

## Principal's Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers, and Students,

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed your winter break and used the time to rest and relax with friends and family. I went out to Flagstaff, AZ, to spend time with my brother's family, which includes three nieces under age 10. I put down the computer and books to play pirates, Nintendo Wii, Barbie, and Chutes and Ladders. I have to confess I sometimes get absorbed in a game of Bubble Spinner. Who ever thought shooting at a wheel of colored balls could be so much fun?

The Design and Development phase of our renovation starts this month, where we begin to look at details within each of the different types of rooms. Over the past 16 months, a school renovation team has worked with our architects and FCPS Design and Construction through the concept phase. You can see the floor plan by clicking on the following links: [TJHSST Floor Plan - First Floor](#); [TJHSST Floor Plan - Second Floor](#).

The design had four primary purposes: a science and technology presence near the front; intentional learning spaces for students outside of classrooms; regions of the school to support interdisciplinary learning; and a footprint large enough so we could eliminate the learning cottages. Other design elements have been recommended as well, such as a library at the center of the school, courtyards accessible as learning and leisure spaces, sustainable design principles, and features to enable the school's facility as a body of inquiry for research. Construction begins during summer 2012 and will last until summer 2015. The TJ Partnership Fund has developed a capital campaign to equip a new research wing at the front of the school, as well as unique features throughout the whole building. They need your help to create the best possible environment at TJ.

Many TJ staff will be viewing a screening of the film "Race to Nowhere" on January 11, at Langley High School at 7:00 p.m. This showing is sponsored by The Safe Community Coalition (SCC) and admission is \$10. According to the film's website, the movie is a "call to mobilize families, educators, and policy makers to challenge current assumptions on how to best prepare the youth of America to become healthy, bright, contributing and leading citizens." I believe the panel discussion following the movie between parents, teachers and students will give insight into the challenges our students face as they grow into adulthood.

On February 7, we will have an asynchronous tele-learn anchor day where students learn from home. In the past, we have used this day as a half-day to give teachers time for an inservice to support their professional growth. After hearing that many students spend more time on the road than in classrooms on these half days, we are trying to move the learning to an online medium so students' time can be used more productively (and we spare the number of vehicles on the road). Teachers will team together and provide lectures, discussion forums, assessments, and learning materials online for students to accomplish the learning objectives that would otherwise be accomplished face-to-face. Students will be given homework on the tele-learn day, based on the material covered, that will be due the next class period. If you feel your student cannot access the Internet from home, a friend's home, or from a local library on that day, please inform your counselor as soon as possible.

I appreciate your thoughts on how we can continue to nurture curiosity in our students so they continue to inspire us. Please don't hesitate to offer ideas by contacting me at [Evan.Glazer at fcps.edu](mailto:Evan.Glazer@fcps.edu).

Sincerely,  
**Evan Glazer**  
**TJ Principal**

## President's Message

The TJ PTSA Board and I wish you and your family a very happy New Year!

Congratulations to our seniors who completed their college applications - we hope that all of you will be happy with your options. However, please remember that high school does not end until June. Colleges sometimes rescind their offers when grades drop significantly during senior year, so keep up the good work!

To our families who were disappointed by the snow-related cancellation of TJ's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, the good news is that TJ is planning to reschedule the celebration for the late spring. Special thanks to Jane Pyrak and our hospitality committee chairs, Lakshmi Bala and Poonam Nangarlia, for helping plan a complex event and then coping so effectively with its sudden cancellation.

Our next PTSA meeting, on Thursday, January 6, will feature a presentation by **Marie Johnston**, our school psychologist, regarding student stress and depression. This special program will start at 6:45 p.m. in the TJ library, and our regular PTSA meeting will start immediately thereafter, between 7:15 and 7:30 p.m.

We also are collaborating with the Safe Community Coalition, Langley HS, McLean HS and their respective PTSAs in connection with a screening of the film "Race to Nowhere," on January 11, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in Langley High School's auditorium, 6520 Georgetown Pike in McLean, VA. The film will be followed by a panel discussion, which will include our humanities department chair **Cathy Colglazier**. In addition, the PTSA faculty allocations committee is underwriting the cost of tickets for TJ faculty who are interested in seeing the film.

"Race to Nowhere" is a much-reviewed documentary, which explores potential effects of stress on students. These issues are especially timely in January, when TJ students start selecting classes for next year. TJ offers many exciting

options, but our students sometimes need to be reminded to schedule enough time to sleep! Because depression, drug use and suicide are discussed in "Race to Nowhere," parental discretion is advised in deciding whether to bring students. In addition, handouts with resources on these topics will be made available at Langley HS.

Further information about the "Race to Nowhere" and how to purchase tickets can be found at [www.racetonowhere.com](http://www.racetonowhere.com). Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. For more information about the film, please contact Nyka Feldman, the Executive Director of the Safe Community Coalition, at (703) 371-5995.

On January 6, FCPS Superintendent Dale is scheduled to announce the proposed budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012. The calendar for this year's budget process is summarized at: <http://www.fcps.edu/fs/budget/calendar/>. Parents may not learn about the likely provisions of next year's FCPS budget until after April 26, 2011, when the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors determines the amount of its FY 2012 transfer payment to FCPS.

In the meantime, our hardworking Government Relations Committee and Dr. Glazer will bring a group of TJ students to Richmond on January 18, 2011, as part of the annual lobbying effort by the Friends of Virginia Governor's Schools. Many school delegations will meet with state legislators about the continued need for governor's school state "add-ons," which Virginia pays to local school districts in which governor's schools are located. FCPS received about \$2.1 million in Virginia governor's school funds this year, so this effort is very worthwhile! If you would like to learn more about Virginia governor's schools, see [http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/governors\\_school\\_programs/](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/governors_school_programs/).

On a related front, FCPS just published its annual Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2012-16. Page 79 of the CIP suggests that TJ's renovations will begin during FY 2012 (next year) and be completed by the end of FY 2016, or the 2015-16 school year. Page 35 of the CIP states that the completion date for TJ's renovations is "to be determined," and that construction costs for the renovations "need to be approved in a future Bond

Referendum.” For more information about the CIP, see [www.fcps.edu/news/cip.htm](http://www.fcps.edu/news/cip.htm). If you would like to see a recent draft of the renovation plans, we will be posting them at: [www.tjhsst.edu/supportingtj/ptsa/comm-bldg-init.htm](http://www.tjhsst.edu/supportingtj/ptsa/comm-bldg-init.htm).

