

Principal's Letter

TJHSST is one of approximately 200 schools in the Fairfax County Public Schools system. We have a social responsibility to share best practices through professional seminars to teachers at other schools and to inspire young minds through our many different outreach activities. We also benefit when we study effective practices at other schools and invite colleagues to participate in our environment. This semester, we have been fortunate to embrace this professional learning experience by swapping administrators with another FCPS school. TJ Assistant Principal Dr. Heather Sondel went to Stuart High School, and Stuart High School Assistant Principal Mr. Shawn DeRose came to TJ. Many of you have gotten to know Mr. DeRose, and we are grateful for his contributions and what we have learned from him. Below are some of his reflections from his experience at TJ, including an opportunity where he could use your help. Thank you for making TJ a welcoming environment for him.

Sincerely,

Evan Glazer
TJ Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers and Students,

I have to admit that my first day at TJ was quite different from my experience at Stuart High School. It initially started off the same: students entered the school and socialized with their friends in the hallway, but as time approached the start of classes, something was different. I realized that the "warning bell" notifying students there were 5 minutes to report to their first class hadn't rung. With it being the first day of my assistant principal exchange, I decided not to call the main office in a panic. As time approached 8:30 a.m., the students suddenly got up off of the hallway floor, ended their conversations with their friends and went to class. "What? No bells? Wow!" I thought. Since that first day, I have experienced many "wow" reactions: IBET, 8th period, lunch, the dedication of the teachers, support of the administration and most impressive, the TJHSST PTSA.

It did not take long to realize that parent involvement is a major reason TJ is the #1 high school in the country.

For the past nine years as a teacher, assistant director of student activities and assistant principal at Stuart High School, I have gained valuable experience that has prepared me well for a principalship. However, this exchange opportunity has allowed me to experience the efforts of the faculty to challenge and support a motivated student population, as well as the leadership style of the administration to ensure success. Since the end of January, I have taken on responsibilities at TJ that I would otherwise have not experienced. I coordinated the removal of snow from the Blizzard of 2010 by communicating with school officials, custodians, the facilities management department and private contractors to ensure a safe re-opening of school. In addition, I have observed the Math CS and FLAMPE divisions, and even taught a few classes in the Humanities division. I also assisted in the opening of the new "Think Tank" room in the cafeteria for students to brainstorm new ideas.

In the final months of this experience, I hope to work with the tjSTAR committee and recruit outside involvement for the big event on June 2. If your work is in the science and tech sector, please help me in this recruitment effort by sending colleagues to the [tjSTAR website](#) where they can sign up. We need corporations to bring their high tech gadgets for demonstration to students, and we need professionals to participate on panels, talking to our students about their work and the future that awaits them in the sci-tech world.

Thank you to Assistant Superintendent Dr. Cecy Krill, Stuart Principal Mrs. Pamela Jones, and TJ Principal Dr. Evan Glazer for the opportunity to participate in this assistant principal exchange program. It has been a terrific experience, giving me insight into a different school culture, and ideas that I can bring back to Stuart High School next year.

Sincerely yours,
Shawn DeRose

President's Message

Well it's May and we are headed into the home-stretch of the academic year. However, we will finish the year in the TJ tradition – working and playing hard. The next weeks will be very busy academically with AP exams, SOL's, SAT's and final exams. In addition, we will celebrate good times – tjSTAR, J-Day, the Senior Prom, ANGP and the Junior Campout. Many groups, including most of our performing arts groups, will also be working on end-of-year events. Most of our seniors now know their plans for next year and are enjoying their last days of high school. And as time marches on, a new group of wide-eyed students are opening their letters inviting them to the magical world of TJ – class of 2014. We will welcome them to our community at the Freshman Preview Night on May 17 and at the various Cluster Parties, which likely will be held during the summer.

A special thanks to our Hospitality Committee under the direction of Keiko Fujiu, Wakana Sugiura and Joo Cheong. On April 30, they hosted their largest event of the year – the annual Faculty Appreciation Lunch. This luncheon, complete with delicious food and friendship, is a great way to thank our hard-working faculty for another wonderful year. The hospitality committee is an energetic and hard-working group that supports with style so many wonderful events at TJ. The number of events this group covers keeps growing but they always make it look so easy.

We are changing the date of the PTSA meeting for this month to Monday, May 10. This meeting will focus on plans for next year, as well as current events at the school. The nominating committee will present a slate of officers for next year at this meeting. The slate will also be posted on our website. The election will then take place at the following PTSA meeting on Monday, June 14. The May meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall. The June meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. Please join us and help make plans for next year.

As we begin to plan as a PTSA for next year, I encourage you to also plan your involvement and support for our wonderful school community. For

many, next year will bring continued commitment to activities enjoyed this year. For others who have not “found their place” or wish to try something new, I encourage you to start your volunteering efforts now. Make that call or write that email that you have been meaning to do all year. Sign up so you will be ready to go when September comes. Our school has so many meaningful opportunities. Find one now that fits with your time, talents and interests. If you want to help but are not sure how, contact the volunteer coordinators or PTSA officers. We are happy to help you find your spot to help TJ.

And finally, a big thank you to the many volunteers who work so hard to make our school community so successful. Your dedication is appreciated. Without its volunteers, TJ just could not be TJ.

As always, never hesitate to call or email with your questions and concerns. I would love to chat.

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

Serving the TJ Community

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Free Money program to earn \$20,000 in 2009-10! Thanks to you for shopping at companies that support education! Participating companies are listed in the order of our earnings: Amazon, Giant, eScrip/Safeway, Harris Teeter, Target, Staples, Office Depot, and Verizon. Thanks for recycling Printer Cartridges and Cell Phones too!

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Help Wanted!

We need a volunteer to take over the Grocery store/Amazon component of this growing revenue generator for the school. Most hours are front loaded in August – September as you learn the programs, market them and complete grocery registrations. After that, it can take as few as 2 hours a month to maintain the program as is. The recycling programs are managed by a different volunteer.

All Night Graduation Party (ANGP)



FOOD DONATIONS FOR 2010 GRADUATION PARTY REQUESTED

The All-Night Graduation Party (ANGP) is an exciting event for all our graduates. This party is the final celebration for all their accomplishments at TJ. Please consider making a donation to help make this an "X-tra" special event.

ANGP starts on Saturday, June 19, at about 9:30 p.m., immediately following graduation. And TJ Seniors (Class of 2010) will be ravenous throughout

the night! The ANGP Food Committee is purchasing and preparing many yummy treats to be served throughout the night. However, they are seeking some special items from you:
ASIAN FOOD: Every year we have an array of wonderful homemade Asian food which provides an international flair to our event.
FOODS TO SNACK ON: Fruit or cheese platters; ice cream novelties; chips and salsa; full size candy bars.
YOUR SPECIALITIES: Something you would like to make and donate? Let us know. Homemade baked goods provide a treat for our volunteers, too!
DRINKS [Students will be thirsty!]: Bottled water (8oz); individual size servings of Sunny Delight or Tropicana juice.

If you can provide any of these items or if you wish to make a cash or gift card donation to purchase these items, you can do so by filling out the in-kind donation form or contacting Nancy Hermle at [lazysam at cox.net](mailto:lazysam@cox.net) for more information and/or to arrange for delivery. Go to http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty/documents/donation_form.pdf.

OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

FINAL CALL for Baby Photos. Go to <http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty/babyphotos.html>.

AND CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR THE MOST FUN PARTY OF ALL TIME! Go to <http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty/documents/2010volunteer-signup-form.pdf>. Reminder: You can't get in the front door at the ANGP if you are not signed up to volunteer!! Volunteers are needed especially from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

LESS THAN 2 MONTHS TO GRADUATION.....YEA!

Volunteers

Hospitality Committee

We had a Teacher Appreciation Lunch on April 30. Thanks to your support, we were able to host a memorable lunch and celebrate the wonderful TJ teachers. Please look for some photos in the next issue of Tech Cetera. We are approaching the end

of the school year and there are only two more events needing our help: the Leadership Award Ceremony on May 21 and tjSTAR on June 3.

Hospitality Committee Chair Needed

We are looking for a new chair for the next school year. The hospitality committee has a lot of helpful volunteers and it is fun to serve this community. We are all here to support the new chair person. If you are a freshman or sophomore parent, please consider leading this committee.

~~Keiko Fujii (keiko_fujiu@verizon.net)
Wakana Sugiura (wakanappa@gmail.com)
Joo Cheong (joo.cheong@gmail.com)

Landscaping Committee

Spring has made the TJ Landscape even more beautiful. The blooms of daffodils in the main courtyard area have been followed by a gorgeous show of azaleas. The ferns, hostas, and *heuchera* (coral bells) are up and the ornamental grasses throughout the school are next to appear. Please take note of the native fringe tree located at the entrance to the senior parking lot, it is about to burst in bloom. The entrance hills are also greening up—the rosemary and chives are blooming already.



