

Principal's Letter

Dear parents/guardians, teachers, and students,

We have had a very successful first quarter with Homecoming behind us. The activities were a great way to embrace our school culture with tremendous spirit. I was very impressed with the number of students coming to school with creative costumes aligned with their class theme. The pep rallies brought excitement into the air, and Friday's big event gave students an opportunity to show their talents in different competitions. Special thanks to the SGA, the class officers, and our faculty sponsors for their leadership in coordinating this week of celebratory events.

Student safety is constantly on our minds. The tragedy this fall at Rutgers University and the growing media attention to cyber bullying prompts a reminder of the importance that students report any threats they witness online. Our students are given seminars at school about reporting harassment and our school resource officer and administration are trained to handle complaints. We need parent support in this team effort to monitor computer usage at home and report concerns and changes in student behavior to counselors. Student safety is our top priority.

This month One Question grants will be awarded to students and faculty based on their ideas to implement the concepts behind our One Question: How can we maintain our individuality and creativity in an increasingly impersonal and technological world? The grants became available to students following our One Discussion, an activity where seniors led their younger peers in a reflection about the summer reading, *Brave New World*. With the grants, students will be able to obtain resources for class projects or club activities, thanks to support from the Partnership Fund.

Students will present a summary of their work at our Research Symposium, tjSTAR, in late spring.

This fall, TJ has been host to numerous educators from around the world. Through collaborations with George Mason University and the US State Department, we have been able to welcome educators from Greece, Argentina, and Russia to our classrooms. Many students have had the opportunity to interact with these visiting teachers and learn about their cultures and school systems. Thanks to a grant opportunity, several of our teachers will have a chance to visit Russia in the spring to complete the exchange program.

On December 16, we are hosting a special 25th anniversary celebration of TJHSST in the auditorium from 5:00-7:00 p.m., followed by a reception at which old friends will have a chance to mingle. Many former staff, alumni, and parents will be in attendance to hear stories from yesteryear, see student performances, watch nostalgic video, listen to an excerpt from the new book about TJ's history, and learn about the design of our future renovation. A Keep In Touch invitation will be sent in mid-November so you can RSVP online if you would like to attend.

Please contact me at [Evan.Glazer at fcps.edu](mailto:Evan.Glazer@fcps.edu) if you have feedback and suggestions that will help make TJ an even better place for learning and growing.

Have a terrific Thanksgiving holiday,

Evan Glazer
TJ Principal

President's Message

Homecoming was a special treat this year! Our football team won, the floats and pre-game festivities were fabulous, and students had a great time at the dance. Thanks to everyone who helped organize and execute a wonderful series of events.

As always, PTSA volunteers are busy supporting the TJ community. To mention a few examples, Hospitality organized "Apples for Teachers," with baskets of apples picked by parents, homemade baked goods and fresh fruit bouquets. Faculty Allocations is soliciting grant applications for conferences and more. Government Relations is working with the Partnership Fund to plan TJ's 25th Anniversary. And, the PTSA provided Dr. Glazer with Amazon.com gift certificates for the faculty.

Funds for these programs – and others in the PTSA budget we adopted at Back to School Night - come in part from membership dues. However, as of November 1, many TJ families have not yet joined the PTSA. Please join today if you haven't already:

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

Our regular **PTSA meeting** this month is scheduled for **Wednesday morning, November 17**, in the cafeteria. The principal's coffee – including refreshments provided by our great hospitality volunteers - will start at 9:00 a.m., and the official PTSA meeting will start at 9:30 a.m.

In addition, the **PTSA Diversity Committee** has its monthly meeting on **Wednesday, November 10, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the TJ College and Career Center. The focus of this meeting is to exchange ideas about how to increase the number of TJ students from underrepresented socioeconomic, geographic or racial groups. Please consider joining us for that discussion. This topic is especially timely in light of the recent article in the Washington Post about the TJ admissions process:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/10/30/AR2010103003460.html>.

I hope to see many of you at one or both of these meetings. If not, have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

~~Louise Epstein
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PTSA Update

Landscape Committee



Ryan Yan and Jeremy Loffredo help spruce up the grounds at the Oct.9 Weekend Effort.

Wonderful weather and very enthusiastic and energetic landscape volunteers combined to make the Landscape Committee's October 9 Weekend Effort a very successful one: we weeded, edged and watered both the Native Hill Garden and the Water Wise Garden (Herb Hill), and planted more than **30 new plants**, including 2 large Callicarpa (beauty berry) bushes, 6 Solidago Fireworks (goldenrod), 3 rosemary bushes and 4 lavender bushes! In addition, the trees and shrubs in the Millennium Courtyard have been weeded and mulched.

Many, many thanks to Richard and **Robert Campion** (2012), **Ian Ladner** (2012), **Derek Lai** (2012), Linda and **Jeremy Loffredo** (2012), **Jane Pak** (2012), Gayathri and **Ananth Sridhar** (2012), **Ben Silverman** (2012), John Sok, **Ryan Yan** (2012), Dezhong and **Randy Yin** (2014), Mr. Chao Wu, and garden stalwarts Carol Miranda and Nancy Dale!

We have begun a new outreach effort to TJ students under the sponsorship of **Milde Waterfall**; students can now join the "Cultivators of the Earth" 8th

period club. In addition to working in the gardens at TJ, we will sponsor guest lecturers on composting, plants and insects native to the Chesapeake Bay region, and environmentally appropriate gardening practices during the winter months. If your student has any interest in horticulture, we'd love to have them in the "Cultivators of the Earth Club"!

Volunteer Committee

Opportunities for you - please consider the following PTSA volunteer openings:

JLC: We are looking for more volunteers to supervise students on Thursday mornings from 8:00-9:00 a.m. Please contact Nancy Levonian ([jlcvolunteers at gmail.com](mailto:jlcvolunteers@gmail.com)) for more information.

