

Principal's Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers, and Students,

After a record snowfall in February, I asked a geosystems teacher how Punxsutawney Phil managed to forecast a prolonged winter simply by a sunny day on February 2. I received a smile and then a response, but I'll refrain from sharing what I learned in order to keep the mystery alive. We've missed a lot of days with many hours of lost instructional time before important end-of-course exams (APs and SOLs) and research project deadlines. The Superintendent is now recommending that FCPS make up the four-day deficit by including a full day of school on Monday, April 12, and school on June 23, 24, and 25. The School Board will make a decision on this matter early this month.

I want to thank everyone who helped with the snow removal during Snowmageddon. Unfortunately, we could not keep our entire parking lot safe unless we restricted some parking areas until the snow became more manageable. I want to apologize to our juniors for temporarily displacing their parking during snow clean-up. FCPS was responsive with their plows and the custodians were fantastic in shoveling the sidewalks and learning cottages. Our new interim assistant principal Mr. DeRose was working closely with all crews, taking pictures to obtain assistance, and directing the removal. Student helpers came to TJ on their day off to assist the crew – now that is social responsibility! Thank you to everyone who cleared bus stops and sidewalks in their neighborhoods to make it easier for students to get to school.

Many athletic events were cancelled and unfortunately seasons were cut short. We were able to reschedule some of our other events at special times. Many thanks to all of the Science Fair judges who came to TJ on a Wednesday afternoon--many took the afternoon off from work to help out on an emergency basis. I look forward to our student participation at the regional and state science fairs this month, as well as the Intel Science Talent Search open house at the National Academy of Sciences.

We have begun planning summer school and have posted preliminary information to the **TJHSST website**. 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.

Two important documents have been added to the TJ Information Blackboard website. Once you log on, you will have access to the latest TJ renovation document that outlines the architect's concept drawings. The school's addition will be 80,000 square feet, increasing its existing size by a third. That means no more learning cottages! A major new addition will be a multi-story research center at the front of the building highlighting our labs and displaying student projects. I would like to thank the TJ renovation team for their hard work gathering input and feedback from their constituent groups as we transition into the next design phase this spring.

The second new document on the TJ Blackboard website describes staffing investments needed next year to maintain a high quality education at TJ. If the class size formula increases significantly, we should anticipate course offering reductions until the budget improves. I will hold various meetings with staff, students, and parents during this month to review the data in this report, address your questions, and gather your thoughts on how we can weather these cuts without significant losses to school programs. The FCPS budget office has produced a publication called **The Bottom Line** outlining the upcoming cuts and addressing community questions.

We will persevere through these tough times ahead, thanks to your ongoing support and dedication to make TJ an extraordinary school. I appreciate your thoughts on how we can continue to offer a high quality education to our students. Please don't hesitate to offer ideas by contacting me at [Evan.Glazer at fcps.edu](mailto:Evan.Glazer@fcps.edu).

Sincerely,

Evan Glazer
TJ Principal

President's Message

WOW! What a February. The historic snows certainly dominated our lives this past month. I hope students enjoyed all the snow days and came back to school rested and revitalized for the busy times at school. The TJ community is resilient and school is slowing returning to its normal hectic pace. Only now we have all the rescheduled events to fit in. Thank you for your patience and understanding. As you know, after rescheduling once, we decided to cancel our February PTSA meeting. Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Please try to attend.

As we strive to return to normal, we have a few other snow-related updates. Parking for juniors should be restored very soon. An email will be sent the day before it's available. In addition, FCPS Superintendent Dale has modified his recommendation to the School Board on how to make up for some of the excess snow days. Based on feedback countywide from parents and employees, the Superintendent is recommending that FCPS follow the original 2009-10 calendar, which includes a full day of school on Monday, April 12, and school (minus our then already graduated seniors) on June 23, 24, and 25. If we have any additional snow days, they would also be made up through additional days at the end of the year. The School Board will make a final decision on the makeup plan at its regular business meeting on March 4. FCPS is also reviewing options on delaying SOL and AP testing. We will send an update when we hear something.

As we did not have a February meeting, the executive board (consisting of the elected officers and standing committee chairs) elected by email vote the nominating committee. This committee has begun its work and is seeking nominations 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. Please consider whether this opportunity could fit in your plans for next year. I can tell you that it is a wonderful and rewarding experience. Information regarding nominations can be found at the top of page 3, immediately following this message. If you have any questions, including those concerning the

responsibilities of a particular position, please feel free to contact me, any of the other current officers, or anyone on the Nominating Committee.

The school-wide Building Renovations Committee has not let the snows of February stop its exciting efforts in planning for the TJ renovation. You should have received two emails this month updating you on the progress. The architects have drawn two sets of schematic plans for discussion purposes. These plans are available by clicking [here](#) and they were printed for viewing at the school. Thank you to the parents who dropped by to see the plans, heard some explanation by Dr. Glazer and gave their opinions and thoughts. A long list of comments from faculty, staff, students and parents has been sent to the architects and we await their responses. As my son will be graduating this June, I am transitioning my seat on the committee to Denise Bunting (with Jamie Korelitz as her backup). Please feel free to contact them at any time with any questions or concerns.

The budget for next year continues to be a concern. The 2011 Advertised Budget eliminated many of the most devastating cuts including further class size increase and the elimination of freshman sports. However, the situation is still fluid and we are carefully monitoring both the activities on funding sources (county and state) and the final determination of the FCPS budget. Please monitor the progress and advocate your position. We will also send email updates as appropriate.

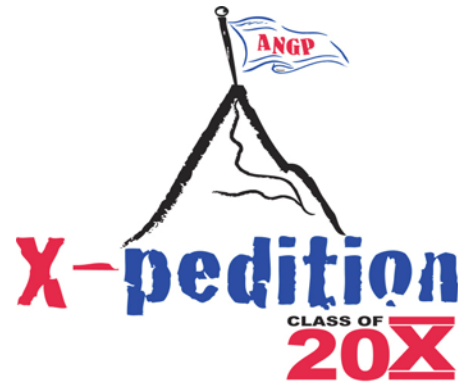
And finally, as the first semester is long behind us and we work to restart the second after a very snowy month, I am reminded of how lucky I am that our family has been part of this school community. Led the by amazing talents of our students, the school is able to draw on the resources of its faculty, staff and parents to create a truly unique education. If you have not signed up already, we always need more volunteers. Please join us – we need your time and talents.

As always, if you have questions, concerns or just want to chat, do not hesitate to contact me or any of the PTSA officers.

~~Carrie Kilgore
TJ PTSA President
[ptsa.president at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.president@tjhsst.edu)

Serving the TJ Community

All Night Graduation Party (ANGP)



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS TJ TRADITION: PARENTS FROM ALL CLASSES HELP AT TJ'S MOST FUN EVENT

*FRESHMAN, SOPHOMORE AND JUNIOR PARENTS
THE CLASS OF 2010 NEEDS YOU!*

The TJ All-Night Graduation Party (ANGP) happens every year. The whole purpose of the ANGP is to keep seniors safe at an alcohol-free celebration. Yes, ANGP is only for seniors but someday your student will be a senior.

