

## Principal's Letter

Dear parents/guardians, teachers, and students,

Welcome to a new school year! This year is a special one as we celebrate 25 years of excellence at TJ. I hope you have enjoyed a relaxing summer with personal hobbies, fun with your friends, and time with your families. This rest and reflection time away from school is essential to recharge your mind so you can think creatively and get excited about the difference you will make in the coming year.

Teachers and students in grades 10-12, I hope you have enjoyed our summer reading, *Brave New World*, a book about the challenges of a utopian future. We will discuss the book in October after our freshmen read it in IBET. The book is a launch to this year's One Question, "How can we maintain our individuality and creativity in an increasingly impersonal and technological world?" I invite you to think of ways we can address this question throughout our clubs and curriculum, and a special grant will be available in October for students and teachers seeking resources for One Question projects and activities.

TJ has been far from quiet this summer. We have had about 1000 students engaged in learning experiences, either through TJ summer school classes, a biotechnology research opportunity, or our TJ's Summer Tech Institute open to rising 8th and 9th grade students in the region. The outreach program invited students to take one week classes like Cool Chemistry, Marine Technology Exploration, Fun with Electronics, Digital Photography, and much more in our unique labs.

Over the summer, we have had a series of meetings with the architects and FCPS Design and Construction to review specifications for the different types of specialty spaces at TJ. Please make sure you check with your renovation team representative to learn more details. Currently we have been reviewing drafts of the floor plans and testing our master schedule to make sure there are sufficient spaces for our wide variety of classes. Construction will begin in 2012 and end in 2015. The TJ Partnership Fund is developing a capital campaign in order to acquire unique equipment, furniture, and environmentally friendly features for the opening of the building.

This school year we have five target areas for our School Improvement Plan: interdisciplinary curriculum, diversity and outreach, research equipment resources, communication of ethics violations, and maintaining high quality staff and curriculum. I will tell you more about these goals at our Back-to-School Night at 6:30 p.m. on October 6, where you will also have a chance to meet our faculty, staff, and administration. Don't hesitate to 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.

Looking forward to a great 2010-2011,

**Evan Glazer**  
**TJ Principal**

## President's Message

**Welcome!** The PTSA has been busily preparing for the 2010-11 school year, and we hope that you'll join us at many upcoming meetings and events.

The Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) has many roles. We sponsor events for students and their parents, such as cluster and county parties, Navigating TJ, and the TJ Bash. We raise money and organize volunteers to support a wide range of school programs. We keep the TJ community informed by publishing a monthly newsletter and annual directory, sending emails, and maintaining a web site. In addition, we advocate for TJ parents, teachers and students. To provide all these services, we need your support.

Please join the PTSA for 2010-11, by filling out the membership form in the summer packet and sending it and a check to the school's front office, or by [joining online](#).

Please input or update (if necessary) your family's contact information and enter your volunteer preferences **before September 10** in the PTSA database by [clicking here](#).

And, please register **immediately** for our "Free Money" programs, which generated about \$20,000 in funds for TJ last year, [clicking here](#).

This September, we are delighted to welcome new faculty and staff. **Molly Khatcheressian** from Longfellow MS is our new choral director and **Adam Foreman** from West Potomac HS is our new band director. **Shawn DeRose**, who served as a temporary Assistant Principal last spring, will be our new Director of Student Activities. We also look forward to meeting two new computer science teachers, two new physics teachers, and other new TJ faculty and staff members.

Looking ahead, the TJ community may be faced with a variety of issues.

The Fairfax County School Board did not increase TJ's class sizes for 2010-11, so TJ did not lose any faculty positions. However, proposals to reduce

positions or other resources allocated to TJ could return. If budget proposals that would adversely impact TJ during 2011-12 are proposed this year, we will keep you informed.

The School Board imposed a \$100 per sport fee and a \$75 fee for each AP test for 2010-11. Both fees are waived for students who qualify for free or reduced price meals. If your student might qualify, please submit the paperwork. It's now worth more than a free lunch!

TJ's renovation has been discussed for years. In 2009, FCPS took TJ's renovation off the bond and promised that TJ's renovation would be on the 2011 bond. This school year, we look forward to seeing FCPS keep that promise. Also, keep an eye on the [Annandale Regional Planning Study](#), especially if you live in the areas under study. Note in particular the first question and answer about TJ in the answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

With FCPS examining facilities use across the county, please contact me if you hear anything that could have an impact on TJ.

Last year, honors weighting was a major issue. Ultimately, Fairfax County Public Schools agreed to weight all of TJ's math, science and technology non-AP electives. This agreement was not yet reflected in the GPAs posted on Blackboard earlier this summer. Please check your child's weighted GPA on Blackboard, and contact me if it is not correct.

Finally, I would like to thank our volunteers who stuffed summer packets, prepared the PTSA database and directory, fed the faculty breakfast, and much more this summer. Special thanks to Lou Baumgartner, who worked on organizing the new volunteer substitute teacher program. Lou is not returning to TJ and will be replaced as Recording Secretary by Jane Li.

~~Louise Epstein  
TJ PTSA President  
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## PTSA Update

Every month, the last page of Tech cetera lists the dates of events during the upcoming month. A few key dates of particular interest are:

--**Thursday, September 9**, at 7:30 p.m., is the first **PTSA meeting**, in the library. Please come!

