

## Principal's Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers, and Students,

We're full swing into the school year with a quarter almost under our belts. It's a time when our students start feeling the challenges of their coursework and also aspire to help others in their service learning. I thought I would let you know about the many opportunities to obtain and provide academic support outside of classrooms.

The most frequent time to obtain academic assistance at TJ is during 8<sup>th</sup> period. Mondays are restricted to academic blocks to obtain consultation from teachers, as well as from knowledgeable students in advanced classes. Wednesdays and Fridays, mixed in with our club periods, are also time for students to obtain tutoring or take a make-up assessment. Students can also request help through National Honor Society tutors ([tutors at tjhsst.org](http://tutors.tjhsst.org)). When you email the NHS, make sure you include your name, grade, the course you need help with, and how you can be contacted. Once a match is made, students find ways to help one another during lunch, JLC, and outside of school. Sometimes these requests are shared with other honor societies to make tutoring a team effort across the school.

The Big Sibs program is another way to obtain help from older students, mostly for advice on time management, self-advocacy, and navigating TJ resources so they can be used effectively. When in doubt, students and parents should also consult their counselors for the variety of approaches to obtain support while at TJ.

Students who come to TJ receive a unique education, but they also have a responsibility to give back to their communities by serving as inspirational role models who share their love of learning. Students can get involved in a variety of service clubs during 8<sup>th</sup>

period; these clubs take mentoring and tutoring programs into community schools. Students also host engaging weekend events for younger audiences, such as Textploration, Hands on Science, Techstravaganza, TechMUN, the Intermediate Math Open, and so much more.

In addition to 8<sup>th</sup> period outreach, the newly formed STEMbassadors outreach program promotes volunteerism at neighborhood school-based STEM efforts as well as TJ outreach events. STEMbassadors are predominantly TJ students, but also include other area high school students, TJ parents, alumni, and corporate partners who work alongside us in promoting STEM. As principal of a regional Governor's School, I value sharing TJ's mission with the many schools in our six participating school divisions, particularly those which are underrepresented at TJ. I know our feeder schools love the involvement of TJ students and the relationships they form with their students. More information about STEMbassadors for students, parents and teachers can be found on the [TJ website under the news section](#).

Our community's efforts to share our knowledge, creativity and passion for learning can only improve the welfare of society. We have to rely on working together and helping one another, TJ students and non-TJ students, if we want our students' generation to solve the challenging problems we have helped create in the world today. I look forward to your helping hand through our many different programs in the TJ community and our neighborhood communities across the region.

Sincerely,

**Evan Glazer**  
**Principal, TJHSST**

## President's Message

One quarter down, and three to go.....and at TJ, we're always in for an exciting ride!

Back to School Night sported record crowds, delicious pasta and the unveiling of your child's outstanding teachers! How lucky are we to be a part of this incredible community? We also hope you enjoyed spending some time in the main gym learning about all the hard-working parent volunteer groups that support TJ: the Booster groups, the Partnership Fund, and of course, the PTSA! In addition to our beloved TJ staff, there are hundreds of parents working on your child's behalf, and I hope you had a chance to volunteer to help or financially contribute to some of these groups and committees.

Before the classroom visits, many of you attended our monthly PTSA meeting where we were able to tell you about our PTSA programs, where your money is going and who is benefitting from it. Also, during the meeting our annual PTSA budget was approved, we were treated to **Dr. Glazer's** annual "state of school" address and we learned about the Partnership Fund's many impressive accomplishments on behalf of our school.

The Hospitality Committee, which never seems to stop, hosted a spirited Teacher's Harvest Luncheon last week. A huge **thank you** goes out to not only our Hospitality team, but also to all of you who helped serve, who donated food, and who contributed financially. The end-result was very impressive and included many homemade delicacies, as well as Georgetown Cupcakes for dessert—we love to spoil our teachers! Their talent and dedication to our children is truly remarkable and much appreciated!

And, THANK YOU to all of you who have joined and donated to the PTSA so far. Our memberships have increased since last year, and we're hoping that trend continues. The PTSA relies primarily on Memberships and our Free Money programs to fund all of our activities, so when we say we can't do it without you we mean it! Typically, we don't engage in normal fundraising activities because we like to keep those opportunities open for the other groups, as they don't receive membership dues. So, that makes your donations and memberships that much more significant to us. **Please join now!**

Also, please be sure to check the PTSA Transportation site periodically for updates regarding base school late openings. On these days, your student must find their own transportation to their base school in order to catch the TJ shuttle. So far, the list includes Edison (11/11), West Potomac (11/11) and Marshall (12/9). Speaking of making sure your student gets to TJ on time, don't forget to move your clocks back one hour at 2:00 a.m. November 6!

With the November 8 election only a few days away, please remember to vote and help us to pass this year's Bond Referendum, which includes the funding for TJ's renovation. Polls will be open from 6 am to 7 pm. **More information on the Bond Referendum can be found here.**

On October 14, our "newly appointed" STEM-bassadors met for the first time to begin planning for the year. It was truly memorable to witness so many enthusiastic parents ready to learn about the STEMbassadors program, which will allow them to find ways to give back to their local elementary schools. If you're interested, we're still looking for more STEMbassadors!



TJ STEMbassadors

**Milde Waterfall** and her group of over 100 "text-talented" TJ students hosted TJ's first-ever Destination Textploration on October 22. The day was conceived as a way to expose younger kids to different cultures and different literature, all while having fun. Over 500 preschoolers through sixth graders participated in a variety of activities, culminating in an entertaining play performed by TJ's very own Drama department. The day was made even more magical as many of our volunteers dressed up in storybook character costumes. Approximately 2,150 children's books, which were collected by TJ students in only two weeks, were made available to the kids to bring home. The kids were told they could have as many books as they could read, for free of course, which resulted in lots of smiles for both the

children and their parents. Given the day's success, I'm guessing that this will be the first of many Destination Textplorations for years to come!

I also wanted to take this opportunity to introduce Leslie Culman, the PTSA's Student Services Parent Liaison. She will be working with **Mr. Kosatka** to help find ways to strengthen and facilitate communication between the TJ community and Student Services. Thank you Leslie and Mr. Kosatka for working together on our community's behalf!

Thank you to the almost 500 parents, students and TJ staff who filled out the online survey that we sent out on surveillance cameras. As I noted earlier, the School Board is seeking feedback from all FCPS high school communities regarding the possibility of installing interior security cameras in high schools on a school-by-school needs basis. (Cameras are already on most of our FCPS school buses.) Dr. Glazer had invited parents, students and TJ staff to discuss this issue during our Oct. 5 Human Relations Meeting. Because we had 25 participants, representing only a fraction of our community, the PTSA sent out a Survey Monkey in an attempt to gather more feedback and opinions.

The results for the question "Do you think TJ should have interior surveillance cameras?" are as follows:

263 Parent Votes: Yes-47%, No-53%  
199 Student Votes: Yes-10%, No-90%  
26 Teacher Votes: Yes-50%, No-50%

The reasons why the various groups didn't want interior cameras at TJ fell primarily into 5 categories: TJ is a safe place, both in the areas of physical safety and crime, so cameras aren't necessary; TJ is a school built on mutual trust and respect between the students and teachers and installing cameras would violate or minimize that trust, have a negative impact on that relationship and lower student morale-note (note, this particular comment was included in many of the student responses); invasion of privacy/Big Brother concerns; the money spent on cameras could be better used buying lab equipment, hiring more teachers resulting in smaller class sizes, increasing teacher's salaries (this comment came from many parents and students), textbooks, library books or sports equipment; and, offenders would simply move inappropriate behavior to those areas without cameras. The reasons why the various groups supported the

installation of cameras fell primarily into 4 categories: cameras will help to keep our students safe and their property protected; cameras would be a deterrent to theft and bullying; cameras would help identify those engaged in inappropriate behavior (or help to prove someone's innocence); and, cameras would help protect those in our community from outsiders visiting our school – especially during the renovation.

For those who thought cameras would be helpful, their top location choices are: common gathering areas such as the Audlob, Entrances and Exits; hallways; areas where there is expensive equipment such as in the labs; and, the cafeteria.

Many respondents, both for and against interior security cameras, were in favor of exterior cameras in areas such as the parking lot, the back of the school where the trailers (learning cottages!) are found, and the access road.