Imagine how proud and happy a senior parent is to see graduation at last – family is in town and celebrations abound. These same parents must stay awake all night to chaperone the biggest TJ party ever.

This party requires HUNDREDS of volunteers. That's a lot of volunteers and that's a lot going on in these parents' personal lives. That's why senior parents need your help.

Senior parents will definitely want to sign up for a shift the evening of Saturday, June 19. Not only will it be fun, it is the only way they will be allowed inside! One of the most fun shifts to fill is the 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. time slot, and we urgently need volunteers for that time. There are several advantages to that time: you get to witness the amazing early morning activities, and you get to drive your sleepy student home—which is something the ANGP requests for safety reasons. Won't you consider volunteering?! Many of us parents have volunteered year after year--it is a blast

Nominations for TJ PTSA Officers -- It's that time of year when the Nominating Committee seeks nominations for elected positions on the TJ PTSA Executive Committee for the 2010-2011 school year. Do you want to get involved and make a difference at TJ? Do you want to keep up to date with what's going on and network with other parents, students, and teachers? Then we have the job for you! Please step forward and volunteer to serve as an officer on the PTSA Executive Committee. The positions are: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. In order to provide continuity and experience, we anticipate that perhaps 2-4 of the current officers will serve another year in some capacity.

Any PTSA member with the willingness and ability to serve and provide leadership is welcome to apply. (Note: PTSA by-laws require that a person may be nominated for president only if he/she has served on the executive board for at least one term.) PTSA members who want to nominate someone else for an office may do so, with the nominee's permission. **The deadline for nominations is March 15, 2010.**

The nomination form can be found at the end of this newsletter or on the PTSA website. Please send any questions or completed forms to the Nominating Committee at ptsacorrespondingsecretary@tjhsst.edu. The Nominating Committee members are Gail Brodfuehrer, Helen Lin, Carol Miranda, Jane Pyrak and Ellen Ranard.

TJHSST PTSA Reflections Program

District Results

Congratulations to the following students for their continued success at the District level of competition: **Catherine Ayres**, Outstanding Interpretation, Dance Choreography; **Rachel Merriman-Goldring**, Award of Excellence, Photography; and **Arjun Srinivasan**, Award of Excellence, Literature.

and a joy. You will feel so happy helping whether your kid is a senior or not! After all, that is the TJ spirit of cooperation. And when your senior year comes, you will have learned what to do. Volunteers are needed for committees that are active now or for ones at the party. OR BOTH! Contact the ANGP Volunteers Chair, Nancy Carter, at nacarter@earthlink.net or fill in the **Volunteer Sign-up Sheet** found online and drop it in the ANGP 2010 mailbox in the front office.

Upcoming Events

Langley PTSA Offers Program on Alcohol and Teens, TJ Parents Welcome

On March 10, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. in the Langley High School Auditorium, the Langley High School PTA Family Network committee will present a program entitled "What's the big deal-kids will be kids." Recent research indicates that even occasional binge drinking can have a lasting effect on a teen's brain. In fact, a comparison between teens who binge drink (even just twice a month) and those who do not shows a 10% difference in thinking and memory tests--in school, that could be the difference between one letter grade or another. Guest speakers will discuss how alcohol use really does affect teens differently than adults, and how "pre-gaming" has changed in recent years. In the most recent FX Co. Youth Survey, McLean area high schools had some of the highest rates of alcohol use and binge drinking in the County. Come learn what that means for our kids and why teen drinking really is a big deal.

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 Exxon Mobil, 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@gmail.com.

March is National Athletic Training Month!



Dear TJ Community,

Over my nine years here, I have developed relationships with parents, coaches, student-athletes, officials, teachers, counselors and administrators. Together as a team, we have been working to keep our athletes safe.

Kristin Lillis and I would like to take this time to say THANK YOU to all have supported us as Athletic Trainers in the high school setting. The theme for this year's National Athletic Training Month is *Sport Safety is a Team Effort*. We couldn't do our jobs without the outstanding "team" we have here with us at TJ. Please take some time to visit our display across the Career Center from March 1-15.

The 50 Certified Athletic Trainers in FCPS will be recognized by the School Board on March 4 at Luther Jackson Middle School at 7:00 p.m. For more information on Certified Athletic Trainers you can visit <http://www.fcps.edu/supt/activities/atp/>. See you on the sidelines (when the snow melts)!

Sincerely,

Heather Murphy and Kristin Lillis
Certified Athletic Trainers

Student Services Corner

Guidelines

The latest issue of the TJHSST Student Services Department newsletter, *Guidelines (March-April)*, has been posted to Blackboard and also can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

Student Government Association

Hey TJ!

Hope you had a refreshing second winter break! Right now, SGA is focusing all of our efforts on Service Week, which will be the week of **March 22 – March 26**. It's right around the corner! Our donations will be going to the William J. Clinton Foundation to support Haiti relief. The goal is to raise fifteen thousand dollars, and we're already part of the way there. Clubs have been fundraising and restaurants near TJ have agreed to work with us and to donate funds to our cause.

Friday, March 26, was originally planned to be a benefit concert, featuring TJ bands. However, due to the unexpected snow days there has been a change. TJ's very popular annual I-Nite has been moved to March 26 and will be the grand finale of Service Week! In addition to the I-Nite acts, a few acts from the original benefit concert will also be performing. All money earned from admission will be part of Service Week's donation. It's going to be a great show!

For any information about Service Week, or if you want to participate, contact SGA during school, by email ([tjhsstsga at googlegroups.com](mailto:tjhsstsga@googlegroups.com)), or visit our new [Service Week Website](#). We hope to see you there!

Academic News

Spanish National Honor Society

Winter games and celebrations are keeping the SHS members in a festive mood. The last few meetings have been lively with games such as "Gestures," Valentine making, and dance practice for the upcoming Traditional Latin dance called "Bulería" to be held on Friday evening, March 12. A professional dance instructor, who will also be our DJ, has been hired to ensure us a wonderful time. In addition, on March 5, one week prior to the dance, a full 8th period will be dedicated to Latin dance lessons. Both of these events are open to all students. It is also time for new students to apply for membership into the society. To be eligible, students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher in Spanish, based on a minimum of 3

semesters at TJ. Applications are available from your Spanish teacher. Hope to see you on the dance floor!!!

Class News

2010 – Seniors

Senior Parent Check List

Senior parents need to act now! Senior year is already winding down. Several things need your attention and cannot be put off any longer. The last minute is already here and the deadlines are now.

Things every senior parent needs to do (if you have not already done so):



Pay your senior dues. \$30, check payable to TJHSST, Class of 2010. Send it in to the school today, attention, Amanda Hurowitz. These funds defray the costs of the graduation at the Patriot Center and cover the cost of your child's graduation gown. Unless you pay the dues, your child cannot participate in the graduation ceremony.



Purchase an ANGP Ticket for your student. Every year we have 95% participation. Buy now – we need the funds to help with the planning, decorations, and deposits on the activities. If you purchase later, your money ends up funding next year's party. If you need financial assistance with the ANGP ticket and senior dues, contact your child's guidance counselor.

<http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty/documents/ticketform2010.pdf>.