Hospitality: Do you enjoy baking, buying, preparing or serving food, or decorating for special events? You will be one of the most appreciated (and thanked) people if you join our Hospitality team! Contact Lakshmi Bala: (703) 618-9298 or [laks_bala at yahoo.com](mailto:laks_bala@yahoo.com).

FCCPTA Representative: TJ's voice should be heard! We are looking for someone to represent us at the Fairfax County Council of PTAs, which meets monthly. Please contact Louise Epstein ([lepstein at cox.net](mailto:lepstein@cox.net)) for more information.

We'd love to have you at TJ (and we need you)! Both new and returning families must sign up online to volunteer for the many choices listed on the "Volunteer" page of the PTSA site: <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/login.htm>. There are one-time events as well as regular monthly/weekly tasks. Please register your professional skills/special interests; you never know what need may arise – and you might be the one person who can fill that need!

~Jill Cook, Rajni Goel and Nancy Levonian
Volunteer Coordinators,
[ptsa.volunteers at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.volunteers@tjhsst.edu).

Serving the TJ Community

Free Money \$\$\$

Do all of your **Amazon.com** shopping through the PTSA's link --<http://amazon.com/?tag=tjhsst-20> – to earn free money for TJ! This link can also be found on the **Support the PTSA** web page. Bookmark it now and use it every time you shop! Questions? Email [joe at ganley.org](mailto:joe@ganley.org).



Lost: Giant Shoppers

Last year many more Giant shoppers were registered with the A+ Bonus Bucks Program. TJ was recognized as the 12th top earning school. Let's beat that this year!! Go to <http://giantfood.com/aplus> and register your Bonus Card now! TJ's Code is 02307.



Target Redcard VISA and Redcard Debit Card holders:

Make sure you designated TJ as your school in the **Take Charge of Education Program**. When you shop at Target, make sure to use your Target Redcard; you get a 5% discount on your purchases and TJ gets a donation. TJ earns over \$1000 each year! Visit <http://target.com/tcoe>. TJ's code is 119746.

Office Depot 5% Back to Schools Program:

Don't forget to give TJ's code 70103076 to the cashier! TJ earns credit to use towards FREE supplies. You can also ask the cashier to look up TJ's school code.

If you have questions about the Free Money Programs, please contact Stamo Georgiou at [stamog1 at aol.com](mailto:stamog1@aol.com).

All Night Graduation Party (ANGP)

The countdown to Graduation 2011 has begun! Homecoming has gone by, and seniors know this is the final year for all their beloved TJ events...but the best event of the year is yet to come: the **ALL NIGHT GRAD PARTY**. Every year, immediately after



graduation, TJ Seniors attend the most exciting, most extraordinary, and most excellent party of their four years at TJ! **ANGP 2011** will be the best party EVER, but we need help from parents, guardians, friends and supporters. Here are some ways you can help:



1. VOLUNTEER!

The ANGP is an enormous undertaking involving hundreds of volunteers. We still need committee heads (there are only a few openings left – sign up soon!). Please contact the 2011 ANGP Co-chairs at [ptsa.angp11 at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.angp11@tjhsst.edu) for more information.

Second, we need volunteers to fill in places on every committee to help create the biggest party of the year. **ALL** parents are welcome to join in. You will make new friends and work together to make this the best ANGP yet. Undergrad parents will learn from senior parents all the secrets of ANGP. If you would like to volunteer for ANGP, please use the following link to sign up and choose your shift and activity:

<http://tinyurl.com/2011TJANGPVolunteers>.

You also may sign up at the ANGP table Senior Night, January 12, or contact the 2011 ANGP Co-chairs at [ptsa.angp11 at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.angp11@tjhsst.edu). **We encourage and invite the parents/guardians of students from ALL grade levels to get involved in the planning and to volunteer at the party.**

2. BUY TICKETS!

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

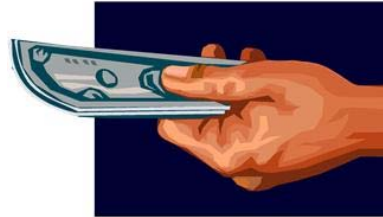
<http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty/tickets.html>.

Drop the form and a check in the ANGP Ticket box in the TJ front office, or send both to the address on the form. Tickets are paperless and the names of students that have purchased tickets will be posted on a link to “The List” on the **ANGP 2011** ticket page.

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: All tickets purchased in 2010 will be discounted to \$95. Beginning January 1, 2011, the price will rise to \$115.

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

3. DONATE!



Honor your graduate with a donation and a dedication. All donations in cash and in-kind are gratefully received and will be

recognized. The website for donations is:

<http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/payments.htm>.

ANGP 2011 is TJ's alcohol-free, drug-free, all-night celebration and is sponsored by the TJ Parent, Teacher, Student Association (PTSA).

In 1987, the Northern Virginia Project Graduation created an after-graduation event model with the aim to provide an alcohol and drug free night of fun for graduating seniors. High schools across our region participate in ANGP, and, for 22 years, there have been no accidents or deaths attributed to drugs or alcohol on graduation night for our students who attend ANGP.

ANGP Meeting Schedule

The ANGP monthly meetings will be held in the Library at 7:00 p.m. on: November 16, December 21, January 18, February 15, March 15, April 12 and May 17 (a June meeting date will be set as needed).

The Graduation ceremony will be held at the Patriot Center on Saturday, June 18 at 7:00 p.m., with the ANGP to follow immediately afterwards at TJHSST.

Student Services Corner

Student Government Association

The SGA worked hard to organize an exciting homecoming week, ending with the Brave New Rave, this year's One Dance. During lunch, they ran Money Wars, in which classes competed by putting money into other classes' jugs. By the end of the week, over \$1,200 was raised for charity.