Many thanks to Linda and Rick Loffredo (Jeremy '12) for their donation of four flowering shrubs. We've planted them next to the brick seating area in the Millennium Courtyard. Lunching students will be able to enjoy the hundreds of blooms and the masses of butterflies which will appear on the *bumalda spiraea*, the *caryopteris* and the *buddleia*.

Special thanks also to alum Jung Kim who has nurtured the memorial Kousa Dogwood in the Millennium Courtyard for the past years. This dogwood was planted by TJ students to honor student Vanessa Jewell, who died in 2004. While caring for the tree in April, Jung graciously lent a much needed hand to digging and planting our new shrubs.

Landscape volunteers have been very busy pruning, cleaning the beds, weeding and planting around the school. We are particularly appreciative of the efforts and indefatigable energy of Carol Miranda, Nancy Dale, Nancy Manzer and Eleni Silverman.

Watch for our next weekend garden effort in May. We have great food, and volunteer hours count toward community service requirements! Check our webpage for information:
<http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/comm-landscape.htm>.

Upcoming Events

Safe Community Coalition Presentation – Teen-Proofing Your Home

You have heard of baby-proofing your home, but do you know how to Teen-Proof your home? Join the Safe Community Coalition on Thursday, May 6 from 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, to learn more. Linda Pate, Prevention Specialist with the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, will lead the discussion. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss ways to ensure that teens are not accessing alcohol and over-the-counter or prescription drugs in their own homes. If you would like further information on this meeting, please contact Cyndi Kelley, Executive Administrator, at Cyndi.kelley@safecommunitycoalition.net. This meeting was rescheduled from February due to the snow storm.

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
- May 14: AM – Spanish Literature
PM – Latin Languages

Registration now open for annual sports physicals!!!

Get out your planners and book your appointment now for Wednesday June 9, to get your student's annual sports physical at TJ. Go to <http://www.fcps.edu/supt/activities/atp/index.htm> to select your appointment time. 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 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. The screening will check height, weight, body fat, vision, posture, vital signs, and athletes will see the medical professional for clearance. New this year: gait analysis and a functional movement screening. 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. The physical is \$50 for pre-registered athletes and \$60 for walk-ins. Call 703-750-8387 for 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. Your expertise and a few hours of your time will greatly benefit our TJ athletes! To sign up to help, go to <http://www.fcps.edu/supt/activities/atp/ppevolunteer.htm>. Dinner will be provided! Free advertising for medical professionals that help!

Student Services Corner

Guidelines

The latest issue of the TJHSST Student Services Department newsletter **Guidelines (May-June)** is now available and has been posted on Blackboard.

Student Government Association

Hey TJ!

On Saturday, April 24, SGA hosted another successful Leadership Conference. We brought middle school students to TJ and gave them a fun experience in leadership and teamwork. We conducted team-building activities, and taught lessons in peer mediation, public speaking, improvisation, and running meetings. We're already schooling our future SGA members!

The event SGA is concentrating on most right now is our annual J-Day. J-Day will be on June 4, and the theme is Harry Potter. The class themes are: Freshmen- Hufflepuff; Sophomores-Ravenclaw; Juniors-Slytherin; Seniors- Gryffindor; SGA- Death Eaters; Staff- Sorting Hat.

Booth assignments for clubs and performance times are in the works. If your club or band wants to play a part on J-Day, look on the door of Room 239 for the appropriate forms.

Elections for next year's SGA and SAC were the last week of April. Be on the lookout for the election results so you can know who will be running your school government next year!

Also, start thinking about whether you want to run for class office. Interest meetings and election packet information will be available around the end of May, and candidates will be giving speeches to their classes on June 7. Good luck!

Academic News

Fun with German

Congratulations to the new members of the German Honor Society. At their induction ceremony on April 14, they enjoyed a talk in German by Frau Christa Kiegerl, who has recently moved to this country after a lifetime in Germany. The new GHS members are: **Abhishek Cauligi, Kate DeWeese, Casey Huang, Preetam Jinka, J. Lee, James Miller, Andrew O'Shea, Jonathan Phillips, Andrew Rowberg, Madison Russell, Daniel Shanker, Kate Shipman, Alex Stabile and Kaylee Yocum.**

Congratulations also to juniors **Casey Huang** and **Jim Kim**, who have been accepted into the selective Virginia's Governor's German Academy at the University of Richmond, where they will spend three weeks this summer speaking only German.

Senior **Katie Mitchell** has been awarded a free summer trip to Germany, based on her score on the National German Exam, and on her success with the follow-up interview process. Katie will spend three weeks in Passau with a German family.

Senior **Kelsey Johnson** has been awarded a free year's stay in Germany. She will also attend school and live with a German family. Congratulations to Kelsey for seeking and winning this wonderful gap-year opportunity.

Congratulations to the following German students who took prizes at the Modern Foreign Language Tournament, held on April 17 at South Lakes High School: For Oral Interpretation of Prose or Poetry: (German I) **Panya Vij**-First Place, **Nathan Hughes**-Second Place; (German II) **Linda Ho**-First Place; (German III) **Rebecca Hyndman**-First Place, **J. Lee**-Second Place; For Original Skit (German III) **Casey Huang** and **Kate DeWeese**-First Place.

Spanish National Honor Society

The Spanish Department has been filled with awards and ceremonies this month. We would like to recognize collectively our large group (44) of new members to the Spanish Honor Society who were officially inducted in an elegant traditional ceremony on April 14. Some proud parents attended as well. We also congratulate our winners of the Modern Foreign Language Tournament: First place: **Lucía Melgarejo, Sarah Khan** and **Shahida Mizan**; Second place: **Katy Davydova, Jennifer Hwang** and **Saniya Suri**; Third place: **Seon Jeong Kim**. Finally we want to laud our outstanding winner of the Spanish Governor's Academy, **Sarah Khan**. We are very proud of all who help make our unique school extraordinary!

Class News

2010 – Seniors

The year is winding down. Take the time to enjoy it with your senior.

Last Call!

** 42 students have not yet purchased their ANGP tickets. This is your last chance to purchase a ticket and receive the ANGP t-shirt and other gifts. If you need a scholarship ticket, please see your guidance counselor now. **Ticket forms.**

** We need your baby photos for the ANGP contest. **Baby photo information.**

** Volunteer to help at the ANGP. If you are not signed up to volunteer, you will not be allowed in the party, even "just to look around for a minute."
Volunteer Signup Form.

** Purchase your graduation lawn sign. Proceeds support the ANGP. **Graduation Lawn Sign.**

** 170 students have not paid senior dues. You must pay your dues to participate in the graduation. Send in \$30 payable to TJHSST, Class of 2010. Please send the check to TJ, to Ms. Hurowitz.

We will continue to update the [ANGP graduation page](#).

Senior Prom

Friday, June 11, 8:30 p.m.–12:30 a.m.
Westwood Country Club
800 Maple Avenue East, Vienna, VA

Senior Picnic

Thursday, June 17, afternoon
Senior Picnic follows the morning
Graduation Rehearsal at TJ
Burke Lake Park
7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station, VA

Graduation

Saturday, June 19, 7:00–9:00 p.m.
Patriot Center, George Mason University

All Night Grad Party

Saturday, June 19 to Sunday, June 20,
9:30 pm to 5:30 am
TJHSST

Help Wanted: We will need parent volunteers to help at the picnic on June 17 and to help set up for prom on June 10 and June 11 (set up, check-in/coat check during prom, take down decorations after prom). Please let me know if you are interested.

Midnight in Marrakesh: The prom theme this year is "Midnight in Marrakesh." The class has been collecting cushions and pillows for decoration but still needs more. These pillows would be temporarily covered (no sewing required) and returned (if desired) after the event. If you have anything to donate, email TJ student Lyndsey Wheeler at lyndsey.wheeler@gmail.com.

tjToday: If you are interested in placing an ad to honor your senior in the senior issue of tjToday, see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

~~Ellen Ranard, ESRanard@gmail.com
PTSA Class of 2010 Representative

2011 - Juniors

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Our **Six Flags Trip** will be on Saturday, May 15. We need chaperones!

Junior Campout will be held on Friday, June 11.

We will need many volunteers and a lot of food and beverages.

Please contact your parent reps to volunteer for either/both events: Connie Valle at vallefamilly@cox.net or (703) 978-5288; Jane Hsu at dogstar3@msn.com or (703) 748-0689.

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

2012 – Sophomores

Well, it certainly looks like spring has sprung. We would again like to thank everyone that made the Class of 2012's International Dinner and Silent Auction such a success. We are still wrapping up some loose ends and hope to provide a final report on our fundraising effort in the next issue of Techcetera.

