

Principal's Letter

Dear parents/guardians, teachers, and students,

You might have wondered why the students recently went to school in costume or painted their bodies in one of our school colors. No, we're not trick-or-treating early, but instead celebrating an annual school community ritual. Homecoming Week, September 28-October 3, was a big hit! This year's theme, *Do's and Don'ts*, featured the following themes: 2010- Don't Stop Believing (Wizardry); 2011-Duty Calls (Superheroes); 2012 - Don't Worry, Be Happy; 2013-Surf's Up Dude; Faculty- Do or Do Not, There Is No Try! (Star Wars).

There were countless activities to raise school spirit, including pep rallies, skits, banner painting, musical performances, floats, trivia, canned food sculptures, and more. The activities demonstrated that we like to have serious fun and be part of a strong community. All of these activities and events required tremendous support from parents, who were there to volunteer and chaperone (and have fun, too!). You contributed to our success and enabled the students to experience an environment where they could have fun in a safe manner. Thank you for supporting Homecoming at TJ!

This year we have started to feel some of the effects of our budget cuts. While we have maintained all school programs, class sizes in core classes are near or at maximum capacity, and there were many student schedule conflicts in the master schedule. Fortunately, our student services department was able to accommodate student requests and to make over 300 modifications to the schedule by the start of the school year. In addition to the tight master schedule, budget cuts have resulted in Fairfax County late bus service being provided only on Wednesday nights. Despite this change, the PTSA is making a gracious effort to continue keeping the library open until 6:15 p.m. on both Mondays and Wednesdays.

This year, we have two curriculum team groups to support school goals, both of which have representation from students, teachers, and parents. Mary Ann Bosley ([maryann.bosley at fcps.edu](mailto:maryann.bosley@fcps.edu)) is coordinating an ethics and social responsibility team that involves the school community in the One Question and that will strategize ways to integrate this topic into our classrooms. Brandon Kosatka ([Brandon.Kosatka at fcps.edu](mailto:Brandon.Kosatka@fcps.edu)) is coordinating a diversity and outreach team to devise strategies to provide STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) learning experiences to underrepresented populations that do not attend TJHSST. Please contact these school leaders if you wish to become involved with either team.

As regards the issue of honors weighting at TJ, I understand that there is discontent with the current status of course weighting, and that there is strong interest to weight all courses. I agree with you on both counts and over the past four months, I and other TJ staff have advocated to the FCPS administration that all courses at TJ should be weighted as honors. I feel, however, that we need to look at alternatives if there are not changes to the current weighting plan. We have been contacting colleges to understand potential implications to admissions and scholarships, and contacting schools like ours around the nation to see how they tackle unequal distribution of weighting in their curriculum. This is a matter we are continuing to research. I will continue to work with our school district officials in the coming weeks to identify feasible solutions using your input. I will share any new information and our progress with the PTSA leadership as we move forward to address our concerns about weighting courses at TJ.

I look forward to seeing you at our Back-to-School Night, at 7:00 p.m. on October 7, to meet our faculty, staff, and administration. Don't hesitate to contact me at [Evan.Glazer at fcps.edu](mailto:Evan.Glazer@fcps.edu) if you have feedback and suggestions that will help make TJ an even better place for learning and growing.

Sincerely,

Evan Glazer
TJ Principal

President's Message

I hope everyone has settled back into the school routine. Early mornings and late homework nights can make a difficult adjustment from the more laid back routine of summer. Although I miss the sunny days of summer, I am looking forward to the beautiful colors of autumn trees and crisp fall nights.

The students seem to have had a smooth but busy opening of the school year. Eighth period began last week and it was great to see all the activities starting again. Homecoming was early this year. I hope you were able to come out and enjoy the festivities. No one does homecoming like TJ! A special thank you to the many volunteers who helped with the extra activities.

The PTSA has been humming with activity this past month. The directory committee has been working overtime, and I am happy to report the directory is at the printer and will be ready for back to school night pick-up and sales. The effort required to produce this essential document is enormous and comes at a very busy time of year for most volunteers. So please – say thanks to the members of this dedicated group of parents.

The hospitality committee hosted a delicious Faculty Welcome Back Breakfast, in addition to serving desserts at our well-attended September PTSA meeting. The landscaping, free money, recycling, government relations, reflections, jacket sales, diversity and ANGP committees are also in full swing. In addition, our volunteer coordinators are busy finding volunteers for many school activities – Are you signed up?

As you know, we are also working closely with the school on the honors weighting issue. Our first PTSA meeting, which focused on this issue, had over 300 parents in attendance. We are currently soliciting ideas and information to help determine any alternatives to alleviate the current inequities. This issue will continue to be an important one to TJ as it impacts both our mission as a school and each individual student personally. We will continue to monitor any developments and send updates, as needed, by email.

We will have two PTSA meetings in October. The first will be a quick meeting in the auditorium at the opening of Back to School night. It will include a short discussion on our mission and budget and a “state of the school” from Dr. Glazer, and then parents will be off to visit their student’s classes. Then, on October 19 at 7:00 in the library we will hold our regular monthly board meeting. Please come to hear about events at the school and with the PTSA. Attendance at these meetings is a great way to be an informed and involved parent.

I hope you have had a wonderful beginning of the school year. Every time I am at the school, I am reminded of how lucky my family is to be part of this community. I hope you feel the same about your family. If there is anything the PTSA or I can do to help you, please don’t hesitate to let me know. And yes, there is a lot to “love” about TJ.

~~Carrie Kilgore, PTSA President

Note from the Editors

As determined by a vote of the PTSA board last spring, beginning with the November issue, Techcetera will no longer be mailed to the TJ community. The majority of our readers prefer to save paper and to read the newsletter online. In addition, the printing and mailing costs reduce the funding we can give to other programs supported by the PTSA. A KIT email message will be sent to all registered members of the TJ community when each monthly issue is available online.

We understand that there are some readers who prefer to read Techcetera in paper form. Rest assured that there will be copies available in the front office that you or your student can take home. With respect to the form of the online newsletter, we have concluded, after experimenting with various formats, that the current two-column format is best suited to our content and length. For those of you who find it aggravating to scroll up and down a single page on your computer, try setting your view to 75% size – you might have to break out the reading glasses, but the entire page will be visible on your screen. You can also print your own copy. Feel free to contact us about this or any other issue.

~~Gail Brodfuehrer, Laurie Dodd
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In memory: Sebastian Hamilton



Sebastian Hamilton, a valued member of the junior class, died last weekend after a long bout with cancer. In two short years, he touched many lives with his sense of humor, loyalty, sharp wit, and commitment to always doing his best. He was someone that anyone could be friends with – and he could be friends with anyone. Sebastian never said anything to hurt anyone’s feelings. He was always so full of life. Even if you were having a bad day, his joyful laughter would force your obstinate frown into a smile. He seldom talked about his situation as he was too busy living his life to bother others with the details. He could always be found during lunch wearing one of his distinctive t-shirts (for example...Sarcasm- one of my many talents) as he played hacky sack, cards, or just hang out with his close friends. He loved going to the movies, playing cards, and spending time with close friends. He was hoping to be the first in his family to go to college. People who barely knew him wrote on the rock on the side of the school “Sebastian, a true hero.” Without knowing it, they described in full what his friends, family, and teachers believe. He will always be missed.

