft Show** on Saturday,



**November 21** in the TJ cafeteria from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Craft vendors from the TJ community and the region will display and sell their crafts. We hope you will stop by, find those one-of-a-kind holiday gifts and help support TJ Crew. We still have spots open for booths if you have a craft to sell. Please contact Rajni Goel at [goelr at aol.com](mailto:goelr@aol.com) if you are interested.

### **Returning and Prospective Rowers' Families:**

Rowers can earn their money points by buying grocery cards or selling Sally Foster. Current information about crew can be found in our October newsletter, the OARacle, which is online at <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/crew> under Files/OARacle.

If you have questions, please email the Booster President Pepper Richhart at [TJCrewPresident at gmail.com](mailto:TJCrewPresident@gmail.com).

### **Choral Boosters**

The music wing was "humming" along through the month of October! The choral students have been busy starting up their *a capella* groups and practicing for *CATS* as well as preparing many songs for the WW II Veterans Honor Flight.

We are happy to announce that one of our seniors, **Kimberly Hann**, was selected to participate with the All-Virginia Senior Honor Choir, which is an Honor Choir made up of only 125 seniors throughout the state of Virginia and held at the Homestead Resort. Congrats Kimmy!

The Advanced Mixed Chorus class also just had the most amazing experience with the "**WWII Veterans Honor Flight**" at Reagan National Airport. Mr. Levowitz coordinated the invitation for the students to perform as WWII Veterans from all over the country were flown into Washington DC to have the homecoming that they never received. The Veterans were treated to a "hero's homecoming" and taken to the WWII Veterans Memorial. The event was also attended by former Senators Bob and Elizabeth Dole. It was a moving experience for all of the students.



WW II Veterans Honor Flight arriving at Reagan National Airport

We also just had our Cabaret Night and Silent Auction. The students were wonderful in their performances of Cabaret songs from the 1940's-50's, while the Boosters raised over \$4000 at the Silent Auction. Thank you to all our choral families!



TJ's Advanced Mixed Chorus Class performs at WW II Veterans Honor Flight at Reagan National Airport

### *Looking ahead to November...*

- Nov 12 - Choral Booster Meeting at 7:00 in M8 in the music wing. All are welcome!
- Nov 14 - District Chorus Auditions at Centerville High School
- Nov 21 - All-Virginia Senior Honor Choir, Homestead Resort

### **Orchestra Boosters**

Congratulations to the TJ Orchestra students who were selected for the Northern Virginia Senior Regional Orchestra. Representing TJHSST are: **Violin: Jeanette Du, Sungmin Sohn, Ritchie Yein; Viola: James Heron, Kelsey Johnson, Brian Shin, Elizabeth Steele; and Cello: Esther Lee.**

The Northern Virginia Senior Regional Orchestra concert is scheduled for November 14 at West Potomac High School, with guest conductor Marcelo Lehninger.

The next orchestra concert is scheduled for **Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m.** Many thanks to all who assisted with every aspect of the October 22 concert – the enthusiastic support and efforts of the orchestra volunteers made the evening successful in every way. As always, the musical program performed by the students was magnificent.

The orchestra parent email group list is up and running and will be the most efficient way that updated orchestra information will be disseminated. If you are not receiving these emails, please contact me so that I may add your contact information to the list. If you were not able to provide assistance with the October concert, please consider helping out with the December concert – we always need parents to assist with hospitality and pre-concert dinners, as door monitors for each performing group, and with other very easy, but very necessary, jobs. **"DOT" – "Do One Thing"** for your Orchestra Boosters and everyone will benefit!! Thank you so much for your support of this program and for the support of your student musicians.

~~Bobbie Herbst, ([mautumn at aol.com](mailto:mautumn@aol.com)) .

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

Come see TJ Drama's fall production, "Meet Me in St. Louis," November 20 and 21 at 7:00 p.m. This heartwarming play centers around the Smith family and their excitement about the upcoming 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. Mr. Smith announces that he's been offered a better job in New York, and the Smith daughters do everything in their power to keep the family in St. Louis. But will they go too far? Come see this classic American family comedy.

In addition, on November 20, at 5:30 p.m., you have an opportunity to see TJ's entry in the Virginia Theatre Association's one-act play competition. "The Idiot and the Oddity" will be performed prior

to the 7:00 p.m. opening night of "Meet Me in St. Louis."