As the school year nears an end, many of our students are preparing for their AP Exams. To help celebrate the completion of the exams, the Sophomore Class Officers are planning a post-AP movie night at the school – the Sophomore Shipwreck – so they can crash after the end of the exams. The back of the school will be transformed into an outdoor movie theatre and the kids will be able to kick back and just relax at a showing of Pirates of the Caribbean before heading into the final weeks of school. The Sophomore Shipwreck will be the evening of Friday, May 14. Sounds like it will be great evening for the Class of 2012!

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

2013 – Freshmen

WOW!!! Many, many thanks to everyone for making the **Freshman Lock-In** such a HUGE success! What an amazing evening our students enjoyed on April 23-24! From the fabulous food to the talent show to the moon bounce to the obstacle course to laser tag to the exciting basketball game and soc hop, the kids really DID do it all that night. And, for the most part they managed to stay on their feet throughout the evening. Many thanks to all of

the student officers and Lock-In committee members who planned a flawless event, and to the army of terrific parent volunteers, our wonderful class sponsors, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Lewis and Ms. Campaign, and to Ms. Bosley for being our level-headed voice of experience and wisdom. Yun and I could not have done it without you, and we are thrilled to have given our students such a memorable evening! However, we aren't ready to stop here. Please watch your emails for a notice of the upcoming planning meeting for next year's Sophomore Class Silent Auction. The Auction is a very important fund-raising event for our class and it takes an entire year of careful planning to execute properly. We have seen from the Lock-In what a special class we have, and we are sure that together we will continue to enjoy great success next year.

Can you believe our freshman year at TJ is nearly over? As we head in to the final stretch, please remind your students again that all we expect from them is their best. Finally, a reminder that tjSTAR is June 2. Please be sure that your students are finishing up their IBET projects to ensure great presentations to their schoolmates and the representatives of industry that will be in attendance that day.

~~ 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

Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair

Congratulations to the many TJHSST students who participated in the Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair, held at Old Dominion University on April 3. Both Grand Prize winners are from TJ and will represent our state at the International Science and Engineering Fair to be held in San Jose on May 9-15.

Grand Prize Winners: Riley Ennis; Swetha Pasala;

Grand Prize Alternate: **Anirudh Saraswathula**

Animal Sciences: **Swetha Rao**, Second Place;
Behavioral & Social Sciences: **Hope Smith, Mi-Song Kim, Daria Nesterovich**, First Place

Biochemistry: **Swetha Pasala**, First Place
Cellular & Molecular Biology: **Riley Ennis**, First Place
Chemistry: **Jee In Seo**, First Place
Computer Science: **Christopher Carey**, First Place
Earth & Planetary Sciences: **Akshar Wunnava**, First Place
Engineering: Materials & Bioengineering: **Pranav Aurora, Eric Westman, Adil Dittmer**, Second Place
Environmental Management: **Johnny Kim**, First Place
Mathematical Sciences: **Craig Saperstein, Andrew Watson**, Second Place
Medicine & Health: **Anirudh Saraswathula**, First Place

Special Award Winners

American Psychological Association Award:
Hope Smith, Mi-Song Kim, Daria Nesterovich
Intel Excellence in Computer Science:
Christopher Carey
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) "Taking the Pulse of the Planet" Award:
Akshar Wunnava
Computational Science Award
 1st place: **Craig Saperstein, Andrew Watson**
 3rd place: **Christopher Carey**
Stockholm Junior Water Prize
 2nd place: **Johnny Kim**
Environmental Science Award
Johnny Kim
Mathematics/Computer Science
Christopher Carey
Life Sciences
Anirudh Saraswathula
U.S. Navy/Marine Corps Award
Riley Ennis

Corporate-Sponsored National Merit Scholarships

The following TJ students are part of a group of approximately 1,000 National Merit finalists chosen to receive scholarships financed by companies, foundations, and other business organizations:
James Byrne (engineering), National Merit Lockheed Martin Academic Scholarship; **Sherry Dai** (economics), National Merit SAIC Scholarship; **Jeanette Du** (medicine), National Merit General Dynamics Scholarship; **David Ensey** (mechanical or aerospace engineering), National Merit Northrop

Grumman Scholarship; **Brian Hamrick** (mathematics), National Merit–The Mitre Corporation Scholarship; **Joel Heck** (electrical engineering), National Merit Lockheed Martin Academic Scholarship; **Luke Knepper** (computer science), National Merit CSC Scholarship; **Aaron Koenig** (medicine or science), National Merit SAIC Scholarship; **Greyson Lewis** (applied physics), National Merit Southwest Airlines Co. Scholarship; **Kevin Place** (international relations), National Merit Towers Watson and Company Scholarship; **Ming-Yee Tsang** (physics), National Merit SAIC Scholarship; **Daniel Wang** (medicine or law), National Merit Northrop Grumman Scholarship; **Sarah Watson** (chemical engineering), National Merit SAIC Scholarship; **Katy Williamson** (engineering), National Merit SAIC Scholarship.

Corporate-sponsored merit scholarship awards are renewable for up to four years of college undergraduate study and range from \$500 to \$10,000 per year. Others provide a single payment between \$2,500 and \$5,000. Recipients can use the awards at regionally accredited U.S. colleges or universities of their choice.

Borlaug-Ruan International Internship

Congratulations to **Sydney Schrider**, one of sixteen high school students earning the Borlaug-Ruan International Internship, an all-expense-paid, eight-week hands-on experience working with world renowned scientists and policymakers at leading research centers in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Interns get a firsthand view of pressing food security and nutritional problems in poverty-stricken areas and take part in ground-breaking field and laboratory-based research. Sydney will be working with African Insect Science for Food and Health (icipe) in Nairobi, Kenya.

Sydney obtained this opportunity through the Action Africa club at TJ, and the efforts of the club sponsor, **Rebecca Glatter**, who is working to further the relationship between TJ and the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute. She and Ms. Glatter attended the World Food Prize Youth Institute last fall. They are hoping to find funding to send another student to the Institute again this year.

Scholastic Art and Writing National Winners

Congratulations to Scholastic Art and Writing national winners, junior **Mike Crumplar** and freshman **Hassan Almas**. Crumplar received a silver award for photography, and Almas for persuasive writing. Teachers Andrew Saffron and Jennifer Seavey are very proud.

tjTODAY Staff Honored

Congratulations to staff members of tjTODAY for garnering six ASNE National Quill & Scroll awards this year. Winners are 2009 graduate and former editor-in-chief **Teresa Ventura** for investigative reporting and feature writing; current EIC **Arvin Ahmadi** for editorial writing; managing editor **Amelia Friedman** for investigative reporting and feature writing; and **Colleen Marshall** for sports feature writing.

In addition, congratulations are due the staff of tjTODAY for being recognized by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association with a Silver Crown.

TJHSST Partnership Fund

Got a Nice Refund? Share it with the PFund!

Only Two Weeks Left for the Junior Lab Appeal!

You heard from your Lab Captains and you understand the need, you enjoyed the JLA Rap and you want to help, but you still haven't contributed to your junior's lab. Well, . . . it's not too late! In order to give all labs enough time to meet their goals, we're extending the JLA deadline to May 15. We would really like the money to come in by this date so that the Lab Directors can plan their purchases. Please join your fellow junior parents in supporting this effort. It will be that much sweeter if everyone participates.

Get Ready, Senior Parents! May 17 is the launch date for the **SENIOR In Honor of Faculty Appeal**. This is your chance to make a gift to the Partnership Fund AND recognize your students' teachers at the same time. TJ receives needed funds and TJ's teachers receive well-earned appreciation and

recognition, all because you made a donation. Plus, you don't have to wait until you have a senior to participate. **The In Honor of Faculty Appeal** is open to all. Materials will be mailed mid-month.



Alice Ju '12, Swetha Rao '11 and Alice King '12 are surrounded by eager kids making gumdrop models of molecules at TJ's Techstravaganza. Middle and elementary school students participated in an afternoon of TJ-student-led science and technology activities.

Science on the Mall: The PF is working with representatives from the government and the private sector to bring Techstravaganza, TJ's unique collection of student-led, hands-on science discovery activities, to the national stage next year. "Science on the Mall" has the potential to raise TJ's profile while sharing the excitement of STEM (science, technology, engineering & math) with the broader community.

Volunteer Opportunity: Retired TJ English teacher and Yearbook Coordinator, Bettie Stegall, has been hard at work researching and writing a book about the history of TJ, the proceeds from the sale of which she has generously offered to donate to the PF. Soon Bettie will need help assembling the pages of her book. If you think you might be able to help, please contact her at [bettie.stegall at fcps.edu](mailto:bettie.stegall@fcps.edu).

