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PTSA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November 8, 2004

Greetings to the Madison Community,

The first quarter of the school year has come to a close and the leaves are falling on the ground providing wonderful opportunities for all of us to get some great exercise. During the last part of October and early November our Parenting Network Coordinators arranged for two seminars in response to the increased number of deaths associated with teen driving. Thanks to Kim Christensen who arranged for the speaker to talk about dealing with grief and for Sarah Wells who arranged our seminar on Safe Driving for Teens.

Linda and Amad Kangaroo have agreed to lead the efforts to explore a possible After Prom Party their first meeting was held November 8. They are exploring a variety of possibilities, if you are interested in serving on this committee please contact me at FPSPBA@aol.com.

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

November 8, 2004

Autumn has arrived, the first quarter is complete and we begin to turn our attention to the coming cold and the threat of inclement weather. Madison has partnered with Fairfax County Public Schools to provide families as much information in real time as we can manage. The **Keep In Touch** program enables families to customize information provided by the school, as well as the PTSA. To register for the program, families simply need to go to the Madison homepage, www.fcps.edu/MadisonHS, click on the **Keep In Touch** icon near the top of that page, and complete the registration form. This is a new means of communication for Madison, and we anticipate that it will take some time to fully maximize the potential the program offers. Madison is committed to looking for means of improving communication with students and parents and **Keep In Touch** is another way we can disseminate information.

Madison concluded a busy fall schedule with the production of the Neil Simon play *Rumors*. Mad Drama provided four outstanding performances for the community. Once again the Madison Marching Band distinguished itself during the season earning a Superior rating in the concluding performance of the season. In October the orchestra provided a stellar performance for the Madison community. In addition, the girls' field hockey team won the Liberty District Championship and the volleyball team advanced deep into the Northern Region tournament. Both the golf and cross country teams qualified for the Northern Region tournament. Congratulations for a great fall season.

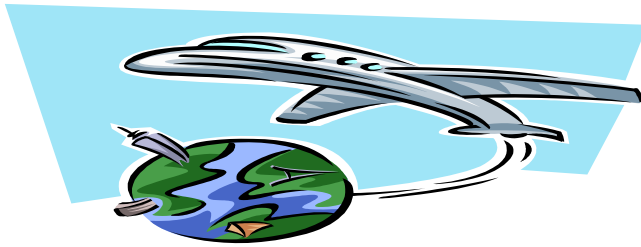
Thanks to the James Madison Academic Booster Club for sponsoring the 4th Annual Academic Awards ceremony held on Monday, November 8, 2004, in the cafeteria. Over 200 students were recognized for academic excellence and were awarded academic letters for their accomplishments in the classroom. On Friday, November 12, I held my first student breakfast to honor those students recognized by their teachers for displaying positive character traits in and out of the classroom. The student breakfasts are another activity sponsored by the Academic Boosters and I usually entertain 35-40 students monthly. I want to extend my thanks to those families who have joined the Academic Boosters and I want you to know that these are only a couple of examples of the many ways the boosters support academic excellence at Madison High School.

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ENGLISH DEPARTMENT NEWS

Madison's **Kai Chang**, along with eleven other FCPS students, will receive the Achievement Award in Writing from the National Council of Teachers of English. This year, the prestigious national writing contest selected only 689 from the United States and Canada to receive this recognition. **Nikki Amouri** and **Anna Thorn** were also chosen to represent our school. Kai, Nikki, and Anna had to submit samples of their best imaginative work and also write on an impromptu theme designated by NCTE. Congratulations!

Demonstrating that they cook as well as they teach, Madison's English faculty has once again won the **JMHS Annual Chili Cook-Off**. This makes two out of the three years since the competition's inception that the trophy has gone to English.



Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

As John Dewey said, "Education is not a two by four: it should not be limited by the two covers of a book and the four walls of a classroom." Students need to see the world-and we can help them do it! From July 1, 2005 to July 15, 2005 myself, and a few other Madison High School English teachers, will lead a group of students on a tour of London, Scotland, and Wales.