During homecoming week, there was a pep rally each day, and on Friday each class presented their

skit and musical extravaganza. Prior to the homecoming game, the SGA organized float and class cheer judging in the gravel lot. The cheers were presented around the bonfire, and students were able to express their school spirit. During halftime of the football game, homecoming court was presented with the floats. The event-filled day ended with an exciting win over Marshall HS.

On Saturday, the SGA set up the gymnasiums in preparation for the homecoming dance. Gossamer, tables, and Gym 2 activities were set up during this time. We wish to thank the school administration for helping to organize a fun and successful dance.

Guidelines

The latest edition of the TJHSST Student Services Department newsletter (*Guidelines*) (September – November 2010) has been posted under “Publications and Resources” at: www.tjhsst.edu/curriculum/dss/pubs.php.

Academic News

Fun With German

About 100 students enjoyed the German Honor Society’s celebration of Oktoberfest on September 29. Students learned the traditions of this Munich holiday, which was 200 years old this year. German Honor Society students prepared the Bratwurst and other treats, and led the participants in German Schuhplattler dances and in Oktoberfest songs.



Students enjoy learning traditional German dances.

Latin News

During the week of July 25-August 1, twenty-six eager TJ Latin students attended the National Junior Classical League Convention in Fargo, North Dakota with Ms. Conklin. This event provided students the opportunity to compete in various academic contests: knowledge of the Latin and Greek languages, Roman and Greek history, mythology, and culture. Students also enjoyed participating in *olympika* and *ludi* events (sports), as well as creative and graphic arts contests. The following students dedicated a week of their summer to the NJCL Convention: **Ashwin Raja, Chris Kilgore, Amith Ananthram, Jeremy Vercillo, Anne Marie Creighton, Katie Lin, Vivaek Shivakumar, Nate Skolnik, Ricky Short, Zach Seid, Jared Klein, William Bergan, Evan Liu, Kevin Zhou, Brian Shin, Rachel Goldstein, Austin Dunn, Akhila Ananthram, Jared Golant, Billy Nguyen, Jesse Witkowski, Molly Hemenway, Hyae In Seo, Daniel Kim, Morgan Cheatham, and Phillip Meyer.**

Five TJ delegates played on their respective state team in the National Certamen tournament: Hyae In Seo for the Novice Team; Jared Golant for the Intermediate Team; Amith Ananthram, Vivaek Shivakumar, and Anne Marie Creighton for the Advanced Team. Congratulations to Jared Golant, whose team won the National Championship! TJ had tremendous success in the other areas of competition, too. Vivaek Shivakumar was awarded 10th place overall in the academic contests. Jared Golant and Hyae In Seo placed in the top 10 overall for creative arts contests, winning 10th and 9th place, respectively. Amith Ananthram won 6th on the Decathlon examination, which tests understanding of multiple classical civilization related topics. Hyae In Seo placed 10th overall in the entire convention! We’re very proud of all of the TJ participants, and hope to have even more students participate next summer.

Spanish News

The National Spanish Honor Society began the 2010-2011 school year with lots of Latin rhythm and flavor. “El Mes de la hispanidad,” was celebrated by honoring the Hispanic community here at TJ. Personal invitations to a special dinner and show held on October 22 in the school cafeteria

were sent out to TJ families. The Hispanic food was abundant and delicious! Many students presented poetry and music, but the “piece de resistance” was the Samba dance presented by **Mircea Cernev** and his sister Ana María. The creative and varied program was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Current service projects include peer tutoring and participation in the group “Nuestros pequeños hermanos.” The Honor Society officers have as their goal the development of a wider selection of service opportunities for the members.

Class News

2011 – Seniors

Our last senior-sponsored Soc Hop will take place on November 5 after the last home game. This is Senior Night!

On November 12, we will hold a Powder Puff football game at 7:00 p.m. Come out and watch!

On November 20, we will sponsor a practice SAT exam with a test follow-up given on December 6 in the auditorium. Sign-up forms will be available in room 238 early in November. Sophomores and Juniors are encouraged to participate. Senior parent volunteers are needed to proctor.

Senior Parent Night – January 12, 2011 (this is a new date), 7:30 p.m. -9:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Come and learn important information about prom, graduation and much more!

Questions and comments welcomed:

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PTSA Class of 2011 Representatives

2012 - Juniors

As the first quarter draws to a close, the Class of 2012 is staying busy. Homecoming was a big success with the Juniors coming in second overall in

the school spirit completion – right behind the Seniors. The Junior Class theme was “Under the Sea” and as the picture below shows, their float definitely captured the theme -- and first place! Thanks to the Steele family for allowing the use of their garage for float building.



The Homecoming Dance was enjoyed by all those attending. Thanks to our junior parents for helping to chaperone the dance. We couldn't do it without you! We hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving.

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

2013 – Sophomores

The days are getting shorter and colder and the leaves are falling, which means it must be the end of the first quarter already. Wow, that went by quickly. Yun and I would like to extend a HUGE **THANK YOU** to all of our wonderful parent volunteers who helped make Homecoming Week such a wonderful success. Thanks to those who set up on Friday and those that manned the coat check and other locations during Saturday night's dance. It was a tough job, but we are grateful for those brave “somebodies” who joined us for all the fun! In particular, we would like to thank the Swanhorst family for hosting the Class of 2013 float building team and Mr. LaFever who once again generously donated the use of his trailer! On **November 20 at TJ** the Class of 2011 will sponsor a practice SAT exam at TJ offered by Kaplan Testing. The cost of administration includes a follow up review of the results on December 20. This is a good, non-pressured atmosphere for getting some helpful practice and feedback on the SAT. Applications will be available during the first week of November

in Room 238. Finally, our fund raising interest meeting was well attended and we have some really good, fun and unique ideas for activities this year. Soon our class will be selling TJ logo luggage tags, and plans are underway to hold a 5K Fun Run in the spring. Please stay tuned for announcements in this space and via email for more information.

