

Principal's Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers and Students,

Spring is finally here! I hope everyone enjoyed their Spring Break and found time to rest and do something fun. I had a chance to attend a conference on design research, visit the National Science Foundation, sneak away to see the tail end of Spring Training in Arizona, and see family out West. It's important for all of us to recharge as we head into the last quarter of the year with culminating exams and completion of research projects.

We have begun planning summer school and have posted preliminary information to our website (www.tjhsst.edu/curriculum/summer/index.php). We anticipate registration will be later in April, under the leadership of Dr. McDowell as summer school principal. Summer school is not a requirement for students, but is instead an opportunity for acceleration in science or to gain greater flexibility to take non-required courses during the regular school year. This year we will continue regular course offerings similar to those offered in the past, along with a middle school technology institute and a new high school research institute with opportunities in biotechnology, oceanography and analytical chemistry.

I would like to thank you for your continued feedback on the TJ renovation. We have shared your thoughts and ideas with the architects, and they have been responsive to questions and modifications. When you log on to Blackboard and look at the TJ Information Blackboard website, you will see different data reports, conceptual diagrams, community input and the architects' responses. The design and development phase, where we lay out specific details, should begin this month and continue through the remainder of the school year.

In March, information about an alleged financial embezzlement was shared with our school community. This has been a good learning experience regarding how ethical decision-making can impact an entire school community. Fortunately, we are insured so accounts have not been suspended and ledgers will not be reduced in any way. Since there is an ongoing federal

investigation, we have not yet been given all of the details about how the theft occurred, but once the investigation is complete, FCPS will evaluate its financial accounting practices and recommend changes for all schools.

The FCPS budget picture is becoming clearer since the General Assembly reduced all school systems' contributions to the Virginia Retirement System. Although we will be required to make some sacrifices, it appears the program and teacher cuts for next year will not be as dramatic as originally proposed. We will still need to make some cutbacks on the basis of reductions in student enrollment in particular school courses, but hopefully those cuts will not be many.

Interim grade reports were released to students in March. This is a great opportunity for you to review progress, learn about new projects at school and open up a conversation about modifying study strategies and extracurricular commitments. If students cannot locate the midterm report, they can obtain another copy from their teachers, and parents are welcome to contact teachers directly. I encourage you to involve your student's counselor when significant changes are being considered.

Thank you for your continued support and service to our wonderful school. If you volunteer at TJ, I would like to extend an invitation to you to attend an appreciation luncheon on April 22 from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Your involvement at home and at school dramatically contributes to the success of our students. Please don't hesitate to contact me at [Evan.Glazer at fcps.edu](mailto:Evan.Glazer@fcps.edu) as you think of new ways of making TJ a better place for learning and growing.

Sincerely,

Evan Glazer
TJ Principal

President's Message

Spring Break was a welcome relief this year, even though it brought many rain showers before the warm sunshine of the last few days. I think our community really was rejuvenated by less scheduled and hectic days. We can now return to our routines with new energies, ready for spring. Many of our students are beginning final preparations for the AP exams. Most of our seniors know their college choices and are beginning that final act of their TJ careers. They are starting to appreciate the bittersweet happiness of graduation.

Our community has faced several challenges this month and has shown great strength and resiliency. The "Westboro Baptist Church" was scheduled to protest at TJ: we were relieved when they changed their schedule. Many thanks go to the administration, FCPS security and the Fairfax County Police Department for their quick and comprehensive planning for the event. Their watchful concern over the safety of our students and faculty was very much appreciated.

I know our community is surprised and saddened by the news last month regarding the activities of one of the school's finance officers. At our March PTSA meeting, Dr. Glazer updated us on the investigation. He noted that the school will be filing the appropriate insurance claims and that there are adequate funds available for all planned activities. Please note that the PTSA (including the ANGP) financial and bank accounts are separate from the school's accounts. In addition, we have a separate audit each year. No PTSA funds were affected by the recent alleged embezzlement. Please also note that the other TJ booster clubs and the Partnership Fund have a similar financial independence from the school.

There have been several significant events regarding the FCPS budget for next year. On a positive note, the governor has supported using the updated LCI, which will provide FCPS with an additional \$61 million in FY 2011 over the "frozen" LCI previously proposed. Unfortunately, the state otherwise cut funding for K-12 education, resulting in a \$60.7 million loss to FCPS. To make up for these cuts, the General Assembly reduced all school systems' contributions to the retirement system, saving FCPS \$109 million in the coming fiscal year.

On February 4, the FCPS school board adopted the FY 2011 Advertised Budget of \$2.3 billion. Overall, the Advertised Budget differed from the prior budgets by shifting about \$24 million (net) of proposed budget cuts from the list of stated "expenditure adjustments" to the list of budget cuts that FCPS will consider only if the State and the Board of Supervisors do not provide FCPS

with increased funds. The major differences for TJ between this budget and the Proposed Budget are the elimination of class size increases, the restoration of indoor track and freshman sports and the smaller decrease in swim and dive practice times. The combination of the additional LCI funding and the changes between the Proposed Budget and the Advertised Budget are significant steps in the right direction. Final budget decisions will not be made until May 20, 2010, when the School Board adopts its approved budget for FY 2011.

Last month we elected a Nominating Committee. They are now at work determining a slate of candidates for the six elected positions for next year's executive committee. The positions are: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. Thank you to all who volunteered to be considered or assisted in the nomination process.

Our next PTSA meeting will be held immediately following the Principal's Coffee on Wednesday, April 14 at 9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. Please join us for a great opportunity both to hear an update on all these topics and more, and to get to know other TJ parents. As always, if there is anything we can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Finally, the administration and faculty have invited all parent volunteers to the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday, April 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Career Center. (Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.) If you are a parent volunteer, we hope you will find time to attend the lunch to be thanked for your contributions to the school community.

And most importantly, Happy Spring!

~~Carrie Kilgore
TJ PTSA President
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Serving the TJ Community

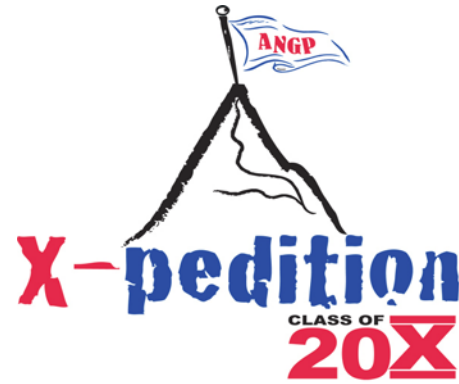
All Night Graduation Party (ANGP)

Free Money \$\$\$

Some programs are ending. Others earn all year!

Be proud of yourselves for shopping in a way that earned over **\$15,000** so far this school year! **Giant contributions ENDED 3/25**. If you can, shop at Safeway and Harris Teeter through May 31 to continue earning contributions to TJ when you buy groceries. Remember, Harris Teeter only donates a portion of sales of Harris Teeter labels. If you have any questions, please contact Nora Callahan at [norava at verizon.net](mailto:norava@verizon.net).

Store	Start	End	Notes
Amazon.com	ongoing		Access Amazon through this address before adding items to your cart: www.amazon.com/?tag=tjhs-st-20 . Earn 7% or more of most purchases!
eScrip.com	ongoing		Sign up for TJ # 154534149 . Shop online at your favorite stores through the escrip.com mall. A percentage of sales is contributed. Use OUR Amazon link to earn 7% vs. eScrip's 2.4%. eScrip.com manages Safeway's program.
Safeway	Oct 1	May 31	Register your card for # 154534149
Giant / Peapod	Oct 3	ENDED Mar. 25	Giant earnings this year were over \$5,700! Thank your Giant Store Manager next time you shop!
Harris Teeter	Aug 1	May 31	Register your card for 5534 . Only HT brands count.
Office Depot	ongoing		Provide # 70103076 at check out.
Target Redcard	ongoing		Register your card for # 119746
Verizon	ongoing		Call 1-888-695-5299. Mention code 12679 when ordering new services.



**COUNTDOWN TO GRADUATION
LESS THAN 80 DAYS!**

TJ Seniors (Class of 2010) graduate and rejoice at the All-Night Graduation Party (ANGP) on Saturday, June 19. It's almost here! Where did Senior Year go?

PARENT VOLUNTEERS FROM ALL CLASSES ARE NEEDED FOR THE PARTY!

Celebrate in style at the most fun event TJ puts on every year. Volunteer to help, especially for the morning hours (2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.). Contact ANGP Volunteers Chair, Nancy Carter at [tjangp2010volunteers at gmail.com](mailto:tjangp2010volunteers@gmail.com) or go to the **Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet**, fill in the sheet and drop it in the ANGP 2010 mailbox in the front office.

DONATIONS ARE REQUESTED FROM PARENTS

WATER: Keep your eyes open for bargains on 8 oz. bottles of water. Seniors will drink a lot (of water, that is) on graduation night. Collect cases of bottled water to bring in the last week of school.

CANDY BARS: Same goes for individually wrapped servings of candy (like Trix, Snickers, Kit Kats, etc.).

BAKED GOODS: Prepare baked goods for the Volunteer break room.

ATTENTION, SENIOR PARENTS!