During our "Shakespeare, Dickens and Scott" tour, we will visit many of Great Britain's most famous landmarks, such as Big Ben and Buckingham Palace, Anne Hathaway's house and Shakespeare's birthplace, Snowdonia Park and the Welsh State Museum, as well as many more. Local guides will provide us with behind-the-scene looks at Edinburgh Castle, the Abbotsford House, and Caernarvon Castle.

EF Educational Tours are an excellent value. The entire cost of this twelve-day trip is \$2,178 for students and \$2,533 for adults, which includes round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations, daily breakfast and dinner, entrance fees to select attractions and guided sightseeing.

Since 1965, millions of students and teachers have traveled with EF. With hundreds of offices worldwide, EF is always close by to lend a helping hand while we're on tour. EF also provides comprehensive and affordable insurance options. In addition, each tour is accompanied by a full time EF Tour Director.

If you and/or your child are interested in going on this trip, please contact me either by phone at (703) 319-2300, ext. 2533 or emailing me at alana.stoyas@fcps.edu. Feel free to also log on to eftours.com and type in our tour number 302818 in order to peruse the itinerary. Once you've enrolled your child on this tour you may enter their user ID and password to check their account, purchase insurance and more!

We all truly look forward to having your child be a part of this very special and unique opportunity!

Sincerely,
Alana Stoyas and the JMHS English faculty

SHAKESPEARE, DICKENS AND SCOTT TOUR

PRICE QUOTE BREAKDOWN

Requested Tour: Shakespeare, Dickens and Scott – 12 days
Requested Date of Departure: 07-01-05
Departure City: Washington, D.C.-IAD

Program Fee:	\$1,905.
Departure Fees:	\$143.
(subject to change)	
Lifetime Membership Fees:	\$95.
Weekend Supplement	\$35.
Total for Students:	\$2,178.

Adult Supplement:	\$355.
Total for Adults:	\$2,533.

Optional Excursions and Insurances	
All Inclusive Insurance Plan	\$99.
Scottish Ceilidh	\$70.

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PTSA FROM PAGE 1

Seniors and their parents, **November 30** will be Ethic's Day at the Vienna Community Center, hosted for the first time by the PTSA. In advance I want to thank the PTSA organizers, Kathy Splitt, Carol Jameson and Susan Hildebrand. They have worked very hard with Community and Madison staff to insure this opportunity was available. I have participated in Ethic's Day for the past two years. It is a very positive opportunity for our students to work together in postive problem solving as they deal with realistic ethical issues. Encourage your students to attend with an open mind and talk with them about their experience.

As the holidays approach, I wish you all a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,
Martha Peacock
JMHS PTSA President 2004-05
703-281-9185
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AFTER-PROM EVENT

The After-Prom Committee met on Monday, November 8th, and began searching for an alternative yet entertaining event to be held **June 4th** from approximately 12am to 4am as a safe continuation of the Prom night experience. It is important that this event be available not only to Prom attendees, but also to those Junior and Senior students at Madison not attending Prom, but who would enjoy a special time with their classmates.

The After-Prom events held in Northern Virginia have proven to reduce dramatically the incidents of death and injury on prom night. We are pursuing several very good ideas for an event that will be memorable for, and most importantly, well-attended by, the students. We have enlisted several students to help parents plan the evening in hopes it will be one they can all appreciate.

The committee will need additional help in the planning stages, as well as on event night. We would expect that giving a few hours of your time over the next several months, and/or an hour or two June 3rd and 4th, would be a good trade off to knowing your children are having a great time in a safe place.

Please give me a call at 703-281-6230, or better yet, an email at Linspot51@aol.com to say you will help plan the After-Prom event. We would like to hold another planning meeting as soon as possible in order to have time to book acts or equipment. If you have connections to a musical group of national stature, or a booking agent dealing in regionally well-known to nationally known talent, I would REALLY like to hear from you!

Thank you.
Linda Kangaroo
After Prom Chairperson.

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Finally, I anticipate that the final classroom move related to renovation will take place in the next ten days. The move will conclude the construction and renovation of Madison High School which began in late 1997. Undoubtedly we will have punch list items that will need to be addressed over the next few months, but the school will be over 98% complete with this next move. Thank you to all the students and families who have endured the dust and noise of renovation, and I hope you are proud of the finished product.

