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PTSA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September 14, 2004

Dear JMHS families,

On October 13 we had our first PTSA meeting of the year and I am pleased to announce that we have had a wonderful response to our membership, volunteer opportunities and Academic Booster drives. Thank you and for those of you who have not joined it is not to late, please join today. Your membership helps to support the budget of the PTSA. On September 21, 2004 at Back to School Night, there will be a general meeting of all PTSA members to approve our proposed budget for 2004-2005.

Next month, our PTSA meeting will be held in the library on Monday, October 4 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be one week earlier than usual to accommodate the Columbus Day holiday which falls on our regular meeting date, the second Monday of the month.

This will be an important meeting because we need to decide on whether we wish to continue to have the After Prom party. JMHS has had an alcohol free party for students after the prom since 1990. It began as a post-prom breakfast given at St. Marks. In 1996, the party was moved to a health club, entertainment was contracted out, and prizes became more exciting. Historically, the party lasts from 1:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. In the past few years less than half of the eligible juniors and seniors have come to the party and of those who come, 32% leave within the first hour. When students leave the party the time of their departure is noted but parents are not called. Parents are welcome to call after the event and obtain this information. Students who leave the event are not allowed to re-enter. This party requires the volunteer efforts of many

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

September 14, 2004

Thanks to the Herculean effort of our custodial staff and the tremendous amount of preparation by the faculty and support staff, Madison enjoyed an outstanding first two weeks of school. Enrollment topped over 1800 for the first time in over ten years, and the Class of 2005 welcomed the Class of 2008 with respect and an outstanding display of leadership. As Madison begins to find its rhythm and to establish daily routines, I want to encourage families to visit the Madison website daily for student information, as well as information relevant to FCPS.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that within eight to ten weeks we should finally conclude the three phase renovation to Madison High School. It has been a long seven years, but I believe that many would agree the finished product truly highlights what is great about a high school. The state of the art media center, newly renovated cafeteria and auditorium, updated classrooms, and finally ceiling tile all contribute to giving Madison a full facelift. Outside, Mr. Bendorf worked diligently to have the upper fields redressed and sod replaced. On the stadium field, we took a chance with new turf, and under the daily maintenance of Mr. Bendorf, the stadium field now rivals that of many top flight college facilities.

The faculty and staff enter the third year of implementing the principles of professional learning communities, and we will continue to focus on providing additional time and support for students to help ensure student achievement. Teachers will continue to

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FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

College Fair & College Night

2004

College Fair: Sunday, October 17
Fair Oaks Mall
7:30–9:30 PM

College Night: Monday, October 18
Hayfield Secondary
7:00–9:00 PM

Make the Connection

High School

College

Career

Over 400 colleges represented

Parents and Students Invited!

Visit web site for complete listing of colleges:
www.fcps.edu/DSSSE/CollegeFairNight

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parents. At this time we do not have anyone as a chairperson for this party. Since the inception of this event, the driving laws for our 16 and 17 year olds have changed. We need to discuss whether this event is still a good alternative for our students and is it meeting its intended goal. Please join us on **October 4** if you would like to discuss this matter, we will vote on whether to continue this event that evening.

Please be sure that when you are in Safeway and Giant that you renew your registration for JMHS. Last year we earned over \$4,000.00 from Giant and about \$600.00 from Safeway. You may register at Giant throughout the school year, however, at Safeway everyone must be registered by **November 1**. Sign ups will be available at Back to School Night (BSN).

Directories will be available on September 21st at **BSN! Do your family a favor and buy at least two, they always disappear. Our directory has student names, addresses and phone numbers as well as vital email and phone contacts at the school! Help your PTSA, purchasing the directory is our biggest fundraiser and every family needs one!**

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped this summer with stuffing the first day packets, applying labels and handing them out! Volunteers make things happen and we are grateful for your support.

Sincerely,
Martha Peacock
JMHS PTSA President 2004-05
703-281-9185
FPSPBA@aol.com

MAD STORIES

Madison High School's Rebecca Bellotto and Suzanne Traut were 2 of 213 students named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) for 2005.

The semifinalists are eligible to compete for 8,200 National Merit Scholarship awards worth \$33.9 million, to be awarded in spring 2005.

A total of 16,000 high school seniors were named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists for 2005. More than 1.3 million juniors entered the 2005 National Merit Program by taking the 2003 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).

Three types of Merit Scholarship awards will be offered in 2005: National Merit \$2,500 Scholarships, corporate-sponsored scholarships, and college-sponsored scholarships.

Merit Scholarship winners will be announced in spring 2005.

Read the complete FCPS news release at <http://www.fcps.edu/mediapub/pressrel/091504a.htm>

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work on collaborative teams to share best practices with one another, and I am confident that the student assistance period introduced this year will provide students with additional opportunities to be successful in the classroom.