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2014 – Freshmen

We are in the process of gathering names to be added to the list of volunteers for upcoming freshman events such as the freshman lock-in. If you would like your names to be added to the list, please send us your name, e-mail address, the name of your child and your phone number.

Thank you!

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PTSA Class of 2014 Representatives

News Round-up and Awards

2010 Siemens Competition

Congratulations to the following Semifinalists and Regional Finalists of the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology:

Regional Finalists: **Sanjeet Das** (Physics);
Caelan Garrett (Computer Science)

Semifinalists: **Madhu Karamsetty** (Genetics);
Sundeep Kutumbaka and **Arjun Srinivasan**
(Team Project) (Bioinformatics); **Janiel Li**
(Bioinformatics); **Sapir Nachum** (Nutritional
Science); **Jee In Seo** (Chemistry)

The Siemens Competition, administered annually by the College Board, is an original research competition in math, science and technology for high school students. It awards college scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$100,000 in individual and team categories. A record number of 1,372 projects

were received this year for the Siemens Competition. Regional finalists will present their research beginning on November 5, 2010. Complete information about the 2010 Siemens Competition can be found at <http://www.siemens-foundation.org/>.

Virginia High School League Regional Publications Awards

TJ's newspaper, tjToday (**Jennifer Seavey**, adviser) and yearbook, Techniques (**Erinn Harris**, adviser), have received Trophy Class awards in the Virginia High School League's regional publications championships. TJ's magazine, Threshold (**Emily Orser**, adviser) received a first-place award. Congratulations to all!

Students from TJ's Science Policy Program Participate in Mock Hearing on Geoengineering to Cool Global Temperature

Students enrolled in TJ's Science Policy program participated in a mock hearing to present the citizen perspective on the implications of cloud whitening technology as a means to combat climate change, at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C., on October 19. The event, Tinkering With the Temperature of Planet Earth, was part of the USA Science and Engineering Festival and was sponsored by the Consortium for Science, Policy, and Outcomes (CSPO) at Arizona State University.

Students were asked to imagine that the U.S. Congress has convened a special session to enact legislation that will accelerate the pace of current research and technology in cloud whitening technology. To prepare, they compiled information about cloud whitening technology, a form of geoengineering, by researching and discussing the topic and consulting with real world experts. They also spent a week participating in online deliberations via a blog set up by CSPO, interacting with experts in the field and acquiring technical information about geoengineering and its potential impact on society. They examined the potential legal, ethical, financial, and political ramifications of instituting a cloud whitening program, prepared written testimonies and presented their findings in the form of a mock Congressional hearing before five professionals from NASA, the Government

Accounting Office (GAO), the Bipartisan Policy Center, the Climate Institute, and the CSPO. The entire class participated in the three-week deliberative process, and the following students attended the mock hearing: **Jackie Browning, Jordan Basl, Sapir Nachum, Olivia Walton, Yunan Nie** and **Julia Truelove**.

According to one of the students who participated, Sapir Nachum, the program was an opportunity to apply concepts learned in the classroom to real-world situations. "Throughout the process, my team faced multiple disagreements, arguing about minute details of any solution we proposed. While coming to a consensus was difficult and not everyone could be pleased, working in this team was different from any previous experience."

TJ's Science Policy program allows students to analyze the intersection of science with politics and government and offers them the opportunity to learn about the science and technology policy world in the nation's capital. Students serve internships at a number of government agencies and nonprofit organizations that focus on science and technology policy.

TJHSST Partnership Fund

TJ Partnership Fund: We love to hear you say "I gave at the office."

GIVE TO TJ VIA UNITED WAY OR CFC: Be able to say, "I gave at the office," by including the Partnership Fund in your workplace United Way (**8705**) or Combined Federal Campaign (**81947**) contributions, or in other workplace giving. We will be thanking our 2009-2010 United Way/CFC donors in the forthcoming Annual Report Supplement.

BACK TO SCHOOL DONATIONS WAY AHEAD OF LAST YEAR: It was wonderful meeting all the parents who stopped by the PF table at Back to School Night. To paraphrase what Alumni Chair Erik Petersen said that night, "Our kids came here not just to get an education, but to get a TJ education, and a TJ education is not free." This year's parents seem to have really taken those words to heart. We have already collected over \$53,000, including 17 donations of \$1,000 or more. Thank

you Back to School donors, especially our many first-time contributors!

PARENTS GET EDUCATED: There is no better way to learn about TJ's labs than by taking a lab tour. On October 26, over twenty TJ parents got to do just that. The PF would like to thank retired Optics & Modern Physics Lab Director, Bob Latham, and Jefferson Society Co-Presidents, **Brianna Kim** (2011) and **Nazila Shafagati** (2011), who served as tour guides. Our final tours will take place Tuesday, November 2, Election Day, and will include a lunch with the Lab Directors.



Elizabeth Herbst (2011), a student in **Lisa Wu's** Oceanography Lab, explains her research project.

TEACHERS GET EDUCATED TOO: Everyone knows that the PF raises money to buy state-of-the-art equipment for TJ's labs, but I bet you didn't know that the PF also funds professional development for TJ's teachers. Last year, a \$17,000 PF grant allowed 11 teachers and administrators to attend a four-day conference of the National Consortium for Specialized Secondary Schools of Mathematics, Science and Technology (TJ is a founding member of this specialized school consortium). The PF is happy to announce that it will again be supporting this valuable professional development opportunity by enabling TJ teachers to attend this November's conference in Atlanta.

