

## Principal's Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers, and Students,

I hope everyone had a great Spring Break as a time for rest and relaxation ahead of the final push for the fourth quarter. May is a busy month for us as we head into testing season, issuing over 3400 AP exams for the first two weeks and then a battery of SOL exams. Special thanks to our PTSA for providing snacks to students on the morning of some APs. We want to make sure our students are nourished so their brains are in full gear!

From May 17-19, we will be undergoing our state Governor's School evaluation. Staff from other Governors' Schools will observe classes and meet with teachers, parents, and students about our work over the past six years. It will be a good time to showcase the great work you do in all facets of the school community. I look forward to the idea sharing and recommendations to advance our work.

On May 24 from 5:00-7:00 p.m., we will host TJ's 25th anniversary celebration. The event will involve stories and performers from the past and present, along with a glimpse of the future. Our Governor from 25 years ago, Chuck Robb, will kick off the night with opening remarks about the founding of this Governor's School. A reception will immediately follow as an opportunity to catch up with old friends. There was such a high number of RSVPs for the originally scheduled December date of this event, we have decided to provide two live events on the same day, timed about 10 minutes apart. No RSVPs or reserved seating is required. If you plan to attend, I strongly encourage you to arrive early on campus, and overflow parking will be available in the local neighborhoods.

On May 27, we will have another telelearn day in an effort to provide more time on instruction than on transportation. Since the last telelearn day, the administration has reviewed survey feedback and

teachers have shared best practices from our first effort so they can enhance the structure of their lessons. On the FCPS calendar, this date is scheduled as a two hour early release, so we will limit the classes to periods 5-7, each for 1 hour 30 minutes, rather than 7 periods for 40 minutes. Another difference from the last telelearn day is some teachers may host synchronous online discussions. Teachers will share their intentions about the structure of their lesson with students in advance of the day. If you do not have access to the Internet, please notify Bob McCormick ([RDMcCormick at fcps.edu](mailto:RDMcCormick@fcps.edu)) and he will arrange transportation so students may work in our library if needed.

June 1 is our research symposium, tjSTAR, an opportunity for students to share their research, engage in high tech demos from STEM professionals, participate in design challenges, and learn about connections between STEM and society through panel sessions. This professional conference involves hundreds of community partners, participating school division administrators and government officials, so student presenters should wear business attire when they showcase their research work. Parents of student presenters may attend their child's session as a great learning opportunity. More information about the tjSTAR symposium will be sent through a KIT later this month.

I look forward to seeing you at our closing highlights of the school year. Certainly there are many ways to get involved, so don't hesitate to inquire further. Your participation makes TJ a better place!

Sincerely yours,

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

## President's Message

Over the last few weeks, the PTSA has been working with the booster groups to welcome students from the Class of 2015 and their parents, first at the Frosh Preview Night and then at the two Frosh Registration Nights.

At Frosh Preview night, I mentioned that I felt like a TJ “historian.” This message capitalizes on my eight years of volunteer work at TJ, as I summarize information relevant to a rekindled debate about TJ Diploma requirements.

A decade ago, TJ students had more flexibility in their schedules. They were required to take three rather than four credits of social studies. Senior research labs had fewer prerequisites. Computer science could be taken in junior or senior year, when there were fewer required classes. And, TJ students were granted waivers from TJ Diploma requirements.

Around 2000, TJ students were gradually subjected to more requirements. In 2003-04, the PTSA Curriculum Committee produced a draft report, suggesting that TJ eliminate one of the four required social studies credits for the TJ Diploma. Parents asked that TJ offer a compacted 2-credit World History & Geography course, and urged the TJ administration to let students take AP European History or AP Psychology as their fourth social studies credit.

None of these changes were made. To free up their schedules during the school year to take arts, STEM and other electives, TJ students signed up for summer school. Some – including one of my daughters – attended summer school twice.

Virginia recently added a 1-credit “personal finance” requirement, which will apply to the Class of 2015 and future classes. Without this new requirement, the TJ Diploma already requires 27 credits: 4 credits of English; 5 credits of math (through AP Calculus); 4 credits of science (biology, chemistry, physics and geosystems); 4 credits of social studies; 3 credits of one foreign language; 2 credits of Physical Education; 2 credits of tech (9th grade tech and senior tech lab); 1 credit of computer science, 1 credit of arts/cultural studies, and 1 extra STEM credit. With the personal finance required credit, future TJ students will have 28 required credits.

Recognizing the need to provide TJ students with some flexibility in choosing their courses, Dr. Glazer discussed the need to revamp the TJ Diploma requirements at the last PTSA meeting. To evaluate possible options, the TJ community needs to understand what is required by the state, by FCPS, and by the TJ administration.

Virginia requires three social studies credits, plus two credits of foreign language, fine arts or tech for a standard diploma. See <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+reg+8VAC20-131-50>.

However, FCPS added a fourth social studies required credit for the standard diploma. See, for example:

[www.fcps.edu/LangleyHS/graduation.html#standard](http://www.fcps.edu/LangleyHS/graduation.html#standard)

The TJ Diploma could start with the Virginia standard diploma requirements, and then add the extra math, science, and tech requirements. At the last PTSA meeting, Dr. Glazer mentioned two alternatives. One proposal would, in effect, eliminate one social studies credit. A second would, in effect, eliminate the arts/cultural studies requirement. Either change would only require the approval of FCPS, not the state. Stay tuned, as this issue heats up!

On other fronts, the PTSA Cultural Liaisons and Hospitality Committees organized a delicious Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on April 28. Hospitality volunteers also are preparing for TJ’s 25th Anniversary Celebration on May 24, as well as tJSTAR on June 1. And, the PTSA is gearing up to pilot a new initiative on Monday, May 2, where we provide students with a light snack just before they take the AP test.

At our PTSA meeting, on May 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the library, we will be electing next year’s PTSA officers. Please come and meet the new executive committee!

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## PTSA Update

### Nominating Committee

At the April 7 PTSA meeting, the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers to serve on the PTSA Executive Committee for the 2011-2012 school year:

President: Denise Bunting (2011, 2012, 2014)  
Vice President: Celeste Fritzson (2013)  
Vice President: Amy Shaw (2014)  
Treasurer: Frances Kim (2014)  
Recording Secretary: Jane Li (2009, 2014)  
Corresponding Secretary: Jean Lee (2009, 2013)

The Nominating Committee was approved by vote at the PTSA meeting on February 3, 2011. The committee searched for candidates by posting announcements on the PTSA website and in Tech cetera, soliciting recommendations from past and present PTSA Board members and the TJ community, requesting nominations at PTSA meetings, and reviewing attendance at PTSA meetings and events. Drawing from the pool of experienced and highly qualified nominees, the committee has put together a slate of candidates who are representative of the diversity of the TJ community in terms of geographic location, TJ club and academic interests and affiliations, and graduating class, as well as representative of a variety of volunteering and PTA/PTSA leadership experience at TJ and other schools.