Mark A. Merrell
JMHS Principal

ETHICS DAY

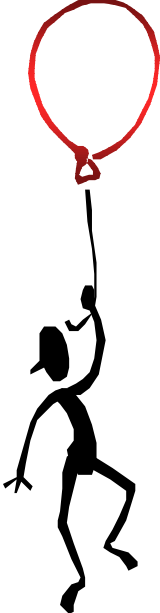
On **November 30th** all Madison High School seniors will attend Ethics Day at the Vienna Community Center. By now, you should have received a brochure which describes the event along with a green Field Trip Permission Form/Emergency Care Form.

Unfortunately, the Field Trip Form side was incomplete and did not include a line for the required parent and student signatures.

To give permission for your child to attend this mandatory event, please sign your name and have your child sign his/her name in the margins of the Field Trip Permission Form. Then complete the Emergency Care Form on the opposite side. This two-sided form is due back to your child's Government teacher by Monday, November 15th.

We apologize for the confusion and appreciate your help in this matter. We look forward to seeing your child at this very special event.

Kathy Splitt
Co-Chair Ethics Day Committee (703) 281-1165



**BALLOONS
4 SALE**

**Happy Birthday
Thank you
Good Luck
Get Well Soon**

Come by during assistance or
your lunch period
Bags & Gifts Available

Parents only:
Special deliveries call
703-319-2430
Mrs. Basile or Mrs. Fernandez



“A VISIT FROM SAINT NICHOLAS”

Once again, James Madison High School will participate in the "A Visit from St. Nicholas" Program sponsored by Volunteer Fairfax. This program is a community initiative which will benefit over 2,000 FCPS elementary school students

(PreK-third grade) in six county schools who currently qualify for the free or reduced-price lunch program. With donations and volunteers from corporate sponsors, groups and individuals, backpacks will be purchased and filled with toys, books and activities and delivered to the children at their schools on 3 December.

The program was named after St. Nicholas (a 4th century bishop from Turkey) as he is historically known for kindness toward children and generosity toward strangers. Today, Saint Nicholas Day is celebrated in many parts of the world and honors the human kindness that builds every community. The symbol of St. Nicholas exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism. He modeled the values and virtues that Volunteer Fairfax wants to promote through this program for local elementary school children - Giving and Sharing.

JMHS' new Business Partner, CACI-CMS Information Services, Inc., is also participating in the program. JMHS has joined with CACI-CMS, to participate as partners, as a Classroom Sponsor in the program. In addition, JMHS teachers and students have already expressed a desire to join with CACI-CMS staff as volunteers.

Others have asked how they can help. This is a Community Giving Opportunity and if interested, anyone can be a Backpack Sponsor for \$25 or an "In Honor of" Sponsor for \$25. Checks made out to Volunteer Fairfax can be dropped in the box in the JHMS Office, or mailed to Volunteer Fairfax, 10530 Page Avenue, Fairfax, VA 22030 with a notation for the "A Visit from St. Nicholas" Program. If an "In Honor of" donation is made, a card will be mailed to the person being honored provided the name and address is included. Also, please note in the corner of your check "JMHS\CACI-CMS" so it can be recognized that the donation came through the JHMS\CACI-CMS Partnership Program. Donations for this program will be accepted through **3 December**. More information on this program can be found at www.volunteerfairfax.org, by contacting, Tonya McCreary, Development Director, Volunteer Fairfax, 703.246.3460 or email: stnicholas@volunteerfairfax.org or by contacting.

Louise Foreman
JMHS PTSA Business Partnership
Program Representative
703.938.8790
email: lforeman@cox.net.

VIENNA MADISON COMMUNITY COALITION

The **Vienna Madison Community Coalition (VMCC)** - NEXT meeting at the Vienna Community Center, 6:30 PM, all welcome on November 15, 2004.

