

Principal's Letter

Dear parents/guardians, teachers, and students,

Welcome to a new school year! I hope you have enjoyed a relaxing summer with personal hobbies, fun with your friends, and time with your families. This rest and reflection time away from school is essential to recharge your mind so you can think creatively and get excited about the difference you will make in the coming year.

I hope you have enjoyed our summer reading, "Three Cups of Tea," a book about an American mountaineer's journey building schools in remote villages in Pakistan and Afghanistan to show appreciation to the people who saved his life. This book selection stems from this year's One Question, "What are the social responsibilities of educated people?," selected last spring by the TJ community. We intend to integrate the question across courses and 8th period activities this year, as well as through a specialty seminar course in social studies. To offer support to these One Question efforts, a corporate-sponsored grant is available to teachers and students to obtain special resources, such as project materials, transportation fees, guest speaker costs, etc. The grant application can be found on the TJ intranet and is due September 25, 2009.

TJ has been far from quiet this summer. We have had about 1000 students engaged in learning experiences, either through TJ summer school classes or our TJ's Summer Tech Institute, open to rising 8th and 9th grade students in the region. The outreach program invited students to take one week classes like Cool Chemistry, Forensics, Meteorology, Disease Detectives, Myth Busters, and much more in our unique labs.

This summer the School Board approved honors weighting for non-AP core courses in English, math, social studies and science. The School Board also approved honors weighting for TJ's senior

research tech labs. In an effort to be equitable to other FCPS schools, FCPS did not weight non-AP science and technology electives, non-AP foreign language and arts electives, and non-AP social studies electives beyond the one credit required to graduate from TJ. Since all courses at TJ are taught at the honors level, I understand the community's interest in obtaining more weighted credit for additional courses. The FCPS administration will be issuing a memorandum describing the rationale behind their decision, which should also address the high expectations we set in all classes in our curriculum. I will be answering your questions regarding this issue at the first PTSA meeting, on September 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

Our renovation planning officially began in mid-August with a kick-off meeting with the TJ renovation committee and the architects. The TJ committee includes representatives from the administration, teachers, parents, students, and alumni. The design process will occur during this school year, and construction should begin no later than summer 2012, following a building permit and bond approval during November 2011. A town hall meeting about the renovation will be held on September 11 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the TJ auditorium preceding the home football game. The architect will review the renovation process with the TJ community and ask for your ideas, and you will have a chance to ask questions.

If I do not see you at TJ in September, 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 703-750-8306 or [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.

Looking forward to a great 2009-2010,
Evan Glazer
TJ Principal

President's Message

Welcome!

We hope you have been enjoying the warm and less-scheduled days of summer. Summer days always seem to go by so quickly. The PTSA has been very busy this summer. In addition to preparing for the start of the 2009-2010 school year and monitoring the progress of county policy and its effects on TJ, for the first time we served lunch and snacks to our summer school and summer outreach students. Many volunteers arrived each day and organized, served, restocked, and cleaned to be ready for our hungry clientele. Thanks, again, to all who helped.

This year promises to continue to be a busy one for the PTSA. Our activities are many and varied, from coordinating volunteers for many of the school's daily and special activities, to hosting a growing number of social events, to increasing communication throughout the school through our monthly newsletters, roundtables and meetings, to producing the directory and maintaining an information database for emailing, to advocating for our school on issues such as the budget, honors weighting, and our new building renovation. We hope you will find something that we do that interests you and works for your volunteer schedule. We need all types of volunteers. If you are a seasoned TJ volunteer, welcome back. If you are new to the school or new to volunteering, venture in and join the team. We think you will find that, in addition to helping this wonderful school, you will have fun and good company.

To our new freshman families, a special welcome to your new school home! We are thrilled to have you join us in the TJ family! The Big Sibs Program, Orientation programs, Cluster Gatherings and Back to School Bash are our way of welcoming you and helping you and your student get to know our community. In addition to these events, the PTSA will again be sponsoring a fall forum "Navigating TJ: Parent Tips for Your Four Years," which is designed to assist Freshmen and "Froshmore" parents as they begin their TJ Journey. The program will be presented on Wednesday, September 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Please join us.

To all our parents, join us at our monthly PTSA meetings and share your ideas and questions about the school year. You will also hear about the many PTSA activities as well as get a report from Dr. Glazer on both the prior month and upcoming issues and plans. This is your school, your PTSA, and your agenda. Our first meeting is on Monday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the library. At this meeting, we will be focusing on the implementation at TJ of the new FCPS policies on honors weighting and the grading scale changes.

I would like to highlight a few tasks that require your attention at the beginning of the school year.

Register or Update (if needed) your information in the PTSA Database at
<http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/login.htm>.

Our database is the core of all PTSA connections. Membership, Volunteer Coordinators, Directory, and PTSA communications all rely on the information in this database. Most importantly, this information is used for our directory, which is published in September. *September 10 is the last day to register information for the directory.*

Complete the Parent Volunteer Information, also located at <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/login.htm>. The PTSA provides many opportunities for parents to volunteer and be involved at TJ. All new and returning families, please review the Parent Volunteer Opportunities Form to find a variety of ways in which you can participate at TJ. You can sign up anytime; however, information received by September 10 will be forwarded to team leaders and committee chairs for initial scheduling of volunteers. Don't miss out!

Become a Member of the PTSA

Join the PTSA today! Please review the attached PTSA membership flyer to learn about PTSA-sponsored activities that directly benefit our TJ community. The primary sources of income for the PTSA are membership fees and member donations. Become an involved and informed parent. Join us for one meeting or be involved every day of the school year! You can return the attached flyer or join online at <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/payments.htm>.

Register for our Free Money Programs at <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/index.htm> under “Support the PTSA.”

We are making a great effort to increase participation in the “free money” programs. These programs can greatly improve the financial resources of the school and the PTSA. These programs don’t involve a donation. You just sign up so that a portion of your already planned purchases can go to the school. Please take a moment to sign up for the grocery and retail programs at Giant, Safeway, Harris Teeter, and Amazon.

Review the “Guide to Giving” at [this link](#) in the TJPTSA website.