Send your child's baby and senior photo in for the ANGP display. I know digging out a photo seems like a chore, but I had great fun looking at baby photos of my son in order to select a picture. See the instructions at:

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



Volunteer to help at the ANGP. We really need every senior family to help in some way. Without your help we cannot have a successful party.

<http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty/documents/2010volunteer-signup-form.pdf>

Some parents have been asking about the graduation date: please note that even if school is extended three days, our seniors will still graduate on June 19th. No, they don't have to cancel their beach week plans!

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

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

2011 - Juniors

March News: The Junior Class will host **Mr. Colonial** on Friday, **March 19**.

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 [vallefamly at cox.net](mailto:vallefamly@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 Dinner and Auction is almost upon us. We hope you are planning on joining us! Here are the specifics:

WHAT: The Class of 2012 Dinner and Silent Auction
WHEN: Saturday Evening, March 13, 2010
WHERE: Fort Belvoir Officers' Club

Please contact us at [TJClassof2012 at cox.net](mailto:TJClassof2012@cox.net) if you have any questions or need information.

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

2013 – Freshmen

We hope everyone has survived the blizzards of 2010 and enjoyed the extra winter break time! The **Freshman Lock-In** is fast approaching **on April 23-24**. Many thanks to those that have already volunteered. The class officers tell us the theme is “Empire State of Mind” and they plan to transform the entire school into the Great White Way of New York. To help them do so, they are seeking the following donations: (1) White or colored holiday light strands to be used to light up TJ for the event! The lights will be labeled with the student’s name and returned after the lock-in; (2) Prizes for the basketball game and talent show. The basketball game will be a 3 on 3 format, so prizes that are in 3’s (e.g., 3 x \$10 gift cards) or can easily be split into 3’s (e.g., a \$30 gift card) are needed. Prizes for the talent show in the \$10 range are also needed (gift cards for i-Tunes cards, bookstore, Target, Best Buy, Baskin Robbins, etc., stuffed animals, movie tickets are some ideas). Donations of lights (which should also have students’ names on them) and prizes should be clearly labeled “Class of 2013 Lock-In” and can be dropped off in Mrs. Lewis’ office (Room 151).

Class dues are still being collected so if you have not sent yours in, it is not too late! And, tickets for the Lock-In will soon be available. Two dollars from each Lock-In ticket will go towards relief efforts in Haiti.

Remind your students to keep up the good work on their IBET projects. The snow days interfered with many projects so there is little time to waste. The time to present at TJ Star will be here before we know it!

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

News Round-Up and Awards

TJHSST Science and Engineering Fair

For the first time in any faculty member's memory, the Science and Engineering Fair, originally scheduled for February 6, suffered postponements-- due to the historic double-whammy snowstorms-- on both the Saturday of the fair as well as the Saturday snow date. Because of looming deadlines for the Regional Science and Engineering fair, the staff and faculty hastily pulled together an Eighth Period Science Fair for Wednesday, February 17.

At least 50 of the original judges slated for the Saturday fairs were unable to attend on Wednesday afternoon, but TJ parents responded to Dr. Glazer's call for assistance by contacting friends and colleagues who volunteered at the last minute to judge. Also, eleven faculty members judged in categories in which they were not sponsoring students. The time restriction made judging and presenting projects more challenging, but the judges did their best to hear and evaluate all student work.

Judges from industry who had not previously met any of our students expressed praise at the depth of student work and asked to be invited to judge at future fairs.

TJ was allotted 22 slots in the Regional Science and Engineering Fair, but may also send forward any Siemens or Intel Science Talent Search semi-finalist's presentations if those projects adhere to International Science and Engineering Fair rules. In total, TJ will have 35 projects in the regional competition to be held March 19-21 at Robinson Secondary.

Animal Sciences

First Place Winners: **Dahan Choi, Gloria Duan, Swetha Rao, Mohima Sanyal, Jenny Zhao.**

Second Place Winners: **Arvin Ahmadi, Eric Dale, Wills Johnston, Kyu Rhee Kang, Corinne Mayer, Paul Oh, Christine Shen, Shriram Sundararaman, Rachel Wu.**

Third Place Winners: **Joey Bouchard, Christina Choi, Bruk Dinberu, Annie Laib, Julie Thatcher.**

Honorable Mention: **Weina Bao, Takahiro Nakamura, Samantha Payne, Adriana Phillips, Sruthi Poduval.**

Astronomy

First Place Winners: **Nathan Harmon, Kamna Kathuria.**

Second Place Winners: **Danley Hsu, Andrew Kim.**

Third Place Winner: **Ranjani Sarma**

Honorable Mention: **Amer Ahmed, Hailey Arnold, Robby Culhane, Nora Gayer, Julia Hed, Matthew Lamb, Reed Martinko, R. Willie Nicklas, Nora Riesenber, Joseph Scholle, Sydney Schrider.**

Behavioral & Social Sciences

First Place Winners: **Nishant Garg, Mi-Song Kim, Daria Nesterovich, Pranava Raparla, Hope Smith.**

Third Place Winners: **Yon Jang, Arman Khojandi, Govind Mattay.**

Honorable Mention: **Kimberly Hann, Rajni Rao.**

Biochemistry

First Place Winners: **Jeremy Ho, Salini Hota, Sundeep Kutumbaka, Jad Tabbara.**

Second Place Winner: **Brian Yu.**

Cellular & Molecular Biology

First Place Winner: **Riley Ennis.**

Second Place Winners: **Seung Han Baek, Claire Cooper, Amber Lee, Ho Jae Lee.**

Chemistry

First Place Winners: **Krissy Brant, Lam Bui, Aman Kansal, Jee In Seo, Xinyi Zhang.**

Second Place Winners: **James (Mic) Byrne, Xuerong Sherry Dai, Julie Hansen, Xianan April Hu, Asha Menon, Cara Newlon, Biqi Zhang.**

Honorable Mention: **Amelia Friedman, Bianca Kim, Mary Kim, Sy Rashid, Brian Rud, James Wu.**

Computer Science

First Place Winners: **Christopher Carey, Craig Saperstein, Andrew Watson.**

Second Place Winners: **Nimesh Chakravarthi, Divya Garg, Caelen Garrett, Daniel Kang, Xiaodi Sun, Michael Wu.**

Third Place Winners: **Aviv Cukierman, Ashutosh Goel, Dev Mehta, Roneil Rumburg.**

Honorable Mention: **Connor Cheong, Arjun Srinivasan.**

Earth & Planetary Science

First Place Winners: **Nicole Bailey, Brittany Borman, Kyung Min Chae, William Manaker, Sharon Yin.**

Second Place Winners: **Darwin Li, Hannah Turner.**

Energy & Transportation

First Place Winners: **Julie Hsia, Ankit Kapoor, Helena Manguerra, William Troppe.**

Second Place Winners: **Liam Carter-Condon, Sanjeet Das, Megan Falls, Janiel Li, Anna Mazur, Rithvik Prasannappa, Anurag Shyamala, Samy Singh.**

Honorable Mention: **Amith Ananthram, Sarthak Sahu.**

Engineering: Electrical & Mechanical

First Place Winners: **Roman Averbukh, Lance Guthrie, Sam Surette, Victor Sub Youk.**