As of the end of December, one or more individuals from about 400 TJ families and 60 TJ faculty have joined the PTSA, for a total of roughly 700 PTSA members. TJ has slightly over 1800 students. If you have not yet joined the PTSA, please join now: [www.tjhsst.edu/supportingtj/ptsa/payments.htm](http://www.tjhsst.edu/supportingtj/ptsa/payments.htm).

Although it is only January, we are beginning to plan for next year’s PTSA executive committee. If you would like to volunteer for the nominating committee, please contact Jean Lee at [ptsa.recordingsecretary at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.recordingsecretary@tjhsst.edu). And, as always, please feel free to contact me or any other member of the PTSA Executive Committee to discuss any topic of concern.

Thank you!

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## PTSA Update

### Landscape Committee

December snows are providing nourishment for our very needy landscape, and keeping the gardeners indoors. Our 8th period 'Cultivators of the Earth Club' remains dedicated to the TJ campus: putting in the last plants before the frost; working on Plant Information Sheets we hope to make available by the end of the school year; and participating in a Composting seminar.

We hope to have a number of sessions on eco-savvy horticultural practices; if you have a passion for horticulture (or related topics such as bee-keeping) we would love to have you participate. Just get in touch with Eleni Silverman, PTSA Landscape Chair at (703) 960-1261 or email her at [eleni at cox.net](mailto:eleni@cox.net).

## 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).

### All Night Graduation Party (ANGP)

#### **All Night Grad Party – Discounted Ticket Deadline Approaching!**

Senior Night on January 12 will be your last chance to buy discounted ANGP tickets! Bring your checkbook to Senior Night and buy your ticket for \$95; on January 13, ticket prices go up to \$115. *(Our goal is 100% attendance this year. Scholarships for tickets are available if needed. Please see your child's guidance counselor.)*

#### **ANGP Volunteers Needed**

Parents! The only way to attend the ANGP as a parent is to be there to volunteer. We invite you to sign up for one or more shifts! Use this link: <http://tinyurl.com/2011TJANGPVolunteers>. Volunteering isn't just for Senior parents-- Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman parents are also needed. The day of the party is also graduation day. We need non-senior volunteers to do the final preparation the day of the party so senior parents can attend graduation. We also need parents to help take down decorations and store them for the Class of 2012. Senior parents can also sign up to volunteer at Senior Night. For more information on volunteering at ANGP, please drop us an email: [tjangp2011volunteers at gmail.com](mailto:tjangp2011volunteers@gmail.com).

#### **ANGP—Find us on Facebook!**

We're on Facebook! To keep up with all the latest news for this year's All Night Grad Party, search for "TJ ANGP 2011" and "like" us.

## Student Services Corner

### *Student Government Association*

Slivoskey Grant applications are due January 14. The Slivoskey Grant, given each year to benefit a project that affects the school community, was established in honor of Richard Slivoskey, a former eighth-period coordinator. The grant is worth \$1000.

On December 10, we held a pep rally to excite the student body about winter sports and encourage larger attendance at games. We named this event TJIF, which stands for "Thomas Jefferson It's Friday." We're now working on the Winter Sports Pep Rally, which is held every season to introduce and honor the Winter Sports Athletes. Due to popular sentiment, we will replace the traditional student vs. teacher basketball game with a miniature competition called "Dancing with the Faculty."

Additionally, we have arranged for a club (or clubs) to hold their own soc-hop, to be held on January 28.

### *Guidelines*

The latest edition (December 2010-February 2011) of *Guidelines*, the TJHSST Student Services Department newsletter, is posted under "Publications and Resources" at:  
[www.tjhsst.edu/curriculum/dss/pubs.php](http://www.tjhsst.edu/curriculum/dss/pubs.php).

## Academic News

### *Spanish News*

*¡Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo!* The Spanish Honor Society was seen and heard caroling in Spanish through the hallways in December to celebrate the holidays. It was a very busy and rewarding month for the group. We adopted several Hispanic families from a local elementary school and made up gift bags so that everyone in each family could enjoy a special holiday. Projects in progress are creating bracelets and teddy bears to send to children in Nicaragua. It is our desire to serve our community and use our talents to transform lives.

## Class News

### *2011 – Seniors*

HAPPY NEW YEAR TJ FAMILIES!

We hope to see all of you on Wednesday, January 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium for **Senior Parent Night**. This is the most important night for senior parents, so please plan to attend. Seniors are busy organizing the school-wide talent show which will take place on Friday, January 21. It is sure to be a delightful presentation!

Please feel free to contact your class liaisons with questions and/or suggestions.

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PTSA Class of 2011 Representatives

### *2012 - Juniors*

Congratulations to all the Class of 2012 inductees to the National Honor Society, TJHSST Challenger Chapter. It was great seeing the students and parents at the cookies and punch reception after the Induction Ceremony. A special thank you goes to the Class of 2012 parent volunteers at this event.

**Dr. Cammer** hosted his annual international luncheon at his home in December for past, present, and future Neurobiology students. Juniors who were a part of this special event enjoyed a cozy afternoon tasting cuisine from around the world and socializing. Most of the dishes were made by the students themselves.

Don't forget, **Junior Parent College Night** is January 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Also, mark your calendars; Junior Camp Out will take place on the evening of June 20 and will continue to the morning of the last day of school. We will need a lot of parent volunteers so please let us know if you can help.

Finally, the 2011 ANGP (All Night Grad Party) is in great need of Junior parents to help on the night of the party. There is no better way for Junior

## 2014 – Freshmen

We have Freshman Class Firsts to report! Our first Soc-Hop was held after the basketball game on December 10. The decorations were wonderful and it looked like everyone had a great time! We raised about \$250 in just a couple of hours. Thanks to all of the parent volunteers: Susan Lee, Nancy Levonian, Monica Dar, Wendy Wang, Joy Mayuga and Deena Hadithi.