**Denise Bunting**, from Herndon, has served as TJ PTSA Vice President for the past three years. She has volunteered in many capacities since 2008, including as parent liaison on the Renovation Committee, co-chair of this year's All Night Grad Party, parent chair for the Back-to-School Bash for the past three years, and participant in Academic Boosters and Partnership Fund Phone-a-thons. Denise also volunteers in the front office and the Career Center, is a badged 8<sup>th</sup> period volunteer, and serves on the Human Relations Committee and the Guidance Advisory Council. In addition, she has been a Junior Lab Appeal Captain for the Optics and CAD labs for the past two years. **Celeste Fritzson**, from Fairfax Station, is returning as PTSA Vice President. In addition to serving as Vice President, she oversaw production of the

Directory, was in charge of Letter Jacket sales and the Back to School Bulk mailing. She is co-chair of the CAB Concession Committee, and has also served as JV baseball liaison, 8<sup>th</sup> period parent volunteer, HR Committee 2013 Rep, and she volunteers with the after-school library program. **Amy Shaw**, from Reston, is one of the Freshman parent liaisons and also volunteers during Jefferson Learning Community (JLC). **Frances Kim**, from Herndon, is a certified public accountant with a masters degree in accounting. She also is assuming the treasurer position at St. Paul Chung Catholic Church. **Jane Li**, from Vienna, is returning as Recording Secretary. Jane has been active in many respects since 2006, including as treasurer of the Partnership Fund from 2006 to 2009, and Crew Booster Board member and volunteer coordinator in 2007. She also volunteered with Academic Boosters and the Partnership Fund Phone-a-thons. Jane is a badged 8<sup>th</sup> period volunteer and serves on the Guidance Advisory Council. **Jean Lee**, from Haymarket, is currently serving as Corresponding Secretary. She has been an active volunteer at TJ since 2006. During that time she has been a volunteer with the Academic Boosters, and she served on the Executive Board as Cultural Liaison from 2006-2008.

Voting on these nominees will take place at the General Membership PTSA meeting on Thursday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m.

### Volunteer Committee

A big thanks to all our "stuffing" volunteers who helped prepare the PTSA welcome packets for Freshman Preview Night! We had an overwhelming demand for the packets, and almost ran out, even though we made 500 – the Class of 2015 is certainly eager to learn about TJ! We also thank *in advance* our army of loyal **AP Proctor** volunteers! Exams run for two weeks (May 2 -13) and we still have some slots that are unfilled, so please SIGN UP to help. (Jill Cook: [cooks471 at gmail.com](mailto:cooks471@gmail.com).) Below are the proctor guidelines:

- ~ Volunteers are needed to be present for 3-hour exams.
- ~ Duties include distributing and collecting test materials, collecting trash, bathroom monitoring, tissue patrol, etc.
- ~ A staff member will be in charge of actually

administering the tests, but we must have other folks in the room doing these important tasks.  
~ **The morning shift is 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; the afternoon shift is 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
~ You will not be assigned to a room in which your child is taking a test.

## News from the Administration

### Math Assessment for TJ Sophomores – May 13, 2011

All sophomores will take a diagnostic math assessment on Friday, May 13 during A block. A makeup session will be available the following week. This formative assessment will expose students to the types of problems that they will be encountering in our Physics classes during their junior year. We give this assessment to see whether the students have been appropriately prepared with a variety of math, thinking and analytical skills. Students are not expected to study for this test. The questions are on basic concepts that should be familiar and accessible to any student completing Algebra 2-Trig or higher at TJHSST.

The following general areas may be assessed:

- algebra basics (such as solving equations, algebraic properties, etc)
- trigonometry basics (solving right triangle problems, special angles, solving equations)
- literal equations/formula manipulation
- vector basics
- functions

The results of this assessment will not be counted as a grade in any class or made part of a student's official record. However, individual and summary data will be reviewed and used to speak to students who scored aberrantly high or low, and to facilitate a discussion regarding course placement for the 2011-2012 school year. This process helps students by better targeting their instructional needs and this process helps our teachers to build in time for review and reinforcement of concepts as they are needed during the year. Low scoring students may be enrolled in small tutoring sessions during 8<sup>th</sup> period. Also, students with a low score will have

the option to take another diagnostic at the beginning of the school year.

Students will be notified of the outcome of this assessment via their teachers and school correspondence. Questions about this assessment and the process can be directed to **Heather Sondel**, Assistant Principal, at (703) 750-8301 or at [heather.sondel@fcps.edu](mailto:heather.sondel@fcps.edu).

## Upcoming Events

**Registration is now open for annual sports physicals:** Book your appointment now for Wednesday, June 8, to get your student's annual sports physical at TJ. Go to [www.fcps.edu/sports](http://www.fcps.edu/sports) and click on the link for VHSL Sports Physicals 2011-12 to select your appointment time. More information about this event can be found below in the Colonial Athletic Boosters column, at page 13.

**Relay for Life:** Relay for Life will be held this year on May 21, 2011 at TJ. It begins at 2:00 p.m. at the Stadium.

**TJ 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** May 24, 5:00 p.m. in Auditorium.

### Advanced Placement Exam Schedule

#### Monday, May 2

8:00 a.m. Chemistry/ Environ Sci  
12 noon Psychology

#### Tuesday, May 3

8:00 a.m. Comp Sci/ Span. Lang.

#### Wednesday, May 4

8:00 a.m. Calc AB/ Calc BC  
12 noon Chinese Lang.

#### Thursday, May 5

8:00 a.m. Eng. Lit  
12 noon Japanese Lang/Latin

#### Friday, May 6

8:00 a.m. US Hist/German Lang.  
12 noon European History

#### Monday, May 9

8:00 a.m. Biology/Music Theory  
12 noon Physics

*(schedule continued on next page)*

Tuesday, May 10

8:00 a.m. US Gov. & Politics

12 noon Comp. Gov/Fren. Lang

Wednesday, May 11

8:00 a.m. English Lang. Comp

12 noon Statistics

Thursday, May 12

8:00 a.m. Macroeconomics/World Hist.

12 noon Microeconomics

Friday, May 13

8:00 a.m. Spanish Literature

## Serving the TJ Community

### Free Money \$\$\$



Thanks to your support, the **Amazon.com** shopping program is having a record year! Please remember to do all of your

shopping through the PTSA's link –

<http://amazon.com/?tag=tjhsst-20> – to earn free money for TJ! **Need a gift for the graduate?** Buy and use **Amazon.com gift cards!** The PTSA 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)



### ANGP needs stuff from you!

We're on the home stretch in planning for the ANGP. Hopefully by now you have signed up to volunteer and purchased a ticket for your grad. (If you haven't, please contact the ANGP chairs at [TJ2011ANGP at gmail.com](mailto:TJ2011ANGP@gmail.com) to get up to speed on those things.) Our most important need at this time is donations to really make this a great party. We need food, furniture, gift items, and of course, we'll always take cash! Please keep reading to see how you can help. Some things we just want to borrow;

some we will want to keep. There's a way for everyone to help!

Have you started your spring cleaning? Are you looking at your family room and thinking it's time for a facelift? If so, the ANGP can really use your donation of comfy **furniture**. Specifically, we're looking for a sofa and club type chairs. Also, we need pool cues, balls, and pockets for the pool balls (ok, maybe someone just has a pool table they don't want anymore?). After being used for the night, these items will be retained for the senior lounge.

We are also looking to **borrow hand carts and dollies** to help move things around on Thursday and Friday before graduation. In addition, we would like to borrow a few **decorative items** (such as figurines or statues of any size, art, and/or native decorative dress pieces that can be hung and displayed) **from India, Japan, Sweden and China**. All items will need to be clearly marked with the owner's name, brought to the school sometime on Thursday, June 16, and taken home immediately after the party.

Please contact Kim Johnson at (703) 220-7456 or [kimjohnson5 at gmail.com](mailto:kimjohnson5@gmail.com) if you can help in any way outlined above.