Finally, I believe that communication between the school and the home has a tremendous impact of the success of any school. Madison High School will to continue to explore additional means of improving communication with the entire community, and we hope to continue to improve our electronic communication throughout this year. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at the many events and activities that Madison will host and sponsor this school year.

Mark A. Merrell
Principal

ORCHESTRA NEWS

The 2004-05 Madison Orchestra is looking forward to another wonderful year. The students in both the Symphonic and Concert orchestras are already working hard to prepare for their first concert, which will be held on Tuesday, **October 19, 2004** at Madison High School. There will be a general meeting for all orchestra parents before the concert and refreshments will be served following the performances. Mark your calendars now—you won't want to miss a single orchestra event!!!

Congratulations to Robert Wang ('05), Nick Fitzgerald ('05), Anya Abashian ('07) and Erin Bacon ('07), who performed in August at the State Convention of High School Educators. We also want to congratulate Jeannine Lowe ('06), who is this year's recipient of the Ron Stanton Memorial Scholarship Fund. This scholarship was established in 2001 to honor the memory of Ron Stanton, whose son Tim ('03) was a member of the Madison Orchestra. Ron loved all music and the fund was started to provide students with the means to enhance their musical education. Congratulations Jeannine.

Up coming events include the Senior Regional Auditions, which will be held on Monday, **September 20, 2004** and the Orchestra Family Picnic, which is scheduled for Sunday, **October 3, 2004**. Our first fundraiser of the year will be our annual **holiday greens sales**, which should kick-off toward the end of September. Keep your eye posted for notices. For more information—or to get an order form—contact Cathy and Don Ewan, 703-938-2483. We hope that you will support our students' fundraising efforts. The money they raise goes toward their cost of this year's Spring Trip, which will be to Chicago.

The next Orchestra Parents Board meeting will be held on Monday, **September 27, 2004** at 7:30 pm at Madison High School.

GIANT AND SAFEWAY RECEIPTS PROGRAM

It couldn't be easier now to help raise money for PTSA. You do not have to save and turn in your receipts! By spending just few minutes of your time to register online with Giant and then Safeway, you will be earning money for your school while you shop. The stores keep a tally of the amount designated to JMHS and send us a check at the end of the year to use whatever way we see fit.

Last year we received \$619.66 from Safeway and \$4209.06 from Giant. Some items that have been purchased with the money are portable screens, educational videos, books for the Madison Book Clubs, and data projectors for the existing interactive white boards. The sooner you, your family, and your friends register the more JMHS receives, so sign up now at BOTH Giant and Safeway.

Here are the steps:

GIANT

1. Have your bonus card available
2. Go to www.giantfood.com
3. Click on "Visit Your local Giant"
4. Select A+ BonusBucks from the left-hand side navigation bar
5. You will see a drop down pick list and select "A+ BonusBucks Home"
6. Select "Designate Schools" from the left-hand side navigation bar
7. Follow instructions by entering the first 3 letter of your last name and your 12-digit Giant Bonus Card Number (found on the back below the UPC code; enter with no spaces prior to the last digit)
8. Click on "Continue to School Listings"
9. **Use the Express Method at the bottom of the page and enter James Madison High School's school number of 02125 in the "school 1:" box**
10. Click on "Complete School Designations"
11. You will be directed to a page that will review the information. Confirm that the school designations lists James Madison High School – Vienna, VA as your choice
12. Click "Confirm My Information"

You are finished with Giant Food registration; continue to register with Safeway also.

SAFEWAY - ****NOTE** YOU MUST REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 1, 2004**

If you registered with Safeway LAST YEAR

1. Have your Safeway Club card/phone number available
2. Go to www.escrip.com
3. Scroll toward the bottom of the page on the left-hand side
4. Click on the "YES! Click here to renew" button
5. **Provide one of the following in the boxes provided: Email address, Phone number, including area code, or a card registered with the eScrip program (i.e Safeway club card).**
6. Click "Enter"
7. A thank you page should come up and you are done

If you are NEW to registering with Safeway this year

1. Have your Safeway Club card available
2. Go to www.escrip.com
3. Select the "#1 Sign Up – It's Free!" link
4. Select the "Group ID" radio button
5. **Enter in 6662199 in the box**
6. Click the "Search" button
7. Your search should have produced James Madison High School; click on that link to confirm
8. Click on the "Next" button
9. Fill in the mandatory fields on the form and click the "Next" button
10. Select Safeway card from the pick list and enter your card number in the box
11. Click the "Next" button
12. You can enter additional credit card information (on 2 separate pages) if you like, then click the "Next" buttons
13. Confirm all information provided and click the "Confirm" button

This should complete your registration for both programs. Thank you for registering and showing your support for JMHS PTSA.