Thank you for all you do to help KEEP TJ NUMBER ONE!

of the competitions will be available next month. A special thanks to our JV cheerleaders, parents and TJ friends who came out to support the team!

The JV and varsity teams are still selling Papa John's Pizza cards for only \$15.00 each. Help support the team, buy yours today!

Cross Country: The Girls Varsity Team Is Undefeated! This has been a remarkable season for TJ's girl runners. Heading into the championship season, they have won all five of their XC invitational races this fall including Monroe Parker, Oatlands, Oktoberfest, Glory Days and Runnin'-with-the-Wolves Rocktoberfest. In these meets, they have beaten all of the top teams from the local Maryland, DC and Virginia regions, including perennial Virginia state champion Blacksburg, and are considered one of the favorites to challenge for the State AAA championship.

The varsity boys have shown continued improvement over the season and, while not winning their meets, they have been competitive and placed among the better teams in each meet. The JV girls and boys have also claimed multiple championships in their races, providing evidence that the team's talent is widespread and deep, and it bodes well both for this year's championship season and for next year.

The Liberty District was held at Burke Lake Park on October 27, and the Northern Virginia Regional Championships will be at Burke Lake Park on Thursday, November 4, followed by the Virginia State AAA Championship race on Saturday, November 13 at 10:30 a.m. at Great Meadows, The Plains, VA. Come out and support the teams!!



Girls Varsity Cross Country Team wins first place at "Runnin' With the Wolves Rocktoberfest (L-R) **Sarah Stites, Taylor Reffett, Stephanie Marzen, Rachel Kuprenas, Kelly Rogers, Rekha Schnepf and Sarah Nielsen.**

Dance: The team is doing a great job, starting off the year with half-time performances at our varsity home football games. Their last show on the football field will be on November 5, when TJ plays Fairfax HS. They are doing a fabulous job this season.

Please come out and support the team in their first dance competition. They compete at the UDA Fairfax Dance Championship on November 13 at Paul VI High School in Fairfax. Check the CAB website for the exact times as it gets closer. Come one, come all!!! Thanks for supporting the dance team!

Varsity Field Hockey: The team ended their season undefeated in the Liberty District! Their overall regular season record is 10-2-0. Their victories were frequently exciting, demonstrating strong teamwork and determination. The only losses were to Washington-Lee and the highly-ranked Westfield team, who scored on a corner after time had run out in overtime. On Senior Night, the nine seniors were honored by the underclassmen, the coaches, DAS Assistant Director **Rusty Hodges**, and Principal **Evan Glazer**. The entire stadium was decorated for the occasion with balloons, streamers, posters, banners and cups spelling out "we love seniors." Coach **Teri Davis** and Coach **Carol Horton** were also publicly honored for their commitment to the TJ field hockey program. The new goals were dedicated to the coaches, and former players and parents were in the stands to participate in the coach appreciation portion of the program. The ceremonies were followed by an exciting game against McLean, with crowds cheering, horns blowing, posters waving and bells ringing. Following a scoreless first half, link **Taylor Enders** quickly capitalized on an opportunity to score the first goal. Although both teams had subsequent scoring opportunities, strong defense by both sides prevented further scoring. The final score was 1-0, clinching the top seed in the Liberty District for TJ.

The District Tournament began on October 20 with a 2-1 win over McLean, but ended in a heart-breaking loss (0-1) in the final against Fairfax on October 22. Regional play began on October 27. Stay tuned!

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The TJ varsity field hockey team and their coaches Teri Davis and Carol Horton after clinching the top seed in the Liberty District.

JV Field Hockey: The team ended their season with an overall record of 2 wins, 6 ties and 3 losses. Freshmen **Priya Seetharaman** and **Megan Ganley** guarded the goal, with captain **Julia Ruth**, **Kleo Greenwood**, **Lucia Lee**, **Florencia Son**, **Quinnlan Sweeney**, **Tricia Tran** and **Lizzie Woods** rounding out the defense. The offensive players included captain **Karen Clark**, **Nadege Aoki**, **Molly Hemenway**, **Tara Gupta**, **Brittany Peck**, **Clara Pitts**, **Isabel Roscoe**, **Emily Schneider** and **Sharon Zhao**. Coach **Carol Horton** started the season with only 4 players who had previously played on a high school team. Her expert guidance honed stick skills and field strategy. She shaped all 18 players into a team whose talents will carry TJ field hockey far in the years to come.

Varsity Football: Despite losing its last four games, the team has displayed impressive strengths and made a serious bid for victory every time. Facing the powerful Stone Bridge team, the Colonials came away with their heads held high, as the live broadcast team from GameDay magazine complimented our tenacity and skill, and praised our coaching staff. They named **Myles Cook** “defensive player of the game,” and noted how our defensive line held tough against very large opponents, mentioning **Jason Schwartz** numerous times.

Against the Washington-Lee Generals, **Kevin Karn**, returning after three weeks off due to injury, led the Colonials to three touchdowns. Two followed dramatic 75-yard drives, one capped when Karn rifled a 7-yard throw to **Jim Skehan** and the other when Karn bulled his way across the goal from the one-yard line. After three quarters the

game was tied 21-21, but the tide turned in the fourth quarter, and Washington-Lee pulled out its Homecoming 35-21.

While McLean won its Homecoming game against TJ 28-7, twice TJ was within a hair’s breadth of a touchdown. A second quarter TD run by Karn was called back on a holding penalty, and with just a minute left in the fourth quarter TJ drove nearly the full length of the field to the McLean one-yard line, but could not score.



Quarterback Kevin Karn gets set to fire off a pass during the McLean game.