Throughout the exciting night of fun, food, and refreshments, graduates can head over to a stunning "marketplace" and select a gift from a wonderful variety of items every grad will love, or maybe win raffle prizes. Parents, we are in need of **gifts** for these activities. In the past, we have found it easiest for parents to donate \$10, \$15 or \$25 **gift cards** from Best Buy, Bed Bath and Beyond, iTunes, Amazon, or Starbucks. Gift items can also be donated and may include **small appliances** (such as small TVs or refrigerators), **lamps, school supplies, iPods and iPod accessories, flash drives, DVD/BluRay players, game systems, cameras and laptops**. For suggestions or inquiries, please contact Jane Pyrak at [ajandwam at verizon.net](mailto:ajandwam@verizon.net). Smaller donations may be left in the ANGP mailbox in the Front Office. Contact Jane Pyrak for delivery of larger prizes.

Do you have **Bed, Bath and Beyond coupons**? Even if expired, we can use them to buy items at a discount. Please send them into the ANGP box in the front office.

## Student Services Corner

### Student Government Association

#### 2011-2012 SGA Officers

<i>President</i>	<i>Helen Hastings ('12)</i>
Vice President	Allison Chou ('13)
Treasurer	Neal Chaudhuri ('12)
Secretary	Kaley Thornton ('13)

**J-Day is on June 3! This year's theme is Super Mario Bros.**

**Seniors:** Mario; **Juniors:** Yoshi; **Sophomores:** Browser Jr.; **Freshmen:** DonkeyKong.

SGA has given money to the Environmental Impact Club and TWIST. Clubs can apply for fund allocation through the end of May, and applications can be found on the door of room 239.

On April 13, SGA gave a tour to four representatives of an organization of Danish students who visited to get a sense of student life and academics here at TJ.

#### *Guidelines*

The latest edition (May-June) of *Guidelines*, the TJHSST Student Services Department newsletter, should be available shortly, 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*

The Spanish National Honor Society was honored to induct 52 new members into the society on April 13. The traditional rituals were observed in a beautiful ceremony which included speeches, readings, poetry, music and a swearing in of the new members. Parents also attended to witness the solemn occasion. We extend a warm welcome to the new members and encourage them to actively

If you have an artistic senior, we have put out a call to them to make a **display of art** (pictures and ceramics or other 3-d art pieces) to show in an area that will be transformed into a small art gallery. Please encourage your child to participate!

What's a good party without **food**?? We will need both parent and restaurant donations. Specifically, we are looking for Mini Fun Size Candy Bars and Kisses, Fruit Platters, Cheese Platters, Baked Goods, Chips and Salsa, Asian Food (contact the Food Chair -- see below), 8 oz. bottled water, and Individual Tropicana Juice or Cases of Individual Fruit Juice. Do you have a specialty—something not listed that you would like to make and donate? Let us know. Contact Margaret King at [ckinger at verizon.net](mailto:ckinger@verizon.net) regarding food donations.

The total cost of the ANGP exceeds \$50,000--ticket sales alone do not cover the costs. **Financial donations** can be made by check (payable to "TJHSST ANGP") or by credit card at <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/payments.htm>. Every donation of \$50 or more may include a 30 character dedication (e.g. "To the Senior Wrestlers" or "Great job Mary!" or "We are so proud Will!"), and will be recognized on the ANGP website by donor level of giving—Champion (\$500 or more), Benefactor (\$250), Patron (\$100), or Friend (\$50). For donation forms and other information on donating, go to the **donations section of the ANGP website**.

Finally, if you are willing to contact local businesses and ask them to help, please contact Trudie Thomas at [punarotap at yahoo.com](mailto:punarotap@yahoo.com). Trudie can tell you who has already been contacted and provide you with a donation letter.

### **2011 Graduation Lawn Signs On Sale Now!**

Show your pride in your TJ grad or the entire class! For only \$20, you can purchase a 2011 graduation lawn sign by contacting Connie Valle at [vallefamily at cox.net](mailto:vallefamily@cox.net) or (703) 434-0181. Please include your email address, phone number and the sign or signs you wish to purchase. You will be contacted to arrange for pickup when the signs are ready. Order extras for grandparents, aunts and uncles, and neighbors. Thank you for helping to make the ANGP a huge success!

participate in our society so that we can achieve our goals. Elections for new officers will be held in May.

## Class News

### 2011 – Seniors

Hello, senior class! As graduation nears, I hope you take the time to enjoy your last days of high school. Don't forget that you have to take care of all your financial obligations to the school in order to graduate!

#### Reminders:

- **Have you paid your senior dues?** Write a check for \$30 payable to TJHSST with a memo line including the student's name and the subject "Senior Class Dues." The check can be mailed in or brought to Room 238 in an envelope addressed to **Jen Pierce**.

- Have you **purchased your ANGP tickets?** This is your last chance to purchase a ticket. Go to <http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty/tickets.html> to see if your name is on the list of those who have paid.

- We need your **baby photos for the ANGP contest**. [Click here for more information](#).

- **Parents, have you volunteered to help at the ANGP?** If you are not signed up to volunteer, you will not be allowed into the party. [Click here to volunteer](#).

#### Important Dates:

##### tjSTAR

Wednesday, June 1, 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. [Click here for more information](#).

##### Senior Prom

Friday, June 10, 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.  
Hilton in Mark Center Alexandria, VA.  
5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22311.  
Tel: (703) 845-1010

##### Senior Picnic

Thursday, June 16 (more details TBA).

## Graduation

Saturday, June 18, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Patriot Center, George Mason University  
Students should arrive at 5:30 p.m.; doors open to families at 6:00 p.m. You are welcome to bring family and friends.

### All Night Grad Party

Saturday, June 18 to Sunday, June 19. 9:30 p.m.- 5:30 a.m. TJHSST

Help Wanted: We will need parent volunteers to help for prom on June 10 (set up, check-in/coat check during prom, take down decorations after prom), and to help at the picnic on June 16. Please contact Jane Hsu (see below) if you are interested.

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Jane Hsu (703) 748-0689;  
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PTSA Class of 2011 Representatives

### 2012 - Juniors

About 90% of this year's All Night Grad Party (ANGP) chairs will not have students at TJ next year. Therefore, it's more important than ever for this year's Junior parents to get involved in the ANGP sooner rather than later. The last ANGP committee meeting before the big event will be held on Tuesday, May 17 in the library. The meetings are open to all; please stop by and see what the ANGP is all about!

The ANGP Committee is also still looking for some junior parents to volunteer for Wrap Up at 6:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 19. That way you will know where everything is stored for "your" ANGP next year. Or, you can come while the seniors are at graduation and see what everything is like before it is torn down! [Click here to sign up](#).

Do you have **Bed, Bath and Beyond coupons?** Even if expired, the All Night Grad Party can use them to buy items at a discount. Please help our graduating seniors by sending the coupons in to the ANGP box in the front office.

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

## 2013 – Sophomores

Wow! The Inaugural TJ PiMiler sponsored by the Class of 2013 was a HUGE success! The race, held on April 2, was attended by more than 250 runners and walkers from around the Northern Virginia area and beyond (we even had 2 runners from Seattle), thus achieving one of the event goals of providing a healthy athletic bonding opportunity for the community. It was also a financial success, raising important funds to help our class with senior prom and graduation activities in 2013. And, it was a lot of fun! The race was barely over and many of you were talking about doing it again next year.