If you have any questions, call Kelli Martin at 703-255-9743 or email your name, address, and card numbers to kellimartin@cox.net and we can sign you up.

NEW 04-05 MADISON PHONE DIRECTORIES SALE

For those of you who missed buying the new 2004-05 JMHS Phone Directory on Back-to-School night, the directories are for sale in the main office. Price is 1-\$10 and 2-\$15. The Directory is full of important information concerning the school year for both students and parents. Be sure to buy a copy or two for your son/daughter and yourself. The JMHS PTSA produces this directory for the exclusive use of James Madison High School families. Proceeds from the sale of this Directory fund PTSA programs and JMHS staff requests. If you have questions about the Directory call Nancy Asman at 703-242-8530.

NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

The National PTA Reflections Program will be starting up soon. The Reflections Program provides an opportunity for students to express their creativity through literature, photography, visual art, and original music. This year's theme is "A Different Kind of Hero." By the end of September look for instructions in the school's office and for a link on the school's web page. Due date for entries will be Nov. 5, 2004.

Diane Blackwell
PTSA Reflections Program Chair

ETHICS DAY.

Any parent interested in volunteering to help on Ethics Day, November 30, 2004, at the Vienna Community Center, please contact Susan Hildebrand (703)281-3364, Carol Jameson (703)319-0623, Kathy Splitt (703)281-1165. We will need help with setting up, signing kids in, serving lunch, clean up, table facilitators - leading a group of kids in discussion throughout the day.

WARHAWKS ON THE WATER

Test your JMHS Sports Teams knowledge. What James Madison competitive team sport:

- 1.) can trace its origins to 2500 BC?
- 2.) is recognized as the first organized collegiate sport in the United States?
- 3.) is the oldest annual sporting event in America?

The answer to all three questions is **James Madison Crew**. The fifty-plus men and women from Madison, who make up the JMHS Crew, have the distinction of participating in what is acknowledged as the first organized collegiate sport in the U.S. as well as the oldest annual sporting event in America, both being the Harvard-Yale crew race on the Boston Charles River which started in 1852. James Madison Crew continues the JMHS tradition of athletic success. Our boats have medaled at both the Virginia State and National Capital Area Championships.

Warhawk Crew is always looking for "a few good women and men". We need coxswains and rowers, men and women (without regard to size or strength), who want a "100% team" effort and who aren't reluctant to push the envelope. In our sport there are two types of athletes... participants and competitors. We're looking for "competitors". Interested?

If you missed the Crew Booster Organization open house/information meeting on September 23rd and interested in learning more about crew and the opportunities provided through participation, check our website at www.warhawkcrew.org or contact Glenn Burger at warhawkcrew@yahoo.com.

SPECIAL EDUCATION: NEWS YOU CAN USE

If you have a child who receives special education services or has a 504 plan, we want you to know about the Parent Resource Center (PRC), a part of the Department of Special Services. The PRC sponsors workshops for parents about topics related to special education and has an extensive library with materials that parents can borrow. Staff members at the PRC can speak to parents to answer questions about the special education process or help them problem solve issues related to their child's education.

The goal of the PRC is to promote parent awareness of the services provided by Fairfax County Public Schools for children with special education needs. The Center encourages parent participation in the educational decision-making process and provides information and support so that parents will feel effective in fulfilling that role.

You can receive information about the PRC's workshop through email by signing up for *Keep In Touch*. You will find this on the homepage of Fairfax County Public Schools website, www.fcps.edu. Look for the yellow *Keep In Touch* button in the upper left-hand corner and follow the instructions.

Please also visit our website at www.fcps.edu/DSSSE/prc, or visit us in person at our main office, located at 2334 Gallows Road in Dunn Loring, or at one of our branch offices, located at Hayfield Elementary School in Alexandria or Poplar Tree Elementary School in Chantilly.

For more information, call us at 703-204-3941.