This guide was also provided with the packets that were mailed home this summer. The TJ community has many parent groups, including the PTSA, the Partnership Fund, and many Booster Groups. Each organization relies heavily on volunteers and monetary donations to survive. This guide outlines the purpose and needs of each parent group at TJ and can provide a roadmap as you consider financial donations or volunteer commitments.

Finally, special thanks to the tremendous volunteers who have generously donated their time over the summer to our many projects: summer lunches, directory, packet formulation and stuffing, cluster gatherings and preparation for the Back to School Bash. We are very grateful to all our summer volunteers for spending a part of their precious vacation helping our school community

We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones as we work together to make this school the best it can be!

Carrie Kilgore,

TJHSST PTSA President

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PTSA Board: From left to right: Lou Baumgartner (Recording Secretary), Louise Epstein (Vice President), Carrie Kilgore (President), Denise Bunting (Vice President), Helen Lin (Corresponding Secretary), Eileen Swoboda (Treasurer)

Serving the TJ Community

Free Money



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Our PTSA earns about 7% of your purchases when you initiate your Amazon shopping using our Amazon.com link at **Support the PTSA** (<http://tjhsst.edu/ptsa/support.htm>). The more books, songs, magazines, clothes, electronics, etc. bought in a month, the higher the percentage we earn. Make this really easy, bookmark <http://www.amazon.com/?tag=tjhsst-20> to access the link quickly! **Note:** Access Amazon through our special links BEFORE you add items to your cart.

Complete your purchase within 24 hours of placing items in your "Shopping Cart." If you need to return to the site to complete your purchase, please access our special link again before returning to your cart.

What's this program worth? If 1,000 TJ families, students, staff, alumni and friends spend \$100 each, we would earn over \$7,000! If each TJ family spends \$200, we would earn about \$14,000. Like our students, this program has unlimited potential! Please participate!

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

Office Depot's 5% Back to Schools Program

Earn 5% in credit for TJ to use towards FREE supplies! **Cut out the wallet card below** and present it to the cashier every time you shop at Office Depot! If you don't have it with you, ask the cashier to look up TJ's school ID.

Forgot to use our school's ID when you made a recent purchase?

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Register Your Grocery Cards and Earn \$\$\$ for TJ Today!



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It's time to re-register your grocery cards to earn money for TJ! Giant, Peapod, Safeway, Harris Teeter and Bloom support our schools by donating a portion of sales to us when you use your store loyalty card. The Harris Teeter and Safeway programs started in August, so don't waste any time. Sign up today. Most programs let you sign up in store, online or by completing and submitting the green flyer that was in the PTSA back to school packet to the main office or at Back to School Night. But the fastest way to start earning is to sign-up online! See **Support the PTSA** (<http://tjhsst.edu/ptsa/support.htm>) to access sign-up links. You must register and identify TJ as the school you want to support EVERY school year for Giant, Harris Teeter and Safeway.

Giant A+: Bonus Card: TJ code **02307**.

Peapod by Giant: Register your Giant card as outlined above and then at Peapod.com under My Account – Personal Settings – Giant Bonus Card.

Harris Teeter Together in Education Vic Card: TJ code **5534**.

Safeway Club Card for Education Club Card: TJ code **154534149**.

Bloom: Call 1-888-552-5666 to link your card to TJ code **01218**.

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

Volunteer Committee

Volunteer at TJ!!

We'd love to have you (and we need you) as a volunteer at TJ. Both new and returning families should sign up online to volunteer for the many choices listed on the "Volunteer" page of the PTSA website. You will find a **link** on the volunteer site to the "Volunteer Information System," where you can sign up for the many available opportunities; there are one-time events as well as regular monthly or weekly tasks! And please remember to register your professional skills/special interests on that signup page. You never know when we may need a seamstress, a physicist, or a movie star!!

Thank you, Summer Volunteers!!

We want to send a huge thank-you to everyone who helped stuff the Back-to-School packets on August 12! We had another great turnout of parent, student and faculty volunteers and were able to get all packets stuffed in two hours!

Another big thanks to the many volunteers who stepped up as we launched our first-ever **daily lunch service** for summer school students!

And finally, though it's been a blast and a great way to meet lots of new people, 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. Please contact us at [ptsa.volunteers at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.volunteers@tjhsst.edu) for further information.

*~~Jill Cook and Rajni Goel
PTSA Volunteer Coordinators*

Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee kicked off its year of events with the Faculty Breakfast on September 1. We served a delicious American-style breakfast to approximately 150 faculty members. Thank you for your generous donations of food and your time. We have several upcoming fall events that will require volunteer help: the Harvest Lunch for teachers and

staff in October, and both the National Honor Society reception and the National Merit Semifinalist reception in November. If you would like to join us in planning or assisting with these events, or are able to help with food donations, please contact Keiko Fujiu at [keiko_fujiu at verizon.net](mailto:keiko_fujiu@verizon.net). This is a wonderful opportunity to have fun and serve the TJ community at the same time.

Landscaping Committee

From the native plants blooming at the Braddock Road entrance hills, to the flowers in the front courtyard, the TJ landscape is alive with color and busy pollinators. Landscaping volunteers have been hard at work this summer.

As you exit the school you can see our new Monarch Waystation teeming with bees and butterflies. In addition to the entrance gardens, we have begun developing the area in front of the Administrative Offices with black-eyed susans, heath asters, russian sage and northwind switchgrass. The shade garden of the AudLob has been enriched with oak leaf hydrangeas, winterberry holly, coral bells, ferns, astilbe, white snake root and Carolina allspice bushes. As part of his Eagle Scout project, TJ Senior **Albert Kim** has edged the AudLob walkway and constructed a raised wooden planter that we hope will serve a dual purpose as student seating and demonstration garden.

None of these efforts would be possible without our Landscape volunteers! To keep things looking great, we are in need of more volunteers for our weekly gardening mornings and monthly weekend gardening days. To get added to our volunteer list, contact Eleni Silverman at [eleni1 at cox.net](mailto:eleni1@cox.net) or at (703) 960-1261. We will send you emails announcing specific gardening days. Even though we work hard, we always have a lot of fun. Hope you can join us. Students can count their hours as community service!

Special thanks are due to our outgoing Landscape Chair, Carol Miranda, whose passion, energy and camaraderie made our accomplishments possible.