UPCOMING PROGRAM/EVENTS sponsored by Vienna Madison Community Coalition:

Nov. 16 - Gang Information and Prevention Program co-sponsored with AAUW (American Association of University Women) Vienna Chapter, 7:30 - 9:00 PM, JMHS Multi-Purpose Room, featuring speakers to include Gerry Connolly, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Officer Amy Lubos, Fairfax County Police, representatives from the Safe and Drug Free Youth Office and town of Vienna.

Nov. 30 - VMCC is supporting the Ethics Day Program as presented by the JMHS PTSA. This is a mandatory, full day program for all seniors, held at the Vienna Community Center. To volunteer or for more info: see article or contact Kathy Splitt or Susan Hildrebrand.

All programs open to the public, no registration necessary, unless otherwise noted. Hooray to the brave coalition volunteers who marched with the Madison SADD club at the Halloween Parade in Vienna!!!

QUESTIONS/INFORMATION: DIANA LEVY, PTSA Liaison to VMCC, 703-205-1221.

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

MINORITY ACHIEVEMENT

The Minority Achievement Committee "MAC" wishes to invite all JMHS parents of minority students to actively participate in this year's planned activities. We represent a wide spectrum of students with various talents and needs, who come from many different ethnic backgrounds (African American, Native American, Chinese, Hispanic, Asian, Indian, Middle Eastern, multicultural, etc). Our focus is to provide the support our children need, not only to achieve academically, but to also thrive well socially, here at Madison High.

You will soon receive a letter describing our plans to broaden the opportunities for your child to become more involved in the JMHS family and local community. Please feel free to contact me and join us as we begin to expand their learning careers and livelihood. We look forward to a very exciting year....as the "MAC ATTACK" gets in gear.

Sincerely,
Janice Lee Arnold MD
Chairperson, Minority Achievement Committee
jlarnold_uro@hotmail.com 703-620-4202

105 ATTENDED PARENT PROGRAM ON TEEN DRIVING

The program offered to parents (and their teens) was very well attended on Tuesday, November 9 in the multi purpose room. Parents were welcomed by Sarah Wells who introduced the great speakers who were:

Mr. Robert Weakley, Community Traffic Safety Program Manager. Mr. Weakley gave a lively and honest lecture to parents stressing that THEY are their student drivers' role models. He spoke about drinking and driving and that the best thing they can do is to study the Driver's Manual that their children have to study. He also informed them that they can take the keys and car away from a reckless driver or they can let the DMV do it. If they ask the DMV to revoke their child's driver's license, it will be revoked for six months.

Officer Wayne Twombly, Madison's Fairfax County Police School Resource Officer, invited Pat Wimberly, also with the Fairfax County Police and 1st Lt. Purvis Dawson, Jr. to speak to the parents. Officer Wimberly also gave an eye opening talk about what they see on our roads. He explained the laws and the secondary laws stressing that most accidents occur because of inexperienced drivers. He strongly urged all parents to make sure that their teen drivers drive often and in all conditions. He pointed out that it is ludicrous to believe that a person is equipped to handle a 4000 pound vehicle in this area after only 20 hours of 'Behind the Wheel' training. He said that if parents expect that training to do the job, they are putting their child and others in danger. He also showed a video about teen racing in Fairfax County with tips on the locations, cars and habits of these activities. Lt. Dawson spoke about how hard it is on these police officers and himself to witness a fatal crash. He said that there have been over 1000 accidents in Fairfax County this year with 52 fatalities. He carries a card with that number and when he stops a reckless driver, he shows them that number and says, "I don't want YOU to be number 53."

John Hillaert, the father of a Madison teen, gave parents an up close and personal look at a tragic accident that happened to his son, Chris, last May. He explained the situation and showed pictures of the crash. It took rescuers 1-1/2 hours to free Chris from his VW convertible. He survived miraculously. The impact on their family has caused them to plea with other parents and teens to slow down and know that this could happen to them.

If you would like information about safe driving and tips for teens, search AAA, NSC.org, NHTSA.dot.gov, teendriving.com, drivehomesafe.com and go to the Fairfax County Police's website: <http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/ps/police/trafficwatch.htm>. where you can report reckless driving by filling out an anonymous form.