But the success would not have been possible without the support of Brian Danza of the DC Road Runners, a group of very dedicated parents, the officers of the Class of 2013 and of course, our amazing Class of 2013 sponsors. A big shout out to: **Mr. Lewis, Ms. Campane, Mrs. Lewis and Mr. LaFever** (our ex-officio class sponsor), and we hope we have not forgotten anyone: Mrs. Hatanpaa, Ms. Stephen, Mrs. Freund, Mrs. McGuigan, Ms. Chuan, Ms. Xu, Mrs. Vasta, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Paul, Mrs. Hwang, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Todi, Mrs. Engler, Mrs. Lay, Mrs. Srivastava, Mrs. Shirke, **Minh Bui, William Lucht, Karina Charipova, Katie Hsia, Ryan Feng, Ashley Hwang, Namita Kansal and Michael Cooper.** THANK YOU! The PiMiler would not have been the success it was without you! Bravo!



We are rapidly approaching the end of the school year and the half-way point to the completion of our high school years at TJ. It is hard to believe that SOLs, AP exams, final class exams and papers will be here before we know it. Please encourage your students to do their best and not to be overwhelmed

by it all. Remind them to breathe deeply, get enough rest and take it all in stride.

The All Night Grad Party (ANGP) Committee REALLY needs non-Senior parents to cover for them while they are attending graduation with their students. Please sign up to help during the Saturday June 18, 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. shift:

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

Do you have **Bed, Bath and Beyond coupons**? Even if expired, the All Night Grad Party can use them to buy items at a discount. Please help our graduating seniors by sending the coupons in to the ANGP box in the front office.

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PTSA Class of 2013 Representatives

## 2014 – Freshmen

Freshman Lock-In is almost here! Lock-In will take place from 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 13 to 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 14. This year's theme is "Survival 4 the Fittest." Stay tuned for final updates.

The ANGP Committee is looking for **Bed, Bath and Beyond coupons**. Even if expired, the All Night Grad Party can use them to buy items at a discount. Please help our graduating seniors by sending the coupons in to the ANGP box in the front office.

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PTSA Class of 2014 Representatives

## News Round-up and Awards

### TJ Teacher Honored with Frederick Emmons Terman Award

**Mr. Haywood Torrence** (AP Government and Economics) was among a handful (~20) of teachers from around the world honored by Stanford University for the extraordinary impact he has made on the lives of his students as a secondary school teacher.

This award was created by Frederick Emmons Terman, a former Dean of Stanford Engineering, who sought to better recognize the contributions of secondary school teachers. During his tenure as Dean, Dr. Terman set aside a portion of his personal income in order to create an endowment for an award to honor these teachers. Dean Terman's endowment paid for Mr. Torrence fly out to Palo Alto so that he could attend a ceremony on Stanford campus and be presented with this award.

A former student of Mr. Torrence, Thomas Fu (TJ 2007) has offered this personal testimonial: “. . . [H]aving had Mr. Torrence as a teacher during my senior year at TJ, I can say quite honestly that he is an extraordinary person and teacher, and I have been extremely privileged to know him. As one of his students, it becomes clear very quickly how uncommonly intelligent and talented Mr. Torrence is. Even more uncommon, however, is someone of his caliber choosing to commit his gifts to others, in a profession that gets far less recognition than it deserves. I am still awed by Mr. Torrence's dedication to his students and his profession, and wanted to let you know personally of Mr. Torrence's award.”

### The Best TJ PiMiler Ever!

The Inaugural TJ PiMiler, sponsored by the Class of 2013 was an enormous success! More than 250 runners and walkers signed up for the debut event on April 2. The skies brightened and the sun eventually came out just as the crowd sprinted from the starting line. Smiling and encouraging faces greeted the participants at a variety of spots along the route as they made their way around the 3.14159 Pi-Miler course through the neighborhoods surrounding the school. The finish line featured delicious donated pies, musical offerings by some

of TJ's finest voices and several pies in the faces of the always-good-sported Class of 2013 Sponsors, **Ms. Campane, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Lewis and Mr. LaFever** (ex-officio).



**Ms. Campane, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Lewis and Mr. LaFever** (left to right)

Supported by a cast of many dedicated parents, class sponsors and students and the staff of DC Road Runners, the months of planning (and worrying) were rewarded with a fabulous time had by all! The race was supported by a number of local businesses including, Giant, Chesapeake Bagel Bakery of Burke, Bloom, Metro Run & Walk, Bill Page Toyota, Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions, Best Academy, Vantage Academic Solutions, Proomottea.com, Safeway, Fitness First, Gold's Gym, Flippin' Pizza, Honors Test Prep LLC, Precision Economics, LLC, Mark Van Bergh Photography, Aspire Academic Coaching, LLC, Drs. Chuang and Lucht, DDS, and many generous families. Plans are already underway for the Second Annual TJ PiMiler which organizers hope will become a new TJ tradition! Pictures from the race are available at [www.markvanbergh.zenfolio.com](http://www.markvanbergh.zenfolio.com).



Runners at the start of the Inaugural TJ PiMiler.

## National Merit Corporate Scholarships

Ten Thomas Jefferson students have been awarded corporate-sponsored scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. These students are part of a group of approximately 1,000 National Merit finalists chosen to receive scholarships financed by companies, foundations, and other business organizations (TJ students won ten of the eleven awards given to FCPS students).

Winners of the corporate-sponsored scholarships, with their probable career fields in parentheses, are:

- **Blair Graham** (pediatrics), National Merit Gannett Foundation-Madelyn P. Jennings Scholarship.
- **Jane Hu** (neuroscience), National Merit SAIC Scholarship.
- **Dylan Ladwig** (computer science), National Merit Northrop Grumman Scholarship.
- **Sabrina Mohamed** (chemical engineering), National Merit SAIC Scholarship.
- **Venkateswaran Muruganandam** (engineering-business), National Merit CSC Scholarship.
- **Andrew Rice** (chemistry-chemical engineering), National Merit CSC Scholarship.
- **Kelly Rogers** (kinesiology-exercise physiology), National Merit SAIC Scholarship.
- **James Skehan** (marketing), National Merit SAIC Scholarship.
- **Michael Wu** (computer science-economics), National Merit CACI Scholarship.
- **Abigail Xu** (law), National Merit Northrop Grumman Scholarship.

Corporate sponsors provide merit scholarship awards for National Merit finalists who are children of their employees or members, who are residents of communities the companies serve, or who have career interests the sponsors want to encourage. Corporate-sponsored merit scholarship awards are renewable for up to four years of college undergraduate study and range from \$500 to \$10,000 per year. Others provide a single payment between \$2,500 and \$5,000. Recipients can use the awards at regionally accredited U.S. colleges or universities of their choice.

## Student Publications Honored With JEA-NSPA Best of Show Awards

Two TJ student publications received recognition as Best of Show Winners at the Journalism Education Association (JEA)-National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) Spring National High School Journalism Convention:

- *tjToday*, for Newspaper 13-16 pages; **Bart Bachman**, editor, and **Jennifer Seavey**, adviser.
- *Techniques*, for Yearbook 275-324 pages; **Stephanie Colen, Isha Maharishi, and Max Reinsel**, editors; **Erinn Harris**, adviser.

## Civil Air Patrol Pilot

Congratulations to Civil Air Patrol Cadet Capt. **Michael Poussard** (2012), who recently became National Capital Wing's newest private pilot certified by the FAA. On his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday, April 6, at the Davison Army Airfield, Poussard became the youngest pilot in Civil Air Patrol. For more information about the Civil Air Patrol, go to <http://www.natcapwg.cap.gov>.



**Michael Poussard**

## NSLI-Y Scholarship

**Amelia Dahl** (2012) has been awarded a National Security Language Initiative for Youth Scholarship (NSLI-Y) to study language for six weeks in China this summer. This is a full scholarship offered through the Department of State.

For more information about this program, visit [www.nsliforyouth.org](http://www.nsliforyouth.org).