We will continue to rely on Carol's expertise, as her daughter, Lizzie, is a rising freshman.

Student Services Corner



AudLob Garden



Monarch Waystation Garden

ALL NIGHT GRADUATION PARTY (ANGP)

Unbelievable as it seems, the All Night Graduation Party (ANGP) for the Class of '10 is only 9 months away! It's a fantastic alcohol-free celebration which begins right after graduation on June 19 and continues through the night to the following morning. All parents are invited to help plan the celebration. We have already lined up a few key chairs, but we need more help. Take on a chair position, share one with some friends or come work a shift that night!

Where will the party be held? What happens? As the details of the party are a surprise for our graduates, the plans are kept "Top Secret" by the ANGP committee. Please join us at the first ANGP meeting: Tuesday, September 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Career Center, or contact [ptsa.angp10 at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.angp10@tjhsst.edu).

Student Services Advisory Board

The first Student Services Advisory Board (SSAB) meeting is October 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the library. All TJ parents and students are invited to attend this meeting with Brandon Kosatka, Director of Student Services. A discussion of topics related to the programs and services offered by the Department of Student Services will take place, and parents and students will have the opportunity to provide feedback and offer input regarding those programs and services. If you plan on attending, please email Dawn Meyer at [meyer.dawn at verizon.net](mailto:meyer.dawn@verizon.net).

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, welcome back and get ready for an awesome year!

Your SGA is already working hard to set up some exciting events, one of the first being your favorite-homecoming. **Homecoming Week** is September 28 through October 2. The **Homecoming Dance** is Saturday, October 3. And it's not too early to start thinking about your date because "asking week" is the second week of school!

The overall theme for the week is **DO's and DON'Ts**. Individual class themes are:

Freshmen – **Surf's Up, Dude**
Sophomores – **Don't Worry, Be Happy**
Juniors – **Duty Calls**
Seniors – **Don't Stop Believing**

So start planning your spirit day outfits, get involved with your class's float building, musical extravaganza, skit, etc., and show off that TJ spirit

we all know and love, so you can rack up the points once Homecoming Week begins.

We are in need of convertibles to drive the Homecoming Court across the field during halftime of the Homecoming Football Game. If there are any parents who would allow us to use their convertible for this purpose, it would be **greatly appreciated**. Please contact Helen Hastings at [hhastings77 at verizon.net](mailto:hhastings77@verizon.net) if you can help. Thank you!

And don't forget to come to the first **Soc Hop** of the fall on Friday, September 11, after our home football game. This year, the funds will support the junior class.

Here are the SGA Officers for 2009-2010:

President: Connor Cotton
Vice President: Lisa Nam
Secretary: Biqi Zhang
Treasurer: Franklin Zhou

Smile, it's September! Go TJ!

Class News

2010 - Seniors

Do you believe that our students are now seniors? They survived junior year, so the rest is easy...just a few college applications, a senior research project, and they will be ready for graduation at 7:30 p.m. on **Saturday, June 19, at the Patriot Center**.

But I'm jumping the gun here – first we have some other events. Make sure that you attend the Homecoming game on **Friday, October 2**, to see the homecoming floats, the senior streak and of course, the football game. The **Homecoming dance** will be held on **Saturday, October 3**. This is your last chance to **chaperone** at your child's high school homecoming. Please email me now if you would like to chaperone that evening – first come, first served! Let me know whether you prefer the early shift (usually 7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.) or late shift (usually 9:30 p.m. – midnight).

Thank you to the family of **Nader Al-Naji** – they are donating a foosball table and two pool sticks to the senior lounge. The class welcomes other donations to the senior lounge (games or furniture) but please check first with me or **Grace Wang**, class president.

The biggest event of the year needing parent support is the **All Night Grad Party (ANGP)**, held immediately after graduation. We have a number of parents who have stepped up to chair various parts of the evening (food, activities, casino, volunteers) but we still need many more chairs! Sign up with a friend to co-chair an activity. The first ANGP meeting of the year will be held on **Tuesday, September 15**, in the Library at **7:00 p.m.** Please attend and see how you can help.

We are lucky to have **Dr. Osborne** and **Ms. Hurowitz** continuing as our faculty sponsors. Our senior class officers are: President, **Grace Wang**; Vice President, **George Li**; Treasurer, **Sam Zhang**; Secretary, **Grace Merkin**; Senator, **Emma Ferris**; Co-historians, **KC Chae** and **Luke Bean**.

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

2011 – Juniors

Welcome to a busy junior year! We would like to thank our parents and students for helping to sell summer lunches as a fundraising project for our class. We also would like to encourage you to help us reach our goal of \$35,000 - \$40,000 for senior year expenses. Please consider making a generous contribution to the Class of 2011 to start off the school year. Checks can be dropped off in the finance department mail box at TJ or delivered by your student to **Ms. Jen Pierce** in room 238.

This year's homecoming float will be built at **Ciara Prencipe's** home: 4960 Chowan Ave., Alexandria, VA 22312 (near TJ). Our first meeting took place at the Prencipe home, where we made flowers and finalized the float design.

Our first Soc Hop will take place on Friday, September 11, in gym 2 after the football game. Parents should arrive by 8:45 p.m. and plan to stay

until 11:00 p.m. We will need 10 parent volunteers for this event. The Homecoming Dance will take place on Saturday, October 3. We need a total of 20 parent volunteers to fill two shifts: 7:30 p.m.-- 10:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. -- midnight (10 volunteers per shift). Our volunteers will be floaters (covering the dance area and halls).

Please contact the class president at [alessandra326 at gmail.com](mailto:alessandra326@gmail.com) regarding float building questions. Feel free to contact us with questions concerning volunteering or to volunteer for the dances. We truly appreciate the way our class parents rise to the occasion when asked to serve. Thank you!

~~Connie Valle (valleccrm at cox.net)
and Jane Hsu (dogstar3 at msn.com)
PTSA Class of 2011 Representatives

2012 – Sophomores

Welcome back to all our TJ families of the Class of 2012. We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and the students are refreshed and ready for the new school year.