**Christine Mayuga**, the Freshman Class Treasurer, has come up with a fantastic class fundraiser. The Class of 2014 is selling TJHSST reusable grocery bags for \$5 each or 3 for \$10! They are 12”W x 13”H x 8”D and made of polypropylene that is tear resistant and water repellent with reinforced seams. Pick up your order forms in Room 146 (**Mr. Kosek’s** room) or email your order to Christine Mayuga at [queenstine123@gmail.com](mailto:queenstine123@gmail.com). An order form is also included at the end of this newsletter. Bags are available only by pre-order. Please support the Class of 2014 in their first fundraiser!

We don't have a finalized date yet, but we will need your help with the Lock-in this spring. Keep watching here for more news.

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PTSA Class of 2014 Representatives

## News Round-up and Awards

FCPS student journalists recently were honored for their work on student publications at the Journalism Education Association (JEA)-National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) fall convention. Publications recognized with NSPA Best of Show awards included *Threshold*, the literary magazine of Thomas Jefferson (**Emily Orser**, adviser). Students received the following recognitions during the Write-Off Contest held in conjunction with the JEA-NSPA convention: **Arya Dahl**, Excellent award in Advertising; **Akshay Seth**, Honorable Mention in Newswriting; **Bart Bachman**, Honorable Mention in Editorial Writing; and **Mallika Patkar**, Honorable Mention in News Editing-Headline Writing.

parents to learn how to run a great party, and to be prepared for their own student’s graduation party just a year away, than by on-the-job training this year. The party is on the night of graduation, so we rely on junior (and sophomore and freshman) parents to help get things set up so everything is ready for the party to start right after graduation. Only a few hours of your time on graduation night (June 18) are needed, and it will give you great insight as to what ANGP is all about. Sign up to volunteer at:

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

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

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PTSA Class of 2012 Representatives

## 2013 – Sophomores

Welcome back from the holiday break! We know that the Class of 2013 was working very hard in December and hope that you and your students had a relaxing winter respite. Mother Nature interfered with our plans to sell our new TJ-logo luggage tags during the TJ 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration; due to the snow the event has been rescheduled. Luckily, these items are not perishable or dated so we will be able to sell them at other times and venues. Many thanks to Amy McElrath and Reston Graphics for working hard to ensure we had the tags in time.

The class has been working hard on the planned spring fund raising event: the TJ PiMiler, a roughly 5K (3.1415... mile) Fun Run race to be held on April 2. The class officers and class sponsors have met with several outside groups to assist with race planning, and have chosen DC Road Runners, who come highly recommended. We will need LOTS of volunteers and participants for this event, so stay tuned for our pleas for help.

Finally, the Class of 2013 will host a semi-formal dance in February at the school. Details are still in the planning stage, but we expect to seek help with chaperone duty soon. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

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## The Computer Network at TJHSST

### Evolution of the School's Computer Network Continues into Renovation

By **Pete Morasca**, Local Area Network Coordinator/Engineer, TJHSST

In 1990, while a math and computer science teacher, I was asked by the Principal, Geoffrey Jones, to attend FCPS' inservice as the local area network coordinator (LANC). The LANC was established to facilitate and trouble shoot problems within isolated networked math labs that the county was putting into the schools. This consisted of 24 computers in a room attached to a file/print server, which allowed for shared math programs to be distributed to each user, a central space to store work, and a central message system where teachers could post homework assignments (eventually to become an e-mail system).

Thomas Jefferson was unique at that time; it had the Systems' lab, where individual computers were networked to a "mainframe" computer and to each other. The lab had a 2,400 bps (bits per second) dial-up connection to the "Internet" (via a mentorship with UUNET), a world recognized domain (tjhsst.edu), and 4,080 IANA/ARIN (Internet authorities) issued IPv4 addresses. This advantage gave the school a head start on engineering networks and using the Internet. The Systems' lab, always maintained by advanced computer science students under staff leadership, continued to evolve Jefferson's Web pages, Intranet, e-mail, domain, remote computing and other resources.

I further envisioned all the isolated math network labs, the library, and the Systems' lab as being bridged together into one school-wide network, thus making any server resources and the connection to the Internet available to all desktops with the ability to access online library commercial databases, and to share files and data with colleges and universities throughout the world. Jefferson then had what the other FCPS' schools would have in years to come via county incentives: a school-wide network of computers connected to the Internet.

Attending NYSERNet (New York statewide network conference), I established partnerships with

different industries. TJ soon presented a grant proposal to NASA, Novell, Zenith to help increase the Internet bandwidth to 56,000bps, while adding Stuart and West Springfield high schools to the network (FCPS' first "Trischool Network") that included remote computing from home.

With FCPS' initiatives and partnerships with additional industries like CISCO, Cabletron, Nortel Networks, and others, Jefferson went from shared 10Mbps (million bits per second) bandwidth to 100Mbps switched to each desktop and device. Through a partnership with Virginia Tech and funding provided by Governor School funds, TJ's connection to the Internet increased to 45Mbps (DS3 commercial circuit) via SprintNet with a 1.5Mbps backup via UUNET. The DS3 also connected TJ to the Abilene network, known as Internet2 (a high speed network between colleges, universities and research site) using "next generation Internet protocol," IPv6. In addition to the 4,080 IPv4 addresses, we then had about 1 septillion IPv6 addresses. (*National LambdaRail*, 2006 press release: [www.nlr.net/release.php?id=1](http://www.nlr.net/release.php?id=1).)

In planning for renovation, and seeing upscale uses of the IPv6 network, our present mission is to make sure the fiber, wiring, A/C, and power plants will facilitate 10,000Mbps to Internet/Internet2 and 1000Mbps switched to each networked device including TVs, phones, projectors and the like with 10,000Mbps to servers and between switches. As wireless and mobile computing continue to improve, renovation will facilitate the "state of the art" in these areas including high speed voice, data and video.

After renovation, Jefferson will have the infrastructure to outsource intensive data storage, data processing and number crunching to places like supercomputer centers, universities and research sites, creating a "cloud" of resources. Distant learning and collaboration with other sites will be facilitated via video conferencing. Today's library and auditorium Tandberg equipment will scale to include all classrooms and many sites off campus, including mobile users. Renovation looks promising.