Serving the TJ Community

Free Money

Don’t Wait!

Register Your Grocery Cards to Earn \$ for TJ!

Thank you for registering over **700** different Giant, Safeway, Harris Teeter, Target Redcards and Bloom loyalty cards! Our goal is to reach **1000** registered cards. Please sign up **ASAP!** The fastest way to start earning is to [sign up online](#). You must re-register EVERY school year.

- **Giant A+ Bonus Card** (<http://Giantfood.com/aplus>): TJ code **02307**.
- **Harris Teeter Together in Education VIC Card** (<http://HarrisTeeter.com>) TJ code **5534**. Only store brand items qualify.
- **Safeway Club Card for Education Club Card** (<http://escrip.com>): TJ code **154534149**.
- Bloom Breeze Card — Call 1-866-552-5666 to register your Breeze card with TJ #**01218**.

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

Buy SAT Prep and College Selection books on Amazon.com and TJ Earns 7%

Okay... Buy *everything* you can through TJ’s Amazon.com link and we’ll earn **7%** on all of it! Bookmark and use our special link:

<http://www.amazon.com/?tag=tjhsst-20>.



More information is on **<http://tjhsst.edu/ptsa/support.htm>**.

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

Help Build the TJ Library Collection

TJ's specialized curricula and programs require specialized library resources and services to succeed. The school library funds from the county are very low, so we are unable to purchase most of the resources selected to support TJ's classroom and research curricula, to update and fill gaps in the collection, and to support our community of readers. Nor are we able to fill teacher and student requests for materials to support new lessons or specialized research projects.

In the hopes of easing the budget shortfall for our library community, we established the **TJHSST Library Wish List on Amazon.com**. Our Wish List includes resources selected from professional review journals and requested by teachers and students.

If you are able to make a generous donation to our school's library by purchasing an item from our

Wish List, please email the Head Librarian, **Becca Ferrick**, to let the Library staff know to expect a shipment. We'll want to thank you properly and to avoid duplication by making a note that the selection has been purchased. Use the Library Wish List link above and you will also earn an additional **7%** of your purchase for TJ (see previous article!).

Volunteers

Hospitality Committee

We would like to welcome all the freshman parents and to thank all those who signed up for the Hospitality Committee. September was a very busy month for us. Many parents attended the PTSA meeting on September 14, at which we were able to provide beautiful and delicious desserts.



The Hospitality Committee at the first PTSA meeting on Sept. 14. From left to right: Joo Cheong, Jane Hsu (volunteer), Keiko Fujii, Wakana Sugiura.

The Harvest Lunch for teachers is scheduled for October 14. This is a perfect opportunity to show our appreciation to the dedicated TJ teachers! We are going to provide lunch and harvest-themed desserts. If you would like to contribute to this lunch, please contact one of the committee members: Keiko Fujii ([keiko_fujii at verizon.net](mailto:keiko_fujii@verizon.net)), Wakana Sugiura ([wakanappa at comcast.com](mailto:wakanappa@comcast.com)), or Joo Cheong ([joo.cheong at gmail.com](mailto:joo.cheong@gmail.com)).

PTA Reflections Committee

The National PTA's 2009-2010 Reflections Program is underway at TJ! This year's theme is "*Beauty Is...*" Express yourself in one of the six art areas: Literature, Dance Choreography,

Film/Video Production, Musical Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts.

Entry forms, information and instruction handbooks are available on the TJ PTSA website:

www.tjhsst.edu/ptsa.

Students are encouraged to begin their projects today. The deadline for all entries is **Friday, October 16, 2009**. Entries may be dropped off in the Main Office.

Please contact Susan Woodruff at [winterone at cox.net](mailto:winterone@cox.net) with questions.

Landscaping Committee

The Landscape Committee members have been very happy gardening in the gentle rains we've been having since the TJ community started back to school. Two weekend gardening efforts have resulted in a large dent in the mulch delivered to us courtesy of Fairfax County. The trees on the hills at the entrance to school have been trimmed and mulched, and the ground beneath the willow oaks in the audlob area is almost completely mulched. Now our kids will no longer be sitting in mud at lunch!

Special thanks to the **Miranda** Family for their heroic efforts spreading mulch, to garden stalwarts **Nancy Dale** and **Elaine Tholen**, and to **Daniel Higgins** and **Albert Khim** for relocating our new wooden planter out from under the willow oaks. These TJ kids are very ingenious – they've discovered that gardening can also involve power tools.

Our **Weekday Gardening Day** has been changed to **Fridays**: 1st and 3rd Fridays in the morning; 2nd and 4th Fridays in the afternoon. We hope this change will enable more parents and students to garden (possibly with 8th period sponsorship).

Our **Fall Weekend Gardening Days** will be **October 17** and **November 7**.

The Landscape Committee website has been updated. You can find the new times and photos....and a link to a website detailing the original planting efforts in the main courtyard.

Please contact Eleni Silverman at eleni1_at_cox.net if you would like to join in the fun.



Landscape Committee members tackle an enormous pile of mulch.

Volunteer Committee

Volunteer at TJ!! It's fun and easy, and there is something for everyone: one-time events as well as regular monthly or weekly tasks! All families must sign up online to volunteer! Go to the "Volunteer" page of the PTSA website. You will find a link to the "Volunteer Information System," where you will see the many choices:

<http://www.tjhsst.edu/supportingtj/ptsa/login.htm>.

And please remember to register your professional skills/special interests on that signup page. You never know when we may need an artist, an attorney or a movie star!!

****Opportunity Alert!** We are looking for volunteers to score the Myers-Briggs tests taken by freshmen in IBET. The tests will be administered on October 14. We will choose a date in the following week to do the scoring – please contact us if you are interested. *Training is provided.* **

As we mentioned last month, we will be stepping down as Volunteer Coordinators. We are looking for some "understudies" who will work with us this year and be ready to take over as Volunteer Coordinators next year. *It's a wonderful way to meet new people and see how the TJ community works!* Please contact Jill Cook and Rajni Goel at [ptsa.volunteers at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.volunteers@tjhsst.edu) for information.