Second Place Winners: **Amedee d'Aboville, Brian Levinstein.**

Third Place Winners: **Arman Carter, Dylan Drake, Surbhi Gupta, Franklin Zheng.**

Honorable Mention: **Kristina Horita, George Li, Stephanie Snoich.**

Engineering: Materials & Bioengineering

First Place Winners: **Pranav Aurora, Adil Dittmer, Jacob Kannarkat, Eric Westman.**

Second Place Winners: **Akshay Deverakonda, Jerry Liu, Daniel Wang.**

Third Place Winner: **Minsik Jun.**

Honorable Mention: **Emma Ferris, Seth Kolker, Megan Tetlow.**

Environmental Management

First Place Winners: **Jun Hong (Johnny) Kim, Melissa Reardon.**

Second Place Winners: **Ariel Deutsch, Hannah Lan, Priya Patel, Kelly Schumann, Yohan Sumathipala.**

Third Place Winners: **Hannah Clark, Ashwin Raja, Ellen Zhong.**

Honorable Mention: **Tyler Anderson, Jungeun Choi, Ellie Roeva, Xu Yu Zeng.**

Environmental Sciences

First Place Winners: **Spencer Clark, Rachel Lienesch, Kathryn Moore, Lan-Vy Ngo, Alex Streicher, Katy Williamson.**

Second Place Winners: **Nicole Boyd, Claire Cowden, Ewan Kay, Maliha Khan, Candice Kremer, Won Jun Kuk, Christina Moore, Masooma Raza, Megan Sagurton.**

Third Place Winners: **Sydney Huppert, Carolyn McKenna, Anna Nikolova, Margaret Tarmann.**

Mathematical Sciences

First Place Winners: **Luke Cheng, Jason Miller, Siddhant Sethi.**

Medicine & Health Sciences

First Place Winners: **Venkat Iyer, Alyssa-Claire Mendoza, Anirudh Saraswathula, Amy Shiyang Yang.**

Second Place Winners: **Chinmayee Balabhadrapatruni, Jane Hu, William Nguyen, Veronica Peterkin, Franklin Zhou.**

Microbiology

First Place Winners: **Anh Dao, Anisha Apte, Karishma Popli.**

Honorable Mention: **Deanna Zhu.**

Physics

First Place Winners: **Christine O'Donnell, Daniel Ranard.**

Second Place Winners: **Nader Al-Naji, Anshul Goyal, Grace Wang.**

Third Place Winners: **Roberto Valle, Chris Zeng.**
Honorable Mention: **Emily Schultz.**

Scholastic Writing Regional Gold Medalists

Congratulations to the following gold medal winners in the Scholastic Writing regional:
Michael Wu (2011) (Persuasive Writing) (Judy Bello); **Abigail Xu** (2011) (Personal Essay/Memoir) (Kate Lewis); **Rachel Kim** (2011) (Short Story) (Milde Waterfall) and (Poetry) (Milde Waterfall); **Daniel Wang** (2010) (Personal Essay/Memoir) (Milde Waterfall); **Sarah Khatry** (2013) (Personal Essay/Memoir) (Jennifer Seavey); **Nalini Singh** (2013) (Personal Essay/Memoir) (Jennifer Seavey); **Hassan Almas** (2013) (Persuasive Writing) (Jennifer Seavey).

Scholastic Art Award Winners

The following students have received awards in the FCPS Scholastic Art competition: **Luke Cheng** (2010) Silver Key Award in the Photo Portfolio Category; and **Michael Crumplar** (2011), Gold

Key Award in the Photography Category. Their projects were selected from a field of more than 1600 entries!

bioGENEius Challenge

Congratulations to **Anirudh Saraswathula**, a state finalist in the bioGENEius competition. Anirudh has been invited to the NE regional competition in West Long Branch, NJ, to be held on March 27.

National Council of Teachers Awards

This year's winners of the National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Awards in Writing Contest are: **Jane Hu, Saman Kamgar-Parsi, and Will Richhart**. These three juniors will represent TJHSST in the state level writing contest. Great job!

TJHSST Partnership Fund

TJ Partnership Fund Asks: Have You Hugged Your School Today?

PLEASE KEEP THOSE YEAR-END APPEAL CHECKS COMING!

TJ's First Annual Junior Lab Appeal is about to begin: This is a great way to help your student's lab acquire needed equipment or supplies. Whether it's by helping to purchase performance microphones for the Communications Lab or a wind turbine for Energy Systems, the JLA is going to have a big impact on the work TJ's rising seniors (and all elective students) can accomplish next year. Lab Captains from each lab will soon be contacting parents of students in that lab to give them the details. We hope that every parent of a junior will participate. Your kids will thank you for it!

Check out the PF Bulletin Board: The Mid-Year Donor List, featuring eight pages of corporate/foundation, parent, alumni parent, and alumni donors, was just posted at the School's main entrance. Join your friends and your student's friend's parents in supporting our School and your name will appear on the FY2010 Donor List, which will be posted on our bulletin board as well as published in our Annual Report, mailed to all parents in August.

The Phonathon is Coming to Town: Later this month, Partnership Fund volunteers will be contacting every freshman and sophomore parent who has not yet contributed to the PF this school year. Help shrink our Phonathon call list – give before March 15th!

A Special Thank You to our Corporate Partner, SAIC:



Freshman students, with Intel Finalist **Temple Douglas '10** & Jefferson Society President **Claire Cundiff '10**, surround Principal Evan Glazer, Assistant Principal Mary McDowell, SAIC's Chief Technology Officer, Amy Alving, and SAIC's David Speiser, parent '12, as they hold a check for \$15,000 given by SAIC to support TJ's labs.

Parent contributions alone cannot fulfill TJ's needs, but it is often parent connections that lead to, or greatly enhance, corporate support of our programs.

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

Model UN

TJ Model UN claimed the Secretary General's Award for Outstanding Large School Delegation at the Ivy League Model United Nations Conference at the University of Pennsylvania on January 28-31. Congratulations to all the Delegates!

- Best Delegation Awards went to: **Dennis Wang, Shiyang Yang, Vish Sridharan, Xiaonan Hu, Neal Milstein, Anirudh Saraswathula, and Swetha Pasala.**
- Outstanding Delegate Awards went to: **Aman Kansal, Ankit Kapoor, Nimesh Chakravarthi, Ashneil Jain, Ashu Goel, Allen Shi, Kate Kingsbury, Michael Nguyen, Bryan Cheong, Salini Hota, Christine Lee, Nazila Shafaghata, Zack Perconti, Adrea Jackson, and Lyndsey Wheeler.**
- Honorable Mention Awards went to: **Sara Asad, Chinmayee Bala, Siddhant Sethi, Kevin Cao, Namita Kansal, Collin Jones, Carson Hotard, Kamna Kathuria, John Pulice, Mohima Sanyal, Anurag Shyamala, and Mike Crumplar.**
- Verbal Commendations went to: **Ryan Pillai, Yash Maniar, Ashrit Bagali, Mayank Mahajan, Eashan Kaul, Eugene Cai, Zach Moser, Jihun Kim, Brendan Kim, Jake Zucker, Connor Docherty, Nick Kousen, Miller Ke, Deanna Zhu, Dan Wang, and Joowon Choi.**

Math Team

Daniel Li was one of 10 finalists in the Who Wants to be a Mathematician competition. As a finalist, he won a trip to compete in a National Who Wants to be a Mathematician competition at the Joint Mathematics Meeting in San Francisco. Against representatives from all over the United States, Dan won \$1000 for himself and \$1000 for the school based on his essay on how the money would be used. For the school winnings, Dan wrote that TJ should start a math library for some of the more advanced students, so that is how the money will be

used. Information on the competition can be found by clicking [here](#).