I can't tell you how proud I am to be part of a community where we can all come together (even electronically!) to share our opinions and viewpoints in a thoughtful and respect manner. I read through each and every survey, and your extensive comments, both for and against surveillance cameras, were very much appreciated. I assure you that every comment has been forwarded to Dr. Glazer, who will share them with the appropriate FCPS staff and the School Board. This decision will ultimately be voted on by the **new** School Board. So, if this issue is important to you, it would be a good idea to find out where your district's school board candidates stand.

Finally, please join us for our next PTSA meeting and Principal's Coffee on Friday morning, November 4, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. All are welcome!

~~ Denise Bunting  
TJ PTSA President

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Are Here  
Purchase yours TODAY  
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Between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday  
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## PTSA Update

### Landscape Committee

Wonderful weather, and the enthusiastic efforts of the 34 TJ students (most of them Class of 2013) who turned out for our Weekend Landscape Effort on October 8, combined to make it the most successful we have ever had! We cleared weeds and debris from 5 of the 6 gardens maintained by the PTSA Landscape Committee, planted more solidago on the Native Hill, and mowed the lawn in the Millennium Courtyard! These enthusiastic students worked under the supervision and guidance of parent volunteers Monica Russ, Nancy Manser, Nancy Dale, Carol Miranda and Eleni Silverman.

The **Cultivators of the Earth Club** has been hard at work the past few Fridays to weed, plant, and cut back plant materials in the garden beds in front of the school. Thanks go to faculty sponsor **Milde Waterfall** and Cultivators **Alison Yu, Emily Zhou, Mia Jimenez, Nita Takanti** and **Robert Wharton**.

With this dedicated effort, we can all now appreciate the blooms of the native asters, and Korean Chrysanthemums on the Water Wise Hill, and the fall change of colors on the Native Hill – did you note the gorgeous orange foliage of the maple on that hill?

Thank you to all who have volunteered so far this year— please check the **Landscape Committee website** for information on current and future volunteer opportunities. We welcome the company and would like to have everyone help us improve our campus landscape!



Weekend Landscape Effort, Millennium Courtyard Crew



Weekend Landscape Effort, Native Hill Crew



Weekend Landscape Effort, Oct 8th, some of the crew on the Water Wise Hill

### Volunteer Committee

The **After-School Library Program** is still in need of volunteers. The TJ library is open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m., and we are averaging almost 50 students every day we are open. We need two parent volunteers to supervise students each day; please consider volunteering one or two afternoons a month. This is a very easy job which allows you the opportunity to read or work on a computer as you supervise the students. If you are interested in volunteering, or if you have any questions about this program, please contact Gail Brodfuehrer at [GBrodfuehrer at verizon.net](mailto:GBrodfuehrer@verizon.net).

## Items of Immediate Interest

### TJHSST Science and Engineering Fair updates!

Students and parents should be aware of two aspects of the 2012 fair that could affect plans for entry. Each year, 22 projects are chosen at the TJ fair to compete at the Regional Science and Engineering Fair where they have the opportunity to be awarded prizes, scholarship monies, and invitations to the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF). In addition to these 22 slots, Siemens and Intel Science Talent Search semi-finalists whose projects conform to ISEF rules are also invited to the regional competition.

Even though the Regional Fair is affiliated with the ISEF, it is not the only pathway to this prestigious competition. There is a Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair that is also affiliated with ISEF and sends students as well. In order to be invited to the state competition, one must earn a first place award at the Regional Fair.

This year, **in order for a TJ student to participate in the Regional Fair, he or she must promise to compete in the State Fair if invited.** It should be noted that the State Fair will be held at Old Dominion University in Norfolk on Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7, during the FCPS Spring Break. Therefore, students who cannot commit to participating in the Norfolk competition on those dates will not advance to the Regional competition no matter what award they receive at the TJ fair.

Also, because of conflicts with major regional science competitions on the traditional first Saturday in February, **TJ will hold its science fair on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, February 8.** Saturday, February 11 will be the "snow date" in case of a weather event on February 8.

Students will set up during A Block of 8<sup>th</sup> period and show their projects to the public and to fellow students who sign up to visit during B Block. Judging will take place after school is dismissed. No visitors are allowed in the fair during judging.

Participating students who rely on bus transportation will need to arrange for an alternate way to get home after the competition, which is expected to end by

7:30 p.m. Details will be posted on Blackboard for student competitors.

Awards will be announced on Friday, February 10.

## Serving the TJ Community

### Free Money \$\$\$



Please remember to do all of your **Amazon.com** shopping through the **PTSA's link** to earn free money for TJ! This link can 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).



**Attention Giant Shoppers:** If you have not registered with the A+ Bonus Bucks Program, Program, **register your Bonus Card now!** TJ's code is **02307**.

The program started October 8, so there is no time to waste. TJ is losing out on "Free Money."

**Harris Teeter Shoppers:** Follow this link to sign up your Vic Card: **Harris Teeter Together in Education.** TJ's code is **5534**.

**Target Redcard VISA and Redcard Debit Card holders:** Make sure you designated TJ as your school in the **Target Red Card Take Charge of Education Program.** When you shop at Target, make sure to use your Target Redcard; you get a 5% discount on your purchases and TJ gets a 1% donation. TJ earned \$1548 last year!

**Sign up now!** TJ's code is **119746**.

**Office Depot 5% Back to Schools Program:** Don't forget to give TJ's code **70103076** to the cashier! TJ earns credit to use towards FREE supplies. You can also ask the cashier to look up TJ's school code.

If you have any questions about the Free Money Programs, contact Stamo Georgiou at [stamog1 at gmail.com](mailto:stamog1@gmail.com) or Vince Wang at [vincep at gmail.com](mailto:vincep@gmail.com).

## All Night Graduation Party (ANGP)

### Attention Senior Parents!

#### TICKETS!!

All Night Grad Party (ANGP) Tickets are NOW on sale! We urge you to purchase your child's ticket NOW! Three GREAT reasons why you should buy now:

1. BARGAIN - Ticket prices are only \$100 now. After Senior Night, the price increases to \$125.
2. RAFFLE – Tickets purchased by December 1 will be entered into a RAFFLE for \$100 in gift cards!
3. CLASS OF 2012 – by purchasing early you guarantee your money is used for the Class of 2012 and not held as “reserve” for the Class of 2013.

**Click here to access ticket forms.** Forms can also be found next to the ANGP mailbox in the front office. Forms and payment can either be mailed in or put in the ANGP mailbox in the front office. We will also have volunteers on hand to collect ticket forms and payments at Senior Night.

*\* No student will be denied a ticket because of financial need. Tickets will be available at lower or no cost to students with demonstrated financial need. Contact your guidance counselor in confidence.\**

#### DONATE!!

Honor your student as a member of the Class of 2012 with a Donation to ANGP and include a personal dedication. All donations are tax-deductible and go directly to defray the costs of the party.

We are hoping to receive 100% participation from the families of the Class of 2012!

All donations will be recognized on the ANGP 2012 website under Donor Recognition and on the Donor Wall at the ANGP in June.

- **Click here to make an online donation.** (Scroll down to ANGP Donations.)
- **Click here to make a check, cash or in-kind donation.**

## Student Services Corner

### *Student Government Association*

This month, the Student Government Association (SGA) worked to address and send the letters that we collected for the 9/11 First Responders, as part of a service project organized by SGA President **Helen Hastings**. We collected over a thousand letters. Helen met with John Feal, founder of the FealGood Foundation, and with other members involved with the Foundation. Mr. Feal, as well as three other First Responders, visited our school, gave speeches and answered questions about their experiences and their lives after 9/11. The event was a great success.

We held elections for Freshman Class Council during the week of October 24. Each candidate presented speeches, with the hope of convincing the freshman class they were best person for the job. Election results will be released soon.

Finally, we prepared for the Fall Sports Pep Rally, which took place on October 31. Each of the fall sports teams had a chance to show off their TJ spirit to the school. The teachers and students had a fun game of volleyball.