## TJHSST Partnership Fund

### Support TJ: It's Worth it!

#### JUNIOR LAB APPEAL FINISHING STRONG:

The JLA has raised over \$35,000 toward the \$52,000 worth of equipment that the lab directors have identified as target items. Several labs have already met their goals, and the captains of the remaining labs are pulling out the stops to meet theirs. Please participate in any way you can. Your kids will thank you for it.

#### PHONATHON BRINGS IN OVER \$10,000!:

Thank you, freshman and sophomore parents, for your fantastic response to our Phonathon calls and emails.

#### PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANTS \$100,000 IN UNRESTRICTED FUNDS TO TJ:

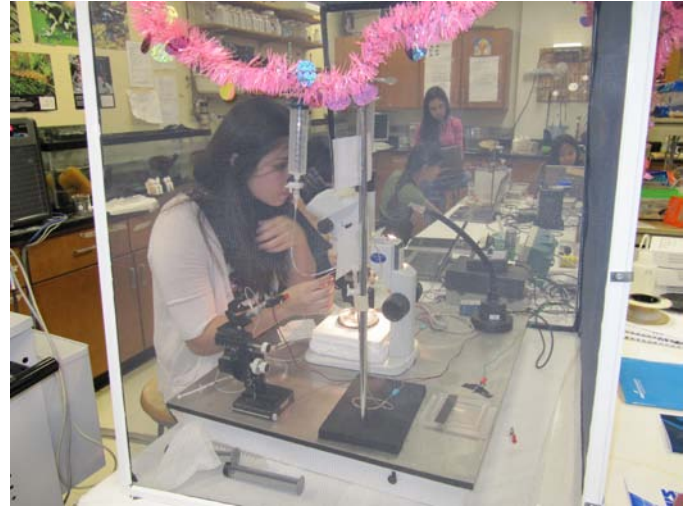
The School will be using this latest grant to address priority needs that will impact large numbers of students, including IT needs that have long been on TJ's wish list. Your generosity has made possible the following purchases:

- \*Laptop carts for biology classrooms and the Oceanography Lab;
- \*Computers for biology classrooms and the Chemical Analysis Lab;
- \*Precision balances for chemistry classrooms;
- \*Potentiostat (used for electrochemical studies) for the Chemical Analysis Lab;
- \*Software license for the Neuroscience Lab; and
- \*Benchtop oscilloscopes (for analysis of electronic circuitry) for the Robotics Lab.

#### “IN HONOR OF FACULTY” APPEALS HELP YOU FINISH THE YEAR (OR FOUR YEARS) IN THE RIGHT SPIRIT:

Senior parents, it's almost time to say goodbye, and there's no better way to say it than with a donation in honor of TJ's outstanding faculty and staff. Your “Senior In Honor of Faculty” Appeal, along with the inaugural edition of NEWSWORTHY, our PF newsletter, is coming to a mailbox near you. Parents of juniors, sophomores and freshman, don't worry,

you will also have an opportunity to make an “in honor of faculty” gift and read our newsy newsletter. Hang in there; just like their kids, senior parents get to go first.



**Anna Green, TJ '11**, coaxes signals out of a dissected leech's nerve chord using the PF-funded anti-vibration tables and hydraulic micromanipulators that have made this delicate work possible. The screens surrounding the tables are student-made Faraday cages designed to keep out electrostatic noise. (The pink lei is actually an expensive sensor. Gotcha! The lei is just to liven things up. The rest is true, and you can read more about it - and about other work being done at TJ with PF-funded equipment - in our spring newsletter.)

**OFFICE ASSISTANCE NEEDED:** If you and a friend or two can help our office manager with some occasional clerical work, the PF would really appreciate it.

**CONTACT:** For all Partnership Fund information, including more information about when and how you can help out, please call Ellen Smith, PF Office Manager & Development Associate at (703) 750-8317 or email [Ellen.smith at tjhsst.edu](mailto:Ellen.smith@tjhsst.edu).

**Thank you for helping to MAKE TJ EVEN BETTER!**

## TJHSST Boosters



### *Academic Boosters*

**Botball:** Three TJ Botball Robotics Teams competed in the DC Regional Botball Tournament on April 9. The Senior Team won a trophy for "Outstanding Documentation" with a perfect score. The Junior Team finished in the top 6 of the double-elimination rounds. The Sophomore Team finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place in the double-elimination and won a trophy for finishing 5<sup>th</sup> place overall.

Senior Team: **Jacob Baldwin, Ben Chao, Megan Clark, Jonathan Corzo, Caelan Garrett, Doohyung (Lio) Kang, Josh Kweon, Byung Joo Shin, Sam Prestwood, Victor Youk.**

Junior Team: **Fareez Chowdhury, Albert Gural, Helen Lai, Jonathan Lykins, Minh Nguyen, Arjun Srinivasan, Eric Tobin, Anish Tondwalkar, Kyle Withers, Paul Wolfeich, Lianna Yang .**

Sophomore Team: **Anurag Goel, Bobby Huddleston, Sang Burm Lee, Cyrus Malekpour, Peter Price, Ethan Voytko.**

For more information about Botball, go to:  
<http://www.tjhsst.edu/studentlife/activ/botball/index.htm>.

**Computer Team:** The Senior Computer Team competed on April 2 at the University of Maryland High School Programming Contest and won first place. The team consisted of (from left to right): **Andre Kessler, Alex Chen, Mitchell Lee and Kalki Seksaria.** Great job!!!



**Future Problem Solvers:** We proudly announce the results of the Future Problem Solvers Virginia STATE BOWL AWARDS. This competition places individuals and teams in competition to

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develop solutions to a scenario fraught with complex societal issues by coming up with research-based solutions that might include technological, scientific, governmental and business action. FCPS is looking to recruit our next set of champions, so please recommend this activity to underclassmen who enjoy analyzing global issues and would like to learn strategies for creative problem solving. They'll have great fun while they benefit from involvement in this cooperative, research and writing-based club activity. Learn more at <https://sites.google.com/site/fpsattj/>. We wish to thank Academic Boosters, our teachers and our parents for their support of this activity.

Individual Future Problem Solving Competition:  
**Xiaodi (Daniel) Sun** – first place  
**Kunyao Yu** – second place

Team Future Problem Solving Competition:  
First Place: **Niki Hua, Cynthia Li, Patricia Li, Rafa Rahman**  
Second Place: **Jennifer Fan, Annie Lin, Lydia Luu, Yunan Nie**

Action Plan Presentation Awards:  
First Place: **Ashneil Jain, Janiel Li, Steve Qian, Xiaodi (Daniel) Sun, Max Wang, Kunyao Yu**  
Third Place: **Jennifer Fan, Annie Lin, Lydia Luu, Yunan Nie**  
Honorable Mention: **Michelle Cheng, Ian Lin, Arisa Smith, Christine Xu**

**Lincoln Douglas Debate:** Congratulations to **Akaash Gupta**, who made it to the semi-finals at the VHSL state debate championship, held on April 15 and 16 at Lynchburg.

**Policy Debate:** Debaters **Rishi Khanna** and **Nick Kim** made it to the final round at the VHSL state debate championship, taking second place!

Kudos to the team members and their sponsor as TJ debaters continued to prove themselves as winners.

### *Band Boosters*

Visit the Band Boosters website for information about upcoming events and announcements, and to see photographs from various events:  
<http://tjbands.org/>.

Our spring season is racing by and we are fast approaching District and Regional competitions. Good luck to our athletes as they wrap up their regular seasons and prepare for playoff challenges!