The major activity for the Sophomore Class is a silent auction planned for the spring of 2010. The proceeds from the silent auction will go towards the Senior Prom and Graduation. The goal is to raise enough for these events so they can be held free of charge to the students. We already have a good start with the proceeds remaining from the Freshman Lock-In, but we still have a way to go to meet our goal.

As you can imagine, 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 but there are still plenty of slots for more volunteers!

We are also 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. But don't limit yourselves to just these items. Please consider what you can donate to support the silent auction and our fundraising efforts.

We will be providing more information next month on the date and venue of the silent auction, as well as our progress soliciting auction items.

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.

As the school year begins, there are lots of other school activities being planned. We don't have all the dates yet, but we know there will be a Homecoming Dance on October 3, and that we will be asked to assist with about 20 chaperones. We'll also need a volunteer to help “shelter the Sophomore Class float” that will be displayed at the Homecoming Game on October 2. As other events and activities are finalized, we'll let you know what they are and where help is needed. Just send an email to [tjclassof2012 at cox.net](mailto:tjclassof2012@cox.net) to let us know if you are available to help with the Homecoming Dance or other activities.

Again, we look forward to another great year for the Class of 2012.

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

2013 - Freshmen

Welcome to TJ! We hope your transition into TJ is going well. I would like to introduce myself. I am Yun Pang. I am an experienced TJ parent as I also have a son who graduated from TJ last year. I will be serving as one of our two class liaisons. As class liaisons, we will help organize much of the parent involvement for our class activities as well as provide parent-to-parent assistance. You will hear from us often through emails and Techcetera. If you are interested in filling the second liaison position, please contact me.

Over the coming weeks, look for requests for assistance for school-wide events such as the

upcoming soc-hops and the Homecoming Dance. In addition, we will need volunteers for occasional Freshman Class events, including the Freshman Lock-In in the spring. For the lock-in, we will be looking for more than 100 parents to spend the night with the Freshman students at TJ and supply them with food and drink. The event itself, like most events at TJ, is student directed and planned. We are there to support.

Homecoming Dance will be October 3. There will be a full week of activities surrounding Homecoming with class skits, t-shirts, “best dressed” contests, and floats. Students will be organizing the week’s activities and will be building a float. In addition, the students will be looking for a parent’s garage in which to build and store their float. Please let me know if you have an available space.

Please do not hesitate to contact me ([yunjungp0201 at gmail.com](mailto:yunjungp0201@gmail.com) or 703-573-0882) or any of the PTSA officers ([ptsa at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa@tjhsst.edu)) with any questions or concerns or to sign up to volunteer for any of our activities. We look forward to hearing from you. And again, welcome.

~~Yun Pang
PTSA Class of 2013 Representative

News Round-Up and Awards

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National Merit Scholarships

Thirty- eight TJ students from the class of 2009 received college-based National Merit Scholarships. Twenty-four of those students received one-time scholarships of \$2500 that can be used at any college. The other fourteen received college-based scholarship ranging from \$500 to \$2000 per year for all four years of study. Each student’s planned major is listed in parentheses.

Pavithra Anand (biomedical engineering), National Merit Washington University in St. Louis

Scholarship; **Varun Bansal** (environmental engineering—science); **Thomas Bettge** (law); **Jonathan Choo** (medicine); **William Czaplyski** (medicine); **Jared Hallett** (mathematical research); **Michael Howard** (engineering); **Lily Hsiang** (technology management); **Blair Hu** (bioengineering); **Peter Im** (chemical engineering); **Rishi Iyengar** (medical research), National Merit Vanderbilt University Scholarship; **Brian Han Jang** (biomedical engineering); **Seung-Hyuck Kim** (law); **Michael Kuprenas** (chemical engineering), National Merit University of South Carolina Scholarship; **Joy Lee** (medicine—research); **Ashley Lewis** (international relations), National Merit Virginia Tech Scholarship; **Sumit Malik** (chemistry); **Kyle Markwalter** (clergy); **Carolyn McCallister** (English); **Jed Metge** (engineering); **William Minshew** (engineering—physics); **Monica Mowery** (neurosurgery); **Kristin Nguyen** (medicine), National Merit University of Central Florida Scholarship; **Brian Pang** (economics), National Merit Vanderbilt University Scholarship; **Barbara Pelham-Webb** (biogenetics—mathematics); **David Ramish** (economics—business), National Merit Vanderbilt University Scholarship; **Debjani Saha** (neuroscience), National Merit New York University Scholarship; **Michael Sanders** (military service), National Merit University of Oklahoma Scholarship; **Rutger Schneider** (computer science), National Merit Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Scholarship; **Samantha Sharp** (Japanese), National Merit University of Arizona Scholarship; **Alexa Silverman** (linguistics), National Merit University of Chicago Scholarship; **Jeanmarie Stewart** (education—mathematics), National Merit Brigham Young University Scholarship; **Narendra Tallapragada** (electrical engineering); **John Walsh** (law), National Merit Hillsdale College Scholarship; **Maya Wei** (operations research); **David Wu** (medicine); **Yangbo Xu** (engineering); and, **Katherine Zettler** (management—consulting).

Each scholarship winner was evaluated on his or her academic record, including difficulty levels of subjects studied and grades earned; contributions and leadership in school and community activities; an essay describing activities, interests, and goals; SAT scores that confirmed outstanding test performance; and, a recommendation and endorsement from a high school official. Each

award provides between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the recipient's respective institution financing the scholarship.

School Board Character Award

FCPS School Board members selected **Drew Tener**, TJ Class of 2009, to receive the 2009 FCPS Character Award, which includes a \$500 scholarship. The award was presented at the June 11 meeting of the School Board. Drew was nominated for the creation of the highly successful Easy Readers program, which targeted first and second grade boys struggling to read. Drew is now attending Stanford University.

TJHSST Partnership Fund

TJ Partnership Fund: Giving to Sustain Educational Excellence

Our Back to School Campaign is Going on Right Now, and We Need Your Support! Look for our TJ Partners Newsletter in the information packets distributed to all families. Inside the Newsletter you'll find the names of our magnificent 2008-2009 donors, along with Donation and Volunteer Forms. Or, if you prefer to donate online, click on the "Supporting TJ" tab at the top of the School's website.