--**Thursday, September 16**, at 4:00 p.m., is the new date for the **TJ Bash**, which originally was scheduled for September 3.

--**Wednesday, September 22**, at 7:30 p.m., the PTSA is sponsoring its annual **Navigating TJ** program, which provides parents with information to help students make the most of their TJ years. All TJ parents are invited, but we especially welcome parents of freshmen and froshmores (students starting at TJ as sophomores).

### **Want to Advertise in the TJ Directory?**

Support TJHSST's PTSA by advertising your business in the 2010-2011 TJ School Directory. Ad & payment must be received by **September 6, 2010**.

**SEE THE FLYER AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS**

### **Welcome to the 2010-2011 TJ PTSA Executive Committee:**

President: Louise Epstein

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## Landscaping Committee



We have had a hot, brutal summer this year. Our gardens have survived due to the dedicated watering efforts of landscape volunteers Nancy Dale, Nancy Manser, Thuy McMurray, Monica Russ, Elaine Tholen, Carol Miranda and Eleni Silverman. Our pollinator garden at the Braddock Road entrance is teeming with busy pollinators, and the black-eyed-susans, heath asters, woodland sunflowers, and Russian sage are blooming throughout the campus.

Our TJ campus has been recognized this year as a Fairfax County Master Garden Youth Garden Project. We are busy identifying the over 100 different native and ornamental plant varieties in our gardens, and this fall we will begin to label them in the gardens. Eventually we will have notebooks with maps and individual plant information sheets for each of our gardens.

None of these efforts would be possible without our landscape volunteers! To keep things looking great, we are in need of more volunteers for our weekly gardening mornings and monthly weekend gardening days. If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, contact Eleni Silverman at **Eleni1 at cox.net** or at (703) 626-0008. We will keep everyone informed through emails announcing specific gardening efforts. Visit our **Landscaping Committee website** for more information. We have a lot of fun working together, and it is great to see how lovely our efforts have made the TJ campus.

Students can count their hours as community service!

## Volunteer Committee

### *Volunteer at TJ!!*

First, we welcome the newest member of our Volunteer Team - Nancy Levonian!

### **Thank you, Summer Packet-Staffers!!**

We want to say THANKS to our wonderful summer volunteers who helped stuff the Back-to-School packets on August 11! We had another great turnout of parents and students, and once again were able to get all packets stuffed in two hours!

### **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 website:

<http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/login.htm>. There are one-time events as well as regular monthly or weekly tasks. And please remember to register your professional skills/special interests on the signup page. You never know what need may arise – and whether you're the one person who can fill it!

**Opportunities for you:** The PTSA has several openings – please consider the following:

***URGENT – One parent still needed for Class of 2014 Liaisons! This position is a fun way to get to know the parents who will journey with you through TJ for the next four years!***

**Hospitality volunteers:** Would you enjoy baking, buying, preparing, serving food, decorating, etc. for events such as Breakfast for Teachers, Teacher Appreciation Lunch or other special occasions? You will be one of the most appreciated (and thanked) people if you join our Hospitality team!

**Jacket Sales:** Our long-time letter-jacket mom has "graduated," but will be happy to train a successor!

**Publicity:** Would you like to see more TJ student names in your local paper? Do you read the local *Sun Gazette* or *Connection*, and wonder why our kids aren't represented? Would you enjoy composing a press release? Then please consider joining our new Publicity Committee!

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

**Faculty Recruitment Team:** In an effort to support the school in its recruitment of the highest quality staff, we are looking for parent volunteers to assist in the identification of talented teachers across the nation as prospective TJ faculty.

**8th Period Substitutes:** This unpaid position will allow for more variety in our current 8th-period programs. Please contact Nancy Levonian: [nlevonian at cox.net](mailto:nlevonian@cox.net).

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

## Serving the TJ Community

### Free Money \$\$\$

**Shopping at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) = Free Money for TJ!!**  
When you use the PTSA's link to initiate your Amazon.com shopping, we earn about a 7% commission on your purchases. Amazon.com sells books, music, magazines, electronics, tools, and much more, and the more merchandise that is bought through our link, the higher the commission we earn! Bookmark the link [www.amazon.com/?tag=tjhsst-20](http://www.amazon.com/?tag=tjhsst-20) and use it every time you visit Amazon.com. Be sure to use this link before adding items to your cart, and to check out promptly once you've done so; after items have been in your cart for 24 hours, we no longer get credit for them. This is a huge fundraising source for TJ, and it requires nothing more than using our link whenever you shop at Amazon.com. Your support in doing so is greatly appreciated. This link is also available from the Support the PTSA web page (<http://tjhsst.edu/ptsa/support.htm>).

Questions or suggestions regarding the Amazon.com program are welcomed; email Joe Ganley at [joe at ganley.org](mailto:joe@ganley.org).

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

**Forgot to use our school's ID when you made a recent purchase?** Past purchases made within the current quarter can still earn credit! Simply bring your receipt and our School ID number to the store and ask a store associate to apply your purchase.



register and identify TJ as the school you want to support EVERY school year for Giant, Harris Teeter and Safeway.