**UNDERCLASS PICTURES WERE TAKEN
IN THE LIBRARY ON SEPTEMBER 17.
THE MAKE-UP DATE IS SCHEDULED FOR
OCTOBER 19.**

ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB

- Abiles, Jose and Elizabeth
 Asman, Nancy and Jack
 Bacon, Lucia and David
 Bain, Margaret and Steven
 Baldassari, Susan and Robert
 Barat, Dorothy and Scot
 Barnhurst, Donna and Kevin
 Beck, Mary and Tom
 Bell, Denise and Dave
 Belloto/Abramson Jody and Chris
 Benson, Melissa and Scott
 Bergman, Susanne & Chrisler
 Bittmar, Claudia
 Blackwell, Clive and Diane
 Boles, Hal and Janice
 Borg, Terry and Scott
 Boselovic, Nancy and Don
 Brewster, Jody
 Brown, Dino and Robin
 Brown, Ed and Nancy
 Bulmer, Krista
 Byrnes, Ter
 Canova, Jay
 Capell, Karen
 Cassady, Jann and Joe
 Celly, Janet
 Chambers, Gail
 Christensen, Stephen and Kim
 Clinger, Claurette and Robert
 Cochrane, MaryJane and Ted
 Cohen, Janet and Roger
 Cohen, Maxine and Daniel
 Colas, Mary
 Cole, Chris and Kathy
 Crumley, Craig and Joan
 Culbertson, Betsy
 Cutri, Kathy and Tony
 Davidson, Tim and Lisa
 Davies, Richard and Marilee
 Davis, Al and Gene
 Davis, Tom
 Dean, Rich and Sue
 Delurey, Mary
 Devloites Davis, Jeannemarie
 Digan, Gayle and Tom
 DiLillo, MaryAnn and John
 Dilles, Susan and Shawn
 Disselkamp, Linda and Hank
 Dowdy, Larry and Ava
 Dowell, Chris and Holly
 Duvall, Dawn and Roy
 Eck, Jim and Denise
 Ellis, Stan and Francis
 Farivar, Saharnaz
 Fecks, Ed and Mary
 Feldman, Rachel
 Ferrara, Arlisa and Earl
 Fink, Jane and Charlie
 Firey, Jeanne and Peter
 Fitzgerald, Beth and Terry
 Flowers, Anita
 Fox, Donna
 Fox, Eileen
 Friedfeld, Mitchel and Susan
 Gambarelli, Bob & Margaret
 Geiger, Kathy and Jim
 Gentry, Susan
 Giller-Leinwohl, Malcom
 Gingras, Jo and Don
 Ginley, Mike & Meg Hyland
 Giraldi, Patricia and Albert
 Glynn, Heather
 Gold, Steve and Diane
 Gongaware, Dick and Diane
 Green, Karen
 Grimes, Ron and Shigemi
 Groce, Dorothy and Greg
 Grubbs, Annie
 Hahn, Tom and Nancy
 Hallett, Jennifer
 Hamblen, Jeff and Barbie
 Hamblen, Stacy and Sue
 Harris, Bonnie
 Healy, Tom and Vicki
 Heath, Karen and Robert
 Heppner, Mary and Greg
 Hockenbury, Sharon
 Holmes, Hollis
 Holt, Ellen and James
 Howard, Beth
 Hughson, Joan
 Hur, Wook Kyung
 Huse, Liz
 Huycke, Don and Mary Jo
 Hynes, John
 Hynes, Joni
 Isidoridy, Ann and George
 Jay, Pam
 Jaye, Pacita
 Jedlicka, Gary and Joanne
 Johnson, Jeff and Peggy
 Johnson, Mary and Tom
 Kangaroo, Ahmad and Linda
 Karny Family
 Kebaish, Martine
 Keeler, Anita and Roy
 Kehs, Harry
 Kennedy, Kevin and Patty
 Ketter, Carolyn
 Kettering, Bill and Marion
 Khol, Michele
 Kim, Doug and SooHee
 Kowalski, Tim and Julie
 Lambert Family
 Latter, Debbie and Steven
 Ledford, Nancy and Greg
 Lending, Stuart and Brock
 Levitt, Sherry and Bill
 Lewis, Rebecca
 Longley, Jim and Suchada
 Lubert, Susan
 Mackay, Carolyn and Robert
 Magellan, Peter and Jane
 Mainland, Mary and Kirk
 Malone, Dennis and Diane
 May, Theodore and Laura
 Mayhew, Peggy
 McConnell, Nadia and Robert
 McElligott, Cherie
 McGinnis, Michael and Paula
 McGowan, Dorothy and John
 McIlvaine, Helen and Dean
 McNamera, Catherine
 Mella, Terry and Dorcas
 Miller, Jane and John
 Minkler, Mary and Don
 Monk, Susan
 Moore, Mark and Julie
 Moulton, Mark and Tracie
 Moulton, Sue
 Myers, Howard and Milly
 Nichols, Jack and Bonnie
 Niemeyer, Bob and Ro
 Noyes, Nick and Julieta
 O'Brien, Carolyn and Phillip
 Abrams, Kathy and David
 O'Connor Family
 Olsen, Sandy and Thomas
 Olson, Ron and Deborah
 Palmero, Paula and Jeff
 Paul, Roxanne
 Peacock, Martha and David
 Pepper, Wendy and Don
 Perez, Hollis and Juan
 Perrault, Judy
 Perry, Ken and Alicia
 Plumb, Jeanne and Larry
 Plymack, Mike and Cathy
 Pometto, Pete and Mary
 Porter, Annette
 Powers, Susan and Mike
 Radford, Arthur and Kathy
 Reilly, Karen and Sean
 Rifensbark, John and Polly
 Robbins, Carolet and Alan
 Robins, Gini and Robbie
 Robinson, Trish
 Roland, Barbara
 Rosecrans, Kim and Barbara
 Rowe, Greg and Laxana
 Ryan, Anne and Russ
 Sagatov, George and Carolyn
 Sams, Larry and Mona
 Sango-Jordan, Marilyn
 Sawetz-Glasener, Kathryn
 Schroth, Karen and Scott
 Schwarz Family
 Shenenfelt, Patty and Chris
 Skaltsounis, Annette and Mike
 Snow, Cheryl and William
 Sparrow, Mary and Roy
 Spratt, Lindsey
 Stemetzki, Sue and Bob
 Stiegler, Janet
 Stolarik, Michael and Gail
 Strup, Molly and Doug
 Sutton, Theresa and Frank
 Symansky, Joan and Steve
 Trichilo Family
 Tunstall Family
 Turner, Greg
 Vessey, Kathy
 Wade, Doug & Leigh Bradley
 Waring, Susan and Matthew
 Warren, Jennifer and Ken
 Weatherbie, Alden and Shelley
 Weber, Billy and Judy
 Weiskheke, Nien
 Weiss, Cindy and Steve
 Wendel Family
 Whelan, Pam and Will
 Wheller, Joseph and Susan
 Wieser, Jace and Cece
 Wilder/Dwyer, Meg and Dick
 Wiley, Terry and Bonnie
 Wille, Cindy
 Williamson, John and Lola
 Willis, Carol and David
 Wishner, Laurie and Mark
 Wolfe, Lynn and Lawrence
 York, Mike and Becky
 Zicht, Eric and Jennifer
 Zimpelman, Mary
 Zukowski, Mike and Jill