The Partnership Fund raised over \$500,000 last year, and over half of those funds came from parents like you. As a direct result of these donations, the Partnership Fund helped TJ purchase several major pieces of equipment for the School's science and technology labs.

Select acquisitions are featured in the "before and after" cases on the Partnership Fund bulletin board in the main lobby. "Priority One" photos put the spotlight on some of TJ's highest priority needs; "Funded" photos showcase newly acquired equipment in action.



Please join us in supporting this wonderful public high school that is so unlike any other. To those of you who have given in the past, we hope that we can count on you for your continued support. To those new to the school or who have not yet given, we hope that you will consider a contribution to help **"Keep TJ Number One!"**

In addition to donating money, there are many other ways to help:

Interested in working on parent communications and events? Contact: Parent Advisory Board Chair, Hilde Kahn, at hildekahn@verizon.net or 703-356-3307.

Interested in helping to establish and maintain corporate contacts? Contact: Corporate Advisory Board Chair, Anitha Raj, at raj.anitha@gmail.com or 703-378-6773.

Interested in reaching out to Alumni? Contact: Alumni Advisory Board Chair, Nancy Carter, at NACarther@earthlink.net or 703-406-0594.

Know you want to help somehow, but are not sure how? Contact: Volunteer Chair, Pam Cooper, at pamcooper3@verizon.net or 703-450-0321.

Thank you, and have a great year!

TJHSST Boosters

Academic Boosters

Botball

On July 4th and 5th, two TJ robotics teams competed with 61 other teams in the 2009 International Botball Tournament. One TJ team placed among the top 8 teams, with 5 wins and 2 losses. The other TJ team won 2 and lost 2. Team members included **Caelen Garret, Jonathan Corzo, Lio Kang, Mark Kang, Jimmy Clark, Megan Clark, David Ensey, Joel Heck, Mac Stevens, Eric Kolker, Jeremy Vercillo, David Mazzocco, and Jake Hermle**. In addition, **Liam Carter-Condon, Lawrence Diao, Benjin Dubishar, Samraat Goel, Steven Howard, George Li, Chris McPherson, and Ashley Miller** competed as members of the Dead Robots, a multi-school team. The Dead Robots also were finalists, and won the Judge's Choice award for "Best Engineering."

Certamen

TJ Certamen spent the summer preparing for and competing at the National Junior Classical League Convention, held at UC Davis in July. While all TJ participants at the convention performed well on tests, creative arts, and graphic arts, special recognition is due to the individuals who participated in the national certamen. In the Intermediate level, **Daniel Kim and Ricky Short**, with alternates **Zachary Seid and Akhila Ananthram**, placed second. In the Upper Level, **Anne Marie Creighton**, with alternates **Christopher Kilgore and Amith Ananthram**, placed third.

Math, Science, and Linguistics Olympiad

This summer, **Vivaek Shivakumar** represented the United States in the 7th International Olympiad in Linguistics, and received an Honorable Mention. **Brian Hamrick** represented the United States in two computer science Olympiads. In the Central European Olympiad in Informatics, he placed 8th and earned a silver medal. In the 21st International

Olympiad in Informatics, he placed 15th and earned a gold medal.

Band Boosters

Back-to-School Night: This year's Pasta Dinner features a new and better menu, and will be held on **Wednesday, October 7 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**, in the cafeteria before Back-to-School Night begins. Dinner includes: baked ziti (with meat sauce) or cheese tortellini (with marinara sauce), roasted vegetables, salad, beverage, and dessert. The Pasta Dinner is a fundraiser for all band programs and is open to the entire school. Come early, find a parking space, and enjoy quality Italian food! Advance reservations and payment preferred by September 30, at \$10 per person. Please use the order form in the PTSA package distributed with the 2009 schedules, or the flyer at the back of this newsletter, or mail payment to Henry Ruempler, 5415 Waycross Drive, Alexandria, VA 22310. You may also buy tickets at the door for \$11, while food lasts.

Colonial Athletic Boosters (CAB)

The CAB welcomes all parents, athletes, supporters and fans to the 2009-10 TJ sports season!!

As we begin the season, we'd like to remind you how important CAB memberships and fund-raising opportunities are for our student-athletes. We must supplement the very small amount of funds we receive from the County with our own contributions. *To maintain safe and proper playing surfaces, well-appointed gyms, up-to-date equipment, and to provide our teams with uniforms and other accessories, we need YOUR HELP!*

Memberships begin at only \$50 per year; higher contributions earn passes to home games and other perks. Please join at:
<http://sports.tjhsst.edu/boosters/membership.php>.

We need many volunteers to be successful! We'd love your help with concessions (profits go 100% 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 liaison names and contact info can be found on our website:

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

We also give out four \$1,000 scholarships each year to deserving students. So please volunteer, contribute or both! **Come to the games! Cheer! Eat! Buy merchandise to show your support! It's great fun!**

And now for team news...

Varsity Cheer: The varsity squad welcomes back coaches **Melissa** and **Jessica Barg** for another great year of TJ Cheer! Tryouts were held in August, and seventeen girls were selected for the varsity squad. In August, the girls attended a UCA private Cheer Camp held at TJ and began to work on their competition routine. The girls cheer for the varsity football team on Friday nights and train during the week and on Saturdays to prepare for games and competitions.

The varsity squad will compete at the District competitions in October. District semi's will be held at South Lakes on October 20 and District finals will be held at Fairfax on October 27. Come on out and support the cheerleaders! Check the Colonial Athletic Booster website for the exact times.

JV Cheer: The JV squad welcomes back coaches **Carolyn Wilson** and **Hillary Fairfull** for another great year of TJ Cheer! Tryouts were held in August and eight girls were selected for the JV squad. In August, the girls attended a UCA private Cheer Camp held at TJ. An additional tryout will be held in the fall for the JV squad. The girls will cheer for the JV football team on Thursday nights and train during the week.

Varsity Dance: The team welcomes back **Melissa Weber** for her second year as head coach. We also welcome assistant coach **Grace Miller** for her first year at TJ. The team was selected in June and consists of co-captains **Lisa Nam** and **Jackie Chen**, **KC Chae**, **Vishaka Ravishankar**, **Lianna Cramer**, **Suyeon Son**, **Amelia Dahl**, **Vicky Kelley**, **Deborah King**, **Yasmine McBride**, **Suganya Sridharma**, **Sydney Ulrich-Dogonniuck**,

Stephanie Levin, **Katrina McTigue**, **Sekar Novika**, and **Stephanie Nguyen**.