➤ NOTE the change in time for the start of graduation: **7:00 p.m.** Have your student at George Mason Patriot Center 1.5 hours ahead of time (5:30 p.m.).

➤ TICKETS for the ANGP – all but 64 Seniors have purchased a ticket. Do not delay! The Class of 2010 is aiming for 100% participation. Let's do it!

➤ BABY PHOTOS are needed for every senior. Don't miss out on this incredibly fun opportunity to submit your most adorable baby photograph (newborn to 5 yrs. old) and participate in this amazing "walk down memory lane" contest. Submit your cutest 4 x 6 baby photograph (no originals, please) accompanied by a wallet-size TJ Senior photo. If you do not have a wallet size TJ senior photo, you can send another current picture of your student. CLEARLY print your student's name on the back of both photos.

REMEMBER, THE COUNTDOWN IS ON.....GRADUATION WILL BE HERE SOOOOOON!

Volunteers

Hospitality Committee

First, we would like to thank everybody for being flexible and generous for the last couple of events, as we needed to reschedule and adjust so many times due to the snow storms in February. We had a wonderful "After Blizzard Lunch" on February 27. Teachers and volunteers all had fun and celebrated the return to normal. We received a very nice thank you card from the teachers. Also, we were able to assist with the Mentorship Fair on March 2, and we received very kind words from the Mentorship Fair Coordinator.

Second, it is time to think about the next school year. One of our chairs, Wakana Sugiura, who always prepares beautiful flowers, is "graduating" this year. We all will miss her. The other two chairs, Joo Cheong and Keiko Fujiu, and our very experienced and devoted volunteer Mary Godofsky, will all be senior parents. We need new leadership next year! If you are a freshman or sophomore parent, please consider leading this fun committee. We will help and support the new chairs. It is a rewarding and fun job. If you are interested in the position, please let us know.

Third, we are going to have a Teacher Appreciation Lunch on April 30. If you would like to contribute

food or your time, please contact us at the email addresses listed below. The detailed food and volunteer request will be sent out shortly. Thank you for your support and generosity.

~Keiko Fujiu ([keiko_fujiu at verizon.net](mailto:keiko_fujiu@verizon.net))
Wakana Sugiura ([wakanappa at gmail.com](mailto:wakanappa@gmail.com))
Joo Cheong ([joo.cheong at gmail.com](mailto:joo.cheong@gmail.com))



A fabulous array of lunch treats.



Hospitality volunteers serve wonderful treats to teachers and staff for an After Blizzard Lunch.

Landscape Committee

We hope you are enjoying the beautiful daffodils blooming around the front of the school. We are very fortunate that, despite the heavy snowfall, the only major damage to the TJ landscape was to the hollies in front of the Library. Gardeners being optimistic by nature, we are confident that with a little TLC, they will regenerate. **We will resume our Friday Gardening Days on April 9 and have set Sunday, April 18 as our first All School Weekend Gardening Day (10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.).** We would love to have TJ parents, students and staff join us on that day to work on sprucing up the grounds in celebration of Spring. For students, this work can be counted as community service. We always have homemade goodies to eat!

If you can join us or want to be added to our email volunteer list, please contact Eleni Silverman at [Eleni at cox.net](mailto:Eleni@cox.net), or 703-960-1261. You can also check our webpage for planned garden workdays:

Upcoming Events

Techstravaganza

Techstravaganza is a science, technology, math, and engineering exploration day. It is intended for upper elementary and middle school students and their parents, who will have the opportunity to conduct hands-on science experiments as well as witness demonstrations and speak to scientists. Activities are run by TJ students and faculty, as well as professionals from sponsoring organizations, which include ExxonMobil, Northrop Grumman, NASA, and Women in Technology.

Techstravaganza is free and everyone is welcome!

When: April 17, 12:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Where: TJHSST.

Visit www.tjhsst.edu/twist/tech.html for more information. Please feel free to spread the word of this event, and think about bringing family and friends. If you are a student at TJ interested in volunteering, email [twistcoordinators at gmail.com](mailto:twistcoordinators@gmail.com).

AP TESTING SCHEDULE

- May 3: AM – US Government/Policy
PM – Comp. Government/French Languages
- May 4: AM – Computer Science/Spanish Languages
PM – Statistics
- May 5: AM – Calculus AB/Calculus BC
PM – Chinese Languages
- May 6: AM – English Literature/German Languages
PM – Japanese Languages
- May 7: AM – US History
PM – European History
- May 10: AM – Biology / Music Theory
PM – Physics B and C
- May 11: AM – Chemistry
PM – Environmental Science/Psychology
- May 12: AM – English Language and Comp
PM – Art History
- May 13: AM – Macro Economics/World History
PM – Micro Economics

Student Services Corner

Guidelines

The latest issue of the TJHSST Student Services Department newsletter **Guidelines (March-April)** is now available on the school website and has been posted to Blackboard.

Student Government Association

Hey TJ!

Congrats. on a successful Service Week! We have yet to calculate the total amount of money raised, but we know it's going to make a difference. The week came to a close with I-Nite, which was once again a fabulous performance. The show sold out, and a large portion of every ticket will be donated to support our cause. During intermission and after the show, an additional \$1,222 was raised from donations, and even more from a raffle.

Throughout the week, restaurants around the school, including Fuddruckers, Smoothie King and Flippin' Pizza, all donated a portion of their earnings. Many clubs hosted service and fundraising activities, ranging from decorating cookies to guest speakers to mini-golf. Thanks for participating and helping TJ help Haiti!

Another recent event was Capitol Day, when the SGA president and the class presidents visited Richmond with the head of the PTSA's Government Relations Committee, Mrs. Jane Pyrak, and Dr. Glazer. They spent the day meeting with members of other governor's schools from all over the state and with state legislators. They learned about state government and toured the Virginia State Capitol and the Governor's Mansion. Delegate Tim Hugo was gracious enough to give a tour of the floor of the House of Delegates, where Governor McDonnell delivered the Republican response to President Obama's State of the Union address this year.



Dr. Glazer, SGA President **Connor Cotton**, Delegate **Tim Hugo**, class presidents **Ellen Howerton** (2012), **William Lucht** (2013), **Alla Herman** (2011) and **Grace Wang** (2010), and Mrs. Jane Pyrak.

our individuality and creativity in an increasingly impersonal and technological world? (Click to read.) Congratulations Raynor!

The **Social Responsibility initiative**, based on the 2009-2010 One Question, continues to bring speakers to show our students how social responsibility issues can connect to their present or future lives. Speakers for April:

Wed. April 7, Eighth Period A & B Blocks
Dean Russell Jamison

Dean Jamison, VCU School of Engineering, will tell us about VCU's Da Vinci Center, where engineering, business, and art students work together in creative design. He will show us one of the products of the collaboration, an inexpensive portable surgical table (the Operation Simple table).

Wed. April 28, Eighth Period A & B Blocks
Anne Holton

From her former position as a Juvenile and Domestic Court Judge, Ms. Holton has become active in improving circumstances for Virginia's foster children. Ms. Holton is also a former First Lady of Virginia.



Senator Mary Whipple with 2012 class president **Ellen Howerton** and SGA President **Connor Cotton**.

Hope you had a great Spring Break. Keep an eye out for the next events SGA is planning--Leadership Conference and J-Day!

One Question and Social Responsibility

Nearly 100 students submitted question proposals for the **2010-2011 One Question**. The top five questions, with rationale papers showing how they meet the One Question criteria, are online at <http://www.tjhsst.edu/studentlife/oneq/top5questions.php>. Students and teachers voted via Intranet between March 17 and March 24 and the winning question has been announced!

The 2010-2011 Winning Question, submitted by **Raynor Kuang** (2013) is: **How can we maintain**

Academic News

French Honor Society

French Honor Society (FHS) is an academic honor society at TJ which promotes French language and culture in the school community. The officers include Co-presidents **Anna Nikolova** and **Mohima Sanyal**, Secretary **Grace Merkin**, Historian **Danett Song**, Treasurer **Temple Douglas** and Webmaster **Alex Streicher**. The club meets several times a month to celebrate French culture through music, research presentations, video clips, current events and food-filled festivities for faculty and members.

FHS danced, sang and celebrated its way right into the new decade, with Mardi Gras celebrations and special arrangements for Service Week and International Night going in full swing. Mardi Gras literally translates to "Fat Tuesday" and it is always a festive time with food, colors, dancing, music and general frivolity. The French Honor Society's fête was no different – students created colorful masks

with glitter, beads and pens, ate king cake, and even learned some basic moves of the zydeco, a dance form native to southwest Louisiana.

For TJ's first Service Week, the French Honor Society honored our superb custodial staff here at TJ with a large "thank you" card signed by all members and a large gift basket filled with French-themed gifts and goods. This small token of the club's gratitude was presented to the custodial staff in the main office on March 25.

Fun with German

Congratulations to the many German students whose scores on the National German Exam were again among the highest in the nation. We're especially pleased for senior **Katie Mitchell**, who has just been awarded a free three-week stay in Germany this summer, based on her National German Exam results, her application and an interview with a panel of German professors.