### *Department of Student Services*

For information from the Department of Student Services, click here: **Department of Student Services webpage.**

## Academic News

### *French News*

The TJ French department has organized an exchange program with the Lycée Roosevelt in Reims, France. Currently, 13 juniors and seniors from this French high school are visiting TJ, staying with our TJ families and enjoying immersion in American culture and language. TJ students have the opportunity to go to Reims during the 2012 Spring Break and to stay with Roosevelt's families. We are planning a trip, leaving TJ on the afternoon of March 29 and returning April 9 (which is a vacation day for students). There will be a second interest meeting for students and parents on Wednesday, November 2, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 220. If you are interested, but unable to attend

the meeting, email **Genevieve Delfosse** at [genevieve.delfosse at fcps.edu](mailto:genevieve.delfosse@fcps.edu).

## Latin News

Each year, October proves to be an extremely busy start to the year for TJ Latin! The Latin Honor Society (LHS) started things off with the Annual Ice Cream Social. This event was followed by the elections of 2011-2012 LHS officers, the start of the Certamen season, Vergil's birthday celebration and the LHS Induction Ceremony!

**TJ Latin Ice Cream Social: Latin Comrades Reunited At Last!** TJ Latin tradition calls for an ice cream social at the beginning of each year, where students are reunited with their Latin "socii" (friends) over ice cream, Latin related games, and each other's company. This year's ice cream social was held on September 30 during 8<sup>th</sup> period. Organized by last year's executive board, the ice cream social ran smoothly and had significant interest from both returning and new Latin students! At the ice cream social, those who sought LHS executive positions had the opportunity to give their speeches and were able to meet and talk with all of the Latin students regarding their ideas and goals for the upcoming year.

**New Latin Honor Society Executive Board elected!** Following the annual ice cream social and the election speeches, students in Latin 3 and above voted on the 2011-2012 LHS Executive Board:

Consuls: **Ricky Short** and **Jesse Witkowski** (2012)  
Praetor Maximus: **Robert Wharton** (2013)  
Praetor Magnus: **James Jang** (2012)  
Tribune: **Austin Dunn** (2012)  
Censor: **Morgan Cheatham** (2013)  
Certamen Coordinators: **Molly Hemenway** and **Hya-In Seo** (2013)  
Auctor: **Alana Whitman** (2013)  
Artifices: **Cindy Zou**, **Jackie Lee** and **Michelle Lee** (2013)  
Dominus Telae: **Michael Nguyen** (2013)

**Vergil's Birthday Celebration:** On October 18, students enrolled in AP Latin celebrated the birthday of Vergil. The celebrations consisted of students dressing up in togas as Vergil himself, his patrons and his comrades. Cakes were made for the celebration, even one decorated with a picture of this brilliant author. The birthday celebration would not have been

complete without singing "*Felicem Diem Natelem Tibi*" (Happy Birthday To You) to this renowned poet. The students concluded the celebration by translating lines of Vergil's *Aeneid*, his *magnum opus* that will be studied throughout the year.



Left to right: **Jeremy Loffredo** as Macenas, **Lucia Lee** as the Muse Calliope, **Robert Wharton** as Vergil, **Molly Hemenway** as the Muse Melpomene, **Richard Young** as Augustus, and **Jackie Pinderski** as Iuno.

**Eligible Students Inducted into the Latin Honor Society!** Upon enrolling in Latin 3, students have the opportunity to join the Latin Honor Society: a recognition of their dedication to studying the classics accompanied by opportunities to serve the TJ Latin community. This year, roughly eighty students were inducted into the Latin Honor Society. The induction ceremony was held on October 19 during 8<sup>th</sup> period, where the "spirits" of each level of Latin acknowledged the hard work put forth by students thus far, and recognized the many challenges, as well as the countless opportunities they will be granted during their remaining years of Latin at TJ.



Left to Right:  
**Darren 'Caecilus' Bolduc** and  
**Michael Nguyen**  
at the Latin Honor Society induction ceremony.

The Latin Honor Society looks forward to a successful year full of competitive Certamen, the celebration of the classics, and everything that falls in between!

## Spanish News

On October 13, the Spanish Honor Society hosted a lively dinner honoring our Hispanic students and their families. There was music by TJ's terrific jazz band, poetry and acting. We were *pocos* but with much *ánimo*. Our students will also be participating in Textploration, helping neighboring youth find the joy in reading.

## Class News

### 2012 – Seniors

Well, our Seniors have taken the October SAT, are coming to the end of the first quarter and are all hard at work on their college applications. While they are focused on these academic endeavors, work on graduation activities continues.

First, the Class of 2012 is looking for a class speaker for graduation. If you know of someone who would be a good candidate to speak to our graduating class, please contact one of the class officers or **Mr. Auerbach**, the class sponsor. You may also contact us at [TJClassof2012 at cox.net](mailto:TJClassof2012@cox.net) and we'll pass the information along.

Second, Senior pictures are scheduled for November 2, 3 and 4. These dates will be the last scheduled times for senior pictures so don't miss out on the opportunity.

Third, Senior Parent Night is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18. This evening will provide parents an opportunity to get information about graduation announcements, caps and gowns, and other June-related information. All-Night Grad Party tickets may be purchased, along with TJ merchandise to provide mementos of our Seniors' years at TJ. Vendors from Balfour will be there, as well as PTSA representatives. Please plan to attend.

We are still looking for someone to assist with the National Merit Scholarship reception scheduled for November 11. We are particularly hopeful that someone will be willing to organize the event for the class. Please let us know at [TJClassof2012 at cox.net](mailto:TJClassof2012@cox.net) if you are available to assist.

We remind you again that lots of volunteers are needed for the All Night Grad Party. Planning for this event is already underway. There is a separate article in the newsletter on the ANGP; please take a look and see where you can assist.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving.

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

### 2013 - Juniors

Greetings Class of 2013! It was great to see so many of you at Back-to-School Night. We were fairly successful with our luggage tag sales at BTS, but we still have plenty if you would like to make a purchase! With the first quarter nearly behind us, we hope that your students have settled in with all their teachers and have developed a good rhythm for balancing work, play and rest. They have certainly been busy planning activities both fun and philanthropic that will take place during the remainder of the year. On **November 11**, the students will participate in a Powderpuff Football game against the faculty. This is always a fun event so feel free to come out and cheer on the students (or the faculty). In **December**, the students will gather food, including healthy snacks and juice boxes, to be delivered to a local food bank. On **January 20**, the class will hold its first Soc Hop of the school year.

Our parent brainstorming session last month yielded several useful suggestions for potential fund-raising projects. These were discussed by the class officers and other students. The results are an ambitious set of fund-raising events. On **November 19**, the class will sponsor the administration of a full practice SAT exam together with Kaplan Test Prep. The test costs \$20 per student and is open to all TJ students and their high school age siblings, and to their friends from other schools. A free Results Seminar will be conducted by Kaplan on December 1 to review results and test strategies. Registration forms and payment must be turned in no later than **November 14** to the box outside **Mrs. Hamblin (Campane)**'s office. A sign up form can be found at the end of this newsletter and is also **available online**.

The students are also planning to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual PiMiler on March 24, 2012. And, the annual Junior Camp Out will be held on Monday, June 18, 2012. Details for both of these events are still being worked out, so stay tuned for further information.

Finally, we will need 3 or 4 parent volunteers to assist with proctoring the November 19 SAT exam. If you are available from 8:00 a.m. until approximately noon, please contact us to sign up.

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PTSA Class of 2013 Representatives

## *2014 – Sophomores*

Our Class Council is still considering the issue of whether to hold an auction as one of our fund-raising endeavors. We would appreciate your input on this matter, and will pass along information as it becomes available. Please feel free to contact us if you have questions about this or any other issue.

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PTSA Class of 2014 Representatives

## *2015– Freshmen*

Congratulations to our newly elected officers!

President: **Dennis Kim**  
Vice President: **Lily Chaw**  
Secretary: **Jenny Kim**  
Treasurer: **Parsa Zand**  
Historians: **Arthur He, Helen Zhang**  
Senator: **William Liu**

We are looking forward to planning a great year with our new officers. Please contact us if you are interested in volunteer opportunities.