## TJHSST Partnership Fund

### Partnership Fund New Year's Resolutions:

1. "I will buy fewer of those pricey lattes/smoothies/cocktails and donate the money I save to the Partnership Fund."
2. "Now that I can't always 'hug my child every day,' . . . I will channel that affection toward my child's school by giving to the PF."
3. "I will finally clean up this clutter and find my Year-End Appeal Donor Form . . . I know it's here somewhere."

### YEAR-END APPEAL: IT'S NOT OVER YET!

In a fantastic show of support for our School, the Year-End Appeal reached \$80,000 just before the holidays. We are humbled and excited to report that during this time we also received 20 donations of \$1,000 or more! Just as exciting, we have given out 20 orbs, and 25 ties and scarves for donations of \$250 or more, and 60 mugs, 10 medallions and 21 bumper magnets for donations of \$100 or more. Although we are off to a strong start, we really need you to keep those checks coming if we are to meet (or exceed) last year's Year-End Appeal total.



The PF wishes you and yours a Happy New Year!

### DON'T SAY WE DIDN'T WARN YOU: THE PHONATHON IS COMING.

In March, Partnership Fund volunteers will be contacting every freshman and sophomore parent who has not yet contributed this school year. Help shrink our Phonathon call list – give now!

**ALUMNI HAVE ALSO BEEN GIVING:** The PF launched its first full annual campaign to alums this year, and we're pleased with the response. We're hearing from many alums for the first time ever, and our alumni giving total is already twice what it was at the end of the last fiscal year. GO COLONIALS!

**BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW:** 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 the tjStar Research Symposium, TJ's signature event. Held each spring, tjStar features presentations of student research, as well as demonstrations by professional scientists and policymakers. The PF is proud to show its support for this year's symposium with a grant of \$15,000.

**GOT TWO HOURS?** PF Office Manager, Ellen Smith, could use a little help with some administrative tasks. Come alone or bring a friend, show up once or make it weekly. She is also available to answer all your PF-related questions. To reach Ellen in the PF Office, please call (703) 750-8317 or email [ellensmith@tjhsst.edu](mailto:ellensmith@tjhsst.edu).

**Thank you for helping to KEEP TJ NUMBER ONE!**

## TJHSST Boosters

### Academic Boosters



Come join the Academic Boosters and support your child's academic teams. All of your donations are tax deductible! Once again we thank all the current members and ask that you continue supporting Academic Boosters. Register online at <http://academics.tjhsst.edu/aboosters/>.

**Certamen (Latin):** On November 21 and 22, 92 TJ Latin students travelled to Richmond, VA, to compete in the annual Virginia Junior Classical League Convention. Over 1500 students from across the state competed in academic tests (such as Grammar, Vocabulary, and Roman History), creative arts (such as Latin & English Oratory & Dramatic Interpretation), and graphic arts. The first place winners are listed below; however, almost every student who went was recognized for their achievements -- we just don't have room to list all the award winners!

**Rachel Goldstein** (11th) scored in the top four in the state on all six tests which she took; **Hannah Pho** (9th) scored 1st place on three different

academic tests & the Sight Latin Reading contest; **Hyae In Seo** (10th) also scored 1st place on three different academic tests, as well as 1st place in the Dramatic Interpretation & Sight Reading contests; **Jared Golant** (11th) won 1st in Dramatic Interpretation & 2nd in Sight Reading, as well as winning top honors in several tests. Senior **Zach Seid** placed 1st or 2nd in three different tests, as did Junior **Ricky Short**. Other 1st place winners in Academic Testing include **Emma Hastings, Amy Chen, Alex Chen, Robert Wharton** and **Anwar Omeish**. Three different TJ students were honored for "Best in Show" in different events: **William Bergan** (Reading Comprehension), **Luke Gessler** (Derivatives), and **Rachel Song** (Impromptu Art). Other 1st place winners in Graphic Arts included: seniors **Nate Skolnik, Evan Liu, Kevin Zhou, Jamie Kim,** and **Catherine Zucker**; juniors **Cindy Zou, Jesse Witkowski, Jackie Nguyen, Michael Nguyen** and **Katherine Jiang**; sophomores **Molly Hemenway** and **Semele Liu**; and freshmen **Jessica Shen** and **Emily Schneider**. As a final note, Senior **Catherine Zucker** has placed in the Top Ten Overall students for her grade each of the last four years, a truly impressive accomplishment! Please stop by the library showcase to see many pictures and accomplishments of the top winners. Way to go, TJ Latin Students!

On December 11, TJ Certamen competed at the Riverbend Certamen in Fredericksburg. The Level I team of **Hannah Pho, John Wilkes** and **Ben Andre** won 1st place by a landslide victory! The level I B team (**Jay Devanathan, Emma Hastings, Jeff Horowitz** and **Josh Fang**) placed 3rd, only five points behind the second place team. Level 2 teams placed 2nd (**Molly Hemenway, Daphne Fong, Hyae-In Seo,** and **David Soukup**) and 4th (**James Jang, Katie Hough, Tommy Lunn, Sienna Lotenberg** and **Jared Golant**). The Level 3 teams placed 2nd and 3rd with **Raynor Kuang, Rachel Goldstein, Alana Whitman** and **Patrick Maribojoc** on the 2nd place team and **Nick Allegro, Jeremy Loffredo** and **Kevin Zeng** on the 3rd place team.

Our upper level team (**Zach Seid, Ricky Short** and **Akhila Ananthram**) missed 3rd place by a narrow margin!



TJ Certamen members, with sponsors **Patty Lister** and **Christine Conklin**, in Fredericksburg.

**Policy Debate:** Twelve TJ teams competed at the first WACFL season tournament, 2 in varsity and 10 in JV. For this style of competition, two-person teams use rapid delivery and cross-examination to debate an issue. **Sulan Zheng** and **Akshay Deverakonda** placed fifth in varsity, qualifying for Metrofinals. The tournament was held October 23 at Battlefield High School in Haymarket.

At the second WACFL season tournament, eighteen TJ teams competed, 3 in varsity and 15 in JV. In varsity, **Peter Ahnn** and **Sam Luo** placed third, qualifying for Metrofinals, and **Christopher Lee** was the first-place speaker. In JV, **David Gao** and **Akshay Murthy** placed first, qualifying for JV Metrofinals, and **Yana Kaplun** was the eighth-place speaker.