German Students participated in TJ's Service Week by collecting toiletry supplies for Haiti – toothpaste, soap, towels, etc. They will package these materials in kits, and have them sent soon to Haiti.

From Russia with Love!

Congratulations to all the participants of the Russian Essay Contest! Gold Medal Winners include **Ben Silverman, Katy Williamson, Michael Wattendorf, Timothy Yuan, Ned Danyliw, James Graham, Stephanie Marzen, Billy Rieger** and **Craig Saperstein**. Special recognition goes to Advanced level Gold Medal winners **Lizaveta Miadzvedskaya, Max Miroff, Willie Nicklas, Amy Ruskin** and **Alex Shmorhun**. Their essays have advanced to the International Essay Contest, and are currently being judged in Moscow.

It's AP Season! The Russian AP students are anxiously and eagerly preparing for their AP tests, which include phone interviews with a language evaluator. As these tests take place throughout the spring, several students have already had their interviews and report good results! The online section of the exam will be held on April 28.

The annual American Council of Teachers of Russian Olympiada of Spoken Russian is on April 23, at George Mason University. At the Olympiada, students are judged on their answers to questions about themselves, knowledge of Russian social studies topics, prompts from stories and a poem recitation. This is always a very exciting day, and we encourage all Russian students to sign up soon.

Seven TJ Russian language students in levels 2, 3 and AP have advanced to the second round of the National Security Language Initiative for Youth Scholarship. NSLI-Y is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and administered through American Councils for International Education ACTR/ACCELS. The Russian component of NSLI-Y is one of the largest in the NSLI-Y program: in 2010 there will be **85 summer slots for Russian alone!** Scholarships for students at all levels of Russian provide full funding for the cost of the program. It's a great time to be learning Russian!

Spanish National Honor Society

Spanish Honor Society celebrated its annual Buleria salsa dance on March 12, with great salsa music and a wonderful dance instructor. We are now preparing for the induction of 44 new members of the honor society. Families of new inductees are invited to attend the ceremony, to be held on Wednesday, April 14.

Students from Levels 2, 3 and AP Language will participate in the Modern Foreign Language Tournament on Saturday, April 17, at South Lakes High School. Buena suerte.

Class News

2010 – Seniors

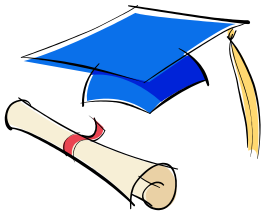
Where has the time gone? Senior year is almost over, and we need your help in preserving the Class of 2010's TJ memories. Do you or your senior have any good pictures from their four years at TJ? Students in Ed Montgomery's Communications



Systems Lab are putting together a video, and this will be given to each student at the ANGP as a memento. But they need more pictures! Please email them soon to Mr. Montgomery at [etmontgomery at fcps.edu](mailto:etmontgomery@fcps.edu) or send them in on a CD to Mr. Montgomery, indicating that they are for the Class of 2010 DVD.



Haven't paid your student's **senior dues**? Then you won't be able to see your senior walk across the stage on Graduation Night. The senior dues pay for the cap and gown and part of the costs of graduation. Send \$30 in today to the Class of 2010, to the attention of Amanda Hurowitz. If you cannot remember whether you've paid, please email me.



Schedule of Graduation Activities:

***Friday, June 11: Prom** at Westwood Country Club, Vienna, VA.

***June 11 – June 16:** Final Exams for Seniors (see postman for details).

***Wednesday, June 16 (7:00 p.m-8:30 p.m.): Baccalaureate** at TJ (non-denominational service).

***Thursday, June 17 (morning): Graduation Rehearsal and Cap and Gown Pick Up at TJ.**

Note: If your student has not paid his/her financial obligations, including missing books, calculators, sports equipment AND \$30 in Senior dues, he/she will not receive his cap and gown.

***Thursday, June 17 (afternoon): Senior Class Picnic** (place TBD).

***Saturday, June 19, 7:00 p.m:** Graduation at the Patriot Center (students arrive at 5:30 p.m.; Doors open to families at 6:00 p.m.).

***Saturday, June 19, post graduation: All Night Graduation Party.** Senior Parents: have you volunteered? You will not be able to enter the party unless you have signed up for a volunteer shift. We need your help! This party will not happen without your help.

Please let me know if you have any questions about graduation, ANGP or other senior year activities.

~~Ellen Ranard, [ESRanard at gmail.com](mailto:ESRanard@gmail.com)

PTSA Class of 2010 Representative

2011 - Juniors

Mark your calendars for our future events:

Class trip to Six Flags on Saturday, **May 15.**
Junior Camp Out on Friday, **June 11.**

Please feel free to contact your class reps. with any questions: Connie Valle at [vallefamilly at cox.net](mailto:vallefamilly@cox.net) or (703) 978-5288; Jane Hsu at [dogstar3 at msn.com](mailto:dogstar3@msn.com) or (703) 748-0689.

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

2012 – Sophomores

The Class of 2012 International Affair Dinner and Silent Auction was a very special evening! It was held at the Fort Belvoir Officers' Club in the elegant Mount Vernon dining room, overlooking the picturesque Potomac river. Parents enjoyed meeting and conversing with each other while browsing all the auction items--trips, rugs, art, sporting events, dining, theater packages, fine jewelry and a special TJ Class of 2012 soap collection.



Ellen Howerton, Emily Harmon, Lizzie Steele and Philip Meyers provide musical entertainment for guests. Sophomore volunteers help at check-in.



Dr. Glazer chats with auction guests.

We will have a full report on the auction shortly: in the meantime, we would like to thank our class sponsors **Michael Auerbach** and **Charles DelaCuesta**, our Auction Committee Vice Chairs Marguerite Saitta and Jim Woods, and the many parents and student volunteers who worked so hard to make this event a success.

~~Ann Nguyen (ann.h1.nguyen@cox.net)
Janet Tasker (jtasker@cox.net)
PTSA Class of 2012 Representatives

2013 – Freshmen

Spring has sprung!" said the bumble bee.
"How do you know?" said the old oak tree.
"I just saw a daffodil blooming on a windy hill!"

Just an old nursery rhyme that we wanted to share with you. Freshman Lock-In is fast approaching! It will start on April 23 at 7:00 p.m. and end on April 24 at 7:00 a.m. Thanks to everyone for the outpouring of support. Class of 2013 parents are truly dedicated, generous and hard working supporters of our students. It's not too late to volunteer for this wonderful event, and we especially need your help during the decorating/check-in shift (4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on April 23). Please let us know if you are able to help during this time.

In early March, comprehensive packets containing Lock-In information were sent home with students. Each packet contained a payment form and a permission form for late drop-off or early pick-up, food donation assignment and a movie permission form. Please check with your students and make sure that all necessary forms and fees are turned in. If you would like to donate prizes (for example, iTunes gift cards, book store gift cards, stuffed animals, movie tickets), please have them clearly labeled "Class of 2013 Lock-In" and drop them off with Mrs. Lewis (Room 151). Donations of Christmas lights should also be labeled and dropped off at the same place.

Class dues are still being collected so if you have not sent yours in, it is not too late! Make your check payable to "TJHSST Class of 2013," and bring it to our class sponsor, Ms. Kerry Campana in Student Services.

Congratulations to the Class of 2012 for hosting a marvelous class auction. It was wonderful to see all the class families coming together in support.

~~ Yun Pang (yunjungp0201@gmail.com)
Pam Cooper (cooperlaw@verizon.net)
PTSA Class of 2013 Representatives

News Round-Up and Awards

Northern Virginia Regional Science and Engineering Fair

Congratulations to the many students who presented projects at the Northern Virginia Regional Science and Engineering Fair March 19-21. They all were worthy representatives of TJ.

The Grand Prize winners who will represent Fairfax County at the International Science and Engineering Fair in San Jose, CA in May are **Vish Sridharan, Aryan Khojandi** and **A.J. Swoboda**. The following students were named as alternates: **Riley Ennis, Pranav Aurora, Adil Dittmer, Eric Westman, Spencer Clark** and **Alex Streicher**.

In addition to those students, the following competitors won First place in their categories and were nominated for Grand Prize: **Swetha Pasala, Sundeep Kutumbaka, Jad Tabbara, Dennis Wang, Jee In Seo, Christopher Carey, Akshar Wunnava, Johnny Kim, Anirudh Saraswathula, Daniel Ranard** and **Anirudh Mohan**.

The following students also were awarded first place in their categories: **Swetha Rao, Mi-Song Kim, Daria Nesterovich, Hope Smith, Kristina Brant, Lam Bui, Victor Youk, Rachel Lienesch, Kathryn Williamson, Craig Saperstein, Andrew Watson, Gloria Duan** and **Jenny Zhao**.

A number of TJ students won further prizes and awards, including subscriptions, books, savings bonds and scholarship funds from corporate and professional organizations that support the Regional Science fair and judge projects separately from the category judging.

Please congratulate all the students for their hard work!

Brain Bee Competition

Junior **Swetha Rao** won the Brain Bee Champion trophy for the school by placing first in the Regional Brain Bee competition on March 6.