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PTSA Class of 2015 Representatives

## **News Round-up and Awards**

### **National Achievement Scholarship Semifinalists**

Congratulations to the following TJ students who have been named 2012 National Achievement Scholarship program semifinalists in an academic competition for Black American high school students:  
**Omer Ahmed, Rheem Brooks, Chantelle Ekanem, Adrienne Ivey, Michael Maccannon, Stephanie Pitts, Alexandria Sutton, Mike Taylor and Bryan Williams.**

This program is conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). The semifinalists will compete for more than 800 Achievement Scholarship awards, worth \$2.4 million, to be awarded next spring. The awards will be supported by corporations, professional organizations, foundations, and funds from the NMSC. To be considered for a scholarship, semifinalists must advance to the finalist level by fulfilling additional requirements.

### **VHSL Trophy Class Winners**

Congratulations to Jefferson's newspaper, tjTODAY, and yearbook, Techniques, for their VHSL Trophy Class placement in the annual VHSL competition. Go Colonials!

### **VHSL Individual Writing, Photography, and Graphics Awards**

Congratulations to the following students from the staff of tjTODAY for their first, second and third place finishes in the annual VHSL individual writing, photography and graphics awards announced on October 3 for Group AAA.

#### **First Place**

Feature Writing: Human Interest/Personality: Seniors **Anna Hicks** and **Noah Yoo**

Editorials: Class of 2011 graduate **Bart Bachman**

Review: Sophomore **Shayna Hume**

Photo: Junior **Jennifer Walter**

Inside Page Layout/Spread: Seniors **Anna Hicks** and **Noah Yoo**

Editorial Cartooning: Sophomore **Tara Gupta**

Front Page Layout: Senior **Rabia Idrees**

## Second Place

Feature: In-Depth/Informative: Senior **Colleen Marshall**

Bylined Personal Column: Junior **Arya Dahal**

Review: Junior **Tahmina Achekzai**

## Third Place

News: Senior **Rabia Idrees**

News: Sports News: Junior **Jennifer Walter**

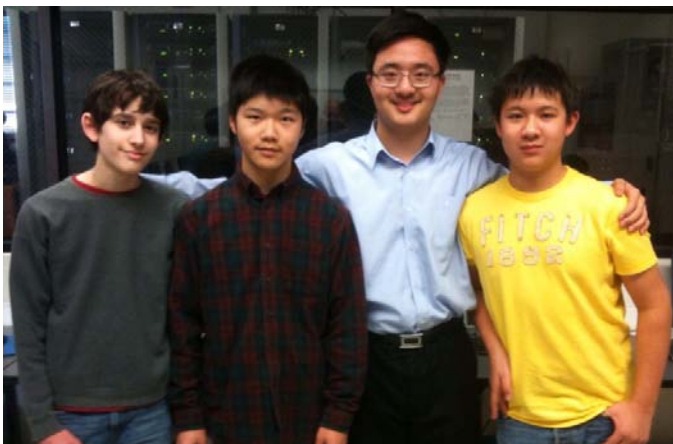
Feature: In-Depth/Informative: Junior **Sunny Kim**

Editorials: Class of 2011 graduate **Bart Bachman**

## TJ Students Win Silver Prize at International Web Project Competition

The U.S. Department of State recently announced the selection of winning websites for its 2011 Doors to Diplomacy Award, which is co-sponsored by Global SchoolNet. The awards recognize the web projects that best teach young people about the importance of international affairs and diplomacy. Of the 341 participating teams from across the world, TJ's team of Sunshine won the Silver Award for its web project on Charity: Americans' Favorite Way to Reach Out and Help Others.

Team Sunshine consists of four members: **Victor Shen** (Class of 2013), **Cody Silverman** (Class of 2013), **Takeshi Mochida** (Class of 2013), and **Chris Prak** (Class of 2014). The team was led by its coach, **Dr. Peter Gabor**. They formed Team Sunshine because they all agree that charity is Americans' favorite way to reach out and give to others. They wanted to create a website that would inform the community about major charity organizations and how community members can help make the world a better place.



Team Sunshine at the International Web Project Competition.

## NCTE Winners

Congratulations to **Avi Sachs** and **Snigdha Kumar**, this year's winners of the National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Award in Writing. This is a state-wide contest with only eleven winners in Virginia. Avi and Snigdha submitted a portfolio of writing and an impromptu writing to NCTE last spring. The NCTE Achievement Awards in Writing contest is open to all juniors. English teachers have details. This year's deadline for the school-level contest is in mid-January.

## TJHSST Partnership Fund

**Improve Your Portfolio by Investing in a Winner:**  
*Give to the TJ Partnership Fund*

**DONATE TODAY:** Our top pick this fall is TJHSST, so put your money where you'll *KNOW* you'll earn a great return. TJ doesn't get all the funding it needs from public allocations alone. If every family gave \$500, TJ could purchase every item on its **Needs List** and fund every program. So help us reach our goal of 100% parent participation and write a check today . . . or donate online at [www.tjpartnershipfund.org](http://www.tjpartnershipfund.org).

### THIS YEAR'S NEEDS INCLUDES:

- Computer Hardware & Software: Over \$200,000 worth of computer work stations, laptops, and site licenses are needed for labs and classrooms.
- Specialized Lab Equipment: Microcentrifuge, spectrometer, specialized cameras, dissection lamps, remote-operated vehicle, and a telescope, to name just a few.
- Teacher Training: Advanced equipment training, courses, and professional meetings.
- Special Programs: One Question grants, tjSTAR support, and outreach programs such as Destination Textploration.

**GO AHEAD, GIVE AT THE OFFICE:** Be able to say, "I gave at the office," by including the Partnership Fund in your workplace United Way (**8705**) or Combined Federal Campaign (**81947**) contributions, or in other workplace giving.

### INTRODUCE US TO YOUR CORPORATE

**CONTACTS:** The Partnership Fund seeks to establish

long-term partnerships with local and national businesses. In preparation for TJ's renovation, we are coordinating a series of workshops - Jefferson Collaborative Inquiry and Research Network (JCIRN) - where we invite technology experts to collaborate with TJ's technology staff and administration in building TJ's next generation infrastructure network. Our upcoming workshop, a follow-up to one held in July at Microsoft, will take place at Cisco on December 12. If you are interested in finding out more about the workshops or would like to discuss potential corporate contacts, please contact Julie Reiss, PF Corporate Advisory Board Co-Chair, at [julie.reiss at comcast.net](mailto:julie.reiss@comcast.net).

**PARENTS TOUR TJ:** On October 25, over 40 TJ parents were escorted through TJ's unique labs by our very own Jefferson Society tour guides, **Caroline Woods**, TJ '12 and **Annie Burch**, TJ '13, walking backwards just like the professionals. Once in the labs, parents listened to senior research students and Lab Directors talk about current research, the latest new equipment, and lab needs. (A second fall tour takes place on November 1.)



Cast members from the troupe that performed an adaptation of "Androcles and the Lion" at TJ's Destination Textploration literature, culture and the arts event meet a fan after the show. From left to right, the actors are: Narrator, **Rishi Malhotra**; Emperor, **Zach Moser**; Lion, **Malaika Murphy-Sierra**; Aria, **Christine Jacobs**, (not pictured: Mouse, **Emily Kelly**, and Director, **Lauren Bomgardner**). The Partnership Fund supported this wonderful event by, among other things, funding the purchase of the rights to the play.

**CONTACT THE PF OFFICE WITH ALL YOUR PF-RELATED QUESTIONS:** Ellen Smith, PF Development Manager, can be reached at (703) 750-8317 or at [eesmith at tjhsst.edu](mailto:eesmith@tjhsst.edu).

**Thank you for all you do to help TJ provide OUR kids with the BEST OPPORTUNITIES, EQUIPMENT, FACULTY AND SUPPORT!**

## TJHSST Boosters

### Academic Boosters



**Academic Boosters welcome TJ Academic Teams' leaders**

We're delighted to share the names of TJ academic team leaders for 2011-2012. Below is the information we've received so far. We hope to share information on the remaining teams next month.

We encourage you to join the TJ Academic Boosters to support these teams. Teams just presented their fall requests, which exceed our current resources. We need your help!

It's easy to join the Academic Boosters by **downloading the membership form**, filling it out and mailing it in, or by **joining online**. Your contributions are tax-deductible, and may be eligible for matching funds from your employer.