- Giant A+:** Bonus Card: TJ code **02307**.
- Peapod by Giant:** Register your Giant card as outlined above and then at Peapod.com under My Account – Personal Settings – Giant Bonus Card.
- Harris Teeter Together in Education** Vic Card: TJ code **5534**.
- Safeway Club Card for Education** Club Card: TJ code **154534149**.
- Target Red Card:** School ID: **119746**

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

## All Night Graduation Party (ANGP)

It's hard to believe the class of 2011 All Night Graduation Party (ANGP) is only 9 months away! The alcohol-free celebration will start right after graduation on June 18, and continue through the night into the following morning.

All parents are invited to help with the planning for the celebration! Although we already have some key chairs, we still need many more helpers. Consider taking on a chair position or sharing one with a friend. **Key chair positions we still need include webmaster and decorations.** Our ANGP website is under construction and we need a webmaster to help us keep everyone informed of the planning. We need a creative mind to develop our theme for the party.

Or if you prefer, come work a shift during the party. All parents are welcome! The details of the party are a surprise for our graduates so the plans are kept "Top Secret" by the ANGP committee. Do you want to be in the know? Come join the committee!

Our first ANGP meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Career Center. If you are unable to attend, contact us at [Ptasa.angp11@tjhsst.edu](mailto:Ptasa.angp11@tjhsst.edu) for information. Help us make the 2011 ANGP a special event for our seniors.

## Register Your Shopping Cards and Earn \$\$\$ for TJ Today!



It's time to reregister your grocery cards to earn money for TJ. Giant, Peapod, Safeway, and Harris Teeter support our schools by donating a portion of sales to us when you use your store loyalty card. The Harris Teeter and Safeway programs started in August so don't waste any time. If you shop at Target, apply for the REDcard credit card and designate TJ as your school.

Sign up NOW. Most programs let you sign up in store, online or by completing and submitting the green flyer in the PTSA back to school packet to the main office or at Back to School Night. The fastest way to start earning is to sign-up online. See **Support the PTSA** to access sign-up links (<http://tjhsst.edu/ptsa/support.htm>). You must TJHSST PTSA Tech cetera

## Student Services Corner

### Guidelines

You can find editions of the TJHSST Student Services Department newsletter (*Guidelines*) posted at [www.tjhsst.edu/curriculum/dss/pubs.php](http://www.tjhsst.edu/curriculum/dss/pubs.php). Scroll down to "Department of Student Services, Publications and Resources," and you will see an accessible list of the most recent editions of *Guidelines*. The September 2010 edition was not posted at the time of this writing, but should be available shortly.

### Student Government Association

The Student Government Association is hard at work planning one of TJ's most renowned activities: Homecoming! The overall theme for this year is "Rhyme Time." The classes have already proven their creativity through their rhyming class themes:

**Seniors:** Fright Night

**Juniors:** Leap Into the Deep

**Sophomores:** Situation Animation

**Freshmen:** Don't Stop the Pop

Homecoming week will be from October 18-22. The dance is on the night of October 23. A retreat for all Student Government officers and Class Council officers was held August 28 and 29, where the Freshman class chose their theme and spirit days for Homecoming week.

In order to make Homecoming a success, we require support from the TJ community. We are currently **in need of convertibles to drive the Homecoming Court** across the field during half-time of the Homecoming Football Game. If there are any parents who would allow us to use their convertible for this purpose (parents would drive their car in the parade), it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Hannah Tam at [bubbletea@gmail.com](mailto:bubbletea@gmail.com) if you can help. Thank you!

This year the SGA plans to continue the successes of the previous government as well as start new

initiatives, and revive older projects. The SGA would like to better inform the student body of Student Government activities by bringing back an SGA Bulletin and restoring morning video announcements.

Congratulations to the elected SGA Officers for 2010-2011:

**President:** Michelle Gahagan ('11)

**Vice President:** Abigail Xu ('11)

**Secretary:** Allison Chou ('13)

**Treasurer:** Connor Barrett ('11)



2010-2011  
SGA President  
Michelle  
Gahagan

## Class News

### 2011 – Seniors

We would like to thank all the parents, teachers and staff that helped us to make the junior campout a huge success. The seniors are also very grateful to all the parents and other members of the community who helped our class resources to grow immensely and to enable the class of 2011 to celebrate their senior year in the typical tradition of TJ.

We are looking forward to many events this year and as usual we will often be asking for parent chaperones. Please check our Tech cetera column each month for 2011 news and respond to our class reps accordingly.

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PTSA Class of 2011 Representatives

## 2012 - Juniors

Welcome back to the TJ families of the Class of 2012. We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and the students are refreshed and ready for the new school year. It promises to be a busy one.

Our biggest activity for the year will be the Junior Camp-Out. It will be held in June at the end of the school year. But, rest assured, the class officers are busy planning an event-filled year.

First up is Homecoming, which is scheduled for October 22. The Neuberger's have again agreed to house the Class of 2012's Homecoming float as it is being constructed. Watch for more details and plan to come out and help.

We look forward to another great year for the Class of 2012.