Debate is a popular extracurricular activity at TJ, with nearly 200 students participating in the 2010-11 school year.

**Public Forum Debate:** At the second Washington-Arlington Catholic Forensic League tournament of the year, the varsity team of **Lisa Yang** and **Seoup Youn** placed sixth with a 3-1 record, fully qualifying them for Metrofinals, the invitational tournament next March. In JV, first-time debaters **Nipun Singh** and **Prabhu Tewari** went 3-1. The tournament was held November 20 at King George High School in King George, Virginia. In public forum debate format, two-person teams make persuasive arguments in a cross-fire question-and-answer style.

At the third WACFL tournament, a record 24 teams from TJ competed in Public Forum, many for the first time. In varsity, three teams half-qualified for Metrofinals with a 3-1 record: **Kevin Sun** and

**Kittie Helmick; Snigdha Kumar and Mashal Wakilpoor; and Darwin Li and Eashan Kaw.** In JV, four teams achieved a 3-1 record: **Nancy Ding and Anthony Uitz; Vansh Kumar and Zhereng Zhang; Ed Lee and Ji Soo Song; and Nipun Singh and Prabhu Tewari.** Singh and Tewari earned a bid to Metrofinals with their second 3-1 record of the year. This tournament was held December 11 at Westfield High School in Chantilly.

**Quiz Bowl:** TJ teams have been doing very well in all their competitions so far this season. On December 4, at Maggie Walker (GSAC XVIII): TJ A (**Stephen Eltinge, Diana Gerr, Siddharth Hariharan, Olivia Murton**) went 10-1, placing 3rd; TJ B (**Daniel Hothem, James Bradbury, Raynor Kuang, Graham Lobel**) went 9-2, placing 5th (TJ B also beat Dorman A, the eventual second-place team, in an impressive upset); TJ C (**Ananth Sridhar, Jonathan Leidenheimer, Brett McLean, Brandon Pang**) went 6-4; TJ D (**Hope Flaxman, Nadège Aoki, Sarah Eltinge, Sid Verma**) also went 6-4.

All four teams finished in the top half of the 32-team field.

At the Harvard Fall competition on November 13: TJ A (**Stephen Eltinge, Diana Gerr, Siddharth Hariharan, Olivia Murton**) went 7-3 to place 4th of 36; TJ B (**James Bradbury, Daniel Hothem, Raynor Kuang, Jonathan Leidenheimer**) was 6-4 and placed 11th.

At Richard Montgomery HS, on October 30 (FRIGHT): TJ A (**Stephen Eltinge, Diana Gerr, Olivia Murton, James Bradbury**) went undefeated in 10 games to win; TJ B (**Daniel Hothem, Hope Flaxman, Raynor Kuang, Jonathan Leidenheimer**) was 6-4 and placed 6th; TJ C (**Sarah Eltinge, Nadège Aoki, Eve Chase, Sid Verma**) went 6-2.

## *Colonial Athletic Boosters (CAB)*

The winter sports season has gotten off to a great start, with many enthusiastic fans supporting our student-athletes!! Remember, the indoor concession stand is open during home events, serving hot foods, snacks and drinks so please come eat, cheer and enjoy!! For individual team schedules, go to [www.colonialathletics.org](http://www.colonialathletics.org).

**\*WINTER MEMBERSHIP CONTEST UPDATE\***  
Congratulations to the **GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM**, for taking the Gold Prize – \$500 for their coach to buy any equipment/supplies needed to bring home the championship. They were the first winter team to reach 90% membership! The Silver Prize of \$200 will go to the second team to reach 90% membership! So join Boosters and encourage your teammates to do the same!

Memberships begin at \$50/year; higher contributions earn passes to home games and other perks!  
**[Click here to join the Athletic Boosters.](#)**

News for Volunteers! We plan to launch a [new online volunteer sign-up system](#) through our website in the near future. We will post all the jobs, with detailed descriptions, and you will be able to sign up right there on the website! Remember, we need many people to make our sports program successful: concessions (100% profits to athletics), ticket sales, announcing, merchandise sales, etc. Contact your individual team liaison, 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)**). For liaison information, go to [www.colonialathletics.org](http://www.colonialathletics.org).

*And now for the team news . . .*

**Boys Varsity Basketball:** The team is off to a solid start, winning three of their first five games, including an exciting victory over Stone Bridge, which was filmed by Fox 5 for their “Game of the Week” segment. The boys have worked together well as a team with great passing and coordination. There have been some particularly outstanding blocks by senior **Aaron Williams**, high scoring by junior **Richard Kuzma** (who led the team with 33 points against Stone Bridge), and consistently strong work under the basket by senior **Daniel Barnes**.



The team lines up for the National Anthem.

points, a 3-point basket by sophomore **Mig Gebril** and a foul shot by **Ian McConnell**. The boys came out of the locker room after half-time fired up! In the third period they outscored the Falls Church team 22-6 to take a 40-25 lead going into the fourth period. They hung on to that lead to eventually win by a score of 46-37. Top scorers for the Colonials were Gebril with 12 points, **Mike Taylor** with 10 points, and **Bryan Havens** with 9 points.

The team lost the next two games against Oakton and Stone Bridge. Although in both games the opponents took early leads, our boys didn't give up and played stronger in the second half than in the first, scoring almost twice as many points. The boys have been practicing hard between games and plan on improving their record as the season continues.

**Boys Freshman Basketball:** The team welcomed the 2010-2011 season with a young, exciting, athletic team that is fun to watch. The dynamic front court of **Peter Tan, Bobby Kelly, Joe Downs, Pavan Krishnan, Kia Eskandarian, Keshav Rao, Nebeyu Daniel, Nathan Kim** and **Andy Holsten** (currently on injury list), are well complemented by the aggressive backcourt consisting of **Eddie Chung, Nikhil Garg, Andrew Fountain, Adam Reiss** and **Jacob Rosenblum**.

The team was coached by varsity assistant Coach **Mark Travis** for the first three games of the season. TJ started off the season with a tough, 40-66 non-District loss to the Centreville Wildcats. The game was hard-fought despite the score, with scoring led by big men Tan, Kelly and Kim. Eskandarian, Garg and Fountain ably handled the backcourt duties. The boys bounced back against the Falls Church Jaguars, playing great team defense and with all players contributing to the 55-37 victory. In their next game against the Oakton Cougars, the young Colonials were outmanned with four of their starters out of the lineup in a 30-69 loss.