The Brain Bee competition is a neuroscience competition for high school students which attempts to motivate students to learn about the brain, to capture their imaginations, and to inspire them to pursue careers in biomedical brain research. Rao is one of 32 regional finalists in the United States and was invited to compete in the National Brain Bee.

TJHSST Partnership Fund

Spring at TJ: April Dollars Bring May Equipment . . . Catchy.

The Junior Lab Appeal Has Begun!

Hey junior parents! If you haven't already, you will soon be hearing from one of the 32 Lab Captains helping with TJ's Junior Lab Appeal. These fantastic Lab Captains are helping your students' labs purchase equipment that is going to have a huge impact on the work your rising seniors can accomplish next year. We hope that every parent of a junior will participate. To make our point, we'll be "rapping" on your inbox soon with a very special "entertainmail" – Watch for it!

The Freshman/Sophomore Phonathon Was a Great Success!

On Sunday, March 21, our wonderful Partnership Fund volunteers called every freshman parent, and almost every sophomore parent, who had not yet contributed to the PF this school year. We then followed up with Phonathon emails. As always, it was heartwarming to have so many pleasant conversations and to receive so many donations. **THANK YOU FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE PARENTS!** And a HUGE thank you to our Phonathon volunteers, who spent a beautiful Sunday afternoon in the TJ cafeteria for a good cause: Nancy Carter, Jungwook Choi, Hyun Hee Hong, Yuzhen Ge, Hilde Kahn, Connie Kim, Mark Kodama, Jae Kyung Lee, Jihye Lee, Yori Okuda, Sunghye Pak, Yun Pang, Narian Rajan, Stephen Sebastian, Bridgit Stephen and David Speiser.



Seniors **Ariel Deutsch** and **Priya Patel** use the Oceanography Lab's newest acquisition, an inverted research microscope, to study photosynthetic organisms responsible for harmful algal blooms.

The inverted research microscope pictured above, which cost \$7000 used, was acquired thanks to an exceptionally generous contribution to the Partnership Fund's Oceanography Lab Fund by Nate Shue and John Barrett (parent '13), co-owners of Industrial Medium Software, Inc. Gifts to the PF can be designated to any of TJ's 13 research labs, as well as to the labs as a group through the Science & Technology Fund. Gifts may also be made to the Endowment Fund, the Non-Lab Fund, or to our unrestricted fund, the Priority Fund.

Webmaster Needed: We're looking for an experienced webmaster to help redesign and/or maintain our website.

Email Marketing Volunteer Needed: We are trying to reach out to our corporate donors in a more efficient way. If you have experience with a system like "Constant Contact," we could use your help.

Communications Volunteer Needed: What we need more than anything is someone to help collect and write content for our website, email marketing tools, reports, etc.

Contact: Kathy Young in the PF Office at (703) 750-8316 or email [Jeffersonpartnershipfund at tjhsst.edu](mailto:Jeffersonpartnershipfund@tjhsst.edu).

Thank you for helping to KEEP TJ NUMBER ONE!

TJHSST Boosters

Academic Boosters

Academic Boosters continues to support the many activities of the Academic Teams. As you can see from the team news, the TJ Academic Teams continue their successes at various competitions and many students have qualified to compete at the National level.

Academic Boosters held their phone-a-thon to help raise funds to cover registration and teacher sponsor costs for these national events. Thank you to all for donating and for your pledges. If you have not sent in your pledge or you still would like to donate, you can do so by visiting our website at this address: <http://academics.tjhsst.edu/aboosters/membership.htm>. Thank you all for your support.

Math Team: **Brian Hamrick** was invited to be part of the USA team that participated in the Romanian Masters in Mathematics. The tournament took place in Bucharest from February 24 through February 28. The top 20 nations from the 2009 International Mathematics Olympiad are invited to this competition. The students are selected by the USA Math Olympiads Committee. This is a proof-based competition where the students do three proofs in four hours each of two days. The US team placed 3rd overall, behind Russia and China (in that order)!! Hamrick earned one of only six gold medals awarded.



Brian Hamrick with his USA teammates and Romanian Guides.

The following students qualified for the American Invitational Mathematics Examination (AIME), because of their outstanding performance on the American Mathematics Competition (AMC) test:

Kevin Au, Jacob Baldwin, William Bergan, Krishnan Chander, Jack Chen, Alex Chen, Joowon Choi, Dahan Choi, Richard Chong, James Clark, Alex Dalzell, Lawrence Diao, Stephen Eltinge, Albert Gural, Michael Gurlitz, Brian Hamrick, Adam Hood, Kristina Hu, Andre Kessler, Sin Kim, Kevin Ko, Varun Kumar, Mitchell Lee, Remy Lee, Greyson Lewis, Daniel Li, Lenny Li, Janiel Li, Stuart Maier, Stephanie Marzen, Anirudh Mohan, Seungho Na, Seung Young Park, Billy Rieger, Samuel Rush, Allen Shi, Elliot Simon, Sam Sohn, Suganya Sridharma, Arjun Srinivasan, Mitchell Stern, Jad Tabbara, Ming-ye Tsang, He Wan, Grace Wang, John Welch, Jeremy Weller, Parker Won, Katherine Wu, Akshar Wunnava, Hanwen Xu, Renjie You, Patrick Yu, Jenny Yung, Yuqing Zhang, Edwin Zhang and Sulan Zheng.

The AIME was administered on March 16. It is a three-hour, 15 question exam. The students' combined AMC and AIME results are used to identify the top students in the country and they are invited to take part in the USA Math Olympiad at the end of April.

Chess Team: On February 28, the TJ Chess Team of **Arman Khojandi, Craig Saperstein, Hamed Eramian** and **Aryan Khojandi** won the MACL Playoffs, winning all three of their matches 4-0 for a combined score of 12-0. TJHSST are MACL Champions! Congratulations to everyone and thanks to all who played in the MACL matches, both regular season and playoffs.

On March 12, the TJ Chess Team successfully defended its Virginia Blitz Chess title, winning first by a significant margin. In addition, **Darwin Li, Yang Dai** and **Aryan Khojandi** took the top three individual places. In the main event, TJ won first place for the twelfth consecutive time. TJ dominated the individual awards, with **Quentin Moore** winning first place, **Aryan Khojandi** and **Kartik Gupta** tying for second place, and several others also placing in the top ten. **Bharat Ponnaluri** took home the Top U1000, **Jeremy Loffredo** the Top U1200, and **Andrew Crump** the top Unrated Player.



Chess Co-Captain **Aryan Khojandi**, Sponsor **Mr. Ero** and Chess Co-Captain **Craig Saperstein** are holding the trophies from the blitz tournament and 1st Place finish in the main chess event at the Virginia Chess Championship in Blacksburg, VA.



TJ Chess team at the State Chess Tournament

Science Bowl: Congratulations to the TJ Science Bowl team of **Greyson Lewis, Aaron Koenig, Daniel Li, Hanwen Xu** and **Akshar Wunnava**. They won the Virginia Regional Science Bowl championship by winning 7 straight matches. They now advance to the National finals in May.

Chemistry Olympiad: Congratulations to **Chris Au, James Bradbury, Alex Chen, Krishnan Chander, Ritchie Yein, Marty Scherr, Alex Yang, Chris Seok, Peter Ahnn, Jeremy Weller, Stephanie Karp** and **Will Dalton**, our top 12 semi-finalists for the Local Chemistry Olympiad. These students took the Local exam March 19 during A and B blocks, to compete for two seats at the national exam to be held in April. **Stephen Eltinge** automatically qualifies for the national exam since he attended the Chemistry Olympiad Study Camp last summer.

Science Olympiad: TJ's first ever Science Olympiad teams did amazingly well in the regional tournament, held on March 13 at GWU - Mt. Vernon Campus, Washington, D.C. All three 15-person teams received a team award. Team awards are given out to the top four overall scores.

TJHSST - Blue Team - 2nd Place Overall: **Chris Au, Kevin Au, Pritha Bahattacharyya, Alec Brenner, Zola Bridges, John Chae, Roman Enson, Hope Flaxman, Virginia Hsu, Yena Kim, Christine Lucky, Kimee Moore, Suhas Patel, Andrew Tao** and **Deanna Zhu**.

TJHSST - White Team - 3rd Place Overall: **Peter Ahnn, Chris Carey, Luke Cheng, Daniel Chun, Hayden Chun, Katie Ho, Seiyong Jang, Curt Kim, Amanda Ko, Priya Krishnan, Monica Liu, Joseph Park, Austin Ralls, Jillian Wen** and **Sherie Zhou**.

TJHSST - Red Team - 4th Place Overall: **Eve Chase, Gloria Duan, Tvissha Goel, Kira Guth, Ming Ming Hu, Chris Hughes, April Hyon, Bianca Kim, Thomas Lee, Hillary Liu, Isabelle Liu, Venkat Manne, Allie Meng, Jee In Seo** and **Cecelia Vollbrecht**.

In addition to the overall team awards, the students received medals in 14 out of the 16 individual events. In these events, teams are made up of two or three students. A team receives a medal if it places in the top five for the event. The TJ students received a total of 29 team medals, including first-place medals in 5 of the 16 events.