Many, many thanks to the families that have joined the 2004-2005 Academic Booster Club this year!

We have FAR surpassed our initial membership drive from years past.

If you haven't had a chance to join yet, please consider supporting our worthy goals. This club exists solely to enhance the educational experience at Madison for your student, from student recognition to funding extra professional development opportunities for our faculty members.

Thanks in advance to the families that will join this month.

Yes! I want to join the Academic Booster Club.

Membership - \$20/family

Additional Donation: _____

Name: _____

Student(s): _____

COLLEGE VISITS TO JMHS

The following schools are scheduled to visit the Career Center at JMHS. These opportunities are available for juniors and seniors. Students must get a pass from the Career Center at least one day in advance of the visit. An up-to-date list is also available in the Career Center.

Name	Date	Time	Name	Date	Time
American University	9/22	8:30am	Allegheny College	10/18	8:30am
Radford University	9/22	9:00am	Case Western Reserve	10/18	9:00am
Amherst College	9/22	10:30am	Lenoir-Rhyne College	10/18	9:30am
Elon University	9/23	1:00pm	Davis & Elkins College	10/18	10:00am
Georgetown	9/27	8:00am	Methodist College	10/18	11:30am
Randolph-Macon			Univ. of Montana	10/18	12:00pm
Woman's College	9/27	8:30am	Alderson-Broadus	10/18	12:30pm
Limestone College	9/27	11:00am	Alfred University	10/18	1:00pm
Princeton University	9/28	11:00am	West VA Wesleyan	10/19	9:45am
GMU	9/29	9:00am	Furman University	10/19	10:30am
Emerson College	9/29	12:00pm	Univ. of New Hampshire	10/19	11:30am
College of Charleston	9/29	12:45pm	Univ. of Hartford	10/20	8:00am
Roanoke College	9/29	1:10pm	Davidson College	10/21	9:30am
Randolph Macon College	10/4	8:00am	West Liberty College	10/21	11:00am
Washington & Lee Univ.	10/4	9:40am	East Carolina University	10/22	9:00am
Curry College	10/5	8:00am	Dickinson College	10/26	8:00am
Rutgers	10/6	1:00pm	JMU	10/27	11:00am
Wingate University	10/12	12:30pm	St. Mary's College of MD	10/28	9:30am
U of Colorado @ Boulder	10/14	8:00am	William & Mary	10/28	11:30am
Univ. of Connecticut	10/14	10:00am	Messiah College	11/3	8:00am
Ferrum College	10/14	12:00pm	Bridgewater College	11/10	10:45am
VA Tech	10/14	12:30pm	Miami University Ohio	11/19	10:00am
Bryn Mawr College	10/14	1:15pm			

Career Connections Web Site/Scholarship Information

Fairfax County Public Schools career guidance initiative, known as Career Connections, is designed for grades K-12. Its success depends on the cooperative effort of students, parents, teachers, counselors and the community. The web site listed below is an information source designed to connect these groups. Check out this web site to see the variety of information that is available: www.fcps.edu/DSSSE/CareerConnections

You will find the FCPS approved scholarship database at this online location along with numerous related resources about financial aid. This online scholarship database is updated weekly. Scholarship applications are also available in the Career Center.