Coach **Jeff Clubb**, a former TJ parent, took over as new head coach for the team's first Division game against Stone Bridge. Despite missing two key players, the team fought hard in an intense and high-scoring game. The TJ boys fell behind in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter against a barrage of Stone Bridge 3-pointers. Spurred on by an enthusiastic home crowd, our boys were not disheartened and closed

TJ students have encouraged the team with wildly enthusiastic support at home and away games, even weathering bone-chilling temperatures during an inopportune mid-game fire alarm at Oakton High School. The team has a new coach this year, **Mark Gray-Mendes**, a former standout TJ basketball player who coached the freshmen boys in their winning season last year. A good mix of veterans and promising underclassmen make this team deep and talented. TJ's tenacious defense and new, high-speed offense make them exciting to watch and hard to beat – especially in front of their enthusiastic home crowd. TJ looks like a contender this year!



**Richard Kuzma** scoring one of his 33 points against Stone Bridge, in front of the Monticello Maniacs.

**Boys JV Basketball:** The team, led by new Head Coach **Jake Boltersdorf**, has a lot of talent and enthusiasm and a desire to win. They won their first scrimmage against George Mason High School with all 13 players coming off the bench and contributing to the win. After losing the season opener to Centreville, the boys came back strong in the game against Falls Church with the home team advantage and a rowdy crowd to cheer them on. The team led 14-13 at the end of the first period with all five starters putting points on the board. The Falls Church team came on strong in the second period, allowing our boys to score only 4

the gap in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter before eventually falling by 4 points, 71-67.

The team would like to give a huge thanks to “the sixth man,” our great student body fans, who have cheered us on very enthusiastically. The freshman Colonials will continue to provide exciting basketball as the season progresses and we encourage all our fans to come out and support the freshman team at their next home game.

**Girls JV Basketball:** The team welcomes its new coach, **Melody Cook**, to the 2010-11 season. Coach Cook grew up in the Pacific Northwest and played high school basketball for the North Kitsap Vikings, followed by four years of college ball at Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington. While at Whitworth, she played small forward and power forward and obtained a BA in International Business. Coach Cook has spent 7 years coaching summer league junior high and high school level girls basketball teams. The girls have a strong squad this year, led by team captain **Lucy Bullen**, with **Julia Arthur, Sam Hoegle, Rachel Iwicki, Laura Manno, Ellen Mulé, Maddy Naide, Meena Rezazad** and **Isabelle Walton**. Games are scheduled at schools all over Northern Virginia; the schedule is available at [www.colonialathletics.org](http://www.colonialathletics.org). Come out and support the team!



**Lucy Bullen** and **Laura Manno** on the court at Stone Bridge HS on December 17, 2010.

**Dance:** The team performed at George Mason University on December 12 at the Mason Dance Team Invitational. They finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of 8 in the Pom division and 6<sup>th</sup> out of 8 in the Jazz division. This is a huge improvement over the last competition and last year. Great job! Additionally, **Stephanie Levin** finished 6<sup>th</sup> out of 23 in the senior

solo category. The team has been performing at most of the home basketball games during halftime. Please come out and see them perform! Their next competition is on January 23 in the East Coast Regional Dance Championship at West Springfield High School.

**Gymnastics:** The team placed 1<sup>st</sup> of 6 teams in the first meet of the season. Jefferson edged second-place McLean by less than one point, 111.65 to 111.05, while also defeating Edison, West Potomac, Fairfax and Marshall. Jefferson held on for victory while entering only three competing gymnasts in vault. Highlights included sophomore **Marisa Kataoka** finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in all-around with a 35.2, 1<sup>st</sup> on bars, 2<sup>nd</sup> on floor and vault, and 3<sup>rd</sup> on beam; and fellow sophomore **Caroline Kerr** finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in all-around and 4<sup>th</sup> on beam, floor and bars. Also competing all-around was senior **Hailey Johnson**, and competing in beam and floor was senior **Katya Davydova**. Both Hailey and Katya had solid performances on floor and Katya had a strong routine on beam. Competing on beam was sophomore **Zophie Quan**, and on bars was sophomore **Jennifer Wang**. Returning to team competition after a year away was senior **Nikki Pangilinan** on bars. Coaches this year are **Pete Novgrod** and **Christina Jones**. The team anticipates more of its gymnasts entering competition as they develop skills and learn routines. The next meet is on January 3 at West Potomac HS. The sole home meet and Senior Night is Tuesday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Gym 2.

**Swim and Dive:** The boys and girls teams opened the season with wins over Fairfax. The boys won 179.5-137.5 and the girls won 168-149.

First place finishers include **Stephen Seliskar** (200/500 free), **Mary-Kate Dilworth** (200/500 free), **Jon Spitz** (50 free), **Katie Bennett** (100 back), **Reese Frerichs** (100 breast), and both 400 free relays of **Jack Borsi, Nathan Hughes, Alex Li**, and Seliskar; and Bennett, **Jessica Sun, Madison Phillips** and Dilworth. Divers also had great finishes with a second place finish by dive captain **Emily Saitta**. TJ showed amazing depth, including a 1-2-3-4 sweep in the boys 100 breast event with Frerichs, **Andrew Draganov, William Bergan** and Spitz.

**Track and Field:** Congratulations to **Stephanie Marzen**, who was named to the *Washington Post's* fall All-Met cross country girls' second team and to **Jonathan Phillips** for receiving an Honorable Mention.

The team is off to a great start this season! Congratulations to both the girls and boys teams for winning their meets over Madison and Langley on December 11 at Episcopal HS. **Lisa Junta** and **Kelly Rogers** placed 1-2 in the 3200m and qualified for Regionals. Other first-place TJ winners included **Crystal Calderon, Ronit Malka, Katherine Sheridan, Mary Kim Weidman, Tania Ermak, Candice Kaplan, Lizzy Miranda** and the 4x800m team of **Sarah Nielsen, Emily Gale, Charlotte Sheridan** and **Katherine Sheridan**. Boys' first-place winners were **Tim Tran, Alan Barte, Jason Chou**, the 4x800m team of **Andrew O'Shea, Imran Khan, Owen Nugent** and **Jake Zucker** and the 4x400m team of **Tran, Sean Long, Tom Zanger** and **Cole Rosenberg**.