Dan Li receiving his award from the Who Wants to be a Mathematician Competition from Joe Harris of Harvard University.

The Varsity Math Team traveled to the Harvard MIT Math Tournament on February 20. **Brian Hamrick** placed third in the Calculus Division and fifth in the Combinatorics Division which earned him an overall third place individual award. **Mitchell Lee** also finished in the top 20, finishing 18th with an 18th place finish in Calculus and 7th place finish in Combinatorics. **Andrew Cheong** finished 15th in the Calculus division and Dan Li was 17th in Geometry.

TJ A Team won a third place finish in the Guts round; a first place finish in the Team round; and finished fourth place overall.



Dan Li, Adam Hood, Brian Hamrick, Akshar Wunnava, Jimmy Clark, Sin Kim, Sam Rush, and Mitchell Lee receiving their overall team award.

In addition to the on-site tournament, Harvard and MIT hosted an HMMT online tournament for those students who were unable to travel to Cambridge. TJ had two teams participating in the online tournament (TJ D and TJ E). In the online

tournament, congratulations to the following students: **Saketh Are** – tied for 9th in Algebra, 4th in Combinatorics, and 10th overall Individual; **Nalini Singh** – tied for 9th in Algebra; **Andre Kessler** – 5th in Calculus; **Allen Shi** – 10th in Calculus; **Divya Garg** – tied for 7th in Combinatorics; **Luke Cheng** – 9th in Combinatorics, 6th in Geometry; **Thomas Lee** – 7th in Geometry; **Roberto Valle** – 8th in Geometry.

In the Team Round, TJ D came in 2nd and TJ E came in 5th. In the Guts Round, TJ D came in 4th and TJ E came in 6th.

Quiz Bowl

The **TJ Quiz Bowl Team** won first place at the VHSL district tournament and continued on to win first place at the VHSL regional tournament. The team attempted to host its own tournament, NAREN, on January 30, 2010, but it was cut short and postponed to a later date because of snow.

Lincoln Douglas Debate

Due to the snow, TJ LD Debate Team was unable to compete in their main two planned tournaments, the local WACFL 5 tournament and the national University of Pennsylvania Liberty Bell Classic. However, earlier the Team did send a few Varsity competitors to the Columbia Invitational, where **Ashneil Jain** broke to the Double Octafinals rounds.

The WACFL 5 tournament is the last chance for debaters to qualify for the Metro Finals, which is the regional tournament in March that allows winners to compete in the national tournament. Because WACFL 5 was cancelled this year, additional qualifiers were determined in other ways. TJ now has additional qualifiers for the upcoming Metro Finals tournament. In Varsity, **Yunan Nie** and **Katherine Wang** have qualified. In Junior Varsity, **Shohini Ghosh**, **Andrew Kim**, and **Alan Wei** have all qualified. These debaters will join TJ's previously qualified debaters in a couple of weeks at the Metro Finals tournament. Congratulations everyone!

Forensics

The Liberty District Meet was held at Stone Bridge High School. TJ took three first place medals: **Rebecca Friedman**, Foreign Extemp; **Kyle Angelotti**, Domestic Extemp; and **Leif Bakke**, Original Oratory. The team took second place in the District.

At the Regional Meet held at Westfield HS, **Rebecca Friedmann** took third in Foreign Extemp and **Leif Bakke** took third in Original Oratory, both earning slots at the State Meet. Congratulations!

Physics Team

On January 28, TJ's Physics Team took the USA Physics Olympiad's F=ma exam. Nationwide, approximately 3,200 students took this first-round exam. The top scoring students advance to the semifinal round of competition. TJ has 29 of the 312 semi-finalists, more than any other school by a factor of 2.2. Congratulations to **John Anderson**, **Maxwell Beckhard**, **Krishnan Chander**, **Jack Chen**, **Aviv Cukierman**, **Lawrence Diao**, **Stephen Eltinge**, **Thomas Georgiou**, **Brian Hamrick**, **Adam Hood**, **Jonathan Hsu**, **Daniel Kang**, **Andre Kessler**, **Andrew Kim**, **Mitchell Lee**, **Daniel Li**, **Lenny Li**, **Evan Liu**, **Ani Mohan**, **Daniel Ranard**, **Billy Rieger**, **Seung-In Sohn**, **Mitchell Stern**, **Ming-Yee Tsang**, **Roberto Valle**, **Akshar Wunnava**, **Renjie You**, **Yuqing Zhang**, and **Kevin Zhou**.

Band Boosters

Winter Showcase March 13: In a few short weeks, TJ will play host to hundreds of performers, their families and guests during its annual Winter Showcase. This is a dazzling competition of the finest color guard and drumline units from all over the region and is TJ Band's signature event. Don't miss George Mason University's famous DRUMLINE and the world class United Percussion from Philadelphia, both back for a second year. Over twenty units will also perform that evening. Come cheer on the TJ Drumline as it seeks to hold onto to its first place finish of last year.

The show will probably begin around 4:00 p.m. Please consult the [Atlantic Indoor Association web site](#) for complete updated information.



WGI Richmond Percussion Regional Competition, February 20. **Max Beckhard** and **Kennan ("Murph") Sierra-Murphy** play the tenors.



TJ snare line: **Vinny DeVito**, **Jon "Shredder" Sredl**, and **Joe Fetsch**.



Joubin Izadi on the cymbal line.

All Hands on Deck: It takes several months and many hands to pull off an event of this magnitude. We truly need all band parents and students to help

make Showcase a sparkling success. Please contact Kimberly Keithline, [keithline at alum.mit.edu](mailto:keithline@alum.mit.edu), to volunteer. Many thanks to Henry Ruempler and his army of parents and students who have already put in considerable time, money and effort to bring this exciting event to TJ. Do note the deadline has now past for placing an ad in the program.

All-VA Band and Orchestra: The following students auditioned at James Madison University in Harrisonburg on February 27 (we'll publish results in April): **Catherine Ayres, Max Beckhard, Jack Borsi, Autumn Chuang, Ryan Feng, Anu Goel, Emily Harmon, Jean He, Andrew Hendricks, Lauren Houck, Alexia Kim, Andrew Kim, Haina Li, Alexa Lowman, Kennan Murphy-Sierra, Sydney Schrider** and **Ellen Zhong**. Good luck to all our students!

Symphonic Band and Symphonic Wind

Ensemble: Students are hard at work preparing for all-district band to be held the second weekend in March at Westfield HS. See the calendar below for performance dates and times.

Jazz Band: Gearing up for Chantilly Jazz Festival. The group will play Saturday morning, March 20 at Chantilly HS.