ALL NIGHT GRADUATION PARTY (ANGP)



ANGP 2010

CHECK IT ALL OUT at

<http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty/about.html>

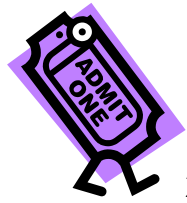
The countdown to Graduation 2010 has begun! Homecoming is in the air, and seniors know this is the final year for all their beloved TJ events...but the best event of the year is yet to come: the **ALL NIGHT GRAD PARTY**. Every year, immediately after graduation, TJ Seniors attend the most exciting, most extraordinary and most excellent party of their four years at TJ! ANGP 2010 will be the best party EVER, but we need help from parents, guardians, friends and supporters. Here are some ways you can help:



1. VOLUNTEER!

This party is an enormous undertaking, involving hundreds of volunteers. Right now, we need two types of volunteers. First, we need committee heads (There are only a few openings left—sign up soon to get one of the few remaining leadership positions.) Available spots are listed at: <http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty/documents/chairdescriptions.pdf>. Second, we need workers to fill in places on every committee to help create the biggest party of the year. **ALL** parents are welcome to join in. You will make new friends and work together to make this the best ANGP yet. Undergrad parents will learn from senior parents all the secrets of ANGP. Sign up online at: <http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty/volunteer.html> or at the ANGP table at Back-to-School Night

(October 7) and Senior Night. We encourage and invite the parents/guardians of students from ALL grade levels to get involved in the planning and to volunteer at the party.



2. BUY TICKETS!

The sooner our tickets are purchased, the sooner we can plan and purchase the items we need to give our seniors the best send-off party ever. Check out our information table at Back-to-School Night and at Senior Night. To purchase tickets, download the Ticket/Acknowledgment of Risk form at:

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

Drop the form and a check in the ANGP Ticket box in the TJ front office, or send both 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. Beginning January 1, 2010, the price will rise to \$110.

EARLY BIRD RAFFLE: Purchase your ticket by October 7, and your name will be entered in a raffle to win a \$25 gift card to Five Guys or Chipotle!

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



3. DONATE!

Honor your graduate with a donation and a dedication. All donations in cash and in-kind are gratefully received and will be recognized. The website for donations is:

<http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/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).

In 1987, the Northern Virginia Project Graduation created an after-graduation event model with the aim to provide an alcohol and drug free night of fun for graduating seniors. High schools across our region participate in ANGP, and, for 21 years, there have been no accidents or deaths attributed to drugs or alcohol on graduation night for our students who attend ANGP.

ANGP Meeting Schedule

The ANGP monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Career Center. Upcoming meeting dates are: October 6, November 10 (2nd Tuesday due to Election Day), December 1, January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, and June 1. The Graduation ceremony will be held at the Patriot Center on Saturday, June 19, with the ANGP to follow at TJHSST.

Student Services Corner

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 a whole month of school!

Homecoming was a huge success, and we hope everyone had a great time during the dance. Once again, we were impressed by the creativity and costumes we saw every day of Spirit Week and the enthusiasm during the pep rallies. Thanks to all the students for continuing the traditions that make TJ unique!

SGA would also like to say thank you to the parents who donated convertibles for the Homecoming Court and who chaperoned the dance. We always appreciate your help.

Even though Homecoming is over, the party continues at the Soc Hop on October 9 after the home football game! Our first Soc Hop was a hit, so

be sure to come again and bring your friends. All the funds go to the freshman class.

Let's keep up that TJ spirit we saw during Homecoming week!

Academic News

Spanish News

Spanish Honor Society (SHS)

The "socios" have been hard at work preparing for our annual Hispanic Dinner honoring our families from Spanish-speaking countries. This year the dinner takes place in the cafeteria, at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 22. Hispanic families and families of SHS students are welcome. In addition, our students will be working hard at "giving back" to TJ by offering tutoring to students studying Spanish.

Class News

2010 – Seniors

Do you need a break from helping with college applications? Are you interested in planning a great party? Then join the team working on the **All Night Grad Party**. We meet every month, generally on the first Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. in the College Career Center. Our next meetings are Tuesday, October 6, and Tuesday, November 10 (second Tuesday because of the student holiday).

Not interested in party planning? Then sign up to volunteer for set up during the days before the party or for a shift during the party. This year we don't have any big events to chaperone for the class (no lock in, no camp out, no silent auction), so volunteer instead to help with the party.

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

Helping at ANGP 2010 is not just for senior parents! *The secrets to ANGP success can be yours, too! Soon, your student will be a senior, and all the information about the great last blast of TJ – the All Night Graduation Party (ANGP) – can be learned*

by volunteering for THIS year's ANGP planning and service opportunities. You can find out more by reading the ANGP 2010 article in this newsletter or by sending in the ANGP volunteer form. Come join the fun!

2011 - Juniors

The class of 2011 worked hard planning and creating all that was necessary to make Homecoming a success. Highlights of Homecoming Week included: a Musical Extravaganza (dancers and music) and skit, a T-shirt, a banner, and fabulous float competitions. We also collected canned food and coordinated fundraising events.

On October 24 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., our class will participate in a flea market at 5114 Twinbrook Rd., Fairfax, VA 22032. If you would like to donate items and/or volunteer to help, contact Connie Valle at 703-978-5288 or email her at [valleccrm at cox.net](mailto:valleccrm@cox.net). Please plan to attend the flea market and support our class.

Calling all crafters! Our class will have a booth at the TJ Gift Show on Saturday, November 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the TJ cafeteria. Please donate handmade items to be sold for the benefit of the class of 2011, or plan on volunteering to help at the sale.

~~Connie Valle and Jane Hsu
PTSA Class of 2011 Representatives

2012 – Sophomores

It looks like everyone is settling back into the school routine. By the time everyone reads this, Homecoming Week will be over. We'll share pictures of the Sophomore Float in the next issue of Techetera. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped out by chaperoning at the Homecoming Dance this year.

We are still hard at work planning the Sophomore Class's silent auction that will be held in the spring of 2010. The proceeds from the silent auction will go towards the Senior Prom and Graduation. We are considering several possibilities as a venue for the silent auction and hope to have a final decision

in November. We still need lots of volunteers.

Please send us an e-mail at

tjclassof2012@cox.net if you can help.

We are looking for donations from our families for silent auction items. Auction items could include 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. Please consider what you can donate to support the silent auction.

We would like to create a website for the Class of 2012. We plan to post information on the website about class activities and to include updates on our progress with the Silent Auction. If anyone is interested in assisting with this, please let us know.

Sophomores will be taking the PSAT exam on the morning of Wednesday, October 14. They will be taking the test again during their Junior year, at which time scores will be considered for National Merit scholarships. Many colleges also require students to take two or three SAT II exams. SAT II's are offered in Math (Math 2 covers material through PreCalculus), Biology, Chemistry, US History, World History, Physics, Literature and Languages. Information and registration may be found at www.collegeboard.com. As your students complete a course of study, they may want to register to take an SAT II while the material is still fresh in their minds.

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



Austin and David Neuberger, John Choi, and Carson Hotard help build the Sophomore float

2013- Freshmen

The Class of 2013 is off to a great start. We had a huge turnout for both Back to School Bash and Freshman Orientation. We would like to give big thanks to our faculty sponsors: Ms. Kate Lewis, Ms. Kerry Campana, and Mr. Craig Lewis. The same goes to our Student Government Association (SGA) sponsors, Ms. Melissa Shoeplein and Ms. Marianne Razzino. We are looking forward to working with everyone!