1st Place Awards:

Anatomy: **Kevin Au, John Chae**; Astronomy: **Hope Flaxman, Virginia Hsu**; Cell Biology: **Kevin Au, John Chae**; Dynamic Planet: **Alec Brenner, Andrew Tao**; Ecology: **Hope Flaxman, Virginia Hsu**.

2nd Place Awards:

Astronomy: **Austin Ralls, Chris Carey**; Chem. Lab: **Chris Au, Roman Enson**; Dynamic Planet: **Chris Carey, Amanda Ko**; Egg-O-Naut: **Priya Krishnan, Sei Young Jang**; Environmental Chemistry: **Chris Au, Roman Enson**; It's About Time: **Luke Cheng, Curt Kim**; Picture This: **Chris Au, Roman Enson, Zola Bridges**; Trajectory: **Kimee Moore, Deanna Zhu**; Write It Do It: **Pritha Bhattacharyya, Yena Kim**.

3rd Place Awards:

Chem. Lab: **Peter Ahnn, Hayden Chun**; Ecology: **Venkat Manne, Isabella Liu**; Environmental Chemistry: **Peter Ahnn, Hayden Chun**; Experimental Design: **Alec Brenner, Andrew Tao**,

Zola Bridges; Mousetrap Vehicle: **Priya Krishnan, Sei Young Jang;** Write It Do it: **Jee In Seo, Bianca Kim.**

Next up is the Virginia state competition, which will be held at Lake Braddock Secondary School on April 24.

Debate Teams: TJ will be sending more students to the NCFL (National Catholic Forensic League) Grand National tournament than ever before, breaking last year's record.

Lincoln Douglas

Congratulations! **Akaash Gupta, Betty Huang, Yunan Nie** and **Christine O'Donnell** will go on to the Nationals in Omaha, Nebraska!

Forensics

We have great news from Metro Finals. **Rebecca Friedman, Arvin Ahmadi, Neal Chauhudri** and **Emily Ji** will go on to the Nationals in Omaha, Nebraska!

Public Forum Debate

TJ's Public Forum Debate team had our Metrofinals March 12 and March 13.

In Junior Varsity: **Mashal Wakilpoor** and **Snigdha Kumar** made it to semifinals; **Daniel Jang** and **Karishma Popli** made it to quarterfinals; and **Ricky Prasannappa** and **Sameer Singh** made it to quarterfinals.

In Varsity: **Rebecca Friedman** and **Emily Yu** made it to the final round and placed second with a 8-4 record; **Kittie Helmick** and **Kevin Sun** placed third with a 7-5 record; and **Cindy Han** and **Lisa Yang** placed sixth with a 7-5 record. The three varsity teams will advance to NCFL Nationals on May 28-31 in Omaha, Nebraska!

We also tied for first place for the PF debate sweepstakes award, and earned second place for the overall debate sweepstakes award.

Policy Debate

On March 5-6, the TJ Policy Debate team competed successfully at Metrofinals, the culminating tournament for the local Washington-Arlington Catholic Forensics League (WACFL) that determines which teams will attend the NCFL

(National Catholic Forensics League) Grand National Tournament in Omaha, Nebraska. To qualify for Metrofinals, teams had to have two win/loss records of 3-1, one win/loss record of 4-0, or be one of the top six teams at one of the five previous local tournaments. **Jared Golant, Samuel Luo, Eric Kim, Kat Lee, Sajala Shukla, Liza Miadzvedskaya, Ally Walsh, Saemi Han** and **Isabella Liu** qualified in the JV division and **Hannah Clark, Andre Kessler, Max Wang, Johnny Kim, Abigail Xu, Akshay Deverakonda, Rachel Marzen, Christopher Lee, Sulan Zheng, Mary Sun, George Liang, John Chae, Franklin Zheng** and **Han Kim** qualified in the Varsity division.

In the JV division, **Samuel Luo** and **Eric Kim** were the seventh seeded team with a 4-2 record, and **Liza Miadzvedskaya** and **Ally Walsh** were the ninth seeded team with a 3-3 record.

In the Varsity division, the team of **Hannah Clark** and **Andre Kessler** was the top seeded team, entering the elimination rounds with a 10-0 record in ballots and winning the final round on a 3-0 decision against Wilson HB. The team of **Mary Sun** and **Christopher Lee** was the third seed with a 7-3 record in ballots and the team of **Johnny Kim** and **Max Wang** was the fifth seed in the varsity division with a 7-5 record in ballots. All three teams qualified to attend the NCFL Grand National Tournament.

In addition, **Christopher Lee** was the first place speaker and **Hannah Clark** was the second place speaker. TJ also tied for the first place sweepstakes award, which is obtained through high team rankings. Congratulations!

Computer Team: At the 20th annual University of Maryland High School Programming Contest on March 6, the TJ Senior Computer Team took first place out of forty teams by solving seven of eight problems (the second place team solved five problems). Congratulations to **Brian Hamrick, Jack Chen, Thomas Georgiou** and **Mitchell Lee.**



Mr. Torbert, Jack Chen, Mitchell Lee, Thomas Georgiou and Brian Hamrick win first place at UMD Programming Contest.

At the Virginia Commonwealth High School Programming Contest on March 12, the TJ Senior team (**Daniel D. Kang, Andre Kessler, Dylan Ladwig and Daniel Li**) was first out of 17 teams and solved all ten problems. The Intermediate team (**Saketh Are, Alex Chen, William Qian and Glenna Yu**) was second and solved nine problems, and the Frosh team (**Collin Berman, Andrew H. Kim, Steven Kool and Kalki Seksaria**) was fifth.

In the American Computer Science League, the Intermediate and Frosh teams have finished the first three contests and are waiting to see the standings after Contest # 3.

Future Problem Solving: Future Problem Solving (FPS) is a competition that stresses a student's creative capabilities, rather than his or her knowledge or skills in academics. Every year, all Future Problem Solvers participate in the Qualifying Problem, which offers bids to go to State Bowl for students or teams that compete well. This year, we had 27 students qualify for State Bowl, which is the highest number in the school's history. Congratulations to: **John Chae, Celeste Cheong, Jennifer Fan, Niki Hua, Ashneil Jain, Daniel Jang, Allison Koenecke, Vansh Kumar, Chris Lee, Cynthia Li, Darwin Li, Janiel Li, Patricia Li, George Liang, Annie Lin, Lydia Luu, Omeed Maghzian, Yunan Nie, Ricky Prasannappa, Rafa Rahman, Pranava Raparla, Rhitwika Sensharma, Daniel Sun, Dan Wang, Max Wang, Kunyao Yu and Judy Zeng.**

Best of luck at states!

National Ocean Sciences Bowl: Manatees, Sea Turtles, and Sharks, Oh My!! On a recent Saturday in March, 16 teams met at American University to compete head to head or 'claw to claw' at the regional ocean bowl competition. Organized by the Consortium for Ocean Leadership, headquartered in Washington, D.C., the goal of the competition is to provide students who excel in math and science a forum to apply their skills to topics in oceanography and inspire them to continue the exploration of Earth's final frontier. The National Ocean Sciences Bowl is one program that prepares the next generation of marine scientists, policy makers, teachers, explorers, researchers, technicians, environmental advocates and informed citizens to accept the challenge of continued exploration, as well as to develop strategies for managing the oceans' resources. The 16 teams represented Northern Virginia, D.C., Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania. Beginning in September, students at TJ tested, practiced buzzer rounds, studied, wrote study guides, went to museums, and applied concepts learned in biology, chemistry, physics, math, and geosystems.

Thanks to the following students who have worked on the teams this year: **Meredith Burkle, Katie Hsia, Holly Jachowski, Joey Jachowski, Andrew Kim, Janiel Li, Ryan Madani, Sapir Nachum, Janice Park, Daniel Seidman, Julia Sokolow, Yohan Sumathipala, Shriram Sundararaman and Margaret Tarmann.**

The A-team of Tarmann, Seidman, Li and Park won an all expense paid trip to the National competition at the University of South Florida in St. Petersburg, on April 23-27. In addition to the competition, the students will be treated to a day of expeditions exploring Tampa Bay habitats--including sampling onboard a research vessel, mangrove and coastal ecology and Florida caves and springs. An introduction to marine research at the University will include deep water sediment sampling, interactive modeling of plate tectonics, remote sensing, ocean optics, and shark research at the Mote Marine Laboratory.

Biology Olympiad: Congratulations to all 98 students who took the Open Biology Olympiad Exam on February 26. This year, the exam was very, very difficult. Nevertheless our students rose to the occasion. Eighty-seven percent of TJ students

scored above the national average for this test. The highest score nationwide was 35 out of 50; TJ's highest score was 32 out of 50. Thirty-two students qualified to take the Semi-Final exam to be administered on April 9.

Congratulations to the following semifinalists:
Kevin Boehm, Kanarek Brooke, Luke Cheng, Claire Cooper, Elizabeth Denning, Riley Ennis, Victor Hsu, Sei Young Jang, Yon Jang, Alvina Jiao, Andrew S. Kim, Sin Kim, Aaron Koenig, Derek Lai, Hojae Lee, George Liang, Guanmei Liang, Monica Liu, Andy Mai, Rachel Marzen, Olivia Murton, Aakansha Nangarlia, Jeremy Owen, Janice Park, John Pulice, Stefani Van Rafelghem, Dennis Wang, Jillian Wen, Eunice Wu, Hanwen Xu, Yuqing Zhang and Jennifer Zhao.