**Sarah Nielsen, Ronit Malka** and **Katherine Sheridan** compete at Episcopal HS meet.



**Jim Skehan** clears the bar!

The following athletes have qualified for **Districts:** **Tania Ermak** - triple jump; **Lizzy Miranda** - pole vault; **Crystal Calderon** - 55m hurdles; **Lisa Junta, Kelly Rogers, Sarah Stites, Rachel Kuprenas** and **Rekha Schnepf** - 3200m; **Jim Skehan** and **Sean Long** - pole vault.

**Varsity Wrestling:** On December 10-11, the team participated in the annual NOVA Classic Wrestling Tournament hosted by Fairfax High School. The two-day event included a field of 32 teams from across Northern Virginia competing in the double elimination tournament. Three TJ wrestlers – senior co-captains **Myles Cook** and **Will Pyrak**, and junior **Peter Reischer** - advanced to the second day of competition. While not advancing, senior **Dan Kang** and sophomore **Thuc Tran** both won matches in the early rounds that generated team points. Congratulations to **Pyarak**, who went 5-2 over the two days and placed 5th overall in the 160 lb weight class!



Coaches **Clint Behling** and **James Pilkington** with medalist **Will Pyrak**.

On December 15, the team competed against District foes Fairfax and Marshall High Schools. **Pyarak** continued his run, going 2-0, while seniors **Cook** (with a pin) and **Daniel Yoo**, junior **Andrew Martin**, and sophomore **Patrick O'Connor** won matches as well.

The team is happy to again be under the guidance of head coach **Clint Behling** and assistant coach **James Pilkington**. In early January, members of the team (varsity and JV) will travel to Coach Behling's hometown high school in Lititz, PA to compete in the Warwick HS Duals.

Please come support the team at our only home meet on January 19, which will also be **Senior Night**. We will face Langley and Yorktown, and honor our graduating seniors.

**JV Wrestling:** The team has competed in two JV Jamborees this season (the third was snowed out), which are multi-team events that allow our wrestlers to gain experience with our District and Regional rivals. With a mixture of new and returning wrestlers, coaches **Behling** and **Pilkington** are busy refining some skills and teaching new ones. The team will compete in several more jamborees in preparation for the January 24 JV District competition, which will be held at Madison HS.

### *Crew Boosters*



TJ Crew winter training is under way in the TJ Cafeteria every day after school. We have had a great turn out this season, with 70-75 kids competing every day for use of our limited number of ergometers. Please use our new online registration system, which can be found at <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/crew/news/>.

The TJ Crew Valentine's Day Ergathon takes place Monday, February 14 in the Cafeteria. Please stop by to watch our athletes erg a million meters to raise money for the team and for the Central Asia Institute. Parents - your athlete will receive a donor list the first week of January - they must return it with names of sponsors for the Ergathon. Please look out for it. More details will follow by e-mail. **Parents Information Night** will be February 2 in the Cafeteria; please attend this important meeting to pay your dues, turn in your forms, and order unis and other team clothing.

### *Band Boosters*

It's time to start thinking about how to participate in the TJ Band program next year. To learn more about the many exciting opportunities, contact **Mr. Foreman** ([AWForeman at fcps.edu](mailto:AWForeman@fcps.edu)) or visit our website at [www.tjbands.org](http://www.tjbands.org). Newcomers and returnees are always welcome!

Our next shipment of Florida oranges and grapefruit arrives on Saturday, January 29 (pickup in the band room between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.). Orders can be placed until about a week before the scheduled delivery. For more info, contact Karen

Rice at [tjcitrus@hotmail.com](mailto:tjcitrus@hotmail.com) or click on "Citrus" on the [tjbands.org](http://tjbands.org) website.

### *Choral Boosters*



December brought a variety of holiday performances and caroling opportunities, including several for the local community. The month began with a trip to Wolf Trap to join other local choral groups and the United States Marine Band in a Sing-A-Long of Christmas carols and Hanukkah songs.

Later the a cappella groups braved the cold weather to do the annual Friday night trip to Fuddruckers, followed by caroling in Alexandria. The weekend continued with Reston Town Center caroling on Saturday.



The winter concert, a Broadway themed performance by the Thomas Jefferson Singers, will be held Tuesday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the TJ Auditorium. Come enjoy the evening; admission is free.

### *Orchestra Boosters*

Happy New Year!!

Join us on January 7 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. for the TJ Orchestra's major fundraiser of the year, the **Viennese Ball**. The Orchestra Boosters will provide a pizza dinner for participating Orchestra students, who plan to transform the cafeteria into a Winter Wonderland. Beautiful waltz music will be performed by members of the Symphonic Orchestra.

Congratulations to the TJ Orchestra students who were selected for the Northern Virginia Junior District Orchestra. Representing TJHSST Orchestra are: **Violin: Saehee Jung** and **Kinsey Moser**, and **Bass: Christine Tsou**. The Northern Virginia Junior District Orchestra concert is scheduled for January 8 at Woodson High School.

*(photo on next page)*



**Saehee Jung, Christine Tsou and Kinsey Moser,** selected for the Northern Virginia Junior District Orchestra.

On behalf of the Orchestra Boosters Board, we sincerely appreciate your continued support of the program and welcome new Booster Patrons.

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

Mark your calendar – *The Knight of One Axe*, a night of one act plays, will be performed on February 4 and 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the TJ auditorium. Several of the plays are written and directed by TJ students. The play *GOD* by Woody Allen will be performed on February 4 at 5:30 p.m. (before the one act plays).

Congratulations to **Elena Lagon** for being selected to the All Star Cast at VTA!

Chaperones are needed to help at Shakesperience, a free student-run workshop held at TJ that teaches middle school students about Shakespeare, on March 5 (during the day). Please contact Dawn Meyer at [mever.dawn@verizon.net](mailto:mever.dawn@verizon.net), if you can volunteer.