GUIDANCE NEWS

PSAT Test - On Wednesday, October 13, 2004 all students in grades 9, 10 and 11 will take the Preliminary Scholastic Achievement Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), during a three-hour morning test session. Students will report directly to their 3rd period class at 7:20 AM. At the completion of testing, students will be dismissed at 10:45 AM with buses leaving at 11:00 AM. For the remainder of the day, teachers will be involved in staff-development activities. **FCPS is paying for all 10th grade students** to take the PSAT, because they are committed to increasing the SAT scores of all students and believe this testing practice is critical to this goal.

Students in grades 9 and 11 must pay \$15.00 to have the test scored. Students who do not want the test scored must pay \$1.00 to cover the unused material fee Madison is charged by ETS. Money will be collected on Back-To-School Night, September 21, 2004 by guidance counselors (cash or checks) or from 3rd period teachers, September 27 –

October 1 (checks only). Students with cash must pay in guidance. Students receiving free or reduced lunch services should bring their letter of verification directly to the guidance office to pay a reduced fee no later than October 10. All students in attendance at school on October 13, 2004 will take the test. In December, individual test results or answer sheets (for those who chose not to be scored) and test booklets will be distributed to students along with helpful strategies in utilizing the results.

SOL Testing!!!!!! - Students who took an SOL test at the end of summer school and failed the test are eligible to take an expedited retake on September 23rd.

The English Writing SOL test will be given October 25, 26, 27, and 28 to those seniors that have not passed this required test for graduation. All seniors who previously failed the English Writing SOL and all seniors new to Madison will need to take this test. Please contact your counselor for information.

PARENT PROGRAMS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Guidance Department at James Madison High School offers a variety of programs throughout the school year to help with post-secondary planning. In addition to these opportunities, we have scheduled morning and evening programs in the College/Career Center on Tuesdays for parents. Due to the seating capacity, most sessions will be limited to about 30 participants and will require an RSVP. After you review the list below and determine which programs you would like to attend, fill out the bottom portion and return it to the College/Career Center. You will receive a confirmation via email prior to the session(s) you have selected.

If you have additional ideas for topics of interest, please email Mrs. Lynn Otto, College/Career Center Specialist, at Lynn.Otto@fcps.edu to forward your suggestions.

Keep this portion for your calendar.

All evening programs will be held on **Tuesdays in the College/Career Center (unless otherwise indicated)**. **The morning coffee sessions will be held from 8:30-9:15 a.m. The evening sessions will be held from 6:30-7:15 p.m. Prior to each session, you will receive an email confirmation.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>
September 28	A look at the New SAT, introduced in March 2005. An overview of the changes to the test format (evening session only and will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room).
October 19	Welcome to the Career Center! An introduction to the resources that are available to you and JMHS students.
November 16	Scholarship information, where to look and know the scams! Access the FCPS Scholarship Database.
January 25	Learn about and sign up for a MyRoad account, an online career and college exploration resource.
February 15	Learn about and sign up for an eGuidance account, an online career and guidance resource for parents and students.
March 8	The College Visit, what to look for when visiting prospective colleges.
April 12	Military Night – Meet the Madison representatives and learn about the different branches (evening session only, parents and students welcome).

Return this portion to the College/Career Center or email lynn.otto@fcps.edu by **September 20, 2004**.

Check all that you would like to attend and indicate morning or evening session.

	Morning	Evening		Morning	Evening
September 28	_____	_____	February 15	_____	_____
October 19	_____	_____	March 8	_____	_____
November 16	_____	_____	April 12	_____	_____
January 25	_____	_____			

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Parent Name _____ Email Address _____

Parent Name _____ Email Address _____

Student Name _____ Grade Level: _____

Student Name _____ Grade Level: _____

JMHS BAND NEWS

The James Madison High School Marching Band and Color Guard began camp on August 16 and have been practicing nonstop. The 2004 Marching Band Field Production is "Fantasy Variations." The show is modeled after the band composition of the same title by James Barnes and is based on the theme of the 24th Violin Carice of Niccolo.

The Band and Color Guard performed at the August 26, 2004 Madison kick-off. Listed below are the upcoming events and performances. We hope you can show your support by attending at least one of these events.