Biology Olympiad Club's next two contests are the Clemson Biology Merit Exam on April 16 and the University of Toronto National Biology Competition on April 29. The club can be contacted at [2010tjbio at gmail.com](mailto:2010tjbio@gmail.com).

Quiz Bowl: The Quizbowl team did well at a number of recent tournaments. The team went to the VHSL States tournament, held at the College of William and Mary on February 27 and placed 2nd. On March 7, the team attended the ZIGZAG tournament at Gonzaga College High School, also placing 2nd. The team placed 4th at the Ben Cooper Memorial Tournament at Georgetown Day School on March 13.

Colonial Athletic Boosters

We are finally drying out and beginning our spring competition season! Check out the team news below to see how your favorite athletes and teams are doing.

New Website: We are beginning to use our new website, <http://colonialathletics.org/>, which combines the content of the Boosters site (<http://sports.tjhsst.edu/boosters/>) and (<http://www.tjhsst.edu/~mrmmodell/sportspage/Simple.html>), the school's athletic site. The new site will eventually replace both of the old sites. We are still in the process of building this new site, but it now includes all current spring season sports

information and all Booster links. Information regarding rosters, schedules and game cancellations also is available. Please contact Jill Cook with any questions ([cooks471 at gmail.com](mailto:cooks471@gmail.com)).

Winter Sports Banquet and Awards Night

Thanks to all who attended and supported the Boosters at this annual celebration of our TJ winter athletes! The Spring Banquet will be held on Monday, June 7 – stay tuned for details.

Annual Booster Scholarships! *How about some \$\$\$?* Each year, the CAB awards four \$1,000 scholarships (two girls and two boys). Please see <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/boosters/scholarship.php> for details and the application form. The deadline for submission this year is **Monday, May 24**.

MEMBERSHIP

Sports are in full swing and we really need the financial support your membership provides! Remember; your CAB Sports Pass, available with advanced levels of CAB membership, gets you admission to all HOME events. We expect all sports-playing families to contribute, at least at the basic level. Information can be found at: <http://colonialathletics.org/index.cfm?action=main.membership>. Thanks!!!

And now for spring team news...

JV Baseball: The team tuned up for its 2010 campaign with a 10-6 scrimmage victory over the Falls Church Jaguars. **Patrick Maribojoc** led the way with a double and a single, while **Bill Swift** doubled and **Robbie Clark** singled and walked. The roster this year is **Kyle Angelotti, Darren Bolduc, Robbie Clark, Taylor Culman, Burke Deutsch, Daniel Fritzson, Mookie Goodson, Geoffrey Greenwalt, Bryan Havens, Mayank Jain, Leonard Kosta, Patrick Maribojoc, Nicholas Mattes, Ian McConnell, Sean McElrath, David Neuberger, Alec Powell** and Bill Swift. The team manager is **Thomas Beekhuysen**, and the coaches are **Adam Nelson** and **Jake Rapp**.

Boys Varsity Lacrosse: The team has started the 2010 season and this year promises to be a good one for the lax Colonials! We have a good number of returning players from last year including six seniors and a talented group of underclassmen. This spring has been marked by a lot of snow and

wet fields – limiting practice time – but the majority of team members have logged significant playing time in fall leagues and in tournaments and are ready to play. Our players are: **Nick Arango, Matt Bloom, Gabe Boning, Jake Brooks, SungWon Byun, Liam Carter-Condon, Mendel Chen, Myles Cook, Dylan Drake, Richard Garrett, Gordon Hart, Drew Hays, Doug Hearney, Collin Hennegan, Tom Hillenbrand, Bohe Hosking, Astin Housley, Chris Joyce, Max Kieff, Matt Lycas, Dev Mehta, Adam Mounts, Andrew Palmer, Tim Song, Josh Stein, Quantum Wei, Quasar Wei and Jonathan Yun.** Captains this year are seniors Quantum Wei, Collin Hennegan and Liam Carter-Condon. We have a veteran coaching staff in place with **Alex Gorman** returning for his third year as varsity head coach and Assistant Coach **Jim Condon.** We invite you to come see the team play – for schedules and team information, please visit our website at www.tjlacrosse.com.



The varsity lacrosse team listens to Coach Condon.

Boys JV Lacrosse: We're ready to roll! We are starting the season with two new coaches, Head Coach **Mike Kowalski** and Assistant Coach **Trevor Smith.** Twenty three players will represent TJ at 11 scrimmages and games: Juniors **Calvin Hartanto, Daniel Kang, Ian Plunk, Dean Shute, James Wang** and **Daniel Yoo** are joined by sophomores **George Calley, Matt Ferrell, Matt Greenspan, Brad Hodge, Eashan Kaw, Brendan Kim, Dimitre Nitchev, Pranava Raparla, Peter Reischer, Nathan Thillairajah** and freshmen **Justin Hwang, Rohan Krishnan, Rashad Laher, Alex Li, Brody Marino, Robby Vasta** and **Quark Wei.**

The team kicked off the season with a stellar victory over Marshall on March 24. A fast 3-0 lead in the opening period set the tone for the Colonials at their first home game as they thumped the Statesmen 14-6. Sophomore Peter Reischer scored the first goal of the season, and freshman Robby Vasta split the seam twice in the first period on his way to a hat trick for the night. Marshall then fought back with four quick goals in the second, but a blistering shot by sophomore Brendan Kim tied it at the half. Kim would follow that with a second goal in the closing minutes of the third. Several more underclassmen got in on the action when freshmen Quark Wei and Rashad Laher scored goals and sophomore George Calley scored twice. Not to be outdone by the young guns, juniors Dean Shute and Daniel Yoo each scored in the closing period, and Ian Plunk scored two back-to-back goals.

But it wasn't all about offense for TJ. Early in the second period, TJ was down two men due to penalties but managed to keep the Statesmen scoreless during a three-minute stretch. Goalies Pranava Raparla and Brad Hodge each turned in good performances with Raparla saving four goals in the first half and Hodge stopping seven in the second.

Girls Varsity Lacrosse: It was an awesome March 10 for the team, with a 13-1 win over Falls Church! This followed a close 12-15 scrimmage against Centreville on March 6, where TJ fought their way back from a 9-3 deficit to tie the scrimmage at 10-10 with 13 minutes remaining.

The team is excited about their new Head Coach **Lindsey Linden.** Coach Linden has shown outstanding direction and was key to the overwhelming success of the early part of the season. Captains **Amelia Gonzalez, Emma Ferris** and **Jacky Hennegan** are also showing great leadership. Goalie **Candice Kaplan** is leading the defense, with a high 86% save rate in the Falls Church win. Excellent defenders are **Marta Moore, Maddy Byrd, Katy Burgio, Caroline Woods** and **Rachel Nissen.** **Molly Shannon** is both attack & defense and Jacky Hennegan is the center. Attacks are Amelia Gonzalez, **Lydia Hylton, Molly Hemenway** and **Sabrina Mohamed.** Wings are Emma Ferris, **Allison Chou, Kelly Rogers** and **Emily Kehne.** **Rheem Brooks** and **Kelly Yoo** are the team managers. In addition

to great defense, the Lady Colonials have a high scoring rate – in the Centerville game, TJ scored 12 goals on 16 shots. Leading scorers are: Jacky Hennegan (8 goals); Allison Chou (6); Emma Ferris (4); Amelia Gonzalez (3); Molly Hemenway (2); and Kelly Rogers (2). The entire team was outstanding—all signs point to a great season!

Girls JV Lacrosse: The team looks forward to a promising season. With two new coaches leading the way, Head Coach **Lindsey Linden** and JV Coach **Vivian Tan**, the team played two great scrimmages: 2-12 (Centerville) on March 6; and an inspiring win (12-1) over Falls Church on March 10. Leading the Lady Colonials are captains **Connie Huang, Sonica Saraf** and **Kleo Greenwood**. Goalie **Sarah Sam**, who had 21 saves in her first game in net, is aided by her defense who kept Falls Church to only one goal: **Brittany Peck, Katherine Ho, Katherine Jiang, Sonica Saraf, Sheila Kaushik** and **Chinmayee Bala**. On both attack and defense are **Toni Stapleton** and **Christine Harris**. Wings are **Jackie Duong, Karen Clark, Katie Morley** and **Kleo Greenwood**. Attacks are **Pritty Dwivedy, Connie Scoggins, Betsy Goodwin** and **Karina Vivanco**. Rounding out the team is **Connie Huang** as center. Brilliant play was shown by the entire team, but special shout-outs go to **Karen Clark** who had several interceptions, and scorers **Kleo Greenwood** (4 goals), **Jackie Duong** (2), **Connie Huang** (2), **Katie Morley** (2), **Toni Stapleton** (2), **Christine Harris** (1) and **Sonica Saraf** (1). With such promise, TJ can be proud of its future in girls lacrosse led by the JV team!