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

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

The next Theatre Boosters Meeting is January 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

## **Announcements**

### **TJHSST Science and Engineering Fair 2011**

On Saturday, February 5, the 2011 TJHSST Science and Engineering Fair will be open to the public from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. in TJ's cafeteria. Visitors are invited to see the projects and talk to students about their research. Public viewing will close at 2:00 p.m. so that students and guests may attend the Awards Ceremony in the auditorium. In case inclement weather causes closure of FCPS facilities on February 5, the fair will be held the following Saturday, February 12.

A number of award winners at the TJ fair will be selected to present their projects at the Regional Science and Engineering Fair to be held at Robinson Secondary School on March 18-20. Students with first place awards at the Regional Fair have traditionally been invited to compete at the Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair at Old Dominion University scheduled for April 1-2. Grand prize winners at the Regional Fair, and at the Virginia State Fair, will be invited to present their research at the International Science and Engineering Fair to be held in Los Angeles, CA, on May 9-13. Student expenses for this trip will be paid by the affiliated fairs.

### **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](http://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

## **SPORTS PHYSICALS-SAVE THE DATE!!**

Get out your planners and book your appointment now for Wednesday **June 8**, to get your student's annual sports physical at TJ. The Athletic Trainers are coordinating this popular at-school event to ensure that our athletes are ready for the 2011-2012

season. Medical professionals will perform the comprehensive physicals. The screening will check height, weight, body fat, vision, posture, vital signs, and upper and lower body assessments. Everyone will see the medical professional for clearance. Every athlete needs a new athletic physical **EVERY SCHOOL YEAR**, so why not save a trip to the doctor's office! Call (703)750-8387 with any questions.

## **Volunteers Needed for Physicals!**

FCPS needs volunteers to help make the sports physicals a successful event! If you are a TJ parent and a physician (MD or DO), physician assistant (PA), physical therapist (PT) or nurse practitioner (NP), please consider helping out with physicals on June 8. FCPS also needs non-medical parents who want to help with working a station or check-in/out desk. Free advertising for medical professionals that help! Email [heather.murphy at fcps.edu](mailto:heather.murphy@fcps.edu) to volunteer.

## **Useful Links**

**TJHSST Home Page:** [www.tjhsst.edu/](http://www.tjhsst.edu/)

**TJ PTSA website:**

[www.tjhsst.edu/supportingtj/ptsa](http://www.tjhsst.edu/supportingtj/ptsa)

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**Academic Boosters:**

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

**Band Boosters:** [www.tjbands.org](http://www.tjbands.org)

**Choral Boosters:** [www.tjhsst.edu/curriculum/fa/choir](http://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](http://www.tjpartnershipfund.org)

**TJ Alumni Association:** [www.tjhsstalumni.org](http://www.tjhsstalumni.org)

### **Other:**

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

**FCPS Keep in Touch (KIT):** [www.fcps.edu/kit](http://www.fcps.edu/kit)

**FCPS School Board:** [www.fcps.edu/schlbld](http://www.fcps.edu/schlbld)

**Fairfax County Supervisors:**

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/)

## Noteworthy Dates

| January 2011 |   | February 2011 |   |
|--------------|---|---------------|---|
| 3-7          | SOLs  | <b>1</b>      | <b>Teacher Workday, Student Holiday</b>   |
| <b>6</b>     | <b>Presentation on Student Stress and Depression, 6:45pm in Library</b> | <b>3</b>      | <b>PTSA Meeting, 7:30pm in Library</b>  |
| <b>6</b>     | <b>PTSA Meeting, 7:30pm in Library</b>                                  | 4-5           | Knight of One Axe Performances, 7pm in Auditorium                               |
| 7            | Viennese Ball, 7-10pm in Cafeteria                                      | 5             | Academic Boosters Phone-a-thon, 9am in Math Wing                                |
| 11           | Choir Concert, 7pm in Auditorium  | 5             | Science and Engineering Fair open to the public, 1pm in Cafeteria               |
| 11           | Orchestra Boosters Meeting, 7:30pm in Principal's Conference Room       | <b>7</b>      | <b>Tele-learn anchor day; students learn from home</b>                          |
| 11           | Showing of "Race to Nowhere" at Langley HS                              | 8             | Orchestra Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Principal's Conference Room                  |
| 12           | Diversity Committee Meeting, 7pm in Career Center                       | <b>9</b>      | <b>Driver Education Parent/Student Required Meeting, 6:30pm in Lecture Hall</b> |
| 12           | Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Library                               | 9             | Diversity Committee Meeting, 7pm in College Career Center                       |
| <b>12</b>    | <b>Senior Parent Night, 7:30pm in Auditorium</b>                        | 9             | Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Library                                       |
| <b>13</b>    | <b>Junior Parent College Night, 7pm in Auditorium</b>                   | 10            | Crew Boosters Meeting, 7:30pm in College Career Center                          |
| 13           | Crew Boosters Meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center                          | 11            | Class of 2011 Talent Show, 7pm in Auditorium                                    |
| <b>17</b>    | <b>Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Holiday</b>                        | 12            | Science and Engineering Fair (snow date)  |
| 18           | ANGP Meeting, 6:30pm in Library   | 12            | Valentine's Day Dance, 7:30pm in Gym  |
| 18           | Academic Boosters Meeting, 7:30pm in Room 106                           |               | Science and Engineering Fair (snow date)  |
| 19           | Choral Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Choral Room                             | 15            | ANGP Meeting, 6:30pm in Library   |
| 20           | Junior Parent College Night, 7pm in Auditorium (snow date)              | 15            | Academic Boosters Meeting, 7:30pm in Room 106                                   |
| 21           | TJ Talent Show, 7:30pm in Auditorium                                    | 15            | Choral Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Choral Room                                     |
| 24           | Theatre Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Library                                | <b>17</b>     | <b>Curriculum Night for Parents, 7:30pm in Auditorium/Gym 2</b>                 |
| 29           | Citrus Fruits Sales & Distribution, 10am-1pm in Band Room               | 18            | International Night, 7pm in Auditorium  |
| <b>31</b>    | <b>Teacher Workday, Student Holiday</b>                                 | <b>21</b>     | <b>George Washington's Birthday - Presidents' Day Holiday</b>                   |
|              |   | 22            | Theatre Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Library  |
|              |   | 26            | Citrus Fruits Sales & Distribution, 10am-1pm in Band Room                       |

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