**TJ academic team leaders for 2011-2012:**

#### Chess

Captains: **Quentin Moore** and **Kun Liu**

#### Forensics speech

Co-Captains: **Leif Bakke** and **Kyle Angelotti**  
 Recruitment Officer: **Malaika Murphy-Sierra**  
 Treasurer: **Emily Ji**  
 Publicity Coordinator: **Noah Yoo**

#### Future Problem Solvers

President: **Rafa Rahman**  
 Publicist: **Niki Hua**  
 Secretary: **Cynthia Li**  
 Treasurer: **Patricia Li**  
 Vice President: **Darwin Li**

### Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Captains: **Tushar Kamath** and **Omeed Maghjian**

Teaching Coordinators: **Nancy Ding** and **Kunal Khurana**

Treasurer and Publicist: **Dhruv Bansal**

### Public Forum Debate

Captains: **Daniel Jang** and **Darwin Li**

Teaching Coordinators: **Aileen Huang** and **Kevin Cao**

Research Coordinators: **Mashal Wakilpoor** and **Eashan Kaw**

Treasurer: **Carrie Sun**

Publicist: **Guanmei Liang**

### Quizbowl

Co-Captains: **James Bradbury** and **Raynor Kuang**

Personnel Officer: **Varun Kumar**

Treasurer: **Ananth Sridhar**

Secretary: **Nadège Aoki**

Webmaster: **James Bradbury**

Tournament Directors: **Peter Town** and **Sarah Eltinge**

### Varsity Math Team

Captain: **Kristina Hu**

Co-Captains: **Billy Reiger**, **Victoria Xia**

Statisticians: **William Qian**, **Kiffa Conroy**

Finance Officers: **Margaret Hu**, **Sarthak Sahu**, and **Katie Ho**

## NEWS ABOUT TJ ACADEMIC TEAMS

### Quizbowl alumni help host first tournament of the year

On Saturday, October 8, TJ Quizbowl hosted OLEFIN (Outstanding Like Excellent Fantastic INvitational).

TJ Quizbowl members wrote all of the questions used at this tournament. TJ class of 2011 alums returned to help with the competition, including **Daniel Hothem**, **Diana Gerr**, **Olivia Murton**, **Stephen Eltinge**, **Thalia Aoki** and **Siddharth Hariharan**. Twenty-one teams from seventeen different schools attended OLEFIN and the question set has been widely praised within the quizbowl community. The Partnership for Academic Competition Excellence (PACE) certified OLEFIN as a “platinum” tournament, meaning that the caliber of questions and management at the tournament were deemed excellent.

### Japan Bowl team succeeds at annual tournament

Last spring, Japan Bowl team members competed at the Japan Bowl, an annual national competition that is sponsored by the Japan-America Society of Washington DC. The participating high school students compete based on their knowledge of traditional and modern Japan culture, history, geography, and current events.

TJ’s Level 2 team finished in 2nd place. Team members were **Justin Lee**, **Colton Sears** and **Ian Lin**. The level 3 team of **Dave Wyman**, **Lily Gu** and **Elizabeth Nguyen** finished in 7th place, and the level 4 team of **Daniel Kang**, **Kathryn Russ** and **Serena Lei** finished in 9<sup>th</sup> place. Congratulations to all.

Next spring’s competition will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the Japan Bowl, as well as the centennial of the gift of cherry trees to Washington DC. TJ has participated in the Japan Bowl competition since it began in 1993.

### TJ Latin attends the State “Kick-Off” Certamen

Latin Certamen is now in season! TJ Latin attended the first Certamen of the year, the “Kick Off” Certamen, on October 15, at St. Stephen’s and St. Agnes School. The hard work and dedication of the Certamen teams paid off:

#### Level 1:

5<sup>th</sup> Place: **Pranav Balan**, **Peter Kim**, **Jack Morris**

6<sup>th</sup> Place: **Reem Mohamed**, **Bobbie Sheng**, **Anant Das** and **Jeong-In Seo**

#### Level 2:

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Adam Goldstein**, **June Ge**, **Anshula**

**Gandhi**, **Marissa Duong**

5<sup>th</sup> Place: **Ben Andre**, **John Wilkes**, **Jay**

**Devanathan**

#### Level 3:

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Tommy Lunn**, **Lauren Mostrom**, **Varun Kripanandan**, **Anwar Omeish**

5<sup>th</sup> Place: Team A: **Hannah Pho**, **Katie Hough**,

**Sienna Lotenberg**, **Kenneth Hau**

#### Upper Level:

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Ricky Short**, **Rachel Goldstein**, **Philip**

**Meyers**, **Austin Dunn**, **Jeremy Loffredo**

5<sup>th</sup> Place: **Molly Hemenway**, **Hyae-In Seo**, **Andrew**

**Coffee**, **Lucia Lee**, **Alana Whitman**

## *Band Boosters*

Congratulations to the following TJ orchestra and band students who were selected for the **Senior Regional Orchestra** for 2011-2012:

Flute: **Alexia Kim**  
Oboe: **Andrew Kim**  
English Horn: **Emily Harmon** –  
Bassoon: **Autumn Chuang**  
Percussion: **Ryan Feng** –  
Violin: **Anna Tsutsui; Nate McLean; Gabrielle Chen; Samantha Chu; Romita Mandal; Iris Hyon; Irene Hwang; Chichi Li**  
Viola: **Shannon Smith; Andrew W Jiang; Elizabeth Steele; Charlene Franke**  
Cello: **Chris Seok; Shawn Tsutsui; David Shin; Didi Park; Ian McConnell; Robert Wharton**  
String Bass: **Zola Bridges**  
Piano: **Andrew H Jiang**

### TJ BANDS CITRUS SALE!

Order our fresh Citrus now through November 12, for delivery on November 19.

**(The next order deadline is December 10, for delivery on December 17.)**

### November selections include:

- Ruby Red Grapefruit (half \$19 or full case \$36)
- Navel Oranges (half \$19 or full case \$35)
- Ruby Red Grapefruit & Navel Oranges-mixed (half \$19 or full case \$36)

Ordering information can be found at the **Band Boosters website**. Email [tjcitrus@hotmail.com](mailto:tjcitrus@hotmail.com) with questions or orders, or call (703) 503-5756.

## *Colonial Athletic Boosters (CAB)*

[www.colonialathletics.org](http://www.colonialathletics.org)

The 2011 Fall Sports Season is winding down now, and by all accounts was a great success! We encourage you to continue cheering for our teams as they participate in post-season tournaments and competitions.

*Then join us as we celebrate our student-athletes!*

## **\*FALL SPORTS BANQUET\***

**Thursday, November 17**

**6:00 p.m. Ceremony**

**7:00 p.m. Team Breakout**

*Congratulations to the Cross Country team for winning the Fall Membership Contest!* Coach James will receive the \$500 award to purchase equipment/supplies for the team. Congratulations also go to **Varsity Volleyball**, who will take the \$200 second place award! It was a close race, with the leadership position frequently alternating between the two teams. Contest standings for all teams are posted at [www.colonialathletics.org](http://www.colonialathletics.org) -> Boosters -> Contest. *Thanks to all the teams for their efforts on behalf of TJ Athletics!*

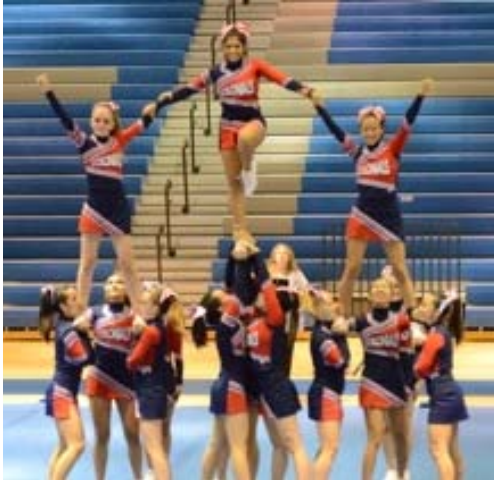
Our records show that membership is at 52% of all Fall team athletes' families. **Memberships** begin at \$50/year; higher contributions earn passes to home games and other perks. Let's reach 100% by the Fall Sports Banquet!

As always, CAB is looking for volunteers to work with our Concessions, Merchandise and Sports Banquet committees. *Show your son or daughter that you support him/her!* If you are interested, please contact your team liaison, the CAB Liaison Coordinator Michelle Engler ([englermd at gmail.com](mailto:englermd@gmail.com)), or CAB President Steve Mazur at [sfmazur7 at gmail.com](mailto:sfmazur7@gmail.com).