The Band's first fund-raising event is Tag Day and it took place on Saturday, September 11, 2004. Again this year, the James Madison High School community was generous and supportive in the contributions to the Band. If you missed their visit, a self-addressed envelope to the school c/o JMHS Band Parents was left at houses with the informational Tag Day flyer. If you did not receive an envelope and would like to make a donation, it is not too late. Please contact a band student or parent or send your donation directly to the school in c/o JMHS Band Parents.

Checks should be made payable to JMHS Band Parents. We thank everyone for welcoming us and for your support. Many thanks to all of the parents and students for their help to make this important fund-raiser successful.

The wrapping paper sale has begun. The Band members are now selling products from Innisbrook Wraps. A wide assortment of wrapping paper, candy, candles and many other items are available. If you are interested in seeing a catalog, please contact any band student or parent or you visit the Innisbrook Wraps directly to place an order. The website address for on-line orders is www.innisbrook.com or you can link to it directly from the JMHS band webpage at www.JMHSband.net. The products will be available through September 24, 2004.

We are pleased to announce that the 2004 Official White House Ornament is now on sale. The 2004 White House Holiday Ornament honors our 19th President of the United States, President Rutherford B. Hayes, and recreates a snowy scene of a sleigh in winter on the North Lawn of the White House. The oval ornament sets a nostalgic holiday vignette within a 24 kt. gold finished brass frame. The reverse shimmers with white snowflakes against an enameled royal blue sky. The cost for each ornament is \$18.00. Sales will continue through December, or while supplies last.

Please order early - the ornaments sell out quickly. You may either contact a band member directly or Terri Kinglsey at 703-281-3590 to place an order.

2004 Upcoming Events:

- 9/17 — Home Football game - FCHS -7:30 PM
- 9/18 - Marching Competition A - Virginia Showcase - 8:15 PM - Herndon High School, Herndon, VA
- 9/20 Senior Regional Orchestra Auditions
- 10/1 - Homecoming Parade - 2:30
- Homecoming Football game- McLean HS -7:30 PM
- 10/15 - Citrus Sale begins
- 10/16 - Parade of Champions Competition - James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA Time to be announced - check Band website for more details.
- 10/22 - Home Football game - Lee - 7:30 - and 8th grade night
- 10/23 - USSBA Competition - Edison HS, Alexandria, VA
Time to be announced - check Band website for more details.
- 10/27 - Vienna Halloween Parade
- 10/30 - Virginia State Marching Festival - Battlefield HS, Haymarket, VA
- 11/5 - Home Football - Fairfax
- 12/2-4 - Tiny Tots Concert at JMHS - more details will be forthcoming
- 12/7 - Wind Symphony Winter Concert
- 12/14 - Jazz Band Winter Concert

Additional band news, information and contacts can be found on the band website at www.jmhsband.org or www.jmhsband.net.

Thank you for your support of the James Madison High School Band.

Marty Johnson
PTSA Band Boosters

LIVE HOMEWORK HELP

This is a new service jointly sponsored by Fairfax County Public Libraries and the Fairfax County Public School System that links students with experienced tutors. It is a product of Tutor.com, started by George Cigalis, the founder of the Princeton Review. Online tutoring sessions are available for students from the fourth grade through college seven days a week between 2:00 and 10:00 pm for help with math, science, social studies and English. Spanish-language tutors are available Sunday through Thursday in math and science only. Currently anyone can connect from the library web site. At some point users will be required to log in with a library card number and password.

From the library homepage click *Research Tools*, then *Homework and Student Support*



Calling All 2005 Seniors
All Night Graduation Celebration
REGISTRATION

WHAT: Fun filled all-night
 Grad celebration; alcohol
 & drug free Madison
 tradition for 18 years!

WHEN: June 21, 2005

WHERE: Vienna Community Center

COST: \$40 until 2/2/05
Then \$50 per graduate

HOW: Fill out registration
 below & mail w/check
 & you're on the list!

WHY: We have to book the
 entertainers **ASAP** along
 with 45+ other high schools
 in No. VA!

Includes ALL activities below:

- *Non-stop entertainment
- *Caricature Artists
- *Chance to win a 2005 Ford!
- *Tons of food (dinner & breakfast)
- *Prizes & surprises galore
- *\$500 Cash Prizes
- *Multiple \$250, \$200 & \$50 Prizes
- *Casino Games, Karaoke
- *Money Machines
- *Virtual Reality Chairs
- *'Smoothie' Bar
- *Mechanical Bull

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE

[Funded (partially funded) by Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act.]