The team has been very busy learning new routines and practicing hard. They will perform at all home varsity football games this year, including the first home game on September 3.

TJ Dance participated in the Universal Dance Association (UDA) competitive camp at UVA from July 31-August 3. Senior **Lisa Nam** (team captain) and freshman **Stephanie Levin** were selected as UDA All-American Dancers. The UDA camp instructors also awarded TJ the **110% Trophy** for always giving 110% throughout the entire camp. Way to go Varsity Dance Team!



TJ Dance Team at UVA Camp
Left to Right (Top)-- Katrina McTigue, Amelia Dahl, Suyeon Son, Lisa Nam, Deborah King, KC Chae; Left to Right (Bottom) -- Jackie Chen, Syd Ulrich-Dogonniuck, Lianna Cramer

Varsity Field Hockey: Coach **Terri Davis** and the Varsity field hockey team, including seniors **Katie Martinez** (captain), **Hope Smith** (captain), **Kate Williamson**, **Megan Tetlow**, **Anna Stapleton**, and **Emily Kehne**; juniors **Allison Smedberg**, **Elizabeth Pina**, **Amber Kuo**, **Kelli Keith**, **Hae Mee Kang**, **April Hyon**, **Taylor Enders**, **Erin Corey**, **Allie Brouckman**, and **Thalia Aoki** (manager); and, sophomore **Allie Ivener**, have been practicing diligently since the second weekend in August. They won their first scrimmage against West Potomac 2-0 and lost a hard fought battle in their scrimmage with Chantilly 1-2 (including the practice overtime). They are looking forward to more great games at the Westfield Invitational Tournament on August 28 and 29, followed by regular season games starting on September 1!



Senior Meghan Tetlow steals the ball from Chantilly

JV Field Hockey: Under the guidance of Coach **Carol Horton**, the JV Field Hockey team is off to a great start. The team won their first scrimmage against West Potomac 2-0 and lost their second scrimmage 0-1 against a tough Chantilly team. The JV squad, which includes sophomores **Katie Burgio** (captain), **Caroline Woods** (captain), **Kristin Skowronski**, **Connie Scoggins**, **Helen Hastings** and **Rheem Brooks**, and freshmen **Ceci Vollbrecht**, **Julia Ruth**, **Brittany Peck**, **Molly Hemenway**, **Hope Flaxman**, **Jackie Duong**, **Karen Clark**, **Laura Brouckman**, and **Lyuba Bolkhovitinov**, is looking forward to a great season!



Sophomore Connie Scoggins and Freshman Lyuba Bolkhovitinov rush the goal

Varsity Football: The program began August 10 with registration and team combine. The single day practices soon turned into the demanding two-a-days, with our student-athletes practicing in the morning and returning for late afternoon and evening practices. The traditional intra-squad “**Red-Blue**” scrimmage was held on August 18 (won this year by **Red**) and they have played two pre-season scrimmages prior to the September 3 first regular-season game.

The team is led by veteran head coach **Tim Puvogel**, with an outstanding supporting coaching staff of **Mike Auerbach**, (assistant head coach), **Joseph Rucker** (JV head coach), **Tom Norton** (freshman head coach), **Jack Brown**, **Craig Dodd**, **Malcolm Ames**, **Victor Chen**, and **Jeff Duncan**. The varsity squad’s home opening game versus Herndon is Thursday, September 3, at 7:00pm, immediately following the annual TJ Bash. Come out and cheer for your Colonials throughout the Fall 2009 season!

JV Football: The Power House is back! Nearly two-thirds of the freshman Colonial football team have returned for year two... and are looking to put JV Football on the Northern Virginia map this year. The boys are looking good! **Coach Rucker** and **Coach Dodd** are sorting out who will be playing where – but both the defensive and offensive lines look to be an unstoppable force.

It must be pointed out the Colonials have as tough a schedule as any team in the County this season – but watch for us during the first JV home game on Wednesday, September 16, as we take on Falls Church High School.

Girls Volleyball: The program kicked-off the fall 2009 season with a home game scrimmage against Washington & Lee High School on August 20. Varsity, junior varsity (JV), and freshman team tryouts were held the week of August 11, and the rosters were filled by the returning coaching staff of **Charlee Johnson** (varsity), **Kristy Wright** (JV) and **Melissa Paul** (freshman).

The schedule this season includes nine home games and six away games. The first home game was on August 27 against Dominion HS and the second will be on September 8 against Chantilly HS. Two

special home game themes are "Dig Pink Night" on October 8 and "Senior Night" on October 20. The girls are looking forward to an exciting season this year!

And looking ahead...

Wrestling: The wrestling team members attended training camps over the summer and are ready for the upcoming winter season. *Watch out, Liberty District!*

Crew Boosters



Would you like to be part of the largest high school team at TJ for boys and girls? Do you want to get into top physical shape? Do you think rowing on the beautiful

Ocoquan River will be a nice change from the stress of school? Then joining the TJ Crew team is your opportunity to try a new Varsity sport. **Prior rowing experience is not necessary; most students who join TJ Crew have never rowed before.** TJ Crew offers a competitive national crew program. Through daily practices with top rowing coaches, rowers get into excellent physical condition and learn rowing skills and teamwork. Crew is a spring sport, running from mid-February through the end of May, but if you are not participating in a winter sport, we highly recommend that you take part in our winter training work-outs, which begin in mid-November at TJ in the cafeteria.

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). We encourage freshmen and upper class novices (and their parents) to join us at our **Crew Interest Night** on **Wednesday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m.** in the TJ Cafeteria. We will also be holding an **Open House** on **Saturday, October 24 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the TJ Boathouse at Sandy Run Regional Park. Please attend and try rowing with us!

To find out more about TJ Crew, check out the Crew website <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/crew/> or

contact Head Coach **Matt Shoop** at [shoop2 at cox.net](mailto:shoop2@cox.net). 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).