*And now for the team news:*

**Varsity Cheer:** The Varsity cheerleaders continue to keep TJ school spirit high, cheering on our Colonials! During our last October home game, they supported breast cancer awareness with their pink pom-poms and matching bows. They have been practicing their competition routine and working hard amidst injuries. They competed on October 19 at the District semi-finals and gave a superlative performance. They performed twice with zero technical deductions both rounds. Thanks to the varsity Head Coach **Melissa Rapp**, and assistant coaches **Sharon Kim**, and **Kelli Bane** for their hard work with the competition routine. The varsity competition team was led by senior captains **Priya Krishnan** and **Jane Pak** with seniors **Jenny Park**, **Akhila Ananthram**, **Sarah Sam** and **Emilie Fortman**; juniors **Anna Li** and **Katie Ho**; sophomores **Emma Gee**, **Yana Kaplun**, **Ashley Kim**

and **Sarah Shan**; and freshmen **Ariana Herbst** and **Alyssa Herbst**. The team competed in the District Finals on October 26. **During the District Final, Varsity Captain Priya Krishnan was selected to the All District Team.** Congratulations to Priya and thanks to all the parents and football players who came to support our team!



The Varsity Cheer team is working hard on a great team pyramid. Their routine was perfect with zero deductions.

**Junior Varsity Cheer:** Led by the JV coach **Carolyn Wilson**, the JV squad's sophomores, **Maddie Guyant** and **Allison Ko**, and freshmen **Gwen Blasco**, **Coco Chen**, **Caroline Culberson**, **Angela Ma**, **Taylor Quinn**, **Zoe Wang** and **Christina Zhao** helped those TJ fans in attendance in cheering at the right times during the competition routine. They continue their great cheering during the JV football games.

**Cross Country:** TJ XC athletes had two meets cancelled due to rain last month, but still managed to get some excellent team efforts at the Glory Days and MileStat Invitationals. At Glory Days, with over 20 teams participating, the Varsity Girls finished third, led by **Katherine Sheridan** (5th), and the Varsity Boys finished 6th behind **Andrew O'Shea's** 27th place effort. The Freshman Girls won their race, led by **Katrina Junta's** 3rd place finish in that race, while the Freshman Boys followed **Christopher Blagg's** 14th place finish to take 7th in their race.

At the MileStat Invitational on October 15, the team members set many personal records on the fast course, which featured an average of 25 teams per race. The Varsity Girls were led by Katherine Sheridan, **Taylor Reffett**, **Grace Zeng**, **Sarah Stites** and **Sarah Nielsen**, but required the strong finish of their sixth runner, freshman Katrina Junta, to break the tie for second place. Varsity Boys finished 8th, led by

Andrew O'Shea's 33rd-place finish. The depth of TJ's talent became obvious when the JV Boys, led by **Steven Kool's** 3rd place finish, placed 10 runners in the top 25 (of over 250 runners) to win their division, and the JV Girls placed five girls in the top 10 to win theirs. The JV Girls were led by the one-two finish of **Elizabeth Ellor** and **Rekha Schnepf**, who was running in her first race of the season after spending several weeks working her way back from injuries.

The next three races will be the District, Regional and State Championship meets. TJ Girls will be defending their 2010 District Championship. They were second in the Region last year. The top four teams from each District advance to the Northern Region Championship, and the top four teams in the Region will advance to States. TJ XC Girls and Boys hope to make it all the way!

*In late breaking news:* On October 27, TJ's Boys and Girls Varsity Cross Country teams both placed first at the Liberty District Meet. Boys and Girls JV teams both placed first at the Coaches' Festival Meet, which is the unofficial JV District Meet. Congrats to all-- Details (including results of Regionals and States) will be provided in next month's season wrap-up.



Boys Cross Country 2011 District Champs



Girls Cross Country 2011 District Champs

**Varsity Dance:** The Dance Team has been working hard to perfect their routines for the UDA Fairfax Dance Championship on November 19, 2011, at Paul VI High School in Fairfax. The Team plans to compete in the group pom and jazz competitions. In addition, several team members are competing as soloists. Please come out and yell for your Dance Team anytime from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on November 19. They would love your support. Go TJ Dance!!

**Varsity Field Hockey:** On Friday, October 14, the skies cleared just in time to celebrate Senior Night in a game against South Lakes on Marshall's turf field. In spite of the location change and the wind, the underclassmen did a beautiful job making the stadium festive with balloons, streamers, posters, chalk, and the traditional cups in the fence! The ceremony celebrating the seniors was followed by an exciting game that included a surprise entrance by the entire JV squad in body paint! In spite of various opportunities for both sides, the game was tied until just a few minutes before the final buzzer when South Lakes scored, making the final score 0-1.

On Monday, the team returned to Marshall, this time to play Marshall in the first round of the district tournament. True to form, TJ fought hard against a strong Marshall squad. Down 0-2, the offense kept working hard and midway through the second half, **Laura Brouckman** lifted a ball in to make the score 1-2. TJ continued to try to make scoring opportunities, but the game ended 1-2 Marshall. All District selections were announced at the game:

**First Team All District:** **Rheem Brooks** (goalie), **Allie Ivener** (forward)

**Second Team All District:** **Katy Burgio** (forward), **Karen Clark** (mid)

**Honorable Mention All District:** **Kleo Greenwood** (defense)

The TJ team, playing under new coaches **Amanda Kelly** and **Stef Vestal** in a brand new formation, improved with each game. They played three home games on away fields because of rain, played multiple times in drenching downpours, had games cancelled because of earthquakes, hurricanes, floods and soaked fields, but kept working hard, ending their season with an overall record of 5 wins/11 losses/1 tie.

The team owes a special thank you to Student Activities Director **Shawn DeRose** for his significant efforts to make sure their games were played. His dedication to the field hockey team and players, and his relationships with other DSAs, made it happen. Thank you Shawn!



Field Hockey seniors **Katy Burgio, Caroline Woods, Rheem Brooks, Allie Ivener** and **Helen Hastings** with their current coaches **Stef Vestal** and **Amanda Kelly** and their former coaches **Teri Davis** and **Carol Horton** on Senior Night.

**JV Field Hockey:** When the season began in August, the majority of the JV Field Hockey team had never played the game. Despite the inexperience of many on the team, **Coach Stefanie Vestal** led the Lady Colonials to a winning season. The JV team won three of their last six games, which included some very tough competition. Both the offense and the defense continued to improve throughout the season. The Lady Colonials made significant improvements in their offense and won their game on September 30 against Hayfield with an impressive 9-1 display of scoring. **Tessa Muss, Clara Pitts, Ellen Mule, Nadege Aoki** and **Raewyn Haines** scored goals over the course of the season. These goals were assisted by the offensive efforts of **Shilpa Kunnappillil, Anna Tursi** and **Manotri Chaubal**.

The Lady Colonials also proved to be fierce competitors even when they faced opponents with strong scoring weapons. The mid-field players **Alexis Jenkins, Carolina Hatanpaa** and **Carly Springer** played an important role in the winning record. **Quinnlan Sweeney, Rhea Sharma, Sonia Jindal, Kiley Jarymiszyn, Andrea Donate-Perez, Jenny Kim** and **Madeline Reinsel** were also key components of this impressive season by the Lady Colonials. **Priya Seetharaman's** outstanding saves

in goal continued to demonstrate why the Lady Colonials have a lot to look forward to in 2012.



**Rhea Sharma (#16), Quinnlan Sweeney (#22), Jenny Kim (#11), Clara Pitts (#17), Ellen Mule (#21) Nadege Aoki (#15) and Priya Seetharaman (Goalie)** show why strong team work pays off in their shut-out against South Lakes.

**Varsity Football:** Mid-season was a challenge for Colonial Varsity football, but the TJ defense showed itself solid throughout the period and at times outstanding.

Most dramatic were the opening moments against Stone Bridge, a perennial powerhouse ranked 20th in the state by CBS Sports, when TJ safety **Luke Birch** recovered a Bulldogs fumble and raced 50 yards for a touchdown. A successful PAT left the Colonials ahead 7-0 and the Stone Bridge bleachers aghast. The lead would not hold, but Birch's aggressive defense was a harbinger of games to come.