**\*SPRING MEMBERSHIP CONTEST WINNERS\***

Congratulations to girls tennis for being the first team to reach 90% membership and earning \$500 for the coach to use for the team. Close behind them and winner of the \$200 silver award was boys tennis. Good job and good luck!

**New Wish List Item:** CAB plans to launch a major capital campaign to raise funds to install indoor bathrooms at the stadium. Unfortunately, such a luxury is NOT included in the school renovation plan, so we are determined to make it happen on our own! There are other groups within the TJ community that may join us in this effort. Please watch for more information, or contact us if you want to get involved.

**Scholarships!** ATTENTION SENIORS - CAB awards four \$1,000 scholarships each spring (two girls and two boys). The application form is available on the CAB website and the deadline for submission of applications is May 24.

**FundsOn - New Fund-Raising Program:** Click on the "**FundsOn**" tab on the website home page of the website to take advantage of great offers. CAB gets a percentage of each purchase.

**Please note the following important CAB spring events:**

May CAB Meeting..... Wed, May 11, 7:00pm  
Spring Sports Banquet..... Mon, June 6, 6:00pm  
Scholarship Applications Due **Tue, May 24**  
Sports Physicals..... Wed, June 8, 7:00pm  
Sports Preview Night..... Wed, June 8, 7:00pm

Appointment slots are open for 4:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Get out your planners and book your appointment now for Wednesday June 8, to get your student's annual sports physical at TJ. Go to [www.fcps.edu/sports](http://www.fcps.edu/sports) and click on the link for VHSL Sports Physicals 2011-12. Medical professionals will perform the comprehensive physicals. The screening will check height, weight, body fat, vision, posture, vital signs, upper and lower body assessments and see the medical professional for clearance. Every athlete needs a new athletic physical EVERY SCHOOL YEAR so, save a trip to the doctor's office and come out and support TJ Athletics. Got questions? Email [heather.murphy at fcps.edu](mailto:heather.murphy@fcps.edu).

**Volunteers Needed for Physicals!**

We need medical and non-medical parents to help make the sports physicals a successful event! If you are a TJ parent and a physician (MD or DO), physician assistant (PA), physical therapist (PT) or nurse practitioner (NP), please consider helping out with physicals on June 8. We also need non-medical parents who want to help with working a station or check-in/out desk. Your expertise and a few hours of your time will greatly benefit our TJ athletes! *Free advertising for medical professionals that help!*

Go to [www.fcps.edu/sports](http://www.fcps.edu/sports) and click on VHSL Sports Physicals 2011-12; follow the prompts to register to volunteer!

**NEW VHSL PHYSICAL FORM**

Athletes, there is a NEW VHSL physical form starting May 1. All physicals MUST be completed on the new form. We will no longer accept the old form. Please make sure that you download the new physical form before you go to the doctor's office. Visit the [Colonial Athletic Boosters website](http://www.colonialathletics.org) to get the new form.

*And now for the team news . . .*

**Varsity Baseball:** Colonial Bats Take Offense!! The team reached just over the halfway point of the season during Spring Break with a record of 3-10. Despite the losing record, the Colonials have led at some point in four of their losses and were competitive in at least three others. Led by a trio of seniors – **Pat Still, Jason Schwartz** and **Thomas Woodruff** – the team cumulative batting average continues to hover around .320. Still is among area leaders with a team-high 25 RBIs. Competing in the Let's Play Two Spring Break tournament in Prince William County, TJ left with a 2-2 record, which included a tough 8-6 loss to highly-regarded Osbourn Park. The team bounced back during the week to score 28 runs in the final two games for victories. **Mookie Goodson**, filling in for the injured **Robbie Clark**, has given TJ an offensive infield (along with Still, Schwartz and Woodruff) with a cumulative batting average that is nearly .500. Other big contributors include **Mike Monte, Kevin Karn, Jack Brown** and **Michael Chan**.

**Boys Varsity Lacrosse:** The team is off to a strong start this season. Challenged by a rainy spring, the guys have played a total of 2 scrimmages and 6 games. In addition to winning both scrimmages, the team is now 4-2. With victories over McLean, Fairfax, Stuart and Marshall, TJ is poised to go into the latter portion of the season facing Stone Bridge, Langley and Chantilly prior to Districts. The sting of a loss to Herndon during Spring Break was somewhat offset by the gracious invitation by the Hornets for TJ players and families to join them in a post-game barbecue!



Celebration of **Brendan Kim's** (#14) goal in the varsity game against Madison.

TJ hosted Stone Bridge on April 26 and celebrated Senior Night for 12 of the 25 varsity players. It was a very special evening for the players, their families and friends. The 12 seniors are **Matt Bloom**, midfield; **Jake Brooks**, defense; **Sung Won Byun**, attack; **Myles Cook**, midfield; **Richard Garrett**, defense; **Drew Hayes**, attack; **Astin Housley**, defense; **Ian Plunk**, defense; **Kainan (James)Wang**, defense; **Quasar Wei**, goalie; **Daniel Yoo**, midfield and **Jon Yun**, defense. And we invite our fans to come watch the annual *Seniors vs. Alumni* game – Saturday, June 4!

The varsity squad includes eight juniors: **Nick Arango**, LSM; **Gabe Boning**, midfield; **Doug Hearney**, attack; **Tom Hillenbrand**, midfield; **Brendan Kim**, midfield; **Dimitre Nitchev**, midfield; **Peter Reischer**, defense and **Tim Song**, midfield; four sophomores: **Gordon Hart**, goalie; **Bohe Hosking**, midfield; **Rashad Laher**, midfield and **Josh Stein**, midfield; and one freshman, **Miles Oakley**, defense.



The varsity boys lacrosse team is all smiles after defeating Fairfax.

**Boys JV Lacrosse:** The team is off to a solid 2-2 start this season with narrow losses to strong Robinson and Madison teams, and impressive victories over McLean (11-7) and Marshall (8-0). In their most recent game against Marshall, the Colonials were captained by junior attacks **Matt Greenspan** and **Brody Marino** as well as sophomore attack **Ryan Feng**. Sophomore midfields **Alex Li** and **Quark Wei** dominated face-offs and goals were scored and/or assisted by sophomore attacks **Alexander Kim** and **Robby Vasta**, freshman attacks **Daven Kim** and **Taylor Yohe**, and sophomore midfields **Justin Hwang**, **David Rice** and **Sean Waterton**. Junior goalie

**Brad Hodge** recorded the shutout and was ably assisted by junior defensemen **Matt Ferrell** and **Nathan Kumar Thillairajah**, junior LSM **Pranava Raparla**, sophomore defenseman **Justin Sim**, and freshmen defensemen **Jesse Judish**, **Brian Welch** and **Alex Wood-Thomas**. Also playing in the Marshall win were sophomore attack **Rohan Krishnan**, freshman attack **Roy Rinberg**, sophomore midfield **Paul Pottanat**, and freshmen midfields **Arvind Gupta**, **Jay Hebert**, **Varun Kumar** and **Sam Rohrer**.

The Colonials plan to extend their winning streak in remaining games against Liberty District foes Stone Bridge, Fairfax and Langley, as well as non-league opponents Herndon and Chantilly.