Partnership Fund 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!

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Chemistry

Congratulations to **Stephen Eltinge, Chris Au and James Bradbury**, our regional winners who have qualified to take the national Chemistry Olympiad exam at Catholic U. on April 22nd. They are among the top 20 chemistry students in 17 local school districts.

Japan Bowl

The National Japan Bowl was held on April 8-9 on behalf of the National Cherry Blossom Festival in DC. Among the 200 participants from various states, our teams represented TJ very well. Level 2 team placed 4th and Level 3 team placed 5th. All the students this year worked well together and developed great team spirit. Congratulations to all of them for showing such great pride and ownership in learning Japanese! Members of the Japan Bowl teams are: Level 2- **Bobby Ends, Albert Gural, Kristy Shin**; Level 3- **Daniel Kang, Annie Lin, Serena Lei**; Level 4- **Jungeun Choi, Connie Xie, Jason Ya**.

Forensics

Rebecca Friedman placed Second in Foreign Extemporaneous speaking at the State Forensics Meet in Harrisonburg, Virginia, on April 10. Rebecca has been a stellar leader and model in Forensics in her four years at TJ.

Debate

TJ is sending a record number of students to the NCFL Grand Nationals tournament this year:

Lincoln Douglas Debaters: **Akaash Gupta, Betty Huang, Ashneil Jain, Yunan Nie, Christine O'Donnell**;

Policy Debaters: **Hannah Clark & Andre Kessler, Christopher Lee & Mary Sun, Johnny Kim & Max Wang**;

Public Forum Debaters: **Rebecca Friedman & Emily Yu, Cindy Han & Lisa Yang, Katherine Helmick & Kevin Sun**;

Forensics: **Arvin Ahmadi** (original oratory), **Leif Bakke** (original oratory), **Neal Chaudhuri & Emily Ji** (duo).

Future Problem Solving

TJ did very well in the recent Future Problem Solving State Bowl, held on April 16-17. As a school, TJ took almost every honor available in the senior division. In a side competition known as the "Presentation of the Action Plan," which allows students to make an entertaining, impromptu performance based on a detailed plan, the team of **Ashneil Jain, Daniel Sun, Janiel Li, Kunyao Yu, Max Wang** and **Steve Qian** took first place, while the team of **Annie Lin, Chris Lee, Jennifer Fan, Rhitwhika Sensharma** and **Yunan Nie** took second place.

In the main competition, also known as the Global Issues Problem Solving, TJ performed exceptionally well. Congratulations to the team of **Ashneil Jain, Daniel Sun, Janiel Li** and **Max Wang**, who took first; the team of **Darwin Li, George Liang, John Chae** and **Omeed Maghizian**, who took second place; and **Kunyao Yu**, who was first in the individual section. These nine students all earned bids to internationals, a record number for TJ. And congratulations to the team of **Annie Lin, Jennifer Fan, Rhitwhika Sensharma** and **Yunan Nie**, who took honorable mention.

Quizbowl

The TJ Quizbowl team participated in the Virginia NAQT State Championship at the University of Virginia on March 27, 2010. The A team (**Stephen Eltinge, Diana Gerr, Siddharth Hariharan, Olivia Murton**) upset the Maggie Walker Governor's School in a preliminary round, beating them 315-300. Maggie Walker had been rated the top team in the country in a pre-season poll, and had been previously undefeated on high-school-level questions. The A team went 9-2 and placed 2nd out of 8 overall. The B team (**Seoup Youn, James Bradbury, Sarah Eltinge, Brandon Pang**) went 5-5 and placed 3rd overall. James Bradbury (B team) was 3rd individual scorer, Stephen Eltinge (A team) was 4th, and Diana Gerr (A team) was 5th.

Chess Team

Congrats to the TJ Chess Team for another successful national tournament on April 16-18. We placed second in the nation for Blitz Chess (speed chess) Thursday night. On Friday, we stumbled out of the blocks of the championship; beginning in 9th place after the first round. Over the next three days, we rose all the way to first place going into the final round before finally finishing tied for 2nd. This is our fifth consecutive "top five" finish and third straight runner-up. We have yet to win that elusive National Championship chess title!

Our National Chess Team this year: **Nimesh Chakravarthi, Mark Cheung, Yang Dai, Hamed Eramian, Andrew Freix, Vivek Gorijala, Kartik Gupta, Madhu Karamsetty, Arman Khojandi, Aryan Khojandi** (4th place in the nation in Blitz Chess), **Kun Liu, Jeremy Loffredo, Quentin Moore** (5th place in the nation in Blitz Chess), **Bharat Ponnaluri, Aravind Ponukumati, Craig Saperstein** and **Katherine Wu**.



Chess Team at Nationals

Botball

On Saturday, April 17, three TJ teams competed in the DC Regional Botball Robotics Tournament. During the double elimination portion, each team won 4 or 5 matches before losing 2, finishing in the middle of the pack. Final standings also included scores in Documentation, the Seeding Round, and an on-site oral Presentation.

Members of Team A: **David Ensey, Joel Heck, Kelsey Dressing, Jeremy Vercillo, Patrick Stalcup, David Mazzocco, Jake Hermle, Megan Clark, Sam Prestwood** and **Caelan Garrett**.

Members of Team B: **Mark Lee, Lio Kang, Jonathan Corzo, Victor Youk, Byung Joo Shin, Ben Chao, Jacob Baldwin** and **Jimmy Clark**.

Members of Team C: **Anish Tondwalker, Paul Wolfteich, Helen Lai, Lianna Yang, Kyle Withers, Fareez Chowdhury, Arjun Srinivasan, Albert Gural, Minh Nguyen, Eric Tobin, Zikuan Li, Zeming Lin** and **Jonathan Lykins**.

Besides TJ's Botball teams, four TJ students, **Steven Howard, Benjin Dubishar, Lawrence Diao** and **Liam Carter-Condon** were members of the Dead Robots, a team also including students from Bishop O'Connell and Dominion High Schools. They came in first overall with wins in every category: documentation, seeding rounds, head-to-head competition and the overall Judge's Choice award.

Look for Botball Robotics during tjSTAR.

Certamen (Latin)

Harvard Certamen: Ms. **Christine Conklin** and the Upper Level team traveled to Harvard University and Phillips-Exeter Academy in New Hampshire from April 9 – 11 for a northeastern Certamen tour! **Amith Ananthram** (captain), **Chris Kilgore, Vivaek Shivakumar, Anne Marie Creighton** and **Ashwin Raja** wowed the crowd at the Harvard Certamen with their excellence, knowledge, and quick-wit! The team earned a spot in the final round and placed third against teams from Florida and Wisconsin.

A highlight of our trip included an invitation from former TJ student and premier Certamen stand-out, **William Sullivan** (2005), to visit and play 3 rounds against students from Phillips Exeter. The TJ students soundly beat the boarding school students (including our dear former Latin student, **Daniel Kim**) and afterwards enjoyed a tour of the campus and the classics department.

Virginia Certamen State Finals:

The Virginia Certamen circuit ended this year with all teams from TJ meeting with tremendous success. On Saturday, April 23 several TJ Latin Certamen students met for the State Finals at Spotsylvania HS.

The Latin I team (A) (**Molly Hemenway** (captain), **Hyae-In Seo, David Chu** and **Daphne Fong**) earned third place in a highly contested final round. Our Latin I team (B) (**Alexander Kim, William Lucht** (captain) and **Nand Kishore**) earned 9th place.

The Latin II team (A) (**Jared Golant** (captain), **Seung In (Sam) Sohn, Rachel Goldstein** and **Raynor Kuang**) played extremely well and earned 2nd place in the final round, losing only to its rival team, St. Stephens & St. Agnes. Our Latin II (B) team (**Jesse Witkowski** (captain), **Zikuan Li, Patrick Maribojoc** and **Alana Whitman**) actually earned 2nd place in the preliminary rounds.

Our Latin III team (A) (**Ricky Short** (captain), **Akhila Ananthram, Zach Seid** and **Austin Dunn**) earned First Place! We were thrilled for them!!! The team has played consistently well together throughout the year. Our team (B) (**Brian Shin, Phillip Meyers** and **Connor Hahn**) earned fifth place.

Amith Ananthram, Chris Kilgore, Vivaek Shivakumar, Anne Marie Creighton and **Ashwin Raja** played their final competition together against their common foes. Our team was 'on fire' and was able to continue their undefeated VA Certamen season by winning **first place and taking home the crown of victory**. The VJCL Certamen Finals was a sad event for many teachers who had upper level teams because it was the last time our beloved teams would play against each other- or play together- ever again.

Many of our Certamen students will try-out soon for a position on the Virginia State Certamen team. If chosen, they will play for their respective team at the National Convention this summer in North Dakota. We wish them well!