Probably the best overall defensive effort was against the Fairfax Rebels, played October 4 at Fairfax High School. TJ held Fairfax scoreless after the first quarter, blocking a punt early the second quarter, and throughout seeing excellent defense from two-way players **Nathan Kim** and **Ed Cai** and aggressive tackling from drag-'em-down **Alex Zaita**, hit-'em-square **Dimitre Nitchev**, and wrap-around-'em **Ian Ladner**.

On October 21 the Colonials traveled to Marshall for the Statesmen's homecoming, and once again safety Birch amazed, with a first-quarter interception inside the TJ end zone, stopping what had been a threatening drive. Mid-way through the second quarter TJ staged an impressive goal-line stand, highlighted by a key Ed Cai tackle, that forced the Statesmen to settle for a field goal.

During these games the TJ offense also showed its capabilities. Sophomore running back Kim, who earlier in the season had demonstrated his speed and ability to outflank opponents, evolved into a formidable down-hill runner, over and over again ploughing through the middle of the line. **Daniel Noh** took his turn at quarterback, exhibiting both passing and running skills. Quarterback **Nick Mattes** regularly connected with his suite of receivers, including crowd-pleasing, over-the-shoulder catches by Birch. And in a class-act, third-quarter fake punt against Marshall, Ian Ladner carried the ball ten yards for a first down. It was a delightful reminder of last season, when Ladner served as substitute quarterback.

Final scores:

Stone Bridge (away, Sept. 30) 43, TJ 14  
Madison (home, Oct. 6), 21, TJ 6  
Fairfax (away, Oct. 14), 13, TJ 0  
Marshall (away, Oct. 21) 17, TJ 7.

**JV Football:** After a forfeit win over Wakefield, the Colonials improved their record to 2-0 with a 14-6 victory over Stuart. **Matt Swanhorst** rushed for a touchdown behind excellent blocking from the offensive line of **Brian Welch, Josh Fang, Taylor Yohe, Prajal Bishwakarma** and **Ben Hatanpää**, and **Andrew Fountain** made a leaping catch on a perfectly thrown ball by **Tim Zhong** for the go-ahead touchdown. The defense played outstanding, led by **Andrew Draganov**. The team started their toughest three game stretch of the season with a close 17-12 loss to a skilled Madison squad. Zhong rushed for a touchdown and passed to Fountain for the other score. In the next game against a physical Stone Bridge team, the Colonials took a 12-6 halftime lead (believed to be the first time any TJ football team led Stone Bridge at the half) behind touchdown passes from Zhong to Fountain and **Ben Carniol**, before ultimately losing 20-12. The defense played ferociously, led by **Ji Soo Song, Daven Kim** and **Salim Najjar**. Most recently, the Colonials lost to Fairfax 34-22. Zhong passed to Fountain for one touchdown and **Kia Eskandarian** rushed for two others. On defense, **Brandon Zhang** recovered a fumble and had a QB sack.

**Freshman Football:** The Freshman Football team has been playing some tough opponents the past few weeks and is really showing just how much they have learned this season. Although we got off to a slow start at our last game against Fairfax High School, we

rallied back to score two touchdowns in the second half. Both were on long passes thrown by **Sam Veroneau** to receivers **Jackson Dubro** and **Kevin Wan**. Our defense showed great strength as we were able to hold our ground for a shut out second half. Our last home game has been moved to Marshall due to rain, a constant issue this year. We then go to play two away games at McLean and South Lakes. All the games are Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. We hope to see some fans come out to cheer us on!



The freshman team lines up on offense.

**Girls' Golf:** The Girls Golf season 2011 ended with the Regional Tournament at Twin Lakes golf course on October 18. Representing TJ were seniors **Jennifer Hwang** and **Ellen Nguyen**, and sophomores **Hana Chan** and **Anne Li**. Congratulations on a great season!

**Varsity Volleyball:** Varsity Volleyball had a very busy October. October 3rd's match against McLean (lost 3-0) was their Dig Pink match. Dig Pink is a fundraiser for breast cancer research and awareness. Several players and coaches dedicated the game to friends and family members affected by breast cancer. All volleyball teams had a bake sale during school that day, as well as a bake sale during the matches. A total of \$875 from the bake sale and car wash fundraisers was donated on behalf of all TJVB teams to the Side Out Foundation. The team would like to thank everyone who contributed to make this event a success!!

After a winning September, October was a tough month, with losses to Madison and Langley. The Lady Colonials played South Lakes for their Senior Night game on October 18. Senior Night included a ceremony honoring our TJVB Senior players **Angela Liu**, **Nicole Gonzalez**, **Allison Wang**, **Anna Hicks**, **Stefanie Van Rafelghem**, **Nancy Wang** and **Helen Li**, and Senior managers **Melody Wong**, **Austin Donohue** and **Mashal Wakilpoor**. We are very proud of all our seniors!!! Although the first two sets went to South Lakes, the Lady Colonials battled back

to win the third set with some incredible plays. They all showed great teamwork and perseverance! Even though TJ lost the last set, it was a very exciting game. The Lady Colonials played hard and didn't give up!!

Upcoming matches include away games at Washington-Lee and Fairfax High Schools, and the last home game of the season is against Stone Bridge.



Varsity Volleyball Seniors

**JV Volleyball:** The JV Volleyball team has been working very hard this past month. All the girls have been working diligently to improve their skills, and it has proven to be successful on the court with a big win against Washington-Lee HS, in one of the final games of the season. The JV team lost tough matches against Madison and Langley in October. However, the JV team remained strong and fought hard all the way to the end.

The improvement of our players has been astronomical, no matter where they played on the court. Outside hitter **Kirsten Cardinal** dominated as a middle hitter in our game against Washington-Lee HS. Setter **Emmelyn Luu** lead her team to victory with outstanding sets and back row defense. **Gloria Cho** is continually improving and gave a command performance as libero. Three of our hitters, **Maddy Martin**, **Jenny Seo** and **Olivia Sullivan**, are working hard and improving every day. Their hard work is paying off and they are becoming dominant hitters. Our captains, **Amanda Nguyen** and **Mya Abousy**, control the court with excellent skill and leadership, and **Michelle Wang**, **Dorothy Wang**, **Yihemba Yikona**, **Melanie Piller** and **Rachel Iwiki** have continued to play at a high level and control the court. These girls never gave up throughout a tough month, and push hard every day to become better players and a better team.

## Crew Boosters

Online registration for the 2011-2012 rowing season has begun and will run through February 1. Please register as early as possible to help the Crew Board with setting up bus contracts for transporting rowers to practice at the river. This year, we will email rowers' families the names of other team members who live in their zip code to support crew families' efforts to set up neighborhood car pools for driving rowers home from Winter Conditioning and from the Occoquan. **Please register online soon!**

During the first three weeks of November, 8<sup>th</sup> Period Crew will meet in Gym 2 during all four blocks. Prospective rowers are welcome to attend. The capacity is 35 people and the activity number is #953. Returning rowers are asked to return their ergs now and to inform Captain Nick Skeen ([skeen.nicholas at gmail.com](mailto:skeen.nicholas@gmail.com)) when they have done so. All rowers are reminded that orders for Gortex and duffel bags are due by November 4.

Winter Conditioning will begin on November 21 at 4:00 p.m. in the TJ Cafeteria. This year, in addition to turning in their completed **VHSL sports physical form** and a current, signed **FCPS Emergency Care Form**, all rowers and coxswains and their parents must complete a mandatory online concussion awareness education program before student-athletes will be allowed to attend winter conditioning or to participate in regular season practices. Student-athletes who participate in multiple sports need only view the presentation once each school year. Similarly, parents and guardians need to complete the program once each school year for all of the children in their household. The online concussion training takes about five minutes to complete. **Please click here now and get trained today!**

The Crew Booster Board will meet on Wednesday, November 9, at 7 p.m. in Room 106. If you have any questions about TJ Crew, please contact TJ Crew President Dave Nuckols ([tjcrewpresident at gmail.com](mailto:tjcrewpresident@gmail.com)), Head Coach Bill Randall ([cjsb at verizon.net](mailto:cjsb@verizon.net)), the Men's Team Captains ([tjmenscaptains at gmail.com](mailto:tjmenscaptains@gmail.com)), or the Women's Team Captains ([tjwomenscaptains at gmail.com](mailto:tjwomenscaptains@gmail.com)).