All Three Ensembles: Come to the "pre-festival concert" at TJ on Tuesday night, March 9, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Our ensembles will perform their festival pieces, and receive a brief "adjudication/clinic" on stage from our "judges": Dr. Stephen Bolstad (JMU Director of Bands), Don Jeanes (FCPS HS Band Director, Ret.), and Jim Bittner (USAF Concert Band, Ret. and brass coach here at TJ).

Scrip Sales: The school year is half over but that doesn't mean you can't still buy scrip. Contact Sharon Slatery at [slateryfamily at cox.net](mailto:slateryfamily@cox.net) or face to face at the next band concert on March 9. In addition to helping the band raise important funds, your child will receive 1% of your purchases as a fundraising credit towards his or her band expenses. At this point in the year, however, inventory is dwindling so purchases will be honored upon request. Please place your orders before the March 9 concert.

Important Dates:

Tuesday, March 2: 6:30 p.m.: Band Boosters meeting, Principal's conference room.

Saturday, March 6: TJ Winter Guard, Mills Godwin HS.

Tuesday, March 9, 7:00 p.m.: Band Pre-Festival Concert. Free, open to public.

All District Band Festival:

-Symphonic Band, Thursday, March 11, 7:40 p.m.

-Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Friday, March 12, 8:20 p.m.

Westfield High School – free, open to everyone.

Saturday, March 13: TJ Winter Showcase. Main Gym.

Saturday, March 13: Winter Guard. WGI Regional at Powhatan HS.

Saturday, March 20: Jazz Band at Chantilly Jazz Festival, in the morning.

Saturday, March 20: TJ Drumline at C.D. Hylton, PW County.

Sat. and Sun., March 27-28: TJ Winter Guard and Drumline. AIA Finals.

April 14-17: TJ Drumline. WGI Finals.

Colonial Athletic Boosters

Well, this has certainly been an interesting season! As we wrap up winter sports and look forward to spring, there are still piles of snow on our fields. We applaud our athletes who, despite many disruptions, continued to compete enthusiastically and represent TJ in a positive manner. We began the spring season on February 22, with many teams using the indoor facilities for practice while the fields were drying out.

Winter Sports Banquet and Awards Night -

Thursday, March 4, 6:00 p.m.; TJ cafeteria. Please join us for this annual event where we celebrate the accomplishments of our sons and daughters.

Each year, the CAB awards four \$1,000.00 scholarships (2 girls, 2 boys). Please see the [CAB website](#) for details and the application form. The deadline for submission this year is **Monday, May 24.**

Please also see the website for details of the [Millennium Courtyard Brick](#) project. It's a wonderful way to honor your child (or a teacher,

coach, etc) and the time they spent here at TJ. The deadline for ordering to guarantee installation this year will be at the end of March.

And now for the team news...

Varsity Boys Basketball: The team ended its snow-truncated season with a 5-12 record overall, 2-8 in the District. Despite the enthusiastic support of the Monticello Maniacs, whose "Banana Brigade" traveled to Marshall High School for TJ's first District Tournament game, the Statesmen overpowered the Colonials 58-31. Congratulations to **Daniel Barnes** for being named second team All-District and also Liberty District All-Defensive team. Best wishes to graduating seniors **Adil Dittmer, Collin Hennegan, Nick Perez** and **Karl Sofinowski.**



Senior co-captain **Nick Perez** finishes a steal with a breakaway layup in the boys varsity basketball team's loss to Marshall in their February 18 Liberty District playoff game.

Gymnastics: The team won 3 of their 6 regular season meets and finished second in the other three. Their season high team score was 134.05 in an Edison home meet held at TJ because Edison's equipment was broken. They also finished second at the Washington-Lee Invitational and brought home a trophy. The following girls received individual medals at the Washington-Lee Invitational: **Katya Davydova** (vault – tied for 3rd), **Hailey Johnson** (beam – tied for 4th), **Marisa Kataoka** (floor – 3rd; vault – tied for 3rd; and placed 4th in the all around with a 32.8), **Caroline Kerr** (bars – 4th). **Amanda Gilbert** had the team's season high all around score of 36.15 at the Edison meet.



Gymnastics Team Celebrating Second Place Win at Invitational (Left to Right): **Jennifer Wang, Michelle Wang, Zophie Quan, Marisa Kataoka, Hailey Johnson, Katya Davydova, and Caroline Kerr**

At the **District** competition the team finished third with a score of 131.675, behind Langley and Stone Bridge. Competing at Districts were Davydova, Gilbert, Johnson, Kataoka, Kerr, **Jennifer Wang** and **Michelle Wang**. The following girls placed at Districts, qualifying them for the Regional competition: Amanda Gilbert (floor - 2nd place with a 9.25, vault - 2nd place with a 8.85, bars - 6th place (tie) with a 8.60 and 4th place All Around with a 34.75); Marisa Kataoka - (Bars - District Champion with a 8.90, beam - 5th place with a 8.80; and finished 5th in the All Around with a 34.45); Caroline Kerr (vault - 8th place with a 8.40).

Amanda, Marisa and Caroline represented TJ well at the **Regional** competition, with the following scores: Amanda (floor - 5th place with 9.225, vault - 8.95, bars - 8.30, beam - 8.425 and All Around - 34.90 (8th place). Amanda's score on floor qualified her for the State competition in that event. Marisa (bars - 8.675 and beam 8.325) and Caroline (vault - 8.65). At the **State** Competition Amanda had a solid routine on floor and scored a 9.05.

Other individual competitors throughout the regular season were **Zophie Quan** on beam, Jennifer Wang on bars and Michelle Wang on beam.

Captains this year were: Senior Amanda Gilbert and juniors Katya Davydova and Hailey Johnson. A big thank you to the coaches for a wonderful season: **Pete Novgrod, Christina Jones, Kristin Overstreet, Jamie Wargo and Lisa Maple**.

We thank senior **Amanda Gilbert** for her leadership and dedication to the TJ gymnastics team over the past four years and wish her the best in her future endeavors!



Gymnastics Senior **Amanda Gilbert** Honored at Senior Night

Swim and Dive: TJ's swimmers and divers brought home an overall fourth-place finish (both boys and girls teams) at the snow-shortened Liberty District championships. Sophomore **Stephen Seliskar** broke a school record from 2000 in the 200-yard freestyle, and the boys 200 freestyle relay of Seliskar and seniors **Alex Dona, Joey Bouchard** and **Matt Callahan** also bested a school record with a time that merits All-American consideration. Well done, boys!

TJ had many top 10 finishers contributing points, including all four of our seniors entered in the boys 50 free - Callahan, Bouchard, **Sam Speers** and **Steven Howard**. All our boys and girls relay teams advanced to the Northern Regional championship meet, which was also shortened and re-scheduled by the snow. Swimming in the regional meet for the boys in individual events were Callahan, Bouchard, Dona, Seliskar, and Speers. Individual girls advancing to the regional meet included four sophomores: diver **Emily Saitta** and swimmers **Katie Bennett, Aedan Collins, Mary Kate Dilworth**; and senior **Anna Lan**.