Congratulations to all TJ Certamen teams for such a successful year and their respective state titles!

Math Team

The following students have qualified for the USA Math Olympiad or USA Junior Math Olympiad [USA(J)MO]: **Alex Chen, James (Jimmy) Clark, Alex Dalzell, Brian Hamrick, Adam Hood, Kristina Hu, Sin Kim, Mitchell Lee, Daniel Li,**

Seung Young (Joseph) Park, Seung In Sohn, Akshar Wunnava and Yuqing Zhang. The USA(J)MO are six question, two day, 9 hour essay/proof examinations. All problems can be solved with pre-calculus methods. For the 2009-2010 school year, approximately 500 of the top scoring AMC participants (based on a weighted average) are invited to take the USA(J)MO. This test is given on two consecutive days, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 27 & 28, 2010. For more information, and a list of all of the qualifiers, go to <http://amc.maa.org/whatswhat.shtml>.

On Saturday, April 10, three teams from TJ participated in the ARML Local Math Competition. This competition is a preliminary competition to the big national ARML Competition held in June. It is in a similar format to the national competition so that students can experience the same type of rounds that they will see at Penn State.

The team of **Jenny Yung, Sam Rush, Sin (Andrew) Kim, Adam Hood, Andrew Cheong and Mitchell Lee** placed third overall in the Archimedes (large school) Division. In addition, Adam and Sin had perfect individual scores. The team of **Kristina Hu, Kevin Au, Brian Shi, Brandon Pang, Alex Dalzell and Sohail Farhangi** placed fifteenth. The team of **Sarthak Sahu, Kiffa Conroy, Nipun Singh, Ritwik Anand, Eric Tao and Andrew Tao** placed thirtieth.

Biology Olympiad

The Biology Olympiad Club traveled to Clemson University, Clemson, S.C. to participate in the Biology Merit Exam and the Biology Bowl on April 16, 2010. Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievements:

Merit Exam: **Eric Jian** and **Aakansha Nangarlia** tied for first place in Division II; **Jenny Zhao** took first place in Division III; and **Yohan Sumathipala** took third place in Division II. The following students won Division II Honorable Mention: **Andrew Kim, Claire Cooper, Michael Kim, Ryan Yan** and **Kevin Huo**. Division III Honorable Mention honorees are **Hanwen Xu, Victor Hsu** and **Hojae Lee**. Second Honorable Mention winners for Division II include **Elizabeth Denning, Riley Ennis** and **Christina Lee**. Second Honorable

Mention winners for Division III are **Monica Liu** and **Karinna Vivanco**.

Ninety-eight Biology Olympiad Club members took the Biology Olympiad Open Exam on February 26, 2010. Thirty-two students scored significantly above the average score on this exam. The highest score nationwide (11,000 students took the test) was 35 out of a possible score of 50. Our own **Jeremy Owen** made a score of 32, which is the highest score for TJ this year. The second highest score was obtained by **Olivia Murton**, and **Luke Cheng** and **Aakansha Nangarlia** tied for the third highest score. All thirty-two semi-finalists were invited to take the Biology Olympiad Semi-final Exam, which was administered on April 9, 2010. We are waiting for the results of this extremely challenging exam. Many thanks to **Dr. Ithalda Uston** for sponsoring this talented group of students.

National Economics Challenge

Congratulations to **Renjie You, Aviv Cukierman, Xianhao (Andy) Mai** and **Akshar Wunnava** for winning first place honors for the State, as well as first place Regional honors in the National Economics Challenge. Thank to sponsor **Woody Torrence** and good luck at Nationals!

Colonial Athletic Boosters

Spring To-Do List:

- 1) Join Colonial Athletic Boosters!
- 2) Apply for \$1,000 scholarship!
- 3) Buy our new items!
- 4) Cheer on favorite team!

There is still time to join CAB! Your membership directly supports TJ athletes through care and maintenance of athletic fields, purchase of uniforms and equipment and many other expenses not covered by Fairfax County. Your support is critical in bridging a growing financial gap. You can join by mail or online at the **Colonial Athletic Boosters Website**.

As we approach the end of the year, the CAB will award 4 scholarships (\$1,000 each) to graduating

seniors for their college education. In order to be considered, you **must** be a member of the Athletic Boosters.

Our Merchandise team has added three exciting new items!! You may now purchase Jefferson flip-flops, TJ flannel boxers and Jefferson flannel pants. Order forms are available online and outside the DSA office.

...and now for team news....

Cheer: Car Wash!! Saturday, May 15, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., at the BP gas station in McLean, 1423 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA. We need your support! If you plan to try out for cheerleading this fall, it's a great way to meet the coaches and show your support for the cheer program.

Tryouts: Mark your calendars for fall cheer tryouts, August 10-12, 4:30-7:30 p.m. This will be the only tryout held for fall cheer; no exceptions will be made. If you make either the JV or varsity cheer squad, practice will begin Friday, August 13. Anyone interested in trying out for fall cheer should also attend weight training sessions held every Tuesday and Friday from 5-6pm in the Nautilus weight room. Sessions will be held through the end of May. Please plan to participate.

Boys Varsity Lacrosse: The team hosted the South Lakes Seahawks on April 19 for the last home game of the year, which was also Senior Night. Thomas Jefferson lost 8-9 in a hard-fought game that was tied after regulation and then took 3 overtime periods to decide the outcome. The seniors and their parents were honored in a ceremony prior to the game. **Dr. Evan Glazer, Mr. Dale Rumberger, Mr. Rusty Hodges**, the coaching staff, the lacrosse team members, parents, friends and fans were on hand to congratulate and honor this year's seniors. The ten senior players and two senior managers are: **Liam Carter-Condon, Mendel Chen, Dylan Drake, Chris Joyce, Max Kieff, Matt Lycas, Collin Hennegan, Dev Mehta, Andrew Palmer, Quantum Wei, Christy Moore and Rachel Wu**. This group of seniors has brought a lot of skill, enthusiasm, dedication and leadership to the team this year and we wish them all the best in the future. The team record so far this season is 3 wins and 6 losses, with 2 games left to play before the District and Regional Tournaments. Good luck

to the TJ lacrosse Colonials in the final games of the year!!

Boys JV Lacrosse: After a solid start to the season, the team has struggled of late. The Colonials fell to Fairfax 1-8 in spite of good games by goalies **Brad Hodge** and **Pranava Raparla**. The team fell to Madison 1-9 in a game of two halves. The first two periods were dominated by Madison, who scored six goals on ten shots. TJ's defense tightened up in the second half and freshman **Robby Vasta** scored halfway through the third period, but the team couldn't maintain control of the ball long enough to catch up. A 0-10 shutout at the hands of Langley was followed by a game of missed opportunities against South Lakes. Playing much tougher, TJ kept it to a two-point game at the half with a solid performance by goalie Hodge and goals by juniors **Dean Shute** and **Daniel Kang**. Goalie Raparla started the second half with three great saves, but South Lakes' persistent attack on the goal proved too much, with the final score being 2-7, South Lakes.

Girls Varsity Lacrosse: With a current 4-1 overall record and 2-1 in the Liberty District, the Lady Colonials are poised for a great 2010 season! The girls succumbed to only one team – in a rainy, cold away game against Madison. The Lady Colonials soundly defeated the JEB Stuart Raiders (15-2), the McLean Highlanders (7-4), the Washington-Lee Generals (8-3), and the Fairfax Rebels (12-8). These wins are a testament to the fortitude of the LAX team under the awesome direction of their new Head Coach **Lindsey Linden**. Coach Linden's outstanding leadership has been the key to the overwhelming success of the 2010 season. Scoring is led by captain **Jacky Hennegan** with 24 goals, followed by **Allison Chou** with 14, captain **Emma Ferris** with 11 goals, captain **Amelia Gonzalez** with 10 goals, **Kelly Rogers** with 5, and **Molly Shannon, Sabrina Mohamed and Caroline Woods** with 1 apiece. Goalie **Candice Kaplan** is leading the defense, with a high 86% save rate, and excellent defenders are **Marta Moore, Emily Kehne, Maddy Byrd, Katy Burgio, Caroline Woods and Rachel Nissen**. Rounding out the team are **Lydia Hylton, Molly Hemenway and Katie Morley**, who was moved up from junior varsity. **Rheem Brooks** is the team manager. The entire team contributes 110% to every game; TJ can be proud of its varsity Lady Colonials!



Girls Varsity Lacrosse huddle up before the game.

Girls JV Lacrosse: After three season games, the team is performing exceptionally well. The Lady Colonials are 1-2 overall and 1-1 in the Liberty District. After an exciting 11-8 District win over Fairfax, TJ lost a close pouring-rain heartbreaker to Madison (4-5) in Warhawk territory. All signs point to a promising season, especially under the direction of the Lady Colonials' two new coaches: Head Coach **Lindsey Linden** and JV Coach **Vivian Tan**.