HOW TO TEACH YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER TO DRIVE RESPONSIBLY

Not a lecture but some thoughts from Pat Wimberly- Parenting Network Seminar November 9, 2004

1. When was the last time you got in the car, drove just down the street, but forgot to buckle your seatbelt?
2. When you approach a stop sign, do you come to a complete stop everytime?
3. Have you ever finished a cup of coffee, had a cool soda or made a quick call on the cell phone while driving?
4. Have you ever read while you were driving a car, that letter from your son, the map with directions?
5. When you talk to someone in the car, do you have to turn and look at them, while you are driving?
6. How many hands do you have on the steering wheel when you drive, and are they at 4 and 8?
7. Are you aware that most teenage accidents don't happen on the interstate?
They happen in our neighborhoods.
8. Have you ever had a drink and driven?
9. Do you enjoy sharing wild stories of driving mishaps when you were a teenager with your son and daughter?

If you have never done any of these things you are an excellent driver. Most of us know that these "rules" of driving are ones we do not want to teach our children, but because we are so hurried we forget. We must each make a commitment to teach ourselves to drive responsibly and set the example for our youth. As parents we can make a difference and do every day.

WHY TEENS CRASH

Lack of sensitivity to danger: Society is more accepting of risk than it used to be and teenagers are especially willing to take risks, like speeding and not using seat belts.

Lack of skills: Most teens are trained under "best" driving circumstances and are not exposed to high-pressure situations drivers eventually encounter.

Lack of experience: Many teens simply haven't driven enough to have a firm grasp on what is required.

Too many distractions: Music, other teens in the car, cell phones are all typical distractions facing teens.

Too much traffic: Roads today are more congested than ever before.

HELPFUL ONLINE RESOURCES

<http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/ps/police/trafficwatch.htm>
Fairfax County Police Site — contacts, laws, reports, information

<http://drivehomesafe.com/>
Teen Driving Safety is why this website exists.

<http://www.aaamidatlantic.com/safety/> and http://www.aaamidatlantic.com/safety/safe_driving.asp
AAA Mid-Atlantic — Drivers Education and tips

<http://www.roadreadyteens.org/>
A Parent s Guide to Safely Ease Teens Into Driving

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/>
National Institute For Highway Safety — includes information about safe cars and crash tests as well as pertinent guidelines and laws

<http://www.nsc.org/issues/drivsafe.htm> and <http://www.nsc.org/library/facts/yngdrive.htm>
National Safety Council —Facts, articles, tips, laws and more

<http://teendriving.com/>
Teen New Drivers' Website started by a young man who wants to make a difference. A site full of tips to help new drivers.

http://www.newsadvance.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=LNA%2FPPage%2FLNA_ContentPage&c=Page&cid=1031774253723
The News & Advance looks at teen driving problems in a multimedia special report: Young & Foolish: Teens and Seat Belts.

<http://www.nbc4.com/nbc4/3473384/detail.html>
News4 is devoting a four-part series to the problem of teen driving deaths in the Washington area.

<http://dying2drive.com/>
TeenSmartDriver: A Teen-Safe Community Health Initiative is to reduce the incidences of teenage automobile crashes in Virginia.

http://www.hwysafety.org/safety_facts/teens/teenager.htm
Insurance Institute for Highway Safety

TEEN CRASH FACTS

Car accidents are the leading cause of death for young people between the ages of 15 and 19.

Teens make up only 7 percent of the driving population, yet account for 14 percent of all fatalities.

Estimates place routine seat belts use by teenagers at 55 percent.

Three of four passengers in a car driven by a teenager are other teenagers.

Teenagers crash at night and hit trees and poles at three times the rate of drivers over 25.

One in seven teenager drivers involved in a traffic accident had a previous accident or ticket.

Teenagers have a crash rate five times higher than drivers over 25.

Source: http://www.newsadvance.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=LNA%2FPPage%2FLNA_ContentPage&c=Page&cid=1031774253723



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]

-----**CUT HERE**-----

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

WORK HAS STARTED ON THE BIGGEST CELEBRATION OF THE YEAR: THE ALL NIGHT GRADUATION CELEBRATION!