At the VHSL Championship meet, the men's team finished in an impressive 7th place, one spot higher than their finish at Regionals. Leading the way were the 200 and 400 free relays with two 4th-place finishes. The 200 medley relay placed 14th in

prelims. but bounced back to win the consolation heat and take 9th place. Stephen Seliskar finished 8th in both the 200 free and 100 fly. Matt Callahan finished in 10th place in 50 free. The States team included **Peter Ballen, Will Bergan, Joey Bouchard, Matt Callahan, Alex Dona, Sam Speers, Stephen Seliskar, Zach Sturm, Sam Surette and Evan McMurray.**

Indoor Track and Field: Congratulations to the team and the coaching staff for an outstanding season. *The TJ girls won the 2010 Liberty District Indoor Track Championship!!* First place winners were District champions **Amanda Gilbert** (pole vault) and **Ronit Malka** (1000m). Also named **All-District** for their performance were **Tania Ermak, Marie French, Emily Gale, Nora Gayer, Sarah Gokturk, Candice Kremer, Kimee Moore, Stephanie Marzen, Kathryn Moore, Sarah Nielsen and Kelly Rogers.** **All-District** for the boys were **Mic Byrne, Ed Cai, Jerold Council, Lawrence Diao, Will Manaker, Jonathan Phillips, Ian Rappaport and Jimmy Wu.**



Liberty District Indoor Track Champs 2010

Seven girls earned **All-Region Honors** at the Northern Regional meet: Ermak, Gale, Gayer, Gilbert, Malka, Marzen and Nielsen, with the team scoring 21 points to finish in 10th place. Two girls qualified to participate in the **VA AAA State Championship:** Nora Gayer in the high jump and Stephanie Marzen in the 1600m.

Thanks to Coaches **James, Lutz and Grimsley** for all of their hard work!

Varsity Wrestling: The winter wonderland may have been beautiful, but it sure played havoc on our wrestling season! The 2010 Liberty District wrestling tournament never happened, so our team went straight to a “super-Regional” championship. This was unfortunate since TJ had a few potential

District champions who never got the opportunity to be crowned. The team was 3-1 in District competition prior to the cancellation of the tournament, so hopes were high for matching or bettering last year’s second-place finish!!

It is especially difficult for wrestlers to be snow-bound with no practices and lots of tempting comfort food around; our team members are experts at weight maintenance and conditioning during the season, but missing a week of live wrestling practices immediately before a major tournament was a unique challenge. Nonetheless, three wrestlers brought home the hardware at the delayed Northern Region championships, with the following medalists: **Alex Shmorhun** (152 lbs) – 5th; **Joe Latta** (285 lbs) – 5th; **Matt Lamb** (135 lbs) - 6th.

A few team highlights from the Regional meet: Alex Shmorhun scored the most team points and had the most wins (5). Wrestlers with the most pins were **Myles Cook, Ashley Miller** and Shmorhun with 2 each; and Latta had the fastest pin at 1:18.

The team enjoyed a fun Senior Night, where we said farewell to the following wrestlers: **Emily Evans** (manager), **James Janopaul-Naylor**, Matt Lamb, Joe Latta, **Stuart Maier**, Ashley Miller, **Devan Samant**, Alex Shmorhun and **Sam Zhang.** We will miss them next year! Special thanks to our head coach **Clint Behling** and assistant coach **James Pilkington**, and to team managers Emily Evans, **Trami Pham** and **Minh Bui.**



Wrestling Seniors and Coaches celebrate Senior Night

We are looking forward to a less weather-challenged year in 2010-11!

JV Wrestling: This year's team, comprised of a mix of new and experienced wrestlers, had lots of wins, pins and close matches, often against very experienced opponents. Newcomers included freshmen **Paul Bentz, Nick Hayes, Ben Sando, Colton Sears, Jake Shankman** and **Thuc Tran**; sophomores **KyungHen Lee, Alex Park, Paul Wolfeich** and **Kerry Zhang**; and junior **Daniel Yoo**. Returning wrestlers included sophomores **Skyler Anderson, Joe DuBois, Daniel L. Kang, Austin Neuberger** and **Bryce Summers**; juniors **Jon Han, Daniel J. Kang** and **Julian Whitman**; and senior **Stuart Maier**.

JV wrestlers are highly conditioned athletes often wrestling three matches per night. Matches at the beginning of the season were often won or lost by a quick "pin." As the season progressed, the matches became more exciting, often closely-fought contests won or lost by that last second "take down," "escape," "reversal" or "near fall" (almost a pin).

The team capped off a great season with three District Champions: **Stuart Maier** (112 lbs); **Paul Bentz** (125 lbs); **Daniel Yoo** (145 lbs). In addition, **Julian Whitman** placed 2nd (135 lbs).

Regardless of the result, the wrestlers and coaches cheered, shouted encouragement and congratulations or provided a few pointers for the next match. We have a very exciting (to watch) and highly skilled cadre of future varsity wrestlers.

Crew Boosters



Thomas Jefferson Crew held its first Ergathon on February 19, 2010, in the TJ Cafeteria. 80 team members rowed on 39 ergometers for a total of a million

meters to raise funds for the team and to make a donation to the Central Asia Institute for the building of schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan (as profiled in the book *Three Cups of Tea*). **The team wishes to thank its corporate sponsors, Jerry's Ford, Reston Shirts, Concept 2, Smoothie King, IndAroma and JLRowing for their generous support. And thanks to all our friends and families for your donations!**



TJ Crew Ergathon

After a long winter training, made even longer by the snow and ice covered Occoquan, the rowers hope to be training on the river in early March. The experienced rowers will have their first regatta (the "Polar Bear") on March 27, and the novice rowers race for the first time on April 10. Join the Crew team parents on the Occoquan River and cheer on the team. Directions to Sandy Run are on our website: <https://sports.tjhsst.edu/crew/pages/?13>.

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, [shoop2 at cox.net](mailto:shoop2@cox.net).

Head Boys Coach: Bill Randall, [cjsb at verizon.net](mailto:cjsb@verizon.net).

Boys' Captains: Nader Al-Naji, Daniel Ranard, Chris Zeng, [TJMensCaptains at gmail.com](mailto:TJMensCaptains@gmail.com).

Girls' Captains: Megan Falls, Erin Haas, Stephanie Snoich, [TJWomensCaptains at gmail.com](mailto:TJWomensCaptains@gmail.com).

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

Choral Boosters

As we look ahead to March.... the TJ Chorus has an exciting spring ahead. We are just weeks away from our trip to New York City, where the TJ Choirs will perform on the stage of Carnegie Hall and have an opportunity to perform a piece that was composed by our Choral Director, **Adam Levowitz**. The students will also have some time to take in the sights and sounds of the Big Apple and enjoy seeing *Wicked* on Broadway!

February brought the District XI Honor Choir, hosted at Woodson HS. The students who were selected were Seniors **Kimberly Hann, Caroline Odom, Raquel Tripp, Alyssa Mendoza, Brittany Borman and Andrew Palmer**. Juniors were **Margaret Coad, Caelan Garrett and Nick Mathis**. Sophomores were **Rachel Kumar and Adrienne Doebrich**. Alternates were senior **Danett Song** and freshman **Alana Whitman**. Congratulations to all of you! The concert was beautiful!

At the District XI Honor Choir the juniors and seniors were then able to audition for the All-State Honor Choir, which will be held at the end of April. The stakes are high and the competition is tough. Only 2-4 students from each voice part are selected to go on to All-State. Congratulations go out to Senior Kimberly Hann, and Juniors Caelan Garrett and Nick Mathis. Senior Caroline Odom was selected as an Alternate. Thank you all for representing TJ Choir!