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Janet Tasker ([jtasker@cox.net](mailto:jtasker@cox.net))  
PTSA Class of 2012 Representatives

## 2013 – Sophomores

**WELCOME BACK to the Class of 2013!** We hope that you all have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break. It is hard to believe that sophomore year is upon us already. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. Although the dates for our class Soc Hops have not yet been finalized, we will get that information out to you as soon as we have it. One important date to put on your calendars now is the date of the **TJ Homecoming Dance**, which is scheduled for **October 23**. Our class plays an important role in making the dance a success, manning the coat check area, which is the first and last stop that everyone attending the dance must make. We will need many volunteers for this, so please pencil it in and we will get you more details as we have them.

The sophomore class also will hold a major fund-raising event this year in April to help with prom and graduation expenses. We will be holding an interest meeting for this event in September for parents to come and share ideas about what we are planning. Please watch your emails for the specific date.

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Finally, please be sure that your contact information is up to date on the TJPTSA website. As Class Representatives we use that data to contact you with important information and do not want you to miss a thing! Please enjoy the last few days of summer. We will see you soon!

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Pam Cooper ([cooperlaw@verizon.net](mailto:cooperlaw@verizon.net))  
PTSA Class of 2013 Representatives

## 2014 – Freshmen

**URGENT – One parent still needed for Class of 2014 Liaison!** Liaisons communicate with parents about class events (through Tech cetera articles and emails), recruit parent volunteers and chaperones for class events, and work with class officers and faculty sponsors to help plan some of the class events (such as freshman lock-in).

## TJHSST Partnership Fund

### TJ Partnership Fund: Helping to Make a Great Place Even Better

**About the Partnership Fund:** The Partnership Fund, founded in 1999, is a 501(c)(3) organization that raises funds from parents, alumni and corporations to meet TJ's unique needs. For information about the myriad ways that the Partnership Fund supports TJ and to find out how you can help, see the PF's Annual Report & Donor List, and separate Volunteer Form, in the PTSA Back-to-School packets sent to all TJ families, or view the Annual Report and Donor List at: [www.tjpartnershipfund.org/partnershipFundNews.html](http://www.tjpartnershipfund.org/partnershipFundNews.html).

**Parent Reception:** Curious about this group called the Partnership Fund? Wondering how you can help make TJ even stronger? Come to an informal reception where you can chat with Principal **Evan Glazer**, other members of the TJ faculty and administration, and Partnership Fund volunteers. Sunday, September 12, 2010, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Contact [hildekahn@verizon.net](mailto:hildekahn@verizon.net) for details.

**Back To School Appeal Under Way: It's so easy to support TJ!** Just fill out the Donor Form tucked inside the Annual Report in your PTSA packet or donate online at [www.tjpartnershipfund.org](http://www.tjpartnershipfund.org). You decide how your money is used. "Priority Fund" donations are essentially unrestricted, and are put towards the School's priority needs; alternatively, you may designate the "Science & Tech Lab Fund," a specific research lab's fund, or the "Enrichment Fund" that is set aside for non-lab needs.

**Priority One:** This fall's Priority One item is a laser cutter for the Energy Systems Lab. The device uses a high-power laser to cut wood and plastic parts for use in prototype motors, airfoils, solar car chassis, and other research projects. A tabletop model costs \$22,000. There are students who would like to start using this tool right away, so help us make it happen by donating today.



Partnership Fund Development Associate, Ellen Smith, welcomes parents, students, faculty and staff, visiting alumni and corporate representatives, and all friends of TJ to the Partnership Fund Office.

**A New Face at the Partnership Fund:** Please welcome Ellen Smith to the Partnership Fund. With her terrific database skills and her development office experience, Ellen is just what the PF Office needed. She can be reached at (703) 750-8317 and [ellen.smith at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ellen.smith@tjhsst.edu), or just stop by the office and introduce yourselves.

**An Appreciation:** The Partnership Fund wishes to thank Gary Bottorff, outgoing Director of Corporate & Community Relations, for his four years of distinguished service to the TJ community.

**Thank you, and have a great year!**

## TJHSST Boosters

### Academic Boosters

Academic Boosters wrapped up a very successful school year last year when the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors invited our TJ Olympiad winners to their July meeting to recognize our accomplishments. Representing TJ Academic Boosters at the July Fairfax County Board of Supervisors meeting were Academic Boosters president Lynne Hamrick, **Mitchell Lee, Christopher Au, Brian Hamrick, Saketh Are, Yuqing Zhang (Daniel Li was not available to attend the meeting)**, as well as Principal **Dr. Glazer**, PTSA President Louise Epstein, and incoming Academic Boosters president, Linda Loffredo.



Academic Boosters is recognized at the July Fairfax County Board of Supervisors meeting.

- **Daniel Li** brought back the gold medal from the International Physics Olympiad, held July 17- 25 in Zagreb, Croatia. He was one of 20 students selected for the USA Physics Team, and he is one of five students who represented the US.
- In addition, **Daniel Li** placed 4<sup>th</sup> out of over 1000 students on the North American Computation Linguistics Olympiad, and was invited to represent the US at the International Linguistics Olympiad in Sweden. Unfortunately, Daniel wasn't able to attend because it conflicted with the Physics Olympiad.