Traditionally, almost all of our senior **parents volunteer** to help out with this event. Non-senior parents are specially needed during the setup of the activities, while senior parents attend Graduation Ceremony.

Below is information on committees that you can volunteer for.

Please print this page, circle the committee of your choice, add your contact info and submit it as a sign-up form or simply email your information to one of the volunteer coordinators Terri Miller at wmterry5@cox.net or Pam Rawlinson at pdr@cox.net.

- **CAPITOL STEPS** - Help with publicity, ticket sales, etc. for this 1 time fun event held second semester. A major fund-raiser.
- **CASINO** - If you like games of chance, you'll enjoy this committee. Training provided!
- **CLEAN-UP** - If you are a morning person, this committee is for you. Help take down decorations, pack and store them. Make sure we leave the Vienna Community Center in good condition.
- **DECORATIONS** - Many people are needed to help put up the decorations. We need creative people and non-creative people who can follow directions!
- **ENTERTAINMENT** - Be at the heart of the celebration! Help set up and help supervise games & other fun activities.
- **FOOD** - We need volunteers to plan the menu & make arrangements for having the food delivered to the celebration. We also need people to help serve the food.
- **FUND RAISING** - If you're good at raising money, we need you! Help us meet our fund raising target by organizing & sending out solicitation letters to the local business community.
- **PRIZES** - What's a celebration without prizes? And we hope to have prizes for all of our seniors! Hold drawings, announce winners, coordinate for Grand Prize drawing.
- **PUBLICITY**. Creative marketing skills will help boost participation! Help advertise the celebration to parents and students throughout the year through Mad Memos, morning announcements, Hawk Talk & ticket sales.
- **SECURITY** - We need volunteers to help make our Grad Party safe and secure both inside and outside of the building during the night.

----- PLEASE RETURN FILLED FORM TO THE ANGC COMMITTEE -----

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Parent of: _____ Year: _____

ALL NIGHT GRADUATION CELEBRATION



Now is a great time to register your senior to attend the All Night Graduation Celebration on **June 21-22, 2005**.

Why? Because all seniors who are registered by Monday, December 20th will be automatically entered in the first monthly Prize Drawing to be held on **Tuesday, December 21** during the Morning Announcements. The date for the first prize drawing was chosen because it is exactly 6 months until Graduation Day and the awesome All Night Grad Celebration!!! There will be a new prize drawing each month until June as we count down the days until Graduation '05.

So, don't wait! Register your senior now and they can be part of all the excitement! And while you have that pen in hand, don't forget to register yourself as a volunteer! We need lots of parent volunteers to make our celebration a success. And besides, you will definitely want to be part of this very special night for your senior! We currently have 111 lucky seniors already registered for the All Night Graduation Celebration as of November 9, 2004. Check it out! Their names are listed on the right.

FORENSICS TEAM NEWS

The Madison Forensics Team has kicked off the new year with a bang. Their first meet, Saturday October 29th was an all day event at Whitman High School and the participation by our students was outstanding. The following students either participated or observed. Special congratulations go out to our duo team who placed!

Please congratulate our great coach, Arthur Rowan, as well as the following students for their participation and support in this event:

Our Veterans:

Byron Wiedeman
Anne Williams
Kai Chang
Will Cromartie
Jim Sweet
Sam Ludwig
Laura Lorand
Keegan Cassidy
Aaron Pollock

Our Newcomers:

Kyle Street
Kelly Aratoon
Emma Roberts
Emma Cromartie
Kati Charrin
James Rice
Julia Addis-Leiser

If you are interested in joining, please contact Arthur Rowan at arthur.rowan@gmail.com or come to one of the Friday afternoon meetings.

If you are a faculty member and are interested in judging, we will need judges for Saturday mets. Our next two meets will be on **November 20th and December 18th**. Please contact Helayne Sweet at hsweet@starpower.net if you would be willing to give these students some of your time - it would be sincerely appreciated!