Karn showed his passing skills again against Langley, breaking the 200-yard barrier in total passing yardage, with **Luke Birch** his favorite target. At halftime the score was 14-13 Langley, but the Saxons surged in the second half for a 28-13 win. Throughout, TJ showed a strong defensive effort, with **Ian Ladner** and **Albert Khim** in the backfield and lineman **Alex Harasty** particularly impressive. Ladner was a reliable PAT kicker in all games, and **Patrick O’Connor** a reliable punter and running back.

JV Football: After giving up a touchdown on the opening drive against Stone Bridge, TJ forced a punt and a turnover on downs the next two possessions. Solid tackles by **Ji Soo Song**, **Andrew Dragonov**, and **Sean Waterton** led the defensive attack. The offense had some costly penalties and the half ended with Stone Bridge clinging to a 7-0 lead. The third started with an interception by **Andy Loh** and the defensive struggle continued. Stone Bridge scored on a long screen pass but **Patrick Maribojoc** returned the ensuing kickoff to the SB 35-yard line. The offense had two solid drives in the 4th quarter by **Rashad Laher** and **Jeffrey Fang** with the last ending on the SB 11-yard line, but TJ could not punch it in. The game ended 14-0, a valiant effort against a team averaging over 30 points per game!

Against McLean, another defensive struggle ensued. McLean's first drive was stopped by an interception by **Daniel Edwards**. The defense held two more times before a questionable call put the ball inside the 10-yard line. McLean ran a trick play and scored with 4 seconds left to take a 7-0 halftime lead. TJ took the 2nd half kickoff and moved the ball down the field with 10 punishing dive plays right up the middle. The offensive line had a strong surge and **Sam Yoo** and Patrick Maribojoc ran the ball hard. Andy Loh ran 15 yards on a reverse for the touchdown cutting the lead to 7-6! The momentum was short-lived, as McLean returned the ensuing kickoff for a touchdown. The final score was 21-6.

Boys Golf: The team ended the season in the Liberty District Tournament held September 22-23 at Herndon Centennial. TJ finished with Day 1 and Day 2 totals of 340 and 347, with **Meghan Anand** as low scorer, shooting 82 both days.



Pictured above are Coach **Heidi Smith**, **Taylor Culman**, **Alex Sands**, **Meghan Anand**, **Daniel Kang**, **Jared Klein** and **Michael Serron**.

Girls Golf: It was a great season for girls golf 2010! Congratulations to **Megan Anand**, **Hana Chan**, **Anne Li**, **Jennifer Hwang**, **Christine Galloway**, **Rachel Kim** and **Ellen Nguyen**, who entered the State qualifier event on October 19 at Twin Lakes Golf Course as the last and the biggest tournament of the season.

Special congratulations to senior Meghan Anand who shot an 80, and freshman Hana Chan who shot a 90, qualifying them both for the State tournament at Virginia Beach! Good luck to both ladies!

Varsity Volleyball: The Lady Colonials' mid-season began with a 3-0 loss to Edison, but the team

rebounded in one of the most exciting matches of the season. TJ won the opening game. McLean then took two games, putting the Lady Colonials on their heels. McLean took a 16-12 lead in the fourth game, but TJ rallied for a 25-22 win. In the deciding fifth game, TJ was able to pull out the win 15-12, winning the match 3-2. TJ easily defeated Falls Church 3-0. In one game, junior **Anna Hicks** hit 17 consecutive serves.

In its second Liberty District match, TJ defeated South Lakes 3-2. TJ won the first two games with relative ease, but South Lakes battled back to win the next two. The fifth game saw TJ take a 14-11 lead for game and match point, but South Lakes rallied to gain a 15-14 advantage. The game was tied at 15 and then again at 16, before the Lady Colonials put the match away 18-16.

TJ then lost to Herndon 3-0 before bowing to top-ranked Stone Bridge 3-0. Fairfax defeated TJ 3-1 on **DIG PINK** night. As of this writing, the team's current record is 7-6, 2-2 in the Liberty District, with remaining games at Langley, at home against Marshall and at home against Madison on Senior Night.



The team in their Dig Pink shirts. Front row (l-r): **Mya Abousy**, **Helen Li**, **Nancy Wang**, **Schyler Pa**, **Emmelyn Luu**; Back row (l-r): **Kirsten Cardinal**, **Cara Cunningham**, **Christina Shincovich**, **Stefanie VanRafelghem**, **Michelle Wang**, **Allison Wang**, **Yihemba Yikona**.

JV Volleyball: The team hosted their **DIG PINK** game against Fairfax High School on October 18. The goal of this event is to raise funds and awareness for breast cancer research. The JV team is very grateful for the support of the school community and the donations made for this event on the **TJ DIG PINK** website: www.side-out.org/application/teams/team_page/3155. The

teams also raised \$500 through a car wash fundraiser to donate to this cause. All TJ volleyball teams were wearing a special pink uniform for these games and encouraged all in attendance to wear pink in support as well. The games included dedications as well as a guest speaker who stressed the importance of fundraisers like **DIG PINK**. Funds from these events help make possible the research needed to find a cure for this and many other types of cancer. This is the second **DIG PINK** event for the Lady Colonials, as they also participated in Herndon High School's event on October 7.

Crew Boosters

JEFFERSON **TJ Crew Winter Training** begins November 15 in the TJ Cafeteria. Remember, athletes must have turned in their VHSL physical form to the Athletics Office before participating in winter training. Please check out our website, <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/crew>, for information on online registration for the 2010 – 2011 season.

If you have any questions about crew, please contact:

[TJCrewPresident at gmail.com](mailto:TJCrewPresident@gmail.com),
[TJMensCaptains at gmail.com](mailto:TJMensCaptains@gmail.com) or
[TJWomensCaptains at gmail.com](mailto:TJWomensCaptains@gmail.com).