Crew is a club sport and receives no funding from Fairfax County. Please support TJ Crew by attending our **Yard Sale at TJ on Saturday, October 17** and **Gift Fair at TJ on Saturday, November 21**. We also welcome your tax-deductible donations for the yard sale, and 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 us at [tjgiftshow at gmail.com](mailto:tjgiftshow@gmail.com) for more information.

Chorus/Choir Boosters

The TJ Choral Boosters would like to warmly welcome **Adam Levowitz** as our new Choral Director!!! We are incredibly fortunate to have Mr. Levowitz at TJ – he also will be teaching our Chorus classes and AP Music Theory classes. He is originally from Houston, earning his Bachelor of Music Theory from the University of North Texas, moving from there to the University of Louisville and earning his Masters degree with an emphasis in Operatic Composition. Mr. Levowitz is an accomplished trumpet player and currently plays with the United States Army National Guard Band.

The TJ Choir and its Choral Boosters are off to a busy start this school year. Many students participated in our annual Boot Camp held from Sept. 1-4 and will perform at the Freshman Orientation.

We have many activities coming up quickly, beginning with:

1. **Senior Honor Choir Registration** - for those Seniors who are interested, the application information can be found on our website (www.tjchoir.org) and must be turned into the Choral Director by Monday, September 14.

2. **TJ Choir Potluck** – Thursday, September 24, at 6:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity for choral parents to meet our new choral director and learn

about the choir program and events scheduled for 2009-10, including the Carnegie Hall trip in May. This is also an opportunity for parents to join Choral Boosters as a Sponsor, find out about volunteer opportunities, pay wardrobe fees, and turn in important forms.

3. Cabaret & Silent Auction – Saturday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m. This is an amazing night for our choral students to perform Broadway and jazz selections with solos, duets, ensembles and group numbers. As the students perform, the families get to relax and enjoy the show with delectable desserts. The Silent Auction begins at 6:30 p.m. and continues during the Cabaret intermission. It is the Choral Boosters' major fund raising event for the year. More details will follow in this newsletter and at www.tjchoir.org.

The first meeting of the TJ Choral Boosters will take place on September 10 at 7:00 p.m., in the music wing.

Orchestra Boosters

The TJ Orchestra Boosters would like to welcome back all returning Orchestra members and parents and to extend a very special welcome to the incoming Class of 2013. You will find the TJ Orchestra program to be most rewarding and challenging, and, under the leadership of **Alison Bailey**, to be well worth the time, passion, and commitment that your students contribute to its and their own growth and success.

Parents, too, can pledge that same sense of commitment and dedication to ensure the success of the TJ Orchestra Booster organization. Booster application forms will soon be available to you, either on the orchestra web site

(<http://arts.tjhsst.edu/orchestra>) or at Back to School Night. It's important to remember that this is the principal means by which we obtain funds to support the program for the 2009-10 school year. We need your financial support – and we also need your volunteer efforts to, for example: coordinate hospitality after concerts (this position may be shared with other parents); assist with concert CD orders; and, coordinate dinner orders for those students staying after school before concerts.

Please consider D.O.T. – “**Do One Thing**” – we would greatly value your efforts and talents, which will lead to a very successful Booster program. Please be generous with your time and join us for once-a-month meetings in the Principal's Conference Room (dates TBA) – or, if you can't attend the meetings, we welcome your skills, your time, and your dedication to the fine arts by volunteering in other ways, primarily at concerts.

Please contact Bobbie Herbst ([mautumn at aol.com](mailto:mautumn@aol.com)) if you have any questions, and on behalf of the TJ Orchestra Boosters, we look forward to meeting you all and working with you this year. Thank you.

Theater Boosters (Shakespeare and Drama)

Why encourage theatre for students at a science and technology school? Students involved in the performing arts develop vital life-skills:

- **Extemporaneous speaking** (handy for impressing college interviewers and search committees)
- **Oral presentation** (vital for making that Nobel Prize acceptance speech)
- **Teamwork and event management** (essential for group projects at school and for project management throughout their careers)
- **Communication** (critical for having fun, and we all know how important that is!)

Your student will not want to miss out on the exciting program TJ's Drama department has lined up for this school year. Note these important audition dates:

- Monday, September 14: Auditions for the Virginia Theatre Association (VTA) one act play competition.
- Monday, September 21, and Tuesday, September 22: Auditions for TJ Drama's fall production of *Meet Me in St. Louis*.

More information can be found on the Drama bulletin in the AudLob or contact **Mr. Pollet** at [Vincent.Pollet at fcps.edu](mailto:Vincent.Pollet@fcps.edu).

TJ THEATRE BOOSTERS supports the work of all TJ Drama and Shakespeare Troupe productions. Theatre Boosters meet the third Monday of the month in the library from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Mark your calendar for the first meeting on September 21. Freshman parents are especially encouraged to attend.

Announcements and Information

TJ Science Policy Program Seeking Internship Sites

This school year marks the 3rd year of the TJHSST Science Policy Program, a unique course offered to seniors in the Humanities Department. The course focuses on the importance of understanding the intersection of science and public policy. At the

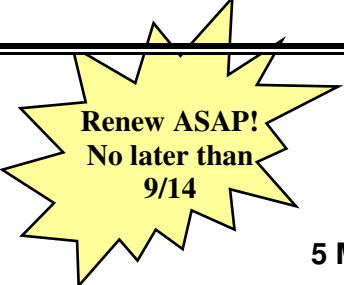
heart of the program, students intern two afternoons a week for six weeks at a Washington, D.C., think tank, academic policy institution, government agency, NGO, or corporate government affairs office. In the first two years, students interned at such sites as the FCC, EPA, NSF, Scientists and Engineers for America, NASA, and the National Academies of Science---sometimes with TJ alumni and parents as their mentors. This year, there has been an increase in the course enrollment. We have added an additional teacher and now offer the course both semesters. To make this experiential educational opportunity possible we need assistance identifying additional internship locations in Washington, D.C. If you (or someone you know) may be able to host an intern, please contact program coordinator **Melissa Schoeplein** at [MBschoeplein at fcps.edu](mailto:MBschoeplein@fcps.edu) for additional information.