Boys Varsity Soccer: Boy's varsity soccer is off and running, led by team captains **Jeff Pontell, Takahiro Nakamura** and **Alex Burch**. The TJ Colonials opened the season with a strong defensive game against Washington-Lee on March 19, narrowly losing 1-0. Braving chilly spring temperatures, the team traveled to Ashburn on March 23, where they faced a Stone Bridge team determined to avenge 3 years' of losses to TJ (including last year's district championship). It was a very competitive match with end to end action, including a PK scored by forward **Bruk Dinberu**. Unlike 2009, TJ mounted several attacks on goal but could not convert. Stone Bridge scored at critical moments and sealed the 3-1 victory with two huge goals in a one minute span. Following

Spring Break, TJ travels to Yorktown on April 6 and hosts McLean on April 8 for the first home game of the season. Come out and cheer for the Colonials!



Senior **Alex Burch** carries the ball in the boys' varsity's 1-3 loss to Stone Bridge on March 23.

Girls Varsity Soccer: The girls had an action-packed preseason, beating Wakefield 5-0 and losing 0-1 to West Potomac in scrimmages. Their first game was a 0-2 loss against Oakton. The girls left nothing on the field and senior **Katie Martinez** had a phenomenal day in the goal. The team is led by senior captains **Colleen Kerins** and **Katie Martinez** and junior captain **Christina Popp**. Coach **Luis Gendive** returns for his third year with TJ. There are currently 18 players on the team: three seniors, six juniors, six sophomores and three freshmen. Best of luck ladies!!



Girls Varsity Soccer Team

Varsity Softball: The team is off to a roaring start on the 2010 season! The infield looks rock-solid, with junior **Barbara Lantz** at third, senior **Hope Smith** at shortstop, freshman **Maggie Engler** at second, senior **Meghan Mutchler** at first and freshman **Rachel Dymant** at catcher. The outfield is blessed with six veterans who all started a number of games last season, including seniors

Emily Schultz, Sydney Schrider, Ariel Deutsch and **Em Maier**, and juniors **Kelsey Henderson** and **Allie Brouckman**, with depth provided by seniors **Krissy Brant** and **Lauren Kim**. The pitching staff is headed by sophomore **Helen Hastings** and freshman **Charlotte Sheridan**. Leadership is provided by the three captains, Ariel, Sydney and Hope.

The season-opening games demonstrated the Colonials' strength. TJ first whipped Chantilly, 8-0, with Helen holding the Chargers to one hit, backed by spectacular defense by the entire team, including six chances handled flawlessly by Maggie, blistering throws by Hope, and a great catch by Kelsey in right-field. Meghan slammed three hits, including a triple, to drive in four runs, while Barbara doubled in two more.

Next, against T.C. Williams, the Colonials romped to a 21-0 victory. On the mound, Charlotte fired a two-hit shut-out, again supported by terrific fielding. The TJ bats were booming, as Barbara pounded three doubles, Charlotte drove in four runs, and Rachel had two doubles and three walks. Other batters with hits, walks or RBI were Emily, Maggie, Helen, Sydney, Allie, Ariel and Hope.

In game 3, against Herndon, Helen pitched well, allowing only two hits. Barbara and Kelsey delivered base hits, and Hope scored a run with heady base-running. But the Hornets were able to squeeze in two unearned runs to win 2-1.



The team huddles during the Herndon game.

Boys Varsity Tennis: The boys' tennis team began its defense of its 2009 Virginia Northern Region and Liberty District titles on a warm sunny March day at Stone Bridge High School. The team again showed the dominance that has made it a state tennis power for many years, defeating Stone Bridge 9-0.

Leading the sweep of singles matches were senior co-captains **Edwin Zhang** (10-1), **Spencer Clark** (10-0), **Sean Cheng** (10-2) and **Chris McPherson** (10-5). Other singles winners were junior **Bill Qu** (10-2) and sophomore **Ben Rosenblum** (10-0). The pairs that swept the doubles matches were veterans Zhang and Clark (8-0), super freshmen **Ian Lin** and **Daniel Wang** (8-0), and "twin towers" senior **Kushal Seetharam** and junior **Kyle Roney** (8-4) - at 6'4" and 6'6" possibly the tallest doubles partners in the District!

Spring Track and Field: TJ athletes are off and running, as our season heats up with the warmer weather! Coach **Jeff James** and assistant coaches **Annie Lutz** and **Gary Grimsley** are working hard getting the TJ boys and girls ready for a busy season.

The team will host three home meets at the TJ stadium this spring. On Wednesday, April 14, TJ runners will square off in an afterschool, inter-District dual with Fairfax High School. Then on Saturday, May 8, TJ will host the **Penultimate Challenge**, which brings together approximately 30 of the top high school teams from the Washington, D.C. metro area, including many of the nation's top high school athletes. The Penultimate Challenge has a carnival atmosphere as the stadium fills with nearly a thousand people over the course of the day. The 3200m finals and field events kick off the action at 9:00 a.m. Preliminary sprint heats fill out the morning, with finals for other running events starting at noon. Plan on joining us for the action and the fun!

Then, on the evenings of May 18 and 19, we will host the Liberty District Championships. Our girls are the defending Liberty District Outdoor Champions, while the boys finished second last year and are looking to regain the top spot this spring. Please come out to root for the TJ teams to bring home those sought-after District Championships!!

For more information visit the team website: <http://www.colonialxctnf.com/>.

Crew Boosters



The snow and ice have finally melted, and 120 Jefferson rowers are enjoying practice on the beautiful Occoquan River. The Varsity boats

competed against local schools at their first race of the season at the Polar Bear Regatta on March 27. All three men's boats (Varsity 8, 2nd Varsity 8, and Junior 8) won their races with "open water" (2-3 boat lengths ahead of the competing boats). The women's Varsity 8 and 2nd Varsity 8 both placed third. It was a great start to the season.

During spring break, TJ hosted 22 boys from the competitive Shrewsbury School in England. TJ's former coach left TJ last year to coach at Shrewsbury. The teams raced in the Walter Mess Regatta on April 3, and both TJ's 1V and 2V won. The Freshman 8 also raced in the Walter Mess – and were pleased to win against local boats in their first race of the season.

Join the Crew team parents in the grandstands at Sandy Run Park and cheer on the team. Directions to Sandy Run are on [our website](#). To avoid the crowded parking at Sandy Run, TJ crew provides a free shuttle bus from Silverbrook Elementary School to Sandy Run Park on Regatta days.

Need any rowing clothing or spirit wear? To place your clothing order, [click here](#), then go to the forms/order forms/clothing order form. And please continue to support TJ Crew by purchasing grocery gift cards and participating in our other "no cost" fundraisers. For details, see the most recent OARacle.

As the season progresses, please continue to check our newsletter, the OARacle, which is posted on our website: <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/crew/files/>.

Questions? Contact us at:

Head Coach & Head Girls Coach: Matt Shoop, [shop2 at cox.net](#).

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Crew Booster President: Pepper Richhart, [TJCrewPresident at gmail.com](mailto:TJCrewPresident@gmail.com).

Choral Boosters

March has been a whirlwind of activity for the TJ Choral Department....

Members of our three a capella groups (Madrigals, Sirens and Manchoir) participated in SingStrong, which is a vocal music festival and a capella summit, with talent from around the country. The choral students also worked very hard to prepare for their Carnegie Hall singing debut in NYC, which took place on March 18. We had an amazing 3-day trip to the Big Apple, with 67 students! The highlight of our trip was singing on the stage of Carnegie Hall. The TJ Chorus sang several numbers, but of particular note was a piece called *Magnificent*, composed by **Mr. Adam Levowitz** with text written by senior **Raquel Tripp**. Another piece performed by the chorus, featured a solo by senior **Kimberly Hann**, while another piece, *The Defense of Fort M'Henry*, was composed by Mr. Adam Levowitz, and featured text read by senior **Danett Song**. We would especially like to thank our pianist, senior **Alex Stabile**, who has now become an honorary TJ Chorus member by popular vote! And lastly we would like to thank our dedicated chaperones...thank you for taking such good care of everyone!



TJ Chorus Performs at NYC Carnegie Hall



A Proud Moment for Senior **Raquel Tripp** and **Mr. Levowitz**

The TJ Choral department now begins work on their original Operas, composed by Mr. Adam Levowitz, "The Three Princes" and "Rip Van Winkle." The curricular chorus classes will have opportunities to perform the Operas outside of school at The Little Theater in Alexandria, as well as for the TJ community and parents in late April.

Looking ahead to April....

April 26: "The Three Princes" performed at Little Theater in Alexandria.

April 27: "The Three Princes" and "Rip Van Winkle" Opera performances, 7:00 p.m.

April 29-30: All-State Chorus (and 5/1)

Orchestra Boosters

It has been a wonderful month for our TJ Orchestras!! First, congratulations to those who were selected for All-State Orchestra and who will participate in that event at Great Bridge High School in Chesapeake, VA on April 10.

Representing TJHSST will be: Violin: **Jeanette Du, Sungmin Sohn, and Ritchie Yein**; Viola: **James Heron and Brian Shin**.