Homecoming Week was a great success! Thank you to the huge number of enthusiastic parents who volunteered at the Homecoming Dance. Please remember to support TJ and the PTSA by becoming PTSA members. The TJ Directory will be available for \$10.00 at Back To School Night on October 7. The Freshman Soc Hop is scheduled for October 9, immediately following the football game in Gym II."

We will keep you informed with updates on Lock-In, and the IBET Symposium. Dates have not been scheduled yet, so watch for future notifications. Thank you for all your support!

~~Yun Pang ([yunjungp0201 at gmail.com](mailto:yunjungp0201@gmail.com))
PTSA Class of 2013 Representative

News Round-Up and Awards

tjTODAY Named Pacemaker Finalist!

Congratulations to tjTODAY for achieving National Scholastic Press Association Pacemaker finalist recognition for the third year in a row. The Pacemaker is considered the Pulitzer of scholastic journalism. Jefferson was the only school in FCPS honored this year. Special kudos go to **Teresa Ventura**, Class of 2009, for her leadership as editor in chief. In addition, tjTODAY was also named an NSPA All-American and a Gold Medalist by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Congratulations to the following 149 TJ students on being named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists:

Nader Al-Naji, Paul Anderson, Nicole Bailey, Luke Bean, Kristina Brant, Samuel Brinton, Logan Buckley, Alexander Burch, James Byrne, Matthew Callahan, Liam Carter-Condon, Matthew Chan, Jack Chen, Luke Cheng, Dahan Choi, Hannah Clark, James Clark, Spencer Clark, Connor Cotton, Anne Creighton, Aviv Cukierman, Robert Culhane, Elisabeth Cundiff, Xuerong Dai, Eric Dale, Temple Douglas, Simone Dozier, Kelsey Dressing, Jeanette Du, William Dubishar, Elliott Eggan, David Ensey, Megan Falls, Maretta Fan, Marie French, Nora Gayer, Thomas Georgiou, Avnish Goel, Alicia Goertel, Patrick Gould, Lance Guthrie, Brian Hamrick, Joel Heck, Jeremy Ho, Salini Hota, Julie Hsia, Danley Hsu, Jonathan Hsu, Victor Hsu, Xiaonan Hu, Andrew Imm, Keturah James, James Janopaul-Naylor, Daniel Johnson, Tristan Jones, Min Jun, Kyu Rhee Kang, Kamna Kathuria, Aryan Khojandi, Christopher Kilgore, Byong Han Kim, Luke Knepper, Colleen Knight, Allison Koenecke, Aaron Koenig, Jason Koenig, Seth Kolker, Candice Kremer, Vandana Kumar, Mariet Kurtz, Lee Kussmann, Andrew Lam, Matthew Lamb, Joseph Latta, Alice Lee, Christine Lee, Madeleine Lemann, Andrew Lending, Nathan Levine, Greyson Lewis, Alicia Li, Daniel Li, George Li, Xianhao Mai, Stuart Maier, William Manaker, Helena Manguerra, Kathryn Martinez, David Mazzocco, Alexander McGlothlin, Alexandra Mellis, Alyssa-Claire Mendoza, Jennifer Mercado, Zachary Michaelov, Andrew Mittereder, Anirudh Mohan, Kathryn Moore, Kimberly Moore, Adam Mounts, Lisa Nam, Cara Newlon, Sarah Notis, Christine O'Donnell, Matthew Palko, Juyeon Park, Samantha Payne, Kevin Place, Courtney Prothero, Ashwin Raja, Daniel Ranard, Timothy Rauen, Samuel Rush, Amy Ruskin, Megan Sagurton, Christine Shen, Victor Shepardson, Vivaek Shivakumar, Neelesh Shrivastava, Anne Silverman, Nihaar Sinha, Hugh Smith, Karl Sofinowski, Samuel Speers, Alexander Stabile, John Sullivan, Julie Ta, Meg Tetlow, Juliana Thatcher, William Troppe, Ming-Yee Tsang, Daniel Wang, Dennis Wang,

Grace Wang, Sarah Watson, Quantum Wei, Kathryn Williamson, Akshar Wunnava, Cheng Xu, Hanwen Xu, Amy Yang, Sharon Yin, Renjie You, Andrea Yun, Dmitriy Zaslavskiy, Christopher Zeng, Judy Zeng, Biqi Zhang, Honghou Zhou, and Sherie Zhou.

These students are eligible to compete for 8,200 National Merit Scholarship awards worth \$36 million, to be awarded in spring 2010.

TJHSST Partnership Fund

TJ Partnership Fund: Supporting TJ's Unique Mission . . . Since 1999

DONATIONS: Our Back to School Campaign is off to a great start. Thank you to our earliest 2009-10 supporters! Donations will be accepted at Back-to-School Night on October 7. See you there!

EVENTS: On Sunday, September 13, our Parent Advisory Board Chair, Hilde Kahn, hosted a reception for interested "Freshman Parents." Attendees had an opportunity to chat with Principal Evan Glazer and Division Manager for Science and Technology Jim Jarvis, to meet TJ's new Assistant Principal, Mary McDowell, and to learn the many ways that they can help TJ through the Partnership Fund.



Parents chat with Dr. Glazer at the "Freshman Parent" Reception on September 13.

LAB TOURS: If you are curious to learn more about how you can support TJ's Science & Technology Labs or are wondering how your company can partner with TJ, please sign up for a Lab Tour. On the tour, you will hear from the Lab Directors, see how purchased equipment is being used, find out about current needs, and learn about the research being done by TJ students. Our first Lab Tours are scheduled for Thursday, October 15 (school day- afternoon tour), Friday, October 23 (school day – morning tour) and Tuesday, November 3 (no school – Voting Day – morning tour). To sign up, contact Kathy Young in the PF Office at [kathleen.young2 at feps.edu](mailto:kathleen.young2@feps.edu) or (703) 750-8316.

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

Brian & Nanette Henderson Family Fund (\$1000-\$2499); David & Amanda Speiser (\$1000-\$2499); Paul & Barbara Hillenbrand (\$500-\$999) ; Kim T.T. Nguyen (\$500-\$999); John & Michelle Sun (\$500-\$999); Anthony & Jamie Zaita (\$500-\$999); Chip & Marcy Dilworth (\$250-\$499); Steven & Michelle Kousen (\$250-\$499); Andrew & Juliann Martin (\$250-\$499); Chih-hung & Hui-min Chen (\$100-\$249); Chi & Thien-Chu Ho (\$100-\$249); Moonsup & Mihwa Song (\$100-\$249); Ramamurthy & Gayathri Sridhar (\$100-\$249); Tim & Cindy Powell (Under \$100); and, Jin Ye & Yiling Yang (Under \$100).

Most of these donations date from September '08, when the PF office was without clerical support. Thank you so much for your generosity and for your understanding as we work to improve our procedures.

CONTACTS:

DONATIONS: Send completed donation forms to the PF Office at School or donate online at www.tjpartnershipfund.org. **And remember to designate the Partnership Fund on your Combined Federal Campaign/United Way Forms: #81947.**

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Thank you for helping to KEEP TJ NUMBER ONE!