Leading the Lady Colonials in scoring are captain **Kleo Greenwood** with 14 goals, **Toni Stapleton** with 7, captain **Connie Huang** with 4, and **Connie Scoggins** and captain **Sonica Saraf** with 1 each; **Katie Morley** scored 3 goals in the JV season then was moved up to varsity. Goalie **Sarah Sam** is performing well, as are her teammates **Brittany Peck**, **Pritty Dwivedy**, **Katherine Ho**, **Karen Clark**, **Katherine Jiang**, **Sheila Kaushik**, **Betsy Goodwin**, **Karina Vivanco**, **Christine Harris** and **Chinmayee Bala**. Brilliant play was shown by the entire team, but special shout-outs go to: Kleo Greenwood for controlling the draws as well as being the high-scorer, Karen Clark for exhibiting great ground ball control, Karinna Vivanco for crucial ground ball recovery, and Connie Scoggins for strong ground ball control. TJ's LAX future looks bright due to the outstanding TJHSST girls JV team!

Boys Varsity Soccer: The first six games of the season have been very competitive. Two of the games were District play, where the team won against Marshall and lost against Stone Bridge. The team has been dealing with a number of significant injuries and is working very hard and using a variety of players to field the games. Against

Marshall, the team won 3-1. During the second half **Kyle Gutkowski** scored the first goal assisted by **Sean Lee**, and within the next ten minutes, **Taki Nakamura** was able to dart in behind the Marshall defense and slot home two goals from difficult angles. In the game against Falls Church, the Colonials were down 2 at the half. After a rousing talk by **Coach Burke**, they came back for a 3-2 win with two goals in a minute from **Brendan Corbett** and Kyle Gutkowski, and a game-sealing third goal by **Alex Burch**. At the back end of the season, the team is facing a very aggressive schedule of District competition. The team plays cross-town rival McLean at home on April 28 and Langley on May 13 for Senior Night. For the complete schedule, please see the [Athletic Booster website](#). Come out and support the Colonials – we're looking forward to seeing you all in the stands!



Celebration of **Kyle Gutkowski** goal against Marshall

Boys JV Soccer: The team has compiled a good record in the first half of the season, losing only once in their first seven matches. The Colonials' first outing was a 1-1 tie in a scrimmage at West Springfield High, with **Michael Wattendorf** scoring a (literally) last-minute equalizer off of a corner kick from **Chris Hughes**. Following a scoreless tie at home against Washington-Lee, the squad posted a 2-0 shutout at Stone Bridge, on the strength of goals by **Nick Johnson** and **Curt Kim**. Another road win followed, this time at Yorktown High, as **Andrew O'Shea** and Michael Wattendorf scored in a 2-0 victory on a very hot, sunny afternoon. Following a 1-0 loss to McLean, the

Colonials had to settle for a 0-0 tie at home against Marshall, despite having dominated play, especially in the second half. In an exciting ending to their most recent outing, the team tied Westfield 1-1 with **Patrick O'Connor** heading in a well-placed corner kick with only two minutes remaining to even the score.

Girls Varsity Soccer: The girls took the field at Washington-Lee in March and had a tough 0-2 loss. They then played at home against Yorktown, losing a close game 2-3. Goals were scored by **Jackie Dallaire** with the assist by **Emily Gale**, and by **Christina Popps** with a header off of **Maren Leibowitz's** corner kick. Rain forced a reschedule of the McLean game when the score was 0-0 just before half time. The game at Marshall was a 3-0 victory for the Colonials with 2 goals by Jackie Dallaire and one by **Suzy Mueller**. The girls faced the first-ranked Bulldogs at Westfield on April 16 and brought TJ fans to their feet! The Colonial's teamwork, persistence and strength resulted in a thrilling 0-0 tie in overtime! Way to go ladies! "InTENse" for sure!

This season's 19 players include: goal keepers - senior **Katie Martinez** and freshman **Katie Lang**; forwards - juniors **Janet Schirm** and **Erin Corey** (forward/midfield), sophomore **Jackie Dallaire** (forward/midfield) and freshman **Suzy Mueller** (forward/midfield); midfielders - junior **Brianna Kim**, sophomores **Emily Gale**, **Anastasia Georgiou**, **Allie Ivener**, **Sarah Nielsen** and **Ashley Park**, and freshman **Laura Brouckman**; defenders - seniors **Colleen Kerins** and **Megan Tetlow**, juniors **Natalie Cauley**, **Maren Leibowitz** and **Christina Popps**, and sophomore **Ashley Paek**.



Varsity girls get pumped up in pregame huddle

Varsity Softball: The highlights of the mid-season were four inspiring victories in which **Helen Hastings'** pitching and the TJ defense were excellent, while the Colonial bats boomed and the outfield was ably patrolled by seniors **Ariel Deutsch**, **Sydney Schrider**, **Emily Schultz**, **Em Maier**, **Lauren Kim** and **Krissy Brant**, juniors **Allie Brouckman** and **Kelsey Henderson**, and freshman **Charlotte Sheridan**. TJ steamrolled South Lakes 12-2, led by a long triple by **Hope Smith**, four hits by Helen, and three smoked hits each by **Meghan Mutchler** and **Barbara Lantz**. The next day, Barbara pounded a two-run homer over the fence late in the game to complete a stirring 4-2 come-from-behind win over Annandale.

TJ then defeated one of the best pitchers in the area in a 5-2 win at Fairfax, highlighted by brilliant defense by Hope and the TJ infield, plus two hits each by Meghan, Charlotte and Helen, and a game-winning RBI single by **Maggie Engler**. Finally, the most spectacular win of the season came by a 5-4 score against a Hayfield team sporting a 10-1 record. Helen and **Rachel Dyment** each had three singles, Kelsey drove in two runs, Barbara had an RBI hit, and Meghan had a double, two walks, and a sacrifice fly blasted to the center-field fence. In the bottom of the final inning, a superb relay from centerfielder Charlotte to shortstop Hope to catcher Rachel nailed a Hayfield runner trying to tie the game, with Rachel applying the tag despite being knocked to the ground. One batter later, Helen and Hope combined to pick a runner off base to complete the win, raising the TJ win-loss record to 6-5.



Rachel Dyment takes a hit and makes the tag to preserve the 5-4 victory over Hayfield.

Boys Varsity Tennis: The undefeated team has continued to show the dominance that has made it a perennial Liberty District and Virginia Northern Region champion. And the Colonials' crop of young stars suggests they may extend their reign for years to come. The team is 9-0 with five matches to go until playoffs and is likely to be the number one seed in the Region as well as the District. Of 81 singles and doubles matches so far, the Colonials have won 73!

Leading the team are senior co-captains **Sean Cheng, Spencer Clark, Chris McPherson** and **Edwin Zhang**, supported by a host of wins by the Four Fabulous Freshmen: **Ian Lin, Matt Swanhorst, Chris Vrabel** and **Daniel Wang**. And TJ has shown its depth with plenty of other players who have contributed singles and/or doubles wins: senior **Kushal Seetharam**; juniors **Anthony Lim, Bill Qu, Kyle Roney** and **Mike Wu**; and sophomores **Brent Baumgartner** and **Ben Rosenblum**. Also chipping in consistent wins in alternate matches have been senior **Akshar Wunnava**; juniors **Akaash Gupta** and **Venkat Muruganandam**, and sophomores **Govind Mattay, Kevin Tong, Dylan Vu** and **Jerry Wu**.

Colonials who are undefeated in their numerous singles and doubles matches this year include Clark, Zhang, Lin and Vrabel. District playoffs begin May 10 and Regionals May 17. Check the **TJ tennis website** for venues and times and come out to cheer on one of TJ's most successful squads.



Seniors **Chris McPherson** and **Kushal Seetharam**, freshmen **Daniel Wang** and **Matt Swanhorst**

Track and Field: *The TJ Spring Track Season Heats Up with Warmer Weather!* **Coach Jeff James** and assistant coaches **Annie Lutz** and **Gary Grimsley** are getting the boys and girls teams ready for a busy season. TJ will host three home meets at

the TJ stadium this spring. The first was in April. 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 TJ 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, TJ 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 help 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



TJ Crew is once again enjoying a terrific season of training and racing on the beautiful Occoquan River. The Men's 1st and 2nd

Varsity took first places finishes in the first three Occoquan races, winning their heats and final races in open water. The Women's 1st and 2nd Varsity boats and other varsity and novice boats have also had strong showings, including some great races by the Men's and Women's Freshman 8s.