**Girls Varsity Lacrosse:** Our season is finally getting started! After rain caused delays, cancellations, and postponements, the schedule is now set for the final two weeks of the regular season. The games are lined up back to back (5 games in 6 days!) but the girls are ready to play! A continued tradition is eating at the local Panera as a team before every game. The fuel from Panera has had its effects on **Molly Hemenway**, **Hunter Clark** and **Allison Chou** who have 13, 22, and 25 goals this season respectively. After losing senior goalie **Candice Kaplan** to a concussion, **Sonica Saraf** has stepped up to help the team. Her saves and great clears have aided the team's transition game tremendously. The team had a successful game against Stuart, during a double-header with the varsity boys; it was great having both varsity squads on the same field in one night! As the regular season comes to a close, the team prepares for Senior Night; they look forward to recognizing their seniors: **Candice Kaplan**, **Marta Moore**, **Rachel Nissen** and **Allison Smedberg**.

**Girls JV Lacrosse:** The season began with a great start. Although they faced the same rain delays as most spring sports teams, they took it all in stride. The team continues their strong performance on the field with much improved catching and passing. Since their thrilling tie against Washington-Lee, the girls have challenged some of the best teams in the region, including Madison and Langley. Against Madison, the girls pulled out a 7-6 win. In the Langley game, the team overcame an 8 to 3 deficit to tie it up. They pushed the Langley girls and proved themselves as a dominant squad. The girls

look forward to the continuing success in upcoming games.

**Boys Varsity Soccer:** The team started the season strong, with two wins and a tie, but recorded only one win in its next five games. The team resumes its quest for a fourth District title in five years after Spring Break. The Colonials have gotten their scoring from co-captain **Chinmay Patwardhan** and **Jonathan Spitz** (3 goals each), with clutch strikes also from **Andrew Freix**, **Andrew O'Shea**, **Victor Weiss**, **Samy Singh** and **Ji Hun Park**. Central defender and co-captain **AJ Swoboda** provides a constant scoring threat with his strong and well-targeted free kicks to teammates crashing the goal box.



TJ Varsity Soccer team

The season's highlights so far were a come-from-behind 2-1 victory over Liberty District rival Stone Bridge; a 1-0 defeat of regional power Yorktown; and a 5-1 thrashing of Falls Church. However, one-goal defeats by Westfield, South Lakes and McLean have put the Colonials in a tough situation as they head into the season's closing weeks. They resumed play after Spring Break with games against Stuart and division rival James Madison.



Senior **Eric Kim** fighting for the ball with his McLean opponent.

**Girls Varsity Soccer:** Rain, injuries and sickness have made for a challenging month for the team. But the girls remain focused and are working hard. Their Washington-Lee game on March 18 resulted in a 1-1 tie. Sophomore goalie **Katie Lang** had a phenomenal game with numerous saves. TJ's goal was scored by junior **Adrienne Ivey**. The girls lost to Stone Bridge, 0-3, Yorktown, 0-4 and Westfield 0-3. On April 7, they won 3-1 at Falls Church with goals by senior **Brianna Kim**, freshman **Alyssa Bruce** and freshman **Miranda Callahan**. The South Lakes game was a tough 0-1 loss and the team lost 0-3 to McLean. The Lady Colonials won their first home game on April 25, defeating Marshall 4-1, with goals by Ivey, Bruce, junior **Emily Gale** and sophomore **Lucy Bullen**. GO TJ GIRLS SOCCER!



Junior **Ashley Paek** at the Falls Church game.

**Varsity Softball:** The TJ varsity softball team continued their 2011 season with some solid mid-season play. The highlight of the month was an excellent home game in which the Colonials pounded Marshall, 6-2. **Helen Hastings** pitched strongly, holding Marshall to five hits and no walks, while striking out four. **Maggie Engler** led the hitting attack with three singles. Trailing 2-0, TJ rallied for five runs in the fourth to take control of the game. **Barbara Lantz** singled, **Allie Brouckman** was safe on an error, and **Ellen Mule** drew a walk. Maggie singled in one run, **Rachel Dyment** knocked in another with a hard grounder, and then Ellen sped in to score a third after a bad throw. Maggie was thrown out at the plate on **Charlotte Sheridan's** ground ball, but Charlotte drew a wild throw as she rounded first, enabling Rachel to score. **Jacqueline Szilagyi** then drilled an RBI single to complete the huge rally. The TJ defense also contributed some spectacular plays.

Twice, on ground balls with a runner on third, the TJ infield got the out at first, then first-baseman Allie gunned the ball home and **Clara Pitts** applied a tag on the runner trying to score from third to complete a double play.

Throughout the month, the Colonials battled hard in the brutal Liberty District. Helen pitched well in holding Madison to three runs and South Lakes to two, and she remains third in the Liberty Division in strikeouts. The batting attack has been led by Barbara, Clara, Rachel, Charlotte, Helen, and Jacqueline.



**Helen Hastings** strikes out another batter.

**JV Softball:** The team had an exciting win against Langley at home on April 12. The final score was 22-21. This season has been a training ground for new players who are stepping up to the plate with improved skills and understanding of the game. Come out and watch this tough group of athletes compete! Our next home game is Tuesday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m. Go to the **Colonial Athletic Boosters website** for a complete schedule of games.



TJ JV softball team with **Coach Sandstrom**.

**Boys Tennis:** As the season winds down, the team is at 9-0 with five matches to go. The team is on target for the season finale with arch-rival Langley for the Liberty District Championship. Having narrowly edged the Saxons the first time, 5-4, the rematch will not only determine the District Champions, but will also earn the winning team the #1 seed going into the Regional tournament. That match will take place May 4 at Wakefield Park, near TJ.

Everyone on the team has contributed to the success as this year's team marches on. We have had a tremendous influx of freshman talent including **Stephen Hu** at #3 singles and sophomore **Matt Swanhorst**, who has become the go-to doubles specialist when players are absent. The team celebrated Senior Day at home against Madison, honoring captains **Kyle Roney** and **Bill Qu** and fellow senior **Anthony Lim**. Coach **John Myers** added an away Senior Day at Stone Bridge, near where Anthony and Bill live, to give our veterans another opportunity to shine for TJ tennis.



TJ Varsity Tennis Team

**Girls Tennis:** The team started this season with a new head coach, **Stephen Myers**. Coach Myers played varsity tennis for Christopher Newport University prior to coaching at TJ, and holds a certificate as a teaching "Professional" from the Professional Tennis Registry (USPTR), the highest certification level. Welcome, Coach Myers! The team also welcomes two assistant coaches, **John Myers** and **Heidi Smith**, to work with the team. A couple of freshman students, **Rena Liu** and **Victoria Xia**, joined the team this year, with Rena ranked among the top players. The season is in full swing with District matches. The TJ girls are a fierce force on the courts. So far they have beat Stone Bridge, South Lakes, Madison, Fairfax and Marshall, tied with McLean (1 win and 1 loss) and

lost to Langley (1 loss). Take a look at this team picture below. What a vibrant and intimidating bunch! Go Colonials!!!



From left to right: **Emily Ji, Stacey Zhou, Natalie Cheng, Rena Liu, Coach Myers, Stefani Karp, Melody Liu, Steffie Pitts, Victoria Xia, Schyler Pa.** Not in picture: **Allie Meng, Madison Russell, Hanna Tso.**

We are also proud to report that girls tennis was the first team to have fulfilled 100% CAB membership and was awarded the \$500 prize in the membership drive this season. Big thanks to the parents for your generous support!

**Track and Field:** The team is off and running with the following highlights!

McLean Relays – 1st place: boys 4x800m (**Imran Khan, Greg Anderson, Kyler Blodgett, Dan Matson**); boys distance medley relay (**Michael Wattendorf, Sam Girvin, Tom Tapen, Dan Matson**) and girls 4x400 (**Lizzy Miranda, Amy Hwang, Michelle Lee, Morgan Cheatham**).