- **Brian Hamrick, Mitchell Lee, and Saketh Are** were among the 15 students selected to attend the USA Invitational Computer Olympiad Program. Brian was selected as one of four students to represent the US at the International Olympiad in Informatics in Canada.
- **Brian Hamrick and Mitchell Lee** were among the top 12 scorers on the USA Math Olympiad Exam. Over 100,000 students took the initial American Mathematics Competition 10 and 12 exams.
- **Yuqing Zhang** was one of the 20 US Biology Olympiad finalists out of nearly 11,000 students from around the nation registered for the Open Exam.
- **Christopher Au** was a top 20 finalist on the US Chemistry Olympiad from approximately 10,000 students who entered their local competition.

Students have the opportunity to participate in 20 academic teams during the school year. These teams meet weekly to prepare for the Olympiad qualifying tests. Congratulations to all these students and their teachers!

We hope your family will join the TJ Academic Boosters to support our academic teams' endeavors. Teachers receive no additional pay for the time they spend at practices and weekend competitions. Paying for these teachers' out of pocket expenses, as well as student registration fees, was the original purpose of Academic Boosters. Look for the AB membership form in your summer mailing (the yellow form) or join online at <http://academics.tjhsst.edu/aboosters/>.



We are sporting a new logo this year, thanks to graphics designer and friend of TJ, Robert Wojcie.

Our teams are already planning activities for this school year and need

financial support to attend competitions at the local, state, national, and international levels. The first funding requests meeting for Academic Boosters is set for Tuesday, October 19. Please consider joining Academic Boosters – also a tax-deductible donation – to support the endeavors of our academic teams this year. Thank you!

**Colonial Athletic Boosters (CAB)**  
[www.colonialathletics.org](http://www.colonialathletics.org)

Welcome all parents, athletes, supporters and fans to the 2010-11 sports season, especially our incoming class of 2014 athletes!!

As we embark on the new fall season, please remember how important CAB memberships and activities are for our student-athletes. We must supplement the very small amount of funds we receive from the County with our own contributions. ***To maintain safe and proper playing surfaces, well-appointed gyms, up-to-date equipment, and to provide our teams with uniforms and other accessories, we need YOUR HELP!***

**Memberships** begin at \$50 per year; higher levels earn passes to home games and other perks. Please join by clicking [here](#) and following instructions.

\*New this year! All persons who purchase memberships at the \$150 level and above will receive a \$10 Merchandise voucher to be used for any CAB items!!

**\*Booster Challenge: First team to reach 90% membership will earn \$500 from the CAB for the coach to spend on the team!**

**We love volunteers!** Many are needed to run a successful sports program for our children. We need your help with concessions (profits go 100% to athletics), ticket sales, announcing, merchandise sales, etc. Show your student you support him or her! Contact your individual team liaison, the liaison coordinator Michelle Engler ([englermd at gmail.com](mailto:englermd@gmail.com)) or CAB president Jill Cook ([cooks471 at gmail.com](mailto:cooks471@gmail.com)). All team liaison names and contact info can be found at [www.colonialathletics.org](http://www.colonialathletics.org).

**Scholarships:** The CAB awards four \$1,000 scholarships each year to deserving seniors. So please volunteer, contribute or both!

**Come to the games! Cheer! Eat! Buy and proudly wear your TJ spirit merchandise to show your support! It's great fun!**

*And now for team news. . .*

**Cheer:** Back-to-School Spirit!! The fall 2010 tryouts were held on August 12. Congratulations to the following varsity and JV team members:

Varsity Team: Seniors **Brianna Buch, Michelle Gahagan, Jane Hu, Anna Knight, Lucia Melgarejo, Daniella Miller, Nikki Pangilinan, Kathy Shi, Tiffany Wu** and **Andy Yang**; juniors **Priya Krishnan, Jane Pak, Jenny Park** and **Emily Saitta**; sophomores **Ashley Hwang, Christina Lee** and **Anna Li**; and freshman **Grace Zeng**. Head Coach **Melissa Rapp** welcomes two new assistant coaches, Coach **Liz Nelson** and Coach **Sharon Kim** (TJ Class of 2006).

Junior Varsity Team: Juniors **Emilie Fortman** and **Sarah Sam**; and freshmen **Ashley Kim, Jamie Kim, Mira Holford, Sarah Shan** and **Yana Kaplan**. The squad will be led by Coach **Carolyn Wilson**.

The Cheer squad will hold a **Tropical Smoothie fundraiser on Thursday, September 16 from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.** at the Tropical Smoothie on the corner of the Little River Turnpike and Braddock Road, and will receive 15% of the total sales. Pick up a flyer from one of the cheerleaders to present at the time of your Tropical Smoothie purchase.

The team will again be selling Gianni's Gourmet Pizza kits, sweet desserts, and fun snacks. Sales will begin in September.

Thank you for supporting TJ Cheer. We look forward to seeing many fans at the football games this season!

**Cross Country: The Season Is Off and Running!** The TJ Harriers have been burning up the streets, bicycle paths and park trails this summer in

preparation for the 2010 season. The girls and boys teams will both defend their District championships this fall. **Jonathan Phillips** (All-Region Northern Virginia in 2009) returns to lead the boys, while the entire girls team (7<sup>th</sup> in State AAA) is returning, including the 2008 and 2009 Liberty District champion **Stephanie Marzen**; so expectations are high!!