The crew team traveled to St. Andrews in Delaware on April 17 for their annual regatta with some of the top rowing teams on the East coast, or even the country. All 120 members of the Crew team attended and raced, cheered on by a crowd of over 200 parents, family members and coaches. Parents and team members enjoyed great food prepared by team parents and our "Travel Food Moms and Dads" who spent the afternoon grilling to feed the parents and rowers.

The competition at St. Andrews was stiff and we didn't have the same success at St. Andrews as on the Occoquan; Jefferson's varsity teams competed solidly in their races but fell short. But both the Freshman Men's and Women's 8s had a very successful day with the Women's Freshman 8 taking first and the Men's Freshman 8 taking 3rd in very competitive races. In addition to having a fun day, TJ Crew gained valuable racing experience at St. Andrews and will continue to work and train hard for the strong competition they will face as the season progresses. The team is looking forward to the championship races in May, on the Occoquan and in Pennsylvania and New York.



Women's Freshman 8. Top: **Jenna Pollock, Chloe Siebach, Christine Lucky**; Middle: **Rebecca Applin, Emily Bartlett, Lyuba Bolkhovitinov**; Bottom: **Adelaide Song, Sarah Khattry, Acacia Dai**.



Men's Freshman 8 rowing at St. Andrews. **Mayank Mahajan, James Jang, Emory Ruscus, Scott Gibson, Willie Nuckols, Joe Angello, Michael Cooper, James Bollinger, Tyger Burney**.

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Band Boosters

CONGRATULATIONS to TJ Winter Drum Line and Winter Guard, both of which wrapped up their seasons with a magnificent finish. Both groups attended the Atlantic Indoor Association circuit championships in Chesapeake, Virginia, on March 27 and 28, and made TJ proud! Winter Drum Line progressed through prelims and placed first in finals at the Scholastic Open competition for the entire circuit (South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland). Winter Guard also advanced from prelims to finals, had a perfect (drop-free) show and finished fifth overall in their division with a season-high score.

The Drum Line next traveled to Dayton, Ohio to take part in the WGI (Winter Guard International) Percussion World Championships competition, held on April 15, 16 and 17 at the University of Dayton. This was the very first time TJ Drum Line participated in this prestigious event. The group jumped through the prelims and semi-finals hoops to make it all the way to finals in Percussion Scholastic A international competition. TJ Drum Line had an impressive win of 9th overall out of 54 competing units in their class! Hats off to our students who worked relentlessly, showed remarkable focus and resolve as they steadily advanced from step to step, and collaborated beautifully as a team to make it through finals.

A resounding round of applause for all the students, instructors Steve Ballard, Joey Rivera, Brett Garrett, Ian Hale and Chris Martin and all the dedicated parents who supported these indoor groups throughout the season and on all the many trips.

Here is a review of TJ Drum Line's performance from WGI: "Legendary drummer Neil Peart would be proud of **Thomas Jefferson (VA) (9th- 89.975)**. "What a Rush" featured music from the famed

Canadian rock trio. Opening with the mallets playing the rapid guitar riff from "Spirit of Radio," the line moved on to "Tom Sawyer," getting a crisp, clean sound from the battery. The closing movement was drawn from "YYZ," allowing the line to really capture the flavor of the music, making us feel as though we had front row seats at a Rush concert." Be sure to catch this interview with drum captain and center snare TJ senior Jonathan Sredl (Shredder) after prelims: "It's Worth the Pain"

http://wgi.thefannetwork.org/?vod_id=808e3589-1080-45e0-8a61-7cdacfa7071a&mode=viral. And the video of the epic ramp:

http://wgi.thefannetwork.org/?vod_id=2873e415-cb12-4b89-8e1f-891f370dd852&mode=viral.

TJ Winter Showcase: TJ Drum line did it again! They came in first in their division at this annual event hosted at TJ that drew 24 guard and drum line units and over 400 performers from all across the region. Colossal thanks go to Henry Ruempler for his leadership as Showcase Chairman. Our gratitude to band director **Mary Ulrey** and instructor Steve Ballard for their tireless devotion and professionalism. We would also like to extend our most heartfelt thanks to the following parent volunteers. Without their talent, time and expertise, we could never have pulled off a show of this magnitude: Valerie Fetsch (program), Kim Keithline (volunteers), Bobbi McKenna (concessions), Steve Dressing (parking), Jayshree Sarma (unit registration), Ron Harrigal (treasurer), Greg Leong (tickets), Margaret Dominy (judges), Doug Rice (tabulations), Karen Rice (first aid), A. Sarma (internal security) and student leaders **Jon Sredl, Kelsey Dressing** and **Max Beckhard**. We had so many spectators, 570 in all, that we ran out of programs! Special thanks to all the parents who donated their time and efforts and to the custodians as well.

Symphonic Band and Symphonic Wind Ensemble: Both earned "Superior" ratings at the District XI Band Festival recently held at Westfield HS. Both groups received "straight 1's" and SWE earned the distinct honor of all A's from all 3 concert judges. Congrats to all!

The following students participated in the Virginia Band and Orchestra Association All-Virginia Bands and Orchestra on April 8-10, 2010, at Great Bridge HS. Students with ** have earned the distinct

honor of 1st chair (principal player) in the state of Virginia: **Max Beckhard**, Percussion; **Jack Borsi**, Trombone; **Autumn Chuang**, Bassoon; **Ryan Feng**, Percussion; **Anu Goel**, Percussion; **Emily Harmon**, English Horn; **Jean He**, Clarinet; **Lauren Houck**, French Horn**; **Alexia Kim**, Flute; **Andrew Kim**, Oboe; **Haina Li**, Flute; **Alexa Lowman**, Flute; **Kennan Murphy-Sierra**, Percussion**; **Sydney Schrider**, Clarinet; **Ellen Zhong**, Piccolo**.

Fine Arts Night: Calling all students interested in band. This replaces the All Things Band from previous years. The fine arts information session will likely be on Tuesday, May 25 and will introduce students to all of TJ's fine arts programs. There will be a breakout session for band.

Spring Concert: Mark your calendars for TJ Band's annual spring concert on Wednesday, May 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium (free). Senior soloist **Kennan Murphy-Sierra** is featured on timpani.

Jazz Cabaret: On Thursday, May 27, the TJ Jazz Bands' annual concert begins at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. There will also be a special performance by the Alan Baylock Jazz Orchestra. Ticket information will soon be published -- you won't want to miss these two special concerts!

TJ Marching Colonials: Introductory rehearsals: June 10, June 17, June 24, five Thursdays in July, 4-8pm. Summer school ends August 6.

Precamp: August 17-21

Orkney Camp: August 22-27 (Saturday Aug 28 rehearsal at TJ)

Post Camp: August 30-Sept 2 (away game on Sept 2); Freshman Orientation: September 3

Scrip: Thanks for all your support this year. We are down to our final handful of cards to sell. Please consider buying something so we can close out the scrip sales with a successful bottom line. Everything must go! Contact [slateryfamily at cox.net](mailto:slateryfamily@cox.net).

Don't miss these events:

May 26 -- spring concert

May 27 -- Jazz Cabaret

June 2 -- Drum Major auditions

June 8 -- Band Banquet, Hilton Garden Inn, Fairfax

June 19 -- Graduation

Orchestra Boosters

The TJ Orchestra recently returned from Atlanta, where they performed an adjudicated piece at the Clayton County Performing Arts Center. Many thanks to those parents who accompanied the group and chaperoned this event. Truly, without your participation and efforts, the trip would not have been possible.

Solo and Ensemble Festival: On Friday April 16, the following students performed at Frost Middle School: Solos - **Thomas Hay** (Bass), **Andrew Kim** (Violin), **Rachel Kuprenas** (Violin), **Romita Mandal** (Violin), **Sung-Jae Park** (Viola), **Christina Shincovich** (Violin), **Elliot Simon** (Violin), **Shannon Smith** (Viola); Duet: **Kyle Angelotti** (Cello)/**Romita Mandal** (Violin). Congratulations to participating orchestra students.

All Virginia Band and Orchestra: Kudos to our orchestra students who participated in the All Virginia Band and Orchestra event April 8-10 at Great Bridge High School in Chesapeake, VA and performed *Symphonie Fantastique* by Hector Berlioz

Our final concert will be on **Thursday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m.** We will be contacting you about volunteer opportunities to work the reception -- **in particular we need a Co-Coordinator of this last special reception** for our students and families. Please remember that all whole note and half-note sponsors will receive that concert's CD recording as a gift for their support this year. The students, **Ms. Allison Bailey** and the Boosters Executive Board appreciate your support, encouragement, and assistance. In addition to a fabulous music program on June 10, there will be a special award and senior recognition ceremony. Don't miss it!! Our next Booster meetings will be May 11 and June 8, both at 7:30 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room at TJ. Please join us and thank you for continued support of the program.