Noteworthy Dates

September 2009	
3	Back to School Bash, 4-7pm
3	Home Varsity Football Game, 7:30pm
4	New Student Orientation and Big Sibs Freshmen Orientation, 8:30am
8	First Day of School
8	Diversity Committee Meeting, 7pm in Career Center
10	Last day to update student directory information
10	Choral Booster meeting, 7pm in the music wing
10	Crew Booster meeting, 7:30pm in room 107
11	Building Renovation Meeting Presentation, 4-6pm in Auditorium
12	Class of 2013 Soc Hop, in Gym II after the football game
14	PTSA meeting, 7pm in Library
15	ANGP Meeting, 7pm in Library
24	Choir Pot Luck Dinner, 6pm in Cafeteria/AudLob/Music Wing
29	Academic Booster Meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center
30	“Navigating TJ” Parent Information Forum, 7pm in Auditorium

October 2009	
1	Last Day to pre-order 2009-10 Student Directory
2	Homecoming Football Game, 7:30pm
3	Homecoming dance
6	Band Booster meeting, 6pm in Principal’s Conference Room
6	ANGP meeting, 6pm in Career Center
7	Back to School Night
8	Crew Booster meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center
9	Class of 2012 Soc Hop, 7pm in Gym II
10	Open House
14	PSAT Testing (10 th and 11 th grade), 8:30am in school
14	Early Dismissal
14	Crew Family Interest Meeting, 7:30pm in Cafeteria
15	Spanish Honor Society Hispanic Dinner, 6pm in Cafeteria
15	Choral Booster Meeting, 6:30pm in Principal’s Conference Room
15	Fall Concert, 7pm in Auditorium
17	Crew Yard Sale, 8am-12pm, Cafeteria
19	PTSA meeting, 7pm in Library
22	Orchestra Concert, 7pm in Auditorium
24	Crew Open House, 1-3pm, Sandy Run Regional Park
24	Choral Concert, 7pm in Cafeteria
27	Academic Booster meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center
28	Student Services Advisory Board Meeting, 7:30pm in Library





Free Money Programs

Over \$12,000 earned in 2008-2009!

RENEW SHOPPING CARDS TODAY!

5 MINUTES TODAY GIVES TJ \$\$\$ EVERY TIME YOU SHOP!

Earn **free money** every time you shop at the stores below! Please renew your commitment and link your cards to the store programs below. TJ receives cash back every time your card is used. Even if you registered last year, you must **re-register** this year for Giant, Safeway and Harris Teeter. You may choose up to three schools for Giant and Safeway and up to 5 schools for Harris Teeter!

Note: If your family has more than one card, register each card. Please pass this on to family, alumni, friends or neighbors who might want to support TJ.

Option 1: DO IT YOURSELF

If you need assistance, please call Nora Callahan at 703-319-9434

Giant A+ BonusBucks Starts 10/9

School ID: **02307**

Website: <http://www.giantfood.com> Click Our Stores / Register Your Card

Don't have your card number anymore? Call the BonusCard hotline 1-877-366-2668 to register.

Harris Teeter Together in Education Starts 8/1

School ID: **5534**

Website: <http://www.harristeeter.com> Select Community / Together in Education **OR** tell the cashier our school code at check out **OR** call 1-800-632-6111. **Note:** Only Harris Teeter brand products earn \$.

Safeway Club for Education Starts 8/12

School ID: **154534149**

Website: www.escrip.com Current eScrip participants click "Renew!" After you renew, verify that TJ is your designated school. Some families are still giving to a prior school!

Target Redcard/Check Card Earn all year!

School ID **119746**

Website: www.target.com Scroll down. Select Take Charge of Education under Company Information

Bloom Earn all year!

School ID: **01218** Enroll In store or call 1-866-552-5666.

Option 2: COMPLETE And RETURN THIS FORM

Return form to the school office, the PTSA Table at Back To School Night, or to [NoraVA at verizon.net](mailto:NoraVA@verizon.net)

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Safeway Club Card	# _____	# _____
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Bloom	Use Option 1. The PTSA can't register for you.	N/A

More information at <http://tjhsst.edu/ptsa/support.htm>

TJHSST Band Boosters Presents the Annual
Back-to-School Night

Pasta Dinner



<p>Wednesday, October 7 (right before Back-to-School Night) in the TJHSST Cafeteria 5 to 7 p.m.</p> <p>\$10 per person</p>	<p>NEW this year! Baked Ziti with Meat Sauce Cheese Tortellini with Marinara Roasted Vegetables Tossed Green Salad Beverage & Dessert</p>
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Advanced reservations preferred by September 30

Tickets sell for \$11 at the door, space available

Make checks payable to: "TJHSST Band Boosters"

Mail payment and order form to: Henry Ruempler, 5415 Waycross Drive, Alexandria, VA 22310

To volunteer, please contact Kim or Greg Leong at tooky94@me.com.

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Please make checks payable to "TJHSST Band Boosters." Tickets will be held at door.

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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

-- Margaret Mead



ARCHITECT PRESENTATION & INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Friday, September 11, 2009

TJHSST Auditorium

Prakash Nair, world renowned, award-winning school architect and president of Fielding Nair International (FNI), will lead the session. FNI is the Planning and Design Consultant on the Ballou Justice Upton Architects team responsible for the Renewal and Reconstruction of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST).

FNI is one of the world's leading change agents in school design with consultations in 27 countries on 5 continents. They are the recipient of several international awards including the prestigious *CEFPI MacConnell Award*, and the *International Planner of the Year Award*, the top two honors worldwide for school design.

What you are right now the world is. You can't have what you are not willing to be. Transform yourself to transform the world."

-- Dr. Lawrence Edward Carter, Sr.

Prakash will be talking about the dramatic changes that are taking place in education across the globe and the lessons they teach us as we move forward with the conversion of TJHSST into a state-of-the-art campus that celebrates teaching and learning in the Creative Age.

Each attendee will have an opportunity to participate directly in this session and share your thoughts, ideas and vision for the future of TJHSST. So please be there and take part in this historic opportunity to influence the future of education in our community. All are welcome!

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Check List

- September 3, Back to School Bash, 4 - 7pm
- September 8, First Day of School
- September 14, PTSA meeting, 7pm in Library
- September 30, "Navigating TJ" Parent Information Forum, 7 pm in Auditorium