Shakespeare Troupe is now meeting during 8th period on Mondays and Wednesdays. Come experience fun, food and games while learning about the world of Shakespeare.

## **Announcements and Information**

### **Fight the war on GERMS!**

The Athletic Trainers are actively fighting the war on germs every day. We wanted to remind everyone of a few ways to prevent time-loss from school and sports due to infectious diseases.

- Please make sure that your student is bringing home his/her PE uniform and athletic apparel DAILY to be washed or disinfected.
- Please make sure that athletes are showering after every practice and contest.
- Athletes have also been reminded to wash their hands with our Hibiclens soap before practice. This soap has the CHG ingredient that bonds to the skin and protects it for 6 hours. It is available in the locker rooms.
- Please remind athletes NOT to share water bottles, clothing, towels, equipment or hygiene items with other students. If they forget part of the uniform, they should see their teacher or coach, not a classmate.
- If students become sick with flu-like symptoms, it is suggested that they stay home while sick. They can return 24 hours after their fever has resolved without the use of fever reducing medications. Please email the trainers when an athlete is home sick so that we can track them.
- If athletes come down with any suspicious lesions, please refer them to us or their family physician.

In the athletic training room, we are taking steps to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Parents can purchase the same products that we use, FabricAide, SportsAid XL, and the Hibiclens soap to use at home. Please refer to this website:

<https://www.keygreenworld.com/FCPS/Default.asp>  
to read more on these products and to order them.  
You can also get more information at  
<http://www.fcps.edu/supt/activities/atp/index.htm>.

As the adage says, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Good hygiene is the best way to fend off Infectious Diseases like MRSA and H1N1.

Please don't hesitate to let us know if you have questions or concerns.

~~Heather Murphy and Kristin Lillis  
Certified Athletic Trainers

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

## TJHSST Science and Engineering Fair 2010

The 2010 Science and Engineering Fair will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 5 and 6, in the cafeteria. Participants will set up during 8<sup>th</sup> period on Friday, and fellow students may sign up to view the projects during B Block. Judging will take place on Saturday morning. The fair is closed to the public during the judging phase, but there will be an Open House at 1:00 p.m. (or at the completion of judging). An Awards Ceremony will be held in the auditorium after the results are tabulated.

Students who are interested in participating should start exploring the possibility now. Here are some points that a potential science fair participant must keep in mind before undertaking projects:

First, find a faculty sponsor for your project. All project work must be done under adult supervision. You must have a TJ teacher as a sponsor – the sooner the better and before any project work begins. The teacher will work with you to assure that all of the safety aspects of your experimentation will be addressed and that you have correct and complete paperwork.

Students can get forms and instructions on Blackboard. Note that some of the forms require signatures that are dated before experimentation begins. At least one form requires a dated signature after experimentation is completed.

It is normal – and preferred- for a student to be more excited about the project than the science fair

forms, but failure to adhere to all of the requirements will result in disqualification no matter how wonderful the project turns out to be.

If you have any questions about science fair participation, come by Room 121WK and ask Mrs. Curtis, or Mrs. Luxenberg, or see Mr. Latham ([Robert.Latham at fcps.edu](mailto:Robert.Latham@fcps.edu)), in Room 101. They will be happy to advise you about the forms. See your science fair sponsor for questions about your project. Remember that the TJ Fair is the first step on the road to the International Science and Engineering Fair.

Parents interested in being judges and who would be available on the morning of February 6, should e-mail Mrs. Curtis at [Jane.Curtis at fcps.edu](mailto:Jane.Curtis@fcps.edu).

## DEADLINES:

- **Monday, November 16** - deadline to submit ISEF forms for sensitive projects (excluding Hazardous)
- **Wednesday, December 9** - deadline to submit ISEF forms for projects whose only sensitivity is "Hazardous."

All forms should be submitted to Room 121WK.

## Temporary Bus Schedule Changes

Below is an updated list of delayed school openings for 2009-10 that affect students riding busses to TJHSST:

- \* Nov. 11 — West Potomac HS, Hayfield, West Springfield
- \* Nov. 12 — West Springfield
- \* Oct. 16 — Mt Vernon HS
- \* Feb. 12 — Mt Vernon HS
- \* Mar. 05 — Glasgow Middle School
- \* Apr. 20 — West Springfield
- \* Apr. 23 — Mt Vernon HS

When high school delays occur, TJ students WILL NOT be picked up at their normal locations. Parents are required to transport their child to their base school in order to be transported on the TJ shuttle. Questions? Please contact Bob McCormick at (703) 750-8331.