Members of the TJ girls track team, from left to right: **Katie Lin, Cheyanne Rivera, Coach Jeff James, Tania Ermak, Ronit Malka.**

Wolverine Invitational in Stafford, VA – **Jonathan Phillips** (2nd, 1600m), **Kelly Rogers** (2nd, 3200m), **Ronit Malka** (3rd, 800m), **Lisa Junta** (3rd, 3200m), Michael Wattendorf (3rd, 3200m), the boys 4x800m relay team of **Jake Zucker**, **Tim Tran**, Mike Wattendorf and **Cole Rosenberg** (3rd), **Chris Rom** (4th, 3200m), **Sean Long** (4th, pole vault), **Ed Cai** (4th triple jump, 5th hurdles) and **Margaret Coad** (5th, 800m).



The boys relay team executes a baton hand-off. From left to right: **Jonathan Phillips**, **Raeford Penny**, **Ed Cai**, **Cole Rosenberg**.

Potomac River Northern Virginia Invitational, Alexandria, VA – boys DMR (1st), Lisa Junta (2nd, 1600m and 3200m), **Sara Gokturk** (3rd discus, 4th shot put), **Tania Ermak** (4th, long jump), Ed Cai (4th, 110m hurdles) and Jonathan Phillips (6th, 1600m).

Lake Braddock Hall of Fame – girls 4x400 relay team (1st), Tania Ermak (1st, long jump), Sara Gokturk (2nd discus, 3rd shot put), **Ronit Malka** (3rd, 400m), **Jim Skehan** (3rd, pole vault), **Kwamina Orleans-Pobee** (4th, pole vault) and Ed Cai (5<sup>th</sup>, 110m and 300m hurdles).



**Changen Pan** runs the hurdles.

## Choral Boosters

The TJ Choral Program presents the musical, *Les Misérables*. Enjoy the show on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 19 – 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the TJ Auditorium.



## Les Misérables School Edition

## Orchestra Boosters

The TJ Orchestra recently returned from Orlando, where they performed an adjudicated piece at the Premier Theatre. The Symphonic Orchestra won the Golden Mickey Award and the Concert Orchestra won the Silver Mickey Award. Many thanks to those parents who accompanied the group and chaperoned this event. Truly, without your participation and efforts, the trip would not have been possible.

Solo and Ensemble Festival: On Friday April 29, the following students performed at Irving Middle School: **Hope Flaxman**, **David Guo**, **Victoria Holt**, **Luke Kuprenas**, **Rachel Kuprenas**, **Sid Rajesh**, **Shannon Smith**, **Alex Sorensen**, **Lizzie Steele** and **Aparajita Sur**. Congratulations to participating orchestra students.

All Virginia Orchestra: Kudos to our six orchestra students who participated in the All Virginia Orchestra event April 9 at Charlottesville High School in Charlottesville, VA and performed *Prelude from Meistersinger* - Wagner; *Berceuse & Finale from Firebird* - Stravinsky; *Suite from the Ballet Swan Lake* (5 mvs) - Tchaikovsky; and *Scene Finale from Swan Lake* - Tchaikovsky. The concert was conducted by Jorge Richter (East Carolina University).

Our final concert will be on Thursday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m. We will be contacting you about volunteer opportunities. Please remember

that Sponsors and Benefactors will receive that concert's CD recording as a gift for their support this year. The students, **Ms. Allison Bailey** and the Boosters Executive Board appreciate your support, encouragement, and assistance. In addition to a fabulous music program on June 8, there will be a special award and senior recognition ceremony. Don't miss it!! Our final Booster meetings will be May 9 and June 7, both at 7:30 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room at TJ. Please join us and thank you for continued support of the program.

## Announcements

### Final TJeCycling Collection of 2011 Approaches

Stop letting your old electronics take up space in your house and don't throw them away with your

household trash. Old cell phones, computers, keyboards, radios, etc. can contain precious metals that are harmful to the environment. TJeCycling is working with Fairfax County to recycle these electronic items to keep the harmful materials out of the landfills. The LAST collection day for the 2010-11 year will be Thursday, May 19. All items will be taken to the County Transfer Station on May 22. Please bring your unwanted items to school and leave them outside of the TJ Activities Office marked: "TJeCycling." They will be taken to the TJeCycle closet. Email [tjecycle at gmail.com](mailto:tjecycle@gmail.com) or contact Michael Cooper at (703) 450-0321 with questions. Be kind to the planet and eCycle!

## 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/schlbl](http://www.fcps.edu/schlbl)

**Fairfax County Supervisors:**

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## Noteworthy Dates

May 2011	June 2011
<p><b>2-13 AP Exams (2 weeks)</b></p> <p>9 Theatre Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Library</p> <p>9 Orchestra Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Principal's Conference Room</p> <p>11 Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Library</p> <p>12 Crew Boosters Meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center</p> <p><b>12 PTSA Meeting, 7:30pm in Library</b></p> <p>13- Class of 2014 Lock-In, 6pm in Cafeteria/ 14 Gym 2</p> <p>14 Classes of 2012 &amp; 2013 trip to Six Flags, MD</p> <p>16 Class of 2012 &amp; 2013 field trip to Smithsonian Mall, 8:45am</p> <p><b>17 Driver Education Parent/Student Required Meeting, 6:30pm in Lecture Hall</b></p> <p>17 ANGP Meeting, 6:30pm in Library</p> <p>17 Academic Boosters Meeting, 7:30pm in Room 106</p> <p>19- Choral Musical "Les Miserables," 7pm in 21 Auditorium</p> <p>21 Relay for Life at TJ, 2pm at Stadium</p> <p><b>23- SOLs (2 weeks)</b> <b>6/3</b></p> <p>23 Northern Virginia District PTSA Meeting, 7pm in Career Center</p> <p><b>24 TJ 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, 5pm in Auditorium</b></p> <p>25 Band Concert, 7pm in Auditorium</p> <p>26 Jazz Cabaret, 7pm in Cafeteria</p> <p><b>27 Telelearn Half-Day; students learn from home</b></p> <p><b>30 Memorial Day holiday, no school</b></p>	<p><b>1 tjSTAR Symposium at TJ</b></p> <p>1 Academic Boosters Annual Award Ceremony &amp; Banquet, 5pm in Cafeteria</p> <p>1 Choir Department Spring Show, 7pm in Auditorium</p> <p><b>2 Transition to College Night, 7:30pm in Auditorium</b></p> <p>3 J-Day, Modified Red Day</p> <p>3 Band Banquet, 4:15pm in Cafeteria</p> <p>3 Film Fest, 6pm in Auditorium</p> <p>4 Rubik's Cube Competition at TJ, 8am in Cafeteria</p> <p>6 June Sports Awards, 6pm in Gym 1</p> <p>7 Latin Awards Ceremony, 4pm in Lecture Hall</p> <p>7 Orchestra Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Principal's Conference Room</p> <p>8 Orchestra Concert, 7pm in Auditorium</p> <p>8 Freshman Sports Preview Night, 7pm in Cafeteria</p> <p>9 Theatre Banquet, 4pm in Cafeteria</p> <p><b>9 PTSA Meeting, 7:30pm in Library</b></p> <p>15 Baccalaureate, 6pm in Auditorium</p> <p>17 ANGP Setup at 1pm</p> <p><b>18 Graduation, 7pm at Patriot Center</b></p> <p><b>18 ANGP, 9:30pm at TJ</b></p> <p>20- Class of 2012 Campout, 4pm in Gym 1 21</p> <p><b>21 Last Day for Students – Early Dismissal at 10:50am</b></p>