The team welcomes a new head coach, **Jeff James**, this season. Coach James has been with TJ as both an instructor and coach for many years. During his tenure at TJ, Coach James has established himself as one of the top track and field coaches in Northern Virginia, leading the TJ girls teams to Liberty District outdoor track and field championships the past two seasons, and registering numerous other indoor and outdoor boys and girls championship teams over the years. We look forward to his leadership as he takes on cross country. Coach James is joined by assistant coaches **Gary Grimsley, Todd Withington** and **Kim Grabarz**. The team begins official competition at the Monroe-Parker Invitational on September 11 at Burke Lake Park. Best wishes on a great season!!

**Varsity Dance:** The team welcomes back **Melissa Weber** for her third year as head coach. Team tryouts were in June and the members include: **Suyeon Son** (captain), **Lianna Cramer** (co-captain), **Amelia Dahl** (co-captain), **Wendy Guo, Victoria Holt, Amanda Infeld, Vicky Kelley, Deborah King, Stephanie Levin, Yasmine McBride, Katrina McTigue, Stephanie Nguyen, Sekar Novika, Christin Park, Suganya Sridharma** and **Emily Stone**. They will perform at home varsity football games this fall and home basketball games this winter.

The team recently participated in the Universal Dance Association (UDA) dance camp in July. Congratulations to **Stephanie Levin** and **Suganya Sridharma** who were selected as All-Americans during the camp! The team has been practicing regularly for the last several weeks in preparation of the first half-time show at the TJ football game on Thursday, September 16.

Our first team fundraiser is a car wash on Sunday, September 5 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the **Yates Kingstowne Sunoco, 5800 Kingstowne Center**

**Drive, Alexandria, VA.** Come out for a "free" car wash and support our team! Thank you!

**Girls Golf:** The season began on August 9 with practices at TJ's home course in Pinecrest. This year, the team has two coaches: Coach **John Myers** and Assistant Coach **Heidi Smith**. Team members are senior **Rachel Kim**; juniors **Ellen Nguyen, Jennifer Hwang, Sarah Bok** and **Christina Lee**; sophomores **Christine Galloway** and **Terra Lee**; and freshmen **Hanna Chan** and **Anne Li**.

The team members had an opportunity to play a three 9-hole event at Twin Lakes on August 20, and will do so again on September 27 and October 4. If a player shoots a score of 50 or below in an event, she automatically qualifies for the October 12 Zone Qualifier. The October 19 event will be the State Qualifier 18-hole event at Twin Lakes.

As far as matches against other schools, those will be determined by the coaches throughout the season. Please check the TJ sports website: [www.colonialathletics.org](http://www.colonialathletics.org) for regular updates from the coach.

**Varsity Field Hockey:** Coach **Teri Davis** and the varsity team have been practicing diligently since the second week in August. With ten returning players anchored by All-Region forward **Allison Smedberg**, who was the team's highest scorer last year with 14 goals; and All-District players wing **Allie Ivener** and sweeper **Erin Corey**, they won their first scrimmage against J.E.B. Stuart 11-0. The second scrimmage on August 24 was against West Potomac. The entire team played hard but in spite of playing a mostly offensive game, could not get the ball in the net. A five minute overtime was dominated by TJ but scoring opportunities were thwarted by the West Potomac goalie! Both teams went 3 for 5 in penalty shots and the scrimmage ended in a 0-0 tie. Most recently, the TJ Varsity Field Hockey won their bracket at the Bulldog Invitational with wins against Edison (5-0), Chantilly (3-1) and TC Williams (4-1). Their only loss came in OT against Oakton (2-3). What a way to start the season!



Varsity field hockey wins the Bulldog Invitational (B).

**JV Field Hockey:** Under the guidance of Coach **Carol Horton**, the team is off to a great start! With a mix of new and returning players, the team won their first scrimmage against J.E.B. Stuart 2-0, playing mostly in their offensive end. They had a second scrimmage against West Potomac on August 24 followed by their first regular season game on August 31.



Sophomore wing **Brittany Peck** prepares to cross the ball to sophomore **Molly Hemenway**.

**Football:** Registration and team combine kicked off an exciting new year for TJ football on August 9!! The team jumped right into demanding two-a-day practices, with our student-athletes beginning at 7:30 a.m., having a short lunch/meeting break until 11:00 a.m., and finishing up by 1:30 p.m.

We are happy to welcome new (and former) head coach **Ken Kincaid**, who coached our varsity team from 1998-2001, with a winning record of 16-14. Coach Kincaid is ably assisted by returning coaches **Tom Norton** (head JV coach) and **Mike Auerbach** (receivers coach, TJ class of '95), along with new

coaches **Will Lipovsky** (head freshman coach, TJ class of '06), **Dennis Worek** (defensive coordinator), **Nate Worek** (quarterbacks coach) and **Nick Worek** (running backs coach). And **Mark Travis** (defensive backs coach) is back on the TJ staff, having previously coached our Colonials for 12 years.