TJHSST Boosters

Academic Boosters

Now that 8th period has started up, encourage your students to check out TJ's great academic teams. TJ has at least four 8th period blocks available every week, and it's easy for students to include one or two academic teams in the mix. Some teams are especially good for freshmen, because they have divisions for less advanced students and/or no limits on the number of students who can compete.

To learn about our teams, read our booklet describing all of our 2008-09 teams and their accomplishments: <http://tinyurl.com/lxd27k>.

Additional information about the teams, including updates on their competition results, is posted at <http://academics.tjhsst.edu/aboosters/news.htm>.

This year, TJ has about twenty academic teams. Six prepare students for math and science Olympiad competitions, plus other subject-specific competitions: Math; Computer; Computational Linguistics (new); Physics; Chemistry; and Biology. Other science/tech teams include Botball (robotics); Ocean Bowl; Science Olympiad (new); Science Bowl; and Underwater Robot. TJ has many debate and speech teams: Policy; Lincoln Douglas; Public

Forum; Student Congress; and Forensics. For students who want to focus on foreign cultures or international relations, we have Model UN, Certamen (Latin) and Japan Bowl. For students who enjoy creative group efforts, we have Future Problem Solvers and Odyssey of the Mind. For students who love quiz bowls, we have five choices: Quizbowl (It's Academic); Certamen (Latin); Japan Bowl; Ocean Bowl; and Science Bowl. Finally, for the many TJ students who played chess during elementary and middle school, we have a chess team that ranked second in the nation for the last two years, and is hoping to rank first this year!

Academic teams cost money. Fairfax County Public Schools does not pay for TJ academic teams' registration fees or study materials. FCPS does not compensate teacher sponsors for the time they spend after school and on weekends working with our children's teams. And, FCPS does not reimburse our children's teachers for travel expenses they incur to chaperone students to competitions.

For 2009-10, Academic Boosters expects to receive well over \$50,000 in funding requests from all our academic teams. So far, over 100 families have joined TJ Academic Boosters, and they have donated approximately \$15,000. If you haven't done so already, please join Academic Boosters today by going to this page on our web site: <http://academics.tjhsst.edu/aboosters/membership.htm>

And congratulations to all the students who have already started attending academic team competitions! Highlights from September's competitions are described below.

Quizbowl Team Qualifies for Nationals

The TJ Quizbowl team went to the "Rumble on the Pike" tournament held at Richard Montgomery High School on Saturday, September 12. The A team, consisting of **Stephen Eltinge** (captain), **Diana Gerr**, **Olivia Murton**, and **Seoup Youn**, finished third overall in a field of sixteen teams. The B team, **Greyson Lewis** (captain), **Siddharth Hariharan**, **James Bradbury**, and **Graham Lobel** finished eighth overall. Stephen Eltinge ranked sixth overall in individual scoring out of more than sixty competitors. By finishing in the top three, the

A team qualified for the High School National Championship Tournament (HSNCT) held annually in Chicago.

Public Forum, Lincoln Douglas and Policy Debate Teams "Break" at Wake Forest

At the 2009 Wake Forest National Earlybird Tournament in September, TJ sent students from its Public Forum, Lincoln Douglas and Policy Debate teams. TJ's Public Forum team **Rebecca Friedman** and **Emily Yu** won four of six rounds, breaking to semifinals. TJ's Lincoln Douglas team sent two students at the Varsity Level, and two at the JV level. In Varsity, **Akaash Gupta** broke to quarterfinals, winning five of his six rounds, and **Ashneil Jain** broke to double octofinals, winning three of his six rounds. In Junior Varsity, **Omeed Maghzian** and **Betty Huang** both broke to octofinals by winning three of six rounds. Policy Debate sent three teams to compete at the Varsity level, and **Hannah Clark** and **Andre Kessler** broke to double octofinals, winning four of their six rounds.

Band Boosters

Marching Colonials: Thomas Jefferson Marching Colonials is off to a pounding start. In late August, the band and color guard students returned from an exciting, albeit exhausting, practice week at Shrine Mount in Orkney Springs, a secluded mountain retreat nestled deep in rustic Shenandoah Valley. A colossal thanks to the many parent volunteers who chaperoned band camp and the social activities upon return just before school started up.



Thomas Jefferson Marching Colonials at their very first show: a preview at TJ on September 1.

See video of the TJMC performing Visionaries at TJ football half time on September 11 at this link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=14gwtBBNVRo>.

Westminster Win: A rousing round of applause to TJMC, for trying to keep uniforms and instruments dry and still pulling off their first competitive win of the fall season. Under gloomy skies and on a soaked field, all the bands had to scrap marching and perform a “stand up” show instead. The weather didn’t hold up but our TJ band and color guard students did, winning first place in their division. At first glance, this didn’t seem like much of a feat, given TJMC was the only entrant in their division. However, TJ nabbed the best overall score that night! Hats off to the staff: Band Director Mary Ulrey, Steve Ballard and Samantha Lee Ballard.

Much gratitude to all the chaperones who turned out in the rain. Comic relief came in the form of two FCPS buses tied together with rope and covered in tarp to keep the instruments as dry as possible.



Thomas Jefferson Marching Colonials, staying dry at their first competition in Westminster, Maryland on September 12.

Band Happenings

Back to School Night Dinner: Rushing to school Wednesday, October 7, to make the huge event and wondering just how you’ll manage to grab dinner on the way? Relax, pull up a chair and savor a hot pasta dinner and some great company right at school! Band Boosters is back to serve up this tasty meal, open to the entire TJ community, all for only \$10.00 (pre-ordered). Ticket forms are available in the band room, in the school packet sent home over the summer, and attached to last month’s Techcetera. Dinner at the door is \$11, while quantities last. The menu features cheese tortellini with marinara and baked ziti with meat sauce. Thank you to all our volunteers, kids and parents alike.

We are also looking for donations of baked goods for dessert that night. Please send those in on the day of Back to School Night! Proceeds benefit Band Boosters. Questions? Contact Kim and Greg Leong at [tooky94 at aol.com](mailto:tooky94@aol.com).

Band Announcements

Calling Class of 2013: If you feel overwhelmed, you are not alone. We are here to help. Learn all about TJ Bands and Boosters at www.tjhsstband.org. Subscribe to the Band Boosters Yahoo Group by sending an email to: [tjbandboosters-subscribe at yahoogroups.com](mailto:tjbandboosters-subscribe@yahoo.com). We need volunteers!

Scrip and Gift Cards: Scrip, or gift cards, continue to be available for purchase through the band at any time. You pay only the face value of the card, but the band keeps a portion of the sale through this unique scrip fundraising opportunity. Your child also gets a one percent credit. You can find the order form under the yahoo files or on the tjhsstband.org website; please note all the options.

White House Ornaments: This wildly popular item is making a comeback. Please look for the Band Boosters table on Back to School Night.

Band Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, October 7: Back to School Night
Spaghetti Dinner, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 9: Home football game
vs. McLean, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 15: Curricular Band Concert,
7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 17: Oakton Invitational
Competition (Oakton High School).