TJ Chorus at District XI Honor Choir (L-R): **Adam Levowitz, Caelan Garrett, Margaret Coad, Kimmy Hann, Brittany Borman, Raquel Tripp, Nick Mathis, Andrew Palmer, Adrienne Doebrich, Rachel Kumar, Alyssa Mendoza, and Caroline Odom**.

Looking ahead to March.....

March 16: Pre-Festival Concert, 7:00 p.m.

March 17-19: TJ Choir trip to NYC and Carnegie Hall.

March 20: District XI Choral Festival at Westfield HS.

Orchestra Boosters

The next orchestra presentation will be the Pre-Festival Concert at TJ on **March 17 at 7:00 p.m.** The same pieces will be performed by our superb

orchestra groups at the Festival itself at West Springfield High School on Saturday, March 20. District XI Orchestra Festival is an annual event at which each school presents its orchestras for public adjudication. Parents, friends and family are encouraged to attend as the Festival performance is open to the public and free of charge. Each group has a different arrival and performance time -- please check with your student.

Looking ahead, those who successfully audition for All-State Orchestra will participate in that event at Great Bridge High School on April 8 - 10. Following All-State will be the Solo and Ensemble Festival at Frost Middle School on April 16 (optional for students), and the Spring Trip to Atlanta, April 22 through April 25. The Atlanta trip is measuring up to be a very exciting event, with an adjudicated performance at the Clayton County Performing Arts Center. Many thanks to the chaperones who will be accompanying the students and Ms. Bailey on this trip.

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.** There are only two concerts 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, March 9** at 7:30 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room. Please join us and on behalf of the Booster Executive Board we appreciate your on-going support of the program.

Theatre Boosters (Shakespeare and Drama)

TJ Drama presented the *23rd Annual Knight of One Axe* on February 18 and 19 in the auditorium. The four one-act plays presented were *Speed Date*, directed by **Anna Burke**; *Dr. Fritz*, directed by **Danny Kim**; *The Lottery*, directed by **Elena Lagon** and **Kevin Place**; and *Black Comedy*, directed by **Cara Newlon** and **David Ensey**.



Malaika Murphy-Sierra (center) performs with the cast of *The Lottery*



Andrew Freix and **Samantha Schipani** star in *Dr. Fritz, or The Forces of Light*



Jack Sullivan, **Anna Burke**, and **Emily Kelly** form the love triangle in *Black Comedy*

In addition, the Froshfest performance of *If You'll Be Glad, I'll Be Frank*, directed by **Kate Zurovski** and **Willie Nicklas**, was performed prior to both

productions of the *Knight of One Axe*. The annual Froshfest performance is open only to students who have never performed in a play at TJ.

Seniors **Kevin Place** and **Nicole Boyd** represented TJ with their performance of the one act play *Here We Are* at the Liberty District Virginia High School League theatre competition on January 30. They placed 3rd overall, barely missing the next round.

TJ Drama's spring show is *Once in a Lifetime* and will be presented April 16-17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

The Shakespeare Troupe will host the 4th annual Shakespearience on March 20 from 8:30-4:00 p.m. at TJ. Shakespearience is a day when students in grades 1-8 learn about Shakespeare while having a great time participating in workshops and performances planned and taught by TJ students. Students in grades 1 and 2 participate in a shorter morning activity called *Shakespalooza* tailored to their interests. Students interested in registering for the event can sign up online at <http://www.tjhsst.edu/studentlife/activ/troupe/?page=shakespearience>. Participation in Shakespearience is free.

The next meeting of the Theatre Boosters is Monday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Please come and find out about our spring production and end of the year banquet.

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, vital signs and see 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.

Temporary Bus Schedule Changes

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

- Mar. 05 --- Glasgow Middle School
- Mar. 11 --- Stuart High School
- Mar. 16 --- West Potomac HS
- 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/>

TJ PTSA website: <http://www.tjhsst.edu/ptsa>

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TJ Booster Organizations:

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<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://www.digitalsports.com/school/id/27643.aspx>

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

TJ Partnership Fund: www.tjpartnershipfund.org

Other:

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

FCPS Familygram:

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

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

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

Noteworthy Dates

March 2010		April 2010	
1	Theatre Booster Meeting, 7pm in Library	5	Return from Spring Break
1-5	Writing SOL	6	ANGP Meeting, 7pm in Career Center
2	Mentorship Fair, 8:30am in Auditorium	6	Band Booster Meeting, 6:30pm in Principal's Conference Room
2	ANGP Meeting, 7pm in Career Center	6	College Panel Night, 7:30pm in Auditorium
2	Band Booster Meeting, 6:30pm in Principal's Conference Room	7	Athletic Booster Meeting, 7pm in Library
2	Course Selection Overview for parents of Ninth and Tenth Graders, 7:30pm	8	Crew Booster Meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center
3	Athletic Booster Meeting, 7pm in Library	13	Orchestra Booster Meeting, 7:30pm in Principal's Conference Room
4	Winter Sports Awards, 6pm in Cafeteria	14	Principal's Coffee and PTSA Meeting, 9am in Cafeteria
8	Meet the Coaches Night for Spring Sports, 5pm in Cafeteria	16-	Spring Drama Production, <i>Once in a Lifetime</i> ,
9	Diversity Committee Meeting, 7pm in Career Center	17	7pm
9	Orchestra Booster Meeting, 7:30pm in Principal's Conference Room	17	Techstravaganza, 12:30pm at TJ
9	Band Pre-Festival Concert, 7pm in Auditorium	17	Cappies Critic Dinner, 4pm in Cafeteria
11	Choral Booster Meeting, 7pm in Music Wing Room M8	20	Delayed School opening at West Springfield HS
11	Class of 2011 SAT Follow-up, 7pm in Auditorium	22	Choral Booster Meeting, 7pm in Music Room M8
11	Crew Booster Meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center	22-	Orchestra Spring Trip
13	Winter Drumline Showcase, in Main Gym	25	
13	Class of 2012 Silent Auction, Fort Belvoir Officers Club	23	Delayed school opening at Mount Vernon HS
15	PTSA Meeting, 7pm in Library	23	Class of 2013 Lock-In, 4pm at TJ
16	Chorus Pre-Festival Concert, 7pm in Auditorium	27	Academic Booster Meeting, 7pm in Career Center
17	Orchestra Concert, 7pm in Auditorium	27	Choral Performance, 7pm in Auditorium
17-19	Chorus Trip to NYC	28	SSAB Meeting, 7:30pm in Library
18-20	District XI Orchestra Festival at West Springfield HS		
19	Class of 2011 Mr. Colonial, 7pm in Auditorium		
20	Band Citrus Sale, 7:30am in Band Room		
20	Shakespeare Troupe, Shakespearience for Grades 1-8, 9am-4pm in Auditorium		
20	District XI Chorus Festival, Westfield HS		
23	Academic Booster Meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center		
26	International Night (I-Nite)		
27	Hands on Science Day, 9am in Gym II		
29-April 2	Spring Break, No School		