The varsity team opened the pre-season successfully with a scrimmage victory over the J.E.B. Stuart Raiders on August 20, scoring four touchdowns to double the Raiders two! As of this writing, we are getting ready to host Severn (Maryland) for a scrimmage on August 25.

The players, families, coaches and friends celebrated the beginning of the season with the third annual **Football Family Cookout** on August 21. This informal gathering provided an opportunity for the whole TJ football family – from seasoned varsity to new freshmen – to enjoy some socializing and rallying!



The Colonials varsity team takes the field before their victory over the JEB Stuart Raiders.

The varsity squad's home opening game against Falls Church is Thursday, September 16, 7:00 p.m., *immediately following the annual TJ Bash*. Come out and cheer for your Colonials throughout the fall 2010 season! And take a look at our new home uniforms. . .

**Volleyball:** The program kicked-off the fall 2010 season with two home scrimmages against West Potomac and West Springfield on August 24 and Aug 25, respectively. Tryouts were held the week

of August 11, and the rosters were filled by the returning coaching staff of varsity coach **Charlee Johnson**, assistant varsity coach **Thao Luc**, JV coach **Kristy Wright** and by the newest coach, **Carly Layfield**, who will be assisting with the freshman team.

The varsity squad includes nine returning players: seniors **Shannon Eriksson**, **Sara Gokturk**, **Blair Graham**, **Kathleen Roche** and **Limor Steinberg**; juniors **Nicole Gonzalez**, **Anna Hicks** and **Angela Liu**; and sophomore **Maggie Engler**. Last year's JV members, senior **Rebecca Kolkmeier** and sophomore **Suzy Mueller** join the varsity squad along with freshman **Caroline Shoaibi**.

The schedule this season includes seven home games and ten away games. The first two home games are September 1 against Mount Vernon and September 7 against Centreville. Two special home game themes are "Dig Pink Night" on October 18 and "Senior Night" on October 28. The girls are looking forward to an exciting season this year!

*And looking ahead to the winter. . .*

**Wrestling:** Since the Liberty District Championships were snowed out last year, the team will be very eager for the opportunity to capture some District wins this year! Many team members attended training camps over the summer and are prepared for the upcoming winter season. Coaches **Behling** and **Pilkington** welcome any interested new wrestlers to the team!

### *Band Boosters*

**Back-to-School Night:** This year's Pasta Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, October 6 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**, in the cafeteria before Back-to-School Night begins. Dinner includes: baked ziti (with meat sauce) or cheese tortellini (with marinara sauce), roasted vegetables, salad, beverage, and dessert. The Pasta Dinner is a fundraiser for all band programs and is open to the entire school. Come early, find a parking space, and enjoy quality Italian food! Advance reservations and payment preferred by September 29, at \$11 per person. Please use the order form in the PTSA package or mail payment to Ron Harrigal, 6800 Murray Lane,

Annandale, VA 22003. You may also buy tickets at the door for \$12, while food lasts.

### *Crew Boosters*

**JEFFERSON**  
**CREW**

Please join us for **Family Interest Night on October 12** to learn about the exciting sport of rowing and the TJ Crew team.

### *Choral Boosters*

The TJ Choral Community welcomes **Molly Khatcheressian** as our new Choral Director. Mrs. Khatcheressian has extensive experience with many choral ensembles, musicals and music theory instruction. She comes to us most recently from Longfellow Middle School, bringing a wealth of experience in the Virginia Music Educators Association (VMEA) community.

The choral community is off to a busy start this school year. Many students will participate in Choir Camp held on September 1 and the Freshman Orientation performance on September 3. We have many activities coming up quickly in September:



- **Senior Honor Choir Registration** ends September 15. If you are a senior and would like to audition, please see the announcement at [www.vcda.net/Docs/HCInformationLetter.pdf](http://www.vcda.net/Docs/HCInformationLetter.pdf), the Virginia Choral Directors Association (VCDA) website, and contact the Choral Director by September 10.
- **Opera in the Outfield** is a super-fun event held annually by the Washington National Opera. This year it is on September 19 at 2:00 p.m. Look for details at <http://www.dcopera.org/outreach/simulcast/index.asp>.
- On September 23 at 8:00 p.m. we will perform the National Anthem at the September **FCPS School Board Meeting**. Watch us on **Red Apple Channel 21** (<http://www.fcps.edu/mediapub/cable-tv/>).

- If you are a TJHSST football fan, this year you can catch us at home games. On September 24 at 7:30 p.m., we will perform the National Anthem at **TJHSST vs. Stone Bridge High School**. Go Colonials!

To find out more about planned events, watch for updates at our new website:  
<http://www.tjhsst.edu/curriculum/fa/choir/>.

### *Orchestra Boosters*

The TJ Orchestra Boosters would like to welcome back all returning Orchestra members and parents and to extend a very special welcome to the incoming Class of 2014. You will find the TJ Orchestra program to be most rewarding and challenging, and under the leadership of **Allison Bailey** to be well worth the time, passion, and commitment that your students contribute to its and their own growth and success. Parents, too, can pledge that same sense of commitment and dedication to ensure the success of the TJ Orchestra Booster organization. Booster application forms will soon be available to you, either on the orchestra web site or at Back to School Night. It's important to remember that this is the principal means by which we obtain funds to support the program for the 2010-11 school year.