Theatre Boosters (Shakespeare and Drama)

Hats off to the cast and crew of *Once in a Lifetime* for outstanding performances! The April 16 and 17 production was expertly directed by **Vincent Pollet** and Student Director **Carolyn McKenna**.

Cappies critic reviewers enjoyed this hilarious play. One reviewer noted, "This exhibition of effort by the theatre department of TJHSST made an impression that was, to be sure, simply marvelous!" A critic commented that **Nicole Boyd**, as May Daniels, "carried the role of the vivacious Daniels with a poise, intelligence, and energy that is rarely found in high school productions." Another critic observed that **Art Kulatti** used his "sarcastic wit and absentmindedness to bring laughter to the audience" and **Kevin Place's** "energy and sense of urgency in his action helped breathe life into the show for the duration of his time on stage."



Jerry Hyland (**Kevin Place**) and May Daniels (**Nicole Boyd**) discuss making their fame and fortune in Hollywood



Once in a Lifetime cast enjoys the curtain call

Also singled out were **Kate Zurowski**, "her performance was solid, consistent, and remarkably humorous due to her thoughtful character choices and noticeable grace onstage"; **Sam Schipani**, "as the eager, fun-loving, actress wannabe made her a giggle to watch"; **Tim Yuan**, "was hilarious... ridiculous accent and whimsical mannerisms made the audience laugh to the point of tears"; **Jack Sullivan**, "not only did he play this powerful figures with impressive vigor, he was able to make the age difference between him and his character almost disappear"; **Elena Lagon** and **Alison Kosmacki**, "used their vocal capabilities to full comedic effect, garnering laughs with each word"; and kudos to **David Ensey** and **Albert Tholen** for a set that "was very versatile in design, and very effective" and **Andrea Yun's** lighting design was "notable... especially in the convincing train scene."



(Left to right): A Hollywood romance: Susan Walker (**Sam Schipani**) and George Lewis (**Art Kulati**); May Daniels (**Nicole Boyd**) manipulates her friendship with Hollywood columnist Helen Hobart (**Kate Zurowski**).

A special thanks to Karen Nelson for her work as Cappies Coordinator, including making the cafeteria into a Hollywood scene. The play would not have been possible without the contributions of so many including Peter Klosky, David Seidman, Leigh Burke, Cathy Boyd, Beth Sullivan, Jane Thatcher, Nancy Fitzsimmons, Barbara Steele, Cindy Brown, Susan Lagon, Scott Newlon, Laura Gould, Cathy Zurowski, Jackie Jacobs, Kristi Minnema, Lisa Nicklas, Cathy Basil, Sheri Brown, Rosaria Leong, Dawn Meyer, Mary Lovegrove, Sharon Edelstein, Laura Anderson, Elizabeth Sierra-Murphy and Judith Fogel.

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

Announcements and Information

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!

Cyprus Friendship Program

The HasNa Cyprus Friendship Program is seeking homes for teenage visitors from the island nation of Cyprus this summer. This group brings teens from both the Greek speaking Cypriots in the north and the Turkish speaking Cypriot communities in the south together here on neutral American soil in order to develop friendships and build trust while they work on peace, reconciliation and leadership skills. Two TJ families – the Lubsens (Natalie

Lubsen '09) and the Muirs (Dan Muir '08) – have hosted teens and found the experience joyous and exciting. This year the teens will arrive between June 27 and July 2, staying with their host families for about four weeks. The HasNa group plans many of their activities, asking that the host families provide a shared bedroom for the two teens, meals, shopping opportunities, sightseeing, and other

assorted family activities. Laurie Lubsen said everyone last year had a life changing experience, making lifelong connections, and feeling as if they really made a difference in the world. For more information contact Laurie Lubsen at [ljplubs at cox.net](mailto:ljplubs@cox.net) or Ciara Masterson at [ciara at hasna.org](http://ciara@hasna.org).

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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>

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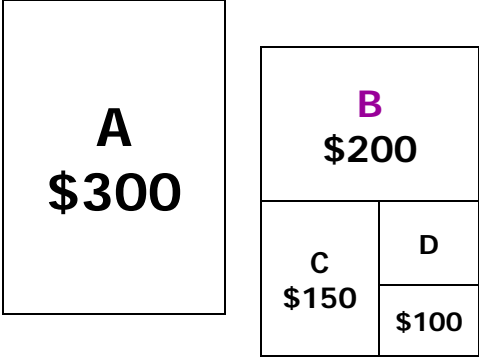
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Noteworthy Dates

May 2010	June 2010
3-14 AP Exams (2 weeks)	1 Academic Booster Awards Ceremony, 4pm in Cafeteria
4 ANGP Meeting, 7pm in Career Center	1 Band Booster Meeting, 6pm in Principal's Conference Room
4 Band Booster Meeting, 6:30pm in Principal's Conference Room	2 tjSTAR Symposium, at TJ
5 Athletic Booster Meeting, 7pm in Library	2 Athletic Booster Meeting, 7pm in Library
6 Crew Booster Meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center	3 ANGP Meeting, 7pm
10 Theatre Booster Meeting, 7pm in Library	4 Choral Spring Show, 4pm in Auditorium
10 PTSA Meeting, 7pm in Lecture Hall	6 Crew Booster Picnic, 12pm in Cafeteria
11 Diversity Committee Meeting, 7pm in Career Center	7 Athletic Sports Awards, 6pm in Cafeteria
13 Crew Board Meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center	8 Theatre Booster Meeting, 4pm in Cafeteria
14 Class of 2012 Movie Night, 7pm in Gym 2	8 Orchestra Booster meeting, 7pm in Principal's Conference Room
15 Class of 2011 trip to Six Flags	8-9 Freshman Registration, 5pm in Library
17 Freshman Preview Night, 7:30pm-9:30pm	9 Student Services Advisory Board Meeting, 7pm in Library
20 Choral Booster Meeting, 7pm in Music Wing	9 Athletic Booster Sports Physicals, 4:30-6:30pm in Audlob
20 Latin Honor Society Awards Ceremony, 7pm in Cafeteria	9 Rising Freshman Sports Night, 7pm
21 Leadership Service Awards Ceremony, 2:15pm in Auditorium	10 Orchestra Concert, 7pm in Auditorium
22-23 Relay for Life at TJHSST	10 Crew Booster Meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center
24-6/4 SOL Testing (2 weeks)	11 Class of 2011 Campout, 5pm at TJ
25 Academic Booster Meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center	11 Senior Prom, 8:30pm at Westwood Country Club
26 Jazz Band Cabaret, 7pm in Cafeteria	14 PTSA meeting, 7pm in Library
26 Transition to College Night, 7:30pm in Auditorium	16 Baccalaureate Graduation Ceremony, 7pm in Auditorium
27 Spring Concert, 7pm in Auditorium	17 Graduation Rehearsal
28 Modified Red Day, Early Dismissal at 10:50am	17 Senior Class Picnic, at Burke Lake Park, follows Graduation Rehearsal
31 Memorial Day holiday, no school	18 ANGP set-up, 4pm at TJ
	19 Senior Graduation, 7pm at Patriot Center
	19 ANGP Party, 9:30pm at TJ
	24 Last Day of Classes, Early Dismissal

tjTODAY Senior Contract

Dear Seniors/Parents-- The school year is almost over, and the senior issue of tjTODAY is fast approaching. Seven years ago, tjTODAY started a new policy of allowing seniors to place personal ads in this issue. The product was highly successful so we are offering this opportunity to you again. Our printing expenses for this one-of-a-kind 32-page issue continue to rise so our ad prices have gone up a bit over last year, but all involved would say, it's worth it!

<p><u>Suggestions for Advertisement Design</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take a look at advertisements printed in older and current editions of tjTODAY. Look for advertisements that appeal to you. You can access our rolling PDF of last year's paper at the TJ homepage. 2. Collect pictures and photos that you would like to use in your advertisement. 3. The simpler the advertisement design, the better. Pictures should generally be the same size and shape to retain a professional layout in your advertisement. Collages are not always the best choice. 4. Make sure to select lighter colored photos, as advertisements will be printed in black and white. Dark photos may not show up as easily as lighter photos in the print edition. 5. Your advertisement must be fully laid out and camera ready. Digital/electronic submission is preferred. Send to jaseavey@fcps.edu 	<p><u>Advertisement Packages</u></p> <p>A: Full page (\$300) 10.25" x 15" B: Half page (\$200) 10.25" x 7.5" C: Quarter page (\$150) 5.125" x 7.5" D: Eighth page (\$100) 5.125" x 3.75"</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>
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Deadline for all advertisement submissions: **May 21, 2010.**

Please retain a copy of all materials submitted, as tjTODAY will not return submissions.

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