## Noteworthy Dates

November 2009	
<b>2,3</b>	<b>Teacher Work Days, no school</b>
3	Band Booster Meeting, 6pm, in Principal's Conference Room
4	Band Winter Program Info Meeting, 6:30pm in Band Room
4	Athletic Booster meeting, 7pm in Library
4-6	Senior Pictures taken
5	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 6:30pm in Cafeteria
10	ANGP Meeting, 7pm in Career Center
11	Honors Weighting Forum, 6pm
11	Marching Band Banquet, 6:30pm in Cafeteria
12	Fall Sports Awards, 6pm in Cafeteria
12	Choral Booster Meeting, 7pm in Choral Wing
12	Crew Booster Meeting, 7:30pm in Room 107
14	Senior Regional Orchestra Concert, West Potomac High School
17	Academic Booster meeting, 7pm in Career Center
<b>18</b>	<b>Principal's Coffee/Honors Weighting Forum and PTSA meeting, 9am in Cafeteria</b>
19	Senior Parent Information Night, 7:30pm in Cafeteria
20-21	Theatre performances of "Meet Me in St. Louis," 7pm in Auditorium
21	Crew Booster Craft Fair, 9am - 4pm in Cafeteria
<b>25</b>	<b>Early Dismissal, 10:50am</b>
<b>26, 27</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday, no school</b>
28	Class of 1999 Reunion Picnic, 11am in Cafeteria
30	Meet the Coaches Night, 5pm in Auditorium

December 2009	
1	Band Booster Meeting, 6pm in Principal's Conference Room
1	ANGP Meeting, 7pm in Career Center
1	Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Library
2	Junior Parent College Night, 7:30pm in Auditorium
8	Class of 2011 SAT Follow-up, 7pm in Auditorium
9	SSAB Meeting, 7:30pm in Library
10	Choral Booster Meeting, 7:00pm in Music Wing
10	Orchestra Concert, 7pm in Auditorium
11	Class of 2010 Dance, 8pm in Gym II
<b>14</b>	<b>PTSA Meeting, 7pm in Library</b>
15	Academic Booster meeting, 7pm in Career Center
18-19	Chorus Musical "Cats!", 7pm in Auditorium
<b>23</b>	<b>Early Dismissal, 10:50am</b>
<b>24- Jan 1</b>	<b>Winter Break, no school</b>



# CLASS OF 2010 ALL NIGHT GRAD PARTY

## I'd Like to Help!

Volunteer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Class(es): 2010 2011 2012 2013

1. Shifts (Check all that apply):

- Thursday, June 17, 5-9pm (Decorations/Setup)
- Friday, June 18, noon-5pm (Decorations/Setup)
- Friday, June 18, 5-10pm (Decorations/Setup)
- Saturday June 19 9am-1pm (Decorations/Setup)
- Saturday June 19 1pm-5pm (Decorations/Setup)
- Saturday June 19 5pm-9pm (Decorations/Setup)
- Saturday June 19 9pm-11pm (Party Shift 1 – No Senior Parents)
- Saturday June 19 10:30pm-3am (Party Shift 2)
- Saturday June 19 2:30am-6am (Party Shift 3)

2. Choose the AREAS where you would like to help (we will place you as close to your preference as possible – You will receive an email prior to the event). You may choose more than one area or time slot.

I'd like to help with Planning the Party (Party Chair, Activities, Fundraising, Decorations, Publicity, Volunteers, Baby Pictures, Tickets, Wrap-up, Publicity, Prizes, Logistics, Casino – Contact Me!)

- I'm Glad to Help in Any Way! – Contact Me!
- Activities
- Casino
- Clinic
- Concierge
- Decorations/Setup (Prior to the Party)

- Food
- Greet the Graduates (non-Senior parents)
- Greet the Parent Volunteers
- Security
- Store
- Wrap Up

THANK YOU!! Drop off/Send this form to TJHSST ANGP, 6560 Braddock Rd, Alexandria, VA 22312

Questions? [tjangp2010volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:tjangp2010volunteers@gmail.com)



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