We need your financial support – and we also need your volunteer efforts to assist in areas such as coordinating hospitality after concerts (may be shared with other parents), assisting with concert CD orders, coordinating dinner orders for those students staying after school before concerts, etc. Please consider D.O.T. – **“Do One Thing”** – we would greatly value your efforts and talents, which will lead to very successful Booster program. Please be generous with your time and join us for once a month meetings in the Principal's Conference Room (dates TBA) – or if you can't attend the meetings, we welcome your skills, your time, and your dedication to the fine arts by volunteering in other ways, primarily at concerts. Please contact me if you have any questions, and on behalf of the TJ Orchestra Boosters, we look forward to meeting you all and working with you this year. Thank you. Bobbie Herbst, Orchestra Boosters President ([mautumn at aol.com](mailto:mautumn@aol.com)).

## ***Theatre Boosters (Shakespeare and Drama)***

The curtain is rising on another great year of theater at TJ! Our first Theatre Booster meeting is on Monday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Please join us!

### **2010-2011 Performance Schedule**

***Pride and Prejudice*** – Auditions: September 20 and 21. Callbacks: September 22. Performances: November 19 and 20 at 7:00 p.m.

***The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Knight of One Axe*** – Auditions: December 13 and 14. Callbacks: December 15. Performances: February 4 and 5 at 7:00 p.m. This show consists of the VHSL play, 2 one act plays produced in the drama class, and 2 one act plays produced outside of the class.

***The Crucible*** – Auditions: February 22 and 23. Callbacks: February 24. Performances: April 8 and 9 at 7:00 p.m. *This will be our CAPPIES show!*

### **Other Opportunities for Students:**

***Wive's Tales*** - Virginia Theatre Association (VTA) One Act competition play. Auditions: September 13. Callbacks: September 14. Rehearsals will be held during 8<sup>th</sup> period.

**The VTA competition will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Reston from October 29-31.** This play will also be performed for cast members' family and friends prior to our performance of *Pride and Prejudice* on November 19.

***Frosh Fest*** - A student directed play cast with students who have not acted previously in a TJ Drama production. Auditions: Early or Mid November. Callbacks: Early or Mid November.

Casting and rehearsals will take place during 8<sup>th</sup> period. **This show will be performed for cast members' family and friends prior to the Friday evening performance of *The Knight of One Axe* on February 4.**

### ***Theatre Arts/Drama Class***

Students in these classes will participate in *The Knight of One Axe* (as both actors and directors), and in a one act play performed prior to *The Crucible* on April 8.

**Find out more about TJ Drama by attending the TJ Drama Kick-off Picnic:** Come meet the TJ drama kids, hear about what we're doing this year, eat some delicious food, and maybe even play some ultimate frisbee!

Where: Wakefield Park (8100 Braddock Road Annandale, Virginia)

When: Saturday, September 4 from 4:00 p.m. until dark.

**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 the picnic** -- contact Anna Burke at [annacburke at gmail.com](mailto:annacburke@gmail.com).

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

## Noteworthy Dates

September 2010		October 2010	
1	FCPS Food Safety Training, 6pm in Library	<b>2</b>	<b>Open House, 8:30am</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>New Student Orientation: student schedules available beginning at 8am, orientation starts at 9am</b>	2	Honors Choir Audition (time and location TBD)
<b>7</b>	<b>First Day of School</b>	6	Band Boosters Pasta Dinner, 5-6:30pm
8	Athletic Booster Meeting, 7pm in Career Center	<b>6</b>	<b>Back to School Night, 6:30pm</b>
8	Diversity Committee Meeting, 7pm in Career Center	<b>7</b>	<b>PTSA Meeting, 7:30pm in Library</b>
9	Crew Boosters Meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center	12	Crew Parent Interest Night, 6pm in Cafeteria
<b>9</b>	<b>PTSA Meeting, 7:30pm in Library</b>	12	Orchestra Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Principal's Conference Room
13-	Audition for Virginia Theater Association competition, 4pm in Auditorium	<b>13</b>	<b>PSAT – half day</b>
14	Orchestra Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Music Room M8	13	Driver Education Parent/Student Required Meeting, 6:30pm in Lecture Hall
<b>16</b>	<b>TJ Bash, 4pm</b>	13	Diversity Committee Meeting, 7pm in Career Center
20	Theatre Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Library	13	Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Library
20	Audition for Pride and Prejudice (time and location TBD)	14	Hispanic Dinner, 5pm in Cafeteria
21	Academic Boosters Meeting, 7:30pm in Room 106	14	Crew Boosters Meeting, 6pm in Career Center
21-	Drama Fall show auditions, 4pm in Auditorium	19	Academic Boosters Meeting, 7:30pm in Room 106
23		<b>22</b>	<b>Homecoming Football Game, 7:30pm</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Navigating TJ, 7:30pm in Auditorium</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Homecoming Dance, 8pm</b>
24	Class of 2011 Soc Hop, 8pm in Gym II	25	Theatre Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Library
		26	Academic Boosters Meeting, 7:30pm in Room 106
		28	Choir Concert, 7pm in Auditorium
		29-	Theatre group performance, Reston (time TBD)
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