Band Boosters

The TJ Band Program is off to an exciting start this year with our new director, **Adam Foreman**, who came to us from West Potomac High School. The Marching Colonials brought home four first-place trophies from the first four competitions of the season. On October 16, they swept all caption awards (best music, percussion, color guard, visual, and overall performance) in 4A competition at the Northern Virginia Showcase at Park View High School. Come see their 2010 show, Oasis, at our home football games.

You can learn more about the TJ Band Program on our new website: www.tjbands.org. The Fundraising page on our website has information about how to order TJ license plate frames, White

House ornaments, and citrus. The oranges start arriving on November 20!

Support TJHSST Bands, ORDER YOUR WHITE HOUSE ORNAMENTS TODAY! Pick up an order form in the band hall or contact Kitty Beckhard at [kbvienna at cox.net](mailto:kbvienna@cox.net) for more information. Orders can be picked up at the front office. Makes the perfect Hostess Gift for all those holiday parties.

Our popular TJ LICENSE PLATE FRAMES are available. To order just fill out the form at the end of this newsletter and mail it to Peggy Menzin (address on form) or go to www.tjbands.org and click on fundraising to find the order form. Contact Peggy at [pegmill21 at msn.com](mailto:pegmill21@msn.com) for more information.

Choral Boosters



October brought a true start to the choral season with the **Madrigals** performing our a cappella favorites at Back to School Night, the curricular choir performing *Amoeba* and *Tectonic Waltz* and other scientific songs at the UMD Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center's **Powers of Ten – A Journey in Song from Quark to Cosmos**, and the ongoing home football game performances.

Also during October, **Molly Khatcheressian** announced the spring performance of **Les Misérables** as well as the student led **Spring Concert**. She also directed the curricular choir in the **Fall Choir Concert**.

November wraps up the home football game performances and brings the start of **All District Choir**, with auditions on November 13. Please join us at our next **Choral Boosters Meeting** on November 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the TJ Music Wing – M8. If you can't make it, check out our website at www.tjhsst.edu/curriculum/fa/choir/.

Orchestra Boosters

Congratulations to TJ Orchestra and Band students who were selected for the Northern Virginia Senior Regional Orchestra. Representing TJHSST are: **Violin:** Gabrielle Chen, Chichi Li, Nate McLean, Jane Pak, Sam Sohn, Sungmin Sohn, Ritchie Yein; **Viola:** James Heron, Brian Shin, Shannon Smith, Soojin Kim (alt), Lizzie Steele (alt); **Cello:** Chris Seok; **Bass:** Zola Bridges (alt); **Flute:** Haina Li (alt); **Oboe:** Andrew Kim, Emily Harmon (alt); **Clarinet:** Ki Woong Nam (alt); **Bassoon:** Autumn Chuang; **Trombone:** Jack Borsi; **Percussion:** Max Beckhard, Ryan Feng, and Bryan Higgins (alt).



TJ Orchestra and Band Students Selected for Northern Virginia Senior Regional Orchestra 2010

Theatre Boosters (Shakespeare and Drama)

The Northern Virginia Senior Regional Orchestra concert is scheduled for November 13 at Hayfield High School.

The next orchestra concert is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m.** Many thanks to all who assisted with every aspect of the October 27 concert – the enthusiastic support and efforts of orchestra parent volunteers made the evening successful in every way. As always, the musical program performed by the students was magnificent.

A reminder: Mark your calendar for the Viennese Ball, to be held on January 7, 2011.

The orchestra parent email group is the most efficient way that updated orchestra information will be disseminated but some of these emails have bounced back to me. If you are not receiving these emails, please contact me so that I may add or correct your contact information on the list. If you were not able to provide assistance with the October concert, please consider helping out with the December concert – we always need enthusiastic parents to assist with hospitality, as door monitors for each performing group, and with other very easy but very important jobs. **“D.O.T” – “Do One Thing”** for your Orchestra Boosters and everyone will benefit. Thank you for your memberships, your volunteer support, and for your support of your student musicians.

Calling all members of the Jane Austen Fan Club or anyone interested in romance and some laughs...come see TJ's fall production of **Pride and Prejudice!** Watch your favorite characters...Jane, Mr. Bingley, Elizabeth and Mr. Darcy...fall in love. Laugh at the comedic relationship of Mr. and Mrs. Bennet. Show dates are Friday, November 19 and Saturday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the TJ auditorium. Tickets will be sold in advance at the school during the week of November 15 and at the door.

Do you dream about being on stage but are too nervous to audition? Want to participate in drama but are not sure how to go about it? Then Frosh Fest is for you! Auditions for Frosh Fest, a student directed play cast with students who have not acted previously in a TJ drama production, will take place in early November. Check the drama bulletin board for more information.

TJ Theatre Boosters will not meet in November. Our next meeting will be December 13 in the library at 7:00 p.m.

Get TJ drama information on Facebook at *TJ Drama Now*.

Questions regarding auditions – contact Mr. Pollet at [Vincent.Pollet at fcps.edu](mailto:Vincent.Pollet@fcps.edu).

Questions regarding TJ Theatre Boosters – contact Dawn Meyer at [TJ.TheatreBoosters at gmail.com](mailto:TJ.TheatreBoosters@gmail.com).

Announcements

TJHSST Science and Engineering Fair 2011

Following two snowed-out science fair dates in 2010, the 2011 Science and Engineering Fair is planned for Friday and Saturday, February 4 and 5, in the cafeteria. The alternate dates, in case of a weather closing, are February 11 and 12.