We would like to express our appreciation to all who assisted with the Pre-Festival Concert and to those who donated reception food on March 17. We also would like to acknowledge those individuals who helped coordinate student dinners, reception set up, service and clean up, and who stepped in as door monitors, as well as those parents who offered general support to our students. The Pre-Festival Concert was a wonderful prelude to the Festival itself, held at West Springfield HS on March 20. Congratulations to all orchestra members -- the TJ Orchestras received Excellent and Superior ratings --and special appreciation to

Ms. Bailey for her outstanding leadership and commitment to our students.

Please consider how you may assist the Boosters -- **we have an immediate need for a Co-Hospitality Chair to assist with the post-concert receptions, or at least with the last concert on June 10.**

There is only one concert remaining -- with so many committed orchestra parents supporting their students, we hope that one or two of you will feel motivated to step forward and give your time, your energy, and your talents to your student's orchestra experience. Our next Booster's meeting will be **Tuesday, April 13** at 7:30 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room. Please join us and on behalf of the Booster Executive Committee and active members, we appreciate your on-going support of the program.

Theatre Boosters (Shakespeare and Drama)

TJ Shakespeare Troupe was busy in March. On the third, twenty-three Troupe members participated in the day-long Folger Shakespeare Library Secondary School Festival. Students **Samantha Schipani** and **Keegan Cotton** directed scenes from *As You Like It*. Troupe members were honored with awards, including "Girl Power Dynamic Duo" to **Nicole Boyd** and **Anna Stapleton**; "Excellence in Acting" to **Andrew Freix**; "Small Role, Big Actor" to **Malaika Murphy-Sierra**; and "The Peggy O'Brien Docents Award" to **Kevin Place**.



Anna Stapleton and **Nicole Boyd** performing at the Folger Shakespeare Secondary School Festival.

The Troupe also hosted the 4th annual Shakespeareance on March 20 to teach kids how to have fun

with Shakespeare. With over 150 students in grades 1-8 participating this year, it was an overwhelming success. A special thank you to the parents who volunteered as chaperones and to the gracious sponsors **Judy Bello** and **Marion MacLean** for all their assistance.



Sam Schipani and **Brianna Buch** explain costuming to participants of Shakespeareance.



Shakespeareance participants making props for their performance.

TJ Drama proudly presents *Once in a Lifetime* by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17 at 7:00 p.m. What happens in a time-honored industry when new technology changes the rules? When that industry is the motion picture business, and the innovation is sound movies, the answer is a *Once in a Lifetime* opportunity for hilarious entertainment! Tickets will be on sale at the door.

The final meeting of Theatre Boosters for this year will be held on Monday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the library. There will be elections held for 2010-2011 officers, final preparations for the June 8 end of the year banquet, and planning for next year.

Announcements and Information

Relay for Life

It's not too early to start getting ready for the American Cancer Society's **Relay for Life** in Alexandria! The all-night Relay event will take place at TJHSST on Saturday, May 22, 2010—join friends and family to celebrate survivors and raise money. Anyone can participate, and newcomers are welcome! How can you help out? You can be a chaperone and volunteer with the American Cancer Society, form your own fundraising team, make a personal or team donation, or purchase a Luminaria for a cancer victim. Every contribution to the Relay for Life cause makes a difference. Spread the word and encourage others to participate! Be a part of the fight for a cure! For more information about the Alexandria Youth Relay and the history of Relay for Life, visit www.alexandriayouthrelay.org.

Save the Date for Annual Sports Physicals

Don't be left out on the first day of try-outs!!! Every athlete that tries out for a sport must have a new medical exam each **SCHOOL** year. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, **June 9**, to get your student's annual sports physical at TJ. The Athletic Trainers are coordinating this popular at-school event to ensure that our athletes are ready for the 2010-2011 season. Medical professionals will perform the comprehensive physicals. The screening will check height, weight, body fat, vision, upper and lower body flexibility, posture and vital signs, and includes time with the medical professional for clearance. Every athlete needs a new athletic physical every school year, so save a trip to the doctor's office and come out and support TJ Athletics. Call 703-750-8387 with any questions.

Volunteers Needed for Physicals!

We need medical and non-medical parents to help make the sports physicals a successful event! If you are a TJ parent and a physician (MD or DO), physician assistant (PA), physical therapist (PT) or nurse practitioner (NP), please consider helping out with physicals on June 9. We also need non-medical parents who want to help with working a station or check-in/out desk. Last year this

fundraiser provided over \$12,000 in support of our various sports programs. Your expertise and a few hours of your time will greatly benefit our TJ athletes! Email [Heather.Murphy at fpcs.edu](mailto:Heather.Murphy@fpcs.edu) to sign up.

Baccalaureate Ceremony to Be Held June 16

This year's Baccalaureate Graduation Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 16, in the TJ Auditorium from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Students and faculty will have the opportunity to share their experiences and discuss how their religion has influenced them through their academic years. There will be student speakers from a number of different religions. Our event sponsor and keynote speaker will be AP US History teacher **Mr. Thomas Sleete**. Baccalaureate is also a time when students present their musical talents. Last year seniors from the TJ Choir gave a performance, and several others students performed solo pieces. Baccalaureate provides an opportunity for students to be recognized individually in a relaxed, thoughtful environment prior to the festivities of the school-wide graduation. The ceremony is non-denominational and every effort will be made to

ensure that everyone feels represented and welcome should they choose to attend. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please email [TJBac2010 at gmail.com](mailto:TJBac2010@gmail.com). Also, please send an email to the aforementioned address if you are willing to donate money for the ceremony. Because no school funds can be spent on the ceremony, any and all donations are greatly appreciated!

Temporary Bus Schedule Changes

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

- Apr. 20 --- West Springfield
- Apr. 23 --- Mt Vernon HS

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

Useful Links

TJHSST Home Page: <http://www.tjhsst.edu/>

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Academic Boosters:

<http://academics.tjhsst.edu/aboosters/>

Athletic Boosters: <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/boosters/>

Band Boosters: <http://www.tjhsstband.org/>

Choral Boosters: <http://tjchoir.org/>

Crew Boosters: <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/crew/>

Orchestra Boosters: <http://arts.tjhsst.edu/orchestra/>

Sports: <http://colonialathletics.org/>

Theatre Boosters: <http://arts.tjhsst.edu/theatreboosters/>

TJ Partnership Fund: www.tjpartnershipfund.org

Other:

FCPS Blackboard: <http://fcps.blackboard.com>

FCPS Familygram:

fcps.edu/mediapub/publicat/familygram/fall2009/index.html

FCPS School Board: <http://www.fcps.edu/schlbld>

Fairfax County Supervisors:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/>

Noteworthy Dates

April 2010	May 2010
5 Return from Spring Break	3- AP Exams (2 weeks)
6 ANGP Meeting, 7pm in Career Center	14
6 Band Booster Meeting, 6:30pm in Principal's Conference Room	4 ANGP Meeting, 7pm in Career Center
7 Athletic Booster Meeting, 7pm in Library	4 Band Booster Meeting, 6:30pm in Principal's Conference Room
8 Crew Booster Meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center	5 Athletic Booster Meeting, 7pm in Library
13 Orchestra Booster Meeting, 7:30pm in Principal's Conference Room	6 Crew Booster Meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center
14 Principal's Coffee and PTSA Meeting, 9am in Cafeteria	10 Theatre Booster Meeting, 7pm in Library
16- Spring Drama Production, <i>Once in a</i>	11 Diversity Committee Meeting, 7pm in Career Center
17 <i>Lifetime</i> , 7pm	13 Crew Board Meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center
17 Techstravaganza, 12:30pm at TJ	14 Class of 2012 Movie Night, 7pm in Gym 2
17 Cappies Critic Dinner, 4pm in Cafeteria	15 Class of 2011 trip to Six Flags
20 Delayed School opening at West Springfield HS	17 PTSA Meeting, 7pm in Library
20 College Panel Night, 7:30pm in Auditorium	19 Freshman Preview, 7:30pm-9:30pm
22 Volunteer Appreciation Lunch, 11:30am in Career Center	20 Choral Booster Meeting, 7pm in Music Wing
22 Choral Booster Meeting, 7pm in Music Room M8	20 Latin Honor Society Awards Ceremony, 7pm in Cafeteria
22- Orchestra Spring Trip	21 Leadership Service Awards Ceremony, 2:15pm in Auditorium
25	22- Relay for Life at TJHSST
23 Delayed school opening at Mount Vernon HS	23
23 Class of 2013 Lock-In, 4pm at TJ	24- SOL Testing (2 weeks)
27 Academic Booster Meeting, 7pm in Career Center	6/4
27 Choral Performance, 7pm in Auditorium	25 Academic Booster Meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center
28 SSAB Meeting, 7:30pm in Library	26 Jazz Band Cabaret, 7pm in Cafeteria
	26 Transition to College Night, 7:30pm in Auditorium
	27 Spring Concert, 7pm in Auditorium
	28 Modified Red Day, Early Dismissal at 10:50am
	31 Memorial Day holiday, no school

*Thomas Jefferson
High School's
Annual Volunteer
Appreciation Luncheon*

Please join us in the Career Center

On Thursday, April 22,

From 11:30 am until 1:00 pm

as we acknowledge our wonderful, hardworking

79 volunteers.