Abundo	Michael	Lenz	Charlotte
Althoff	Stephanie	Levitt	Daniel
Amer	Lana	Lewis	Elizabeth
Baker	Gregory	Loda	Kyle
Barrett	Stephanie	MacCarthy	James
Bell	Michael	Marshall	Jay
Boles	Dominic	Martin	Elizabeth
Brown	Christopher	McClougherty	Jessica
Brown	Michelle	McElligott	Kelly
Bussanich	Jessica	Mercer	Alex
Cadle	Adam	Merchant	Kathryn
Canova	Joseph	Mericka	Stephanie
Carey	Elizabeth	Miller	Elizabeth
Cole	Elizabeth	Miller	William
Critchfield	Stacy	Millerick	Laura
Davis	Darren	Minkler	Ann
Dean	Emily	Mirshamsi	Shayan
Delpech	Laurens	Murphy	Christopher
Dilmaghani	Saam	Murray	Karen
Duvic	Christine	Myers	Jeffrey
Emshwiller	Adam	Needham	Jennifer
Engle	Samantha	Nelson	Valerie
Feldman	Joseph	Niemeyer	Daniel
Fisher	Max	Nissley	William
Fitzgerald	Nicholas	O'Connor	Katherine
Gallagher	Virginia	Parada	Robert
Ganpath	Dana	Peacock	Andrew
Garcia	Bridget	Perrault	Megan
Garner	Eric	Plaxico	Charles
Geary	Monica	Plumb	Andrew
Geiger	Michael	Plumb	Jacob
Gentry	Allison	Reichert	Laura
Gonzalez	Stewart	Renshaw	William
Gravette	Latoya	Robins	Alison
Hahn	Andrew	Rosales	Sylvia
Hall	Anthony	Ruetenik	Gustave
Hamblen	Erin	Sams	Spenser
Hamby	Cody	Secor	Carolyn
Haynor	Nicolas	Sharman	Morgan
Heath	Emily	Sheely	Eric
Hendelman	Tara	Sinrud	Katherine
Henshaw	Katherine	Smith	Alexandra
Hetmanek	Carlyn	Smith	Christopher
Hilburn	Ainsley	Snow	Jessica
Isidoridy	Andrew	Stahl	Anthony
Jaye	Rachael	Strup	Sarah
Jimerson	Candice	Thorn	Anna
Johnson	Amanda	Traut	Suzanne
Keogh	Glynnis	Vadala	Joanna
Kieffer	Jessica	Wainwright	Laura
Kim	Daniel	Walraven	Teresa
Lanza	Kelsey	Walsleben	Kaitlin
Larkins	Phillip	Warner	Ethan
Lawrence	Danielle	Wells	Lauren
Ledford	Emily	Whitney	Stephen
Lee	Jessica	Wolfe	Jonathan

WARHAWKS ON THE WATER

Though the spring regattas are still several months away, James Madison Crew is preparing for what they believe will be a very competitive season. Having done well in their first two years of competition, as a strong 2004-2005 team of 60 female and male rowers, we face some new challenges this year and intend to continue having JMHS recognized as a worthy crew competitor. We still have rowing and coxwain spots open and keep in mind that physical size is not a consideration here.

JMHS Crew began our winter physical conditioning program in mid-November. Through the end of December, rowers meet for two hours, three afternoons each week to improve strength, cardio capacity and rowing technique. Starting in January, conditioning goes to five days a week until the official start of the season in late February. Then it's down to Sandy Run Rowing Facility on the Occoquan to get the "shells" (what the boats are called) and rowers into the water. All crew teams operate under the philosophy that "if there's not any ice in the water, then the shells go in". Short of lightning, there isn't much that can keep our rowers off the water.

The JMHS Crew would appreciate your support. Throughout the year we sponsor a variety of fundraising activities. Any participation in or contribution to our program is most welcome. In fact, we offer a very unique "Rent-a-Rower" program to help you complete some of those around-the-house tasks that constantly compete with your valuable "private" time. Our Rent-a-Rowers are more than willing to assist in outside tasks like raking, mulching, etc. as well as indoor tasks like moving furniture, etc. All you have to do is contact us and we'll be happy to help (naturally for a very reasonable fee).