Saturday, October 24: USSBA Mid-Atlantic
Regional Competition (Towson U.).

Friday, October 30: Home football game versus
Madison, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 31: USSBA Virginia State
Championship (Salem, Virginia).

Wednesday, November 11: TJMC Band Banquet.

Colonial Athletic Boosters (CAB)

The 2009-2010 sports season is well underway and we'd like to thank all the parents, supporters and fans who have been cheering for our student-athletes this fall!!

We would also like to remind you to join CAB – **our records show that we are at a 43% membership level – let's make it 100%!!** CAB memberships and fund-raising efforts supplement the very small amount of funds we receive from the County. We also give out four \$1,000 scholarships each year to deserving student-athletes.

To fund these scholarships; to maintain safe and proper playing surfaces, well-appointed gyms and up-to-date equipment; and to provide our teams with uniforms and other accessories, we need YOUR HELP!

Memberships begin at only \$50/year; higher contributions earn home game passes and other perks. Go to:
<http://sports.tjhsst.edu/membership.php> to join us!

We need many volunteers to be successful! We'd love your help with concessions (100% of profits go to athletics), ticket sales, announcing, merchandise sales, etc. Show your student you support him or her! Contact your individual team liaison, the liaison coordinator, **Ed Sofinowski**, or the CAB

president **Jill Cook** ([cooks471 at gmail.com](mailto:cooks471@gmail.com)). All team liaison names and contact info can be found on our website:

<http://sports.tjhsst.edu/boosters/index.php>.

So please volunteer, contribute or both! **Come to the games! Cheer! Eat! And buy TJ merchandise!**

Make Sure Your TJ Student is Part of the Millennium Courtyard!!

The CAB is very proud of the Millennium Courtyard, a beautification project which they designed and originally funded in 2001. The courtyard provides a wonderful opportunity to honor and memorialize your son or daughter's TJ experience.

The Courtyard is located in the front of the school between the cafeteria and the library. It was designed to provide a campus-like setting where students, faculty, administration, and visitors to the school can gather to study, relax and socialize. It features an interior brick courtyard with a raised brick seat wall, and brick walkways. The picnic tables have been relocated and the area has been landscaped. The project is funded by the sale of engraved bricks, which are incorporated into the paved interior courtyard and walkways. The renovation of TJ will include a special location for our courtyard so this tradition can continue.

There are currently hundreds of engraved bricks representing over 20 graduating classes and testifying to the wide interests of TJ alumni. Spaces are still available for you to purchase a brick to honor your TJ student – this is a great gift for birthdays, special achievements, graduation, reunions or anniversaries. Bricks may be engraved with up to three lines of text and two emblems reflecting your student's activities, achievements or character. Visit the courtyard and see the unique collection of emblems available and get ideas for designing your brick. The cost of an engraved brick is \$60; each emblem is \$15. Order today; download a form from:

<http://sports.tjhsst.edu/boosters/millennium.php>.
Return the completed form and check to: *TJHSST Millennium Courtyard Project, 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22312.*

Orders are processed the end of March; bricks are installed in May. Contact Courtyard Chair **Laurie Hughes**, [lauriehughes at yahoo.com](mailto:lauriehughes@yahoo.com), or a CAB officer, with any questions.

Thank you for your support!

And now, for the team news...

Varsity Cheer: The squad will compete at Liberty District Semis on October 20, at 6:30 p.m., at South Lakes High School. Then on October 27, at 6:30 p.m., they will compete at the Liberty District finals at Fairfax High School. Come out and support the cheerleaders!!

The captain of the squad this year is **Amanda Gilbert**. The squad has 17 members, including 10 seniors, who will be honored on Senior Night, Oct. 30, the last home game of the season. Seniors are: **Maddy Byrd, Nora Gayer, Amanda Gilbert, Adrea Jackson, Hyun Ji, Victoria Kedzie, Dayoung Ko, Christy Moore, Minh Nguyen** and **Cheng Xu**. Other members of the squad include **Michelle Gahagan, Priya Krishnan, Lucia Melgarejo, Daniella Miller, Jane Pak, Emily Saitta** and **Kathy Shi**. Coaches are **Melissa** and **Jessica Barg**.



The Varsity squad sporting their new uniforms.

JV Cheer: A second try-out was held for the squad the first week of school. Two additional team members were selected, bringing the total number to 10. The captain of the JV squad this year is **Jane Hu**. Members include **Karina Charipova, Joowon**

Choi, Ashley Hwang, Anna Knight, Anna Li, Nikki Pangilinan, Srishti Shrivastava, Tiffany Wu and **Andrew Yang**. The squad is coached by **Carolyn Wilson**.

The varsity and JV squads have held fundraisers to raise money for the Colonial Athletic Boosters and to purchase additional uniforms. The first fundraiser was the sale of “cheer buttons”; this sale is ongoing, get yours today! You will see parents proudly wearing their buttons at football games and competitions. The second fundraiser was a car wash in September, which raised over \$700 for the team. The third fundraiser is the sale of Gianni food products, ongoing until October 5. If you would like some delicious desserts for your table, ask a cheerleader to see a brochure.

Cross Country: TJ's season is off and running! Both girls and boys welcomed large numbers of new runners from the class of 2013. The girls team has 37 runners, while the boys team has 70.

As of mid-September the team has already participated in three races, including the prestigious Monroe Parker Invite on September 12, where TJ teams were competing against nearly 30 of Northern Virginia's top teams. Boys varsity finished 2nd, while the boys JV team won its 3-mile race! The varsity boys were led by top-15 finishers **Jimmy Wu** (11th) and **Jonathan Phillips** (14th); and the JV team was led by individual champion **Karl Sofinowski**. The freshmen boys finished 3rd. The girls varsity team placed 4th in a very tough field and just missed taking home a trophy, while the girls JV team claimed a solid 1st-place finish. The varsity girls were led by top-15 finishers **Stephanie Marzen** (8th) and **Rekha Schnepf** (13th). The JV team was led by individual champion **Kelly Rogers**.



TJ boys varsity cross country team places 2nd at Monroe Parker Invitational 2009: (from left) Ian Rappaport, Michael Wattendorf, Andrew O'Shea, Jimmy Wu, Jonathan Phillips and Will Manaker.

Both teams will defend their District Championships on October 29 at Burke Lake Park. In addition, the girls will be defending their Regional Championship. If you have never witnessed the excitement, emotion and physical effort of a cross country meet, plan on attending one of TJ's upcoming events. For more information, visit <http://www.colonialtnf.com/>.

Varsity Dance: The team is off to a great start, having performed in two half-time shows for the home varsity football games under the direction of Coach **Melissa Weber** and Assistant Coach **Grace**

Miller. The team consists of **Lisa Nam** (captain), **Jackie Chen** (co-captain), **KC Chae**, **Vishaka Ravishankar**, **Lianna Cramer**, **Suyeon Son**, **Amelia Dahl**, **Vicky Kelley**, **Debs King**, **Yasmine McBride**, **Suganya Sridharma**, **Syd Ulrich-Dogonniuck**, **Stephanie Levin**, **Katrina McTigue**, **Sekar Novika**, and **Stephanie Nguyen**. The girls have been practicing twice a week after school perfecting their routines. They are looking forward to performing at the Homecoming Pep Rally on October 2, where they will perform a hip hop number.