Students who are interested in participating should start exploring the possibility now. Here are some points that a potential science fair participant must keep in mind before undertaking projects:

- **First, find a faculty sponsor for your project.** All project work must be done under adult supervision. You must have a TJ teacher as a sponsor – the sooner the better - before any project work begins. The teacher will work with you to assure that all of the safety aspects of your experimentation will be addressed and that you have correct and complete paperwork.
- **Look for the required forms, schedules, and hints for success on Blackboard.** All students have access to the Blackboard organization called TJ Science and Engineering Fair.
- **Note which forms must be signed before experimentation begins-** that is before you collect any data.
- **If you determine that your project is “sensitive” or “hazardous,”** the deadline for submission of your proposal to Room 121WK is Monday, November 15. The SRC/IRB must approve your proposal before you begin experimentation or data collection.
- **ISEF forms for projects that are not sensitive** are due in Room 121WK on Monday, January 11.

TJ’s Fair is the first step on the path to the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) to be held in Los Angeles in May; therefore we comply with all ISEF rules and guidelines for our local fair.

Anyone who has questions about participation should come to Room 121WK and see **Mrs. Curtis**,

Mrs. Luxenberg, or e-mail Mrs. Luxenberg at [Susan.Luxenberg at fcps.edu](mailto:Susan.Luxenberg@fcps.edu).

Parents interested in being judges and who would be available on the morning of February 5 and/or February 12, should e-mail Mrs. Curtis at **Jane.Curtis at fcps.edu**.

Third Annual tjSTAR - Mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 1, 2010!

For those who are new to this event, tjSTAR (TJ Symposium to Advance Research) is a symposium in which students present their research and scientific achievements. Scientific demonstrations of advancements in technology and design challenges are held to inspire students and expose them to real life problems. A major part of this event is the panels and speakers—from both inside and outside of TJ—who excel in their respective fields.

Last year, we had many educational and entertaining speakers that made our event a success. This could not have been possible without your efforts as parents. To help make tjSTAR a success once again, please consider being a speaker or recommending someone who may wish to speak at this event. The deadline for submitting speaker suggestions is March 1, 2011. Please contact us with your suggestions at [tjstarspeakers at gmail.com](mailto:tjstarspeakers@gmail.com). For more information about tjSTAR and the kinds of speakers we are seeking, we invite you to look at our website: www.tjhsst.edu/studentlife/events/srs/overview.php. Check back frequently for up to date information on tjSTAR 2011! Also, check out [tjToday's summary of tjSTAR 2010](#).

Thank you!

Natasha Bandopadhyay
Lisa Miadzvedskaya
tjSTAR Student Planning Committee

From Chantilly To Japan (via Princeton University) - By Wills Johnston

Ten days changed my life. Those days were spent at Princeton University last summer with forty American students and forty Japanese students, as part of the High School Diplomats program.

It was a mystical and fun-filled time, including a haunted house, a ho-down, and other American themed activities all under a Princeton sky. The bonds you make in this program will never be forgotten.

The program next year, available to sophomores and juniors, runs from July 27 to August 6, 2011. Application details for this scholarship opportunity can be found by contacting Mrs. Kristen Parrott at [kparrott at highschooldiplomats.com](mailto:kparrott@highschooldiplomats.com) or go to <http://highschooldiplomats.com/america.php>. This program was the best ten days of my life, and I want it to be the best of yours too.



Students share their cultures as part of the High School Diplomats program.

Useful Links

TJHSST Home Page: www.tjhsst.edu/

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

Athletic Boosters: www.colonialathletics.org

Band Boosters: www.tjbands.org

Choral Boosters: www.tjhsst.edu/curriculum/fa/choir

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

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

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

TJ Partnership Fund: www.tjpartnershipfund.org

TJ Alumni Association: www.tjhsstalumni.org

Other:

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

FCPS Keep in Touch (KIT): www.fcps.edu/kit

FCPS School Board: www.fcps.edu/schlbld

Fairfax County Supervisors:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/

Noteworthy Dates

November 2010		December 2010	
1-2	Teacher Work Days, Student Holidays	2	PTSA Meeting, 7:30pm in Library
5	Class of 2011 Soc Hop, 8pm in Cafeteria	7	Driver Education Parent/Student Required Meeting, 6:30pm in Lecture Hall
6	District Choral Audition, Centreville High School	8	Band Concert, 7pm in Auditorium
9	Marching Band Banquet, 4pm in Cafeteria	8	Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Library
9	Orchestra Booster Meeting, 7pm in Principal's Conference Room	9	Crew Boosters Meeting, 7:30pm in College Career Center
10	Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Library	13	Drama One Axe Auditions, 4pm in Auditorium
10	Diversity Committee Meeting, 7pm in Career Center	13	Theatre Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Library
11	Crew Boosters Meeting, 6pm in Career Center	14	Drama One Axe Auditions, 4pm in Auditorium
12	Powder Puff Football Game, Stadium, 7pm	14	Orchestra Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Principal's Conference Room
12	All-District Chorus Auditions, Centreville High School	15	Orchestra Concert, 7pm in Auditorium
16	ANGP Meeting, 7pm in Library	15	Choral Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Music Wing M8
16	Academic Boosters Meeting, 7:30pm in Room 106	16	TJ 25th Anniversary Celebration, 4:30pm in Auditorium
17	Principal's Coffee and PTSA Meeting, 9-11am in Cafeteria	18	Citrus Fruits Sales & Distribution, 7:30am-3pm in Band Room
17	Choral Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Music Wing M8	21	ANGP Meeting, 7pm in Library
18	Fall Sports Banquet, 6pm in Cafeteria	22	Modified Red Day, Early Dismissal at 10:50am
19-	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i> performances, 7pm in Auditorium	23-	Happy Holidays!
20	Citrus Fruits Sales & Distribution, 7am-3pm	31	
24	Early Release, 10:50am		
25-	Holiday – Happy Thanksgiving!		
26			
30	Financial Aid Night, 7:30pm in Auditorium		