PARENTS:

Help make this a special night for your senior! In order for this to continue to be successful,
LOTS of volunteers are needed before, during and after the party to work on committees!
 Call Terry Miller [703-281-6846] or Pam Rawlinson [703-938-5583]

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Senior Name: _____ **Phone:** _____
Cost: _____ **\$40.00 UNTIL 2/2/05 then \$50.00**

Parent Volunteer: _____ **Phone:** _____
Email: _____

Make checks payable **AND** mail to:
JMHS All Night Graduation Celebration
 James Madison High School
 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna, VA 22181

ALL NIGHT GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Each year the Madison community comes together to host an all-night celebration for our graduating Seniors. The party includes activities, music, food, raffles, prizes and gifts. Last year 80% of our seniors attended the celebration, which was great! But this year, we want to do even better. We would like to see 100% participation from the Class of 2005!!!

New this year! Every Senior who attends the All Night Graduation Celebration will receive a DVD with highlights of their senior year. Register now and get this keepsake for your Senior! The DVDs will be mailed after graduation and will include shots from the first day of school, Homecoming, Prom, Graduation, and much more!!

We will need a lot of help from our parents to make this year's celebration the **best** ever! We know all of the Senior class parents will want to be a part of this special celebration for their students and many have already volunteered. But did you know that we also would like to have volunteers from the underclass parents as well? We are especially interested in having parents from the Junior class volunteer, since their turn is just around the corner! It really is the "best party in town." Get involved and enjoy the fun! For questions or to volunteer, call Terry Miller, 703-281-6846 or Pam Rawlinson, 703-938-5583.

DANCE TEAM MEMBERS MAKE ALL-AMERICAN

by MaryJane Cochrane

Led by Captains Danielle Lawrence and Allison Cochrane, the Dance Team attended the National Dance Association (NDA) Camp at Towson University in July.

The team worked with NDA coaches to improve their technical skills and learn new routines. Danielle Lawrence (05), Allison Cochrane (06), Nicole Cunningham (07), and Brittany DiLillo (07) were awarded the distinction of All-American. The team welcomed the opportunity to dance with other Virginia and Maryland teams.

KRISTIN POINTKOWSKI JOINS MADISON HIGH SCHOOL AS NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

September 13th - Madison High School is pleased to announce the addition of Kristin Pointkowski to the administrative team. Kristin will be working closely with the foreign language, fine arts, and special education departments. She has taught at Madison High School in the past, and comes to us from Westfield High School.

VIENNA MADISON COMMUNITY COALITION

The **Vienna Madison Community Coalition** (VMCC) had its kick-off steering committee meeting in August. The coalition once again has access to \$7000 in federal funding under No Child Left Behind and the FCPS Safe and Drug Free Youth Office. This is the 9th year that VMCC has been endorsing and presenting prevention and education programs to greater Vienna community, to include the elementary schools, middle school and high school of the Madison pyramid.

We are pleased to welcome **Sara Freund** as the new coalition coordinator, succeeding Diana Levy whose tenure lasted two years. Sara has a sophomore at Madison and brings many talents and skills to VMCC after working for a trade association for many years. Sara can be contacted at 703-281-6282 or shfreund@aol.com.

The VMCC hopes to continue to support and lend funding assistance to a number of programs in the community to include: All-Night Grad Celebration, Thoreau MS After School Program, Neighborhood Teen College, JMHS PTSA Parent Network programs, AAUW education programs and more.

Two upcoming programs of topical interest to all parents, school staff and others are: - a presentation of the results of the **2003 Virginia Community Youth Survey**, which was administered to a random sample of Fairfax County students in November 2003. This survey is an important tool to obtain valid statewide data about youth behaviors – those that are positive as well as those that are harmful.

- November 16, (time and place TBA) a program addressing concerns about recent gang activity in the county and prevention and education efforts. The program will include a panel of community leaders including Gerry Connolly, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and local law enforcement and school staff.

Everyone is invited to attend monthly VMCC meetings held on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Vienna Community Center Senior Lounge. The next meeting is September 20. Please come to present an idea for a program of interest or to network with others who share concerns about risky youth behavior and wish to promote healthy options.

Please stop by the VMCC information table at Back to School Night to learn more about how the coalition works from within the greater community as well as a collaborative partner to existing organizations. There are brochures in the main office as well as a mailbox.

Diana Levy
PTSA Liaison to the VMCC
703-205-1221

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Sep. 21: Back to School Night
- Oct. 1: Homecoming Game
- Oct. 2: Homecoming Dance
- Oct. 4: PTSA Meeting 7:30pm
- Oct. 9: SAT 8am
- Oct. 17 College Fair at Fair Oaks
- Oct. 19: Yearbook Pictures Retakes
- Oct. 13: Columbus Day Holiday
- Oct. 31: First Grading Period Ends*+

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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