## Orchestra Boosters

I hope you enjoyed the first Orchestra Concert! During the next booster meeting on Wednesday, November 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room, we will be planning for the **Winter Concert** (Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.) and **Viennese Ball** (January 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.). If you can't make the meeting, please see the **Orchestra Boosters website** to volunteer to help with the concert or post concert reception and mark your calendars for the Ball!!

Questions? Email Barbara Steele at [jbstele5 at verizon.net](mailto:jbstele5@verizon.net).

## Theatre Boosters

Come support our talented Drama students as they perform *Too Clever By Half* or *The Diary of a Scoundrel* on **November 18 and 19**.

This Russian satire is directed by **Vincent Pollet** and student director **Rebecca Edelstein**, and stars **Rishi Malhotra, Austin Dunn, Zach Moser, Daniel Perkes, Leif Bakke, Ben Andre, Neal Chaudhuri, Gavin Moore, Malaika Murphy-Sierra, Emily Kelly, Michaela Brown, Jordan Goodson, Christine Jacobs, Jacqui Anders and Kira Backer**.

It is the story of a young man from the lower class who, eager to secure a place of ease for himself, cultivates connections with prominent members of Russian society using his charms, looks, and guile. Will he rise up in Russian society or will his penchant for writing his true thoughts about others (in a secret diary) be his downfall? Alexander Ostrovsky has written a classic play full of recognizable comic characters.

The **shows begin at 7:00 p.m.** and tickets will be on sale at the door. We hope to see all of the TJ community in the theater. You don't have to be a parent or friend of any particular student involved with the production to enjoy the show!

**Our next Theatre Booster meeting will be December 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.** Please join us. Contact Sharon Edelstein at [tj.theatreboosters at gmail.com](mailto:tj.theatreboosters@gmail.com) with any questions.

Visit the [Theatre Boosters website](#) for more information on TJ drama, or email us at [tj.theatreboosters at gmail.com](mailto:tj.theatreboosters@gmail.com).

## Announcements and Information

### A New Way to Order Yearbooks for the 2011-2012 school year

The way that you will purchase your student's publications package has been revolutionized! Instead of sending checks to school, you will be contacted directly by Herff Jones, our yearbook publishing company, via the USPS. You can fill out the form and mail it directly to Herff Jones, or you can go online and order your publications package using a debit or credit card. Information should be coming to your mailboxes soon!

You can order your publications package with a name plate until December 2. After December 2, the name plate option will no longer be available, but you will still order your publications package by sending a check to Herff Jones or going online.

If you have any questions regarding the purchase of your student's publications package, please contact **Erinn Harris** at [Eharris1 at fcps.edu](mailto:Eharris1@fcps.edu).

### tjSTAR: New Look, New Site



The results are in! After almost 600 votes and 20 submissions, the tjSTAR Committee is proud to announce senior **Kevin Peng**'s design as the official tjSTAR logo for 2012. Please visit our newly-launched tjSTAR website at [bit.ly/tjstar](http://bit.ly/tjstar) for the latest news.

As we begin our outreach, be on the lookout for any speakers, guests or panelists who would be a great fit for tjSTAR. Feel free to reach out to [tjstarcommittee at gmail.com](mailto:tjstarcommittee@gmail.com), or call (703) 750-8339 if you have any leads or general questions. Thanks for your support!

### The Galapagos Island Over Spring Break



Ever thought about walking in the steps of Charles Darwin? Well, here's your chance. Join journalism teacher **Jennifer Seavey** and Spanish teacher **Alexandra Pou** on the trip of a lifetime. We're going to the

Galapagos Islands over spring break (March 28 – April 8, 2012). [Click here for more information.](#)

You can register online directly, but please email either Mrs. Seavey ([jaseavey at fcps.edu](mailto:jaseavey@fcps.edu)) or Senora Pou ([AYPou at fcps.edu](mailto:AYPou@fcps.edu)) if you do.

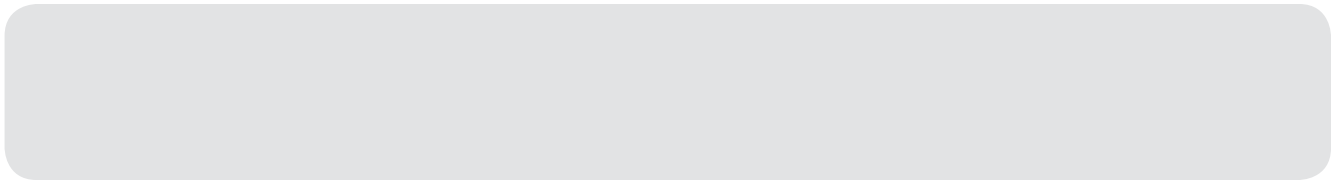
Questions? Mrs. Seavey's direct line at school is (703) 750-8375. She's been to the islands four times so she knows the turf. Come meet the blue-footed boobies and swim with the Galapagos penguins!

### TJeCycling Collection Program Starts Again

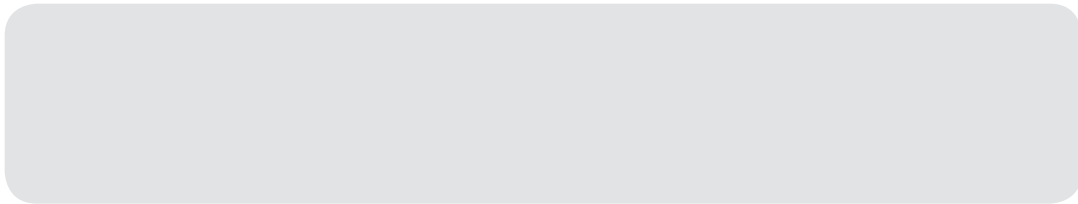
The TJeCycling Program is up and running again for the new school year. Last year, TJeCycling collected more than **1000** pounds of old electronics and disposed of them properly through the Fairfax County Electronic Sunday Program. Stop letting your old electronics take up space in your house. Please 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 will once again work with Fairfax County to recycle these electronic items to keep the harmful materials out of the landfills. Please email [tjecycle at gmail.com](mailto:tjecycle@gmail.com) or contact **Michael Cooper** at (703) 450-0321 with questions and for information on drop off sites at TJ. Be kind to the planet and eCycle!

## Noteworthy Dates

November 2011	December 2011
<b>4 PTSA Coffee and Meeting, 9am in Cafeteria</b>	2 Choir Concert, 7pm in Auditorium
<b>7 Teacher Workday, No School</b>	3 Choir Concert, 7pm in Auditorium
<b>8 Teacher Workday, No School</b>	6 Parents for Safe Teen Driving, 6:30pm in Auditorium
9 Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Library	7 Poetry Out-Loud Competition, 2:20pm in Auditorium
9 Crew Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Room 106	7 Money for College Program, 7:30pm in Auditorium
9 Diversity Committee Meeting, 7pm in Career Center	<b>8 PTSA Meeting, 7:30pm in Library</b>
11 National Merit Semi-Finalist Reception, 1pm in Auditorium	13 Band Concert, 7pm in Auditorium
11 Powder Puff Game, 7pm	14 Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Library
15 Academic Booster's Meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center	14 Crew Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Room 106
17 Fall Sports Awards Banquet, 6pm in Cafeteria	14 Diversity Committee Meeting, 7pm in Career Center
18 Drama Fall Show, 7pm	14 Orchestra Concert, 7pm in Auditorium
19 Drama Fall Show, 7pm	19 Theatre Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Library
21 Theatre Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Library	<b>23 Winter Break, No School</b>
21 Crew Winter Conditioning Begins, 4-6pm in Cafeteria	<b>26-30 Winter Break, No School</b>
21 Meet the Coaches Night, 7pm in Auditorium	<b>HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!</b>
<b>23 Two Hours Early Release for Thanksgiving Break</b>	
<b>24 Thanksgiving Day, No School</b>	
<b>25 Thanksgiving Break, No School</b>	
29 Academic Boosters Meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center	
30 Orchestra Booster's Meeting, 7:30pm in Principal's Conference Room	



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