They will compete in the UDA Fairfax Dance Championship on Saturday, November 21 at Paul VI High School. Please come out and support the team!

Varsity Field Hockey: The team began the season with a 3-1 record at the 5th Annual Bulldog Tournament. The sole loss came against a strong South County Team. Regular season play has seen the team compile a 5-1 record with wins against West Springfield, Madison, Robinson, Washington and Lee, and Edison. The sole loss (0-1) came at the hands of the Westfield Bulldogs. The defense of the Lady Colonials has been very stingy, allowing only 5 goals, while scoring on the offensive end has been plentiful and well distributed. The team, under Coach **Teri Davis**, is playing together as a unit, which has been the major factor in their success this season.



Allison Smedberg dodges the opponent during the 4-1 victory over Madison

JV Field Hockey: Now at the midpoint in their season, the JV team has been steadily improving. Their overall record is 2-1-3, with the only loss coming against Madison. In that game, Madison scored early, but then spent the rest of the game defending against TJ's attack. During their most

recent games, the offense has started to come together, scoring four goals in the last two winning contests. With a small core of experienced players, **Coach Horton**'s ability to teach the skills and strategies of the game to the new players has been critical to the team's success!



Molly Hemenway drives towards the goal

Varsity Football: With fresh memories of the 2008 playoffs for the returning players and great anticipation for the new players, the Colonials began their 2009 campaign against strong teams from Herndon and South Lakes, and a resurgent team from Falls Church. Despite their 0-3 record thus far, the TJ spirit thrives in the gridiron squad! As a youthful team consisting of 13 seniors, 13 juniors, and several sophomores, their enthusiasm certainly remains high. Their tenacity and resilience in the face of a challenge is remarkable, especially for the players who play both offense and defense.

Progress on the field is inevitable as their experience grows. After an upcoming trip to 13th-ranked Stone Bridge in Loudon County, the team looks forward to a very competitive Homecoming game against Washington-Lee from Arlington. Come cheer on YOUR TJ Colonials!!



2009 Varsity Football Team

JV Football: Wow... what a game! The team completed its first game of the season undefeated and unscored-upon. A truly outstanding defensive effort - the defense occasionally bent a little bit, but never broke. Even when Falls Church (FC) was threatening deep in TJ territory, the team refused to give in or give up, holding their opponent on fourth down late in the game.

The defense put pressure on the Falls Church quarterback all night, with numerous quarterback hurries and sacks; and created multiple fumbles by their opponent, many for losses. Sacks were recorded by various players on the TJ defense, including **Luke Birch**, **Bryce Summers** and **Mike Taylor**. **Paul Yea** had at least one superb tackle of the quarterback, and **Jerry Li** took charge of at least one fumble recovery.

While it can certainly be noted that Falls Church's defense also played a good game - the TJ offense provided a well-balanced attack of running and passing plays. Among players catching passes for yardage gains were **Mike Maccannon** and **Dimitre Nitchev**. Many TJ players were involved in the offense, achieving numerous first downs in a see-saw battle of two strong defensive efforts. Both the O Line and D Line looked very strong.

Of special note, TJ played the entire game with just 14 players - many playing both offense and defense! Every snap on offense and defense, and despite pouring rain in the fourth quarter, the team pushed on. In fact, they looked stronger, better-conditioned and even more determined after the rain began. It was a well-coached team effort, holding their opponent to a zero score through the final whistle.

Freshman Football: The team started their season with a dominating performance over Falls Church. In the first series, the defense set the tone, swarming the opponent, forcing 3 and out. The offense quickly got to work under the dual leadership of QB's **Joe Nissen** and **Nick Mattes**. The first TD of the season came with 2:24 left in the first quarter. By halftime, the Colonials had amassed a 21-0 lead with outstanding performances on both sides of the ball. Using a mix of passes and running plays, multiple players (**Andy Loh**, **Jeffrey Fang**, **Patrick O'Connor**) moved the ball downfield and three different players carried the ball into the end zone:

David Rice, Sam Yoo, Michael Chan. Turnovers were also part of the game as Yoo pulled down an interception and special teams recovered a fumble. Defense continued its domination in the second half, with tackles for huge losses by **Jack Brown** and O'Connor. Defensive players like **Patrick Maribojoc, Weldon Burrow,** and **Kyle Alexander** kept the pressure on Falls Church all night. Great punts by Mattes, and punt returns by Brown continued to give TJ great field position throughout the game. A touchdown by Nissen and the successful PAT by kicker **Cole Rosenberg** (who went 4 of 4) ended the scoring. With contributions from every player on the roster, the freshman Colonials recorded their first shutout of the season, 28-0.

Varsity Volleyball: You've often heard it said that teams with only a few returning players are experiencing "a building year". The foundation of any building year is how quickly the team learns and adapts during the first half of the season. If the Lady Colonials initial outings are any indication, then TJ will be enjoying solid performances from a highly competitive team for years to come. The Colonials came out strong to win a pre-season scrimmage against West Potomac and their first two matches against Dominion and Mt. Vernon. The four returning varsity players, senior **Emily Schultz**, juniors **Kathleen Roche** (co-captain) and **Blair Graham** (co-captain), and sophomore **Angela Liu**, have been joined this year by freshman **Maggie Engler** and eight teammates from last year's JV team: juniors **Limor Steinberg, Shannon Eriksson, Sara Gokturk, Candice Kaplan, Kaitlin Kressin, Katie McAtamney,** and sophomores **Nicole Gonzalez** and **Anna Hicks**. The team has been playing very competitively, adjusting to different lineups and showing growth in each game.

There are four home games in October, including "Dig Pink Night" on October 8 and "Senior Night" on October 20. Come out and cheer for your Lady Colonials!

Freshman Volleyball: Marshall defeated TJ 2-1 on Sep 23. **Christina Shincovich** led TJ in service aces with 6 for the match, while **Michelle Wang** had 4 service aces and 4 kills.

Crew Boosters



If you think your son or daughter (freshman or upperclass) may be interested in joining a competitive national crew program, your family should join us at our **Crew Interest Night** on **Wednesday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m.** in the TJ Cafeteria. Would your son or daughter like to try rowing with some of our experienced rowers? We will be holding an **open house** on **Saturday, October 24 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.** at the TJ Boathouse at Sandy Run Regional Park. Check out the FAQs for prospective rowers on the Crew website <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/crew/> (follow the link on the home page to the FAQs). Students interested in rowing should contact the Crew Captains at [TJMensCaptains at gmail.com](mailto:TJMensCaptains@gmail.com) or [TJWomensCaptains at gmail.com](mailto:TJWomensCaptains@gmail.com).

Please support TJ Crew by attending our **Yard Sale in the TJ Cafeteria on Saturday, October 17 from 8:00 a.m. to noon.** We also welcome your tax-deductible donations for the yard sale (we will provide receipts). You can drop off your donations at the cafeteria on Friday evening, October 16 between 4:00 p.m. and 9 p.m.



TJ crew will be hosting a **Gift Fair in the TJ Cafeteria on Saturday, November 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** If you have a craft that you would like to sell at the Gift Fair, please check out our website at www.tjgiftshow.com or contact Rajni Goel at [goelr at aol.com](mailto:goelr@aol.com) for more information. TJ faculty and families receive discounted rates to sell their crafts.



TJ Crew is managed by parents through the TJ Crew Booster organization. For Booster questions, contact Pepper Richhart, President, at [TJCrewPresident at gmail.com](mailto:TJCrewPresident@gmail.com).

Chorus/Choir Boosters

Our new Choral Director, Adam Levowitz, has been keeping very busy down in the music wing of the school...if you happen to find yourself down there, be on the lookout for some loud “meowing” as the musical has been changed to *Cats!* Auditions took place in late September. The musical will be performed on the evenings of December 18-19. Our three student a capella groups have held auditions for their groups and are happy to announce the following:

Sirens – Directed by **Kimmy Hann & Christy Moore**. Members include: **Krissy Brant, Adrienne Doebrich, Aditi Gadre, Michelle Gahagan, Kimmy Hann, Alla Herman, Holly Jachowski, Nora Lam, Christy Moore, Caroline Odom, Julia Ruth, Rajni Rao, Sarah Stalcup and Raquel Tripp.**

Madrigals – Directed by **Kimmy Hann, Caelan Garrett and Nick Mathis**. Members include: **Elaine Chen, Callan Corcoran, Andy Crump, Caelan Garrett, Kimmy Hann, Ellen Howerton, Rachel Marzen, Nick Mathis, Daniel Perkes, Peter Reischer, Danett Song, Sarah Stalcup and Lizzie Steele.**

Manchoir – Directed by **Danny Kim & Andrew Palmer**. Members include: **Caelan Garrett, Patrick Gould, Daniel Jang, Clint Johnson, Daniel Johnson, Parker Johnson, Danny Kim, Varun Kumar, Mo Lu, Nick Mathis, Ashley Miller, Quentin Moore, Andrew Palmer, Daniel Perkes, Peter Reischer, Adithya Simha and Matt Swanhorst.**

Coming up... **Saturday, October 24** is our “**Cabaret Night & Silent Auction.**” Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Please come and enjoy the unique vocal talents of our soloists and ensembles singers, along with our awesome a capella groups...and be amazed as our cafeteria is transformed into a true cabaret! What could be a better way to spend a Saturday evening than sitting back and enjoying scrumptious desserts while enjoying truly terrific performances of our choir members as they perform an evening of Broadway-themed songs? While you are there, you will have the opportunity to bid on some fantastic items at different price ranges, which have been generously donated by members of the community, choral families, and even our

wonderful TJ staff and faculty. This is the main fundraiser for the Jefferson Chorus.

Orchestra Boosters

For those of you who have joined the boosters, thank you. If you have not yet joined, please do so – additional membership forms are available by contacting me. A reminder-- our first concert will be Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. You should be seeing concert CD order forms and student pre-concert dinner forms shortly.

I am still very much in need of a few parent volunteers for the following: Hospitality (especially needed – someone to organize the concert receptions or, at the least, to coordinate hospitality for the October concert), attending the monthly PTSA meetings, and assisting with the concert CD ordering. Please let me know if you are available to help. We really need your assistance.

Our next Boosters meeting will be on Tuesday, October 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Principal’s Conference Room. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to help. Thank you so much and we look forward to seeing you!
~~Bobbie Herbst ([mautumn at aol.com](mailto:mautumn@aol.com)).

Theater Boosters (Shakespeare and Drama)

TJ Drama is performing “The Idiot and the Oddity” at the Virginia Theatre Association (VTA) one-act play competition, Saturday, October 31 in Reston, Virginia. Congratulations to the students selected to perform: **Luke Bean, Aaron Bland, Sheila Borkar, Maddy Byrd, Robert Carlson, Andrew Freix, Christine Jacobs, Angelica Klosky, Anastasia Kornilova, Elena Lagon, Willie Nicklas, Darcey Pancoast, Daniel Perkes, Chris Piller, John Pulice, Aria Sharma, Crystal Yi, Tim Yuan, and Kate Zurowski.** **Carolyn McKenna** will serve as the technical director.

The TJ Drama fall production is “Meet Me in St. Louis,” with performances on Friday, November 20 and Saturday, November 21.

Noteworthy Dates

October 2009	
6	Band Booster meeting, 6pm in Principal's Conference room
6	ANGP meeting, 7:00pm in Career Center
7	Band Booster Pasta Dinner, 5pm in Cafeteria
7	Back to School Night, 7pm
7	Athletic Booster meeting, 7pm in Library
8	Crew Booster meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center
9	Class of 2013 Soc Hop, immediately following football game, in Gym II
10	TJ Open House for prospective students
12	Columbus Day Holiday, no school
14	PSAT Test (grades 10 and 11), 8:30am in school
14	Early Dismissal, 12pm
14	Crew Family Interest meeting, 7:30pm in Cafeteria
15	Choral Booster meeting, 7pm in Music Wing
15	Fall Concert, Curricular Band, 7pm in Auditorium
17	Crew Booster's TJ Yard Sale, 8am at TJ
19	PTSA meeting, 7pm in Library
22	Orchestra Concert, 7pm in Auditorium
22	Spanish Honor Society Hispanic Dinner, 7pm in Cafeteria
24	Crew Open House, 1pm-3pm
24	Choral Cabaret Night and Silent Auction, 6:30pm in Cafeteria
27	Academic Booster meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center
28	Student Services Advisory Board meeting, 7pm in Library
30	Theatre Booster's VA Theatre Association One Act Competitions, Hyatt Regency in Reston

November 2009	
2 and 3	Teacher Work Days, no school
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
10	ANGP Meeting, 7:00pm in Career Center
10	Orchestra Concert, 7pm in Auditorium
11	Marching Band Banquet, 6:30pm in Cafeteria
12	Fall Sports Awards, 6pm in Cafeteria
12	Chorus Booster Meeting, 6:30pm in Principal's Conference Room
12	Crew Booster Meeting, 7:30pm in Room 107
17	Academic Booster meeting, 7pm in Career Center
20-22	Theatre performances of "Meet Me in St. Louis," 7pm in Auditorium
21	Crew Booster Craft Fair, 9am - 4pm in Cafeteria
25	Early Dismissal, 10:50am
26, 27	Thanksgiving Holiday, no school
28	Class of 1999 Reunion Picnic, 11am in Cafeteria
30	Meet the Coaches Night, 5pm in Auditorium





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

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Check List

- October 7 Back to School Night, 7:00 p.m.**
- October 12 Columbus Day Holiday, no school**
- October 14 Early Dismissal, 12:00 p.m.**
- October 19 PTSA Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in Library**