To learn more about JMHS Crew and/or to find out how you might "Rent-a-Rower" just go to www.warhawkcrew.org.

MAD STORIES

Congratulations Madison Drama for taking 2nd place at the 58th Annual Vienna Halloween Parade in the "Float with Music" category. Techs Rob Ross, Jacob Dilles, Heather Mella, Laura Stump, and Allison Martin for building the float and to all the actors/actress who came out to participate that night. A special thanks to Mr. Ben Wood for donating the trailer, Mr. Terry Mella construction advice and helping put the float together, and Mr. Mark Ross for pulling us through the parade.

The Madison students chosen to receive the writing awards, mentioned under the English Department News, demonstrated their writing ability in two forms: a sample in a form of their choice and an impromptu essay on a topic selected by the NCTE Achievement Awards committee. Students competing for 2004 awards could write about "Music Off the Internet" or "Integration and Educational Opportunity." More information about the competition can be found at <http://www.ncte.org/about/awards/student/aa>. To view the FCPS press release go to <http://www.fcps.edu/mediapub/pressrel/102204a.htm>

E-MADMEMOS

The email version (PDF attachment) of this newsletter was sent November 15. The PDF format of MadMemos is completely interactive. It includes hyperlinks to all the web sites and email addresses included in the publication to provide easy access to additional information. Whenever you see a web or email address you can simply click on the text to take you to the web site sited or open an email message box to send an email to the person listed.

If you received this issue via snail mail again this month and you signed up for **Email ONLY** please contact Maria Alvarez-Lundie, at alvarezmaa@hotmail.com, with your child's name. The school labels are printed by student names.

We have sent emails to everyone on our email list and appreciate everyone's patience and the kind words received while trying to correct this problem. Some emails are being returned because email boxes are full, also some of our emails are being directed into junk mail folders by the email providers, please check your settings.

306 families°have chosen to save Madison postage costs, wont you join them?

Every issue is also available on our web site at <http://www.fcps.edu/MadisonHS/news/madmemos/madmemos.html>

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.

School Name	Date	Time
Old Dominion University	Thur. 11/18	11:30am
Miami University Ohio	Fri. 11/19	10:00am

Be sure to visit the FCPS Scholarship Database available at: <http://www.fcps.edu/ssseapps/scholarshipdb/>

ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB

Again, many thanks to the families that have joined the 2004-2005 Academic Booster Club this year. We have enjoyed our most successful membership drive ever, but are far from the 100% family participation goal! If you haven't had a chance to joining yet, please consider supporting the cause.

Yes, I want to join the Academic Booster Club and enhance my child's educational experience at Madison!

Membership - \$20/family

Additional Donation: _____

Name: _____

Student(s): _____

SPAC NEWS

The first meeting of the Superintendents Parent Advisory Council (SPAC) was held on Oct. 26. This was the first meeting Dr. Dale presided over after becoming the new superintendent of FFx. County Schools.

This forum was first created by Dr. Domenech to foster more effective and timely communication between the parents and the school board. There is generally a representative from each of the schools in each cluster that attend the meeting. Madison is in cluster II and the cluster director is Dr. Ellen Scheotzau. The same representatives also then attend the local cluster II meetings with the director, which mirror the meetings with the superintendent, but in a much smaller forum.

The focus of the majority of the meetings is to bring information directly to the parents, from the school board, answer questions and to enable the board to receive input on issues of concern, decisions to be made, etc.

The meeting on Oct. 26 started with Lynn Terhar, president of the County Council of PTA'S. Ms. Terhar informed the group that there were still vacancies on the council, if anyone is interested. Please visit the website for more information on openings at www.fccpta.org. Ms. Terhar mentioned that the State PTA Convention will be held on Nov. 19-21 this year.

Dr. Dale then introduced himself and relayed his background, prior to taking the superintendents position and then went on to inform us of some of the things he really admires about FFx. County Schools. He feels Fairfax County does a great job embracing and valuing diversity. Additionally he feels that we, as parents and the school board, have set very high expectations for our students.

In relation to those comments he informed us that he would like to build on those ideas by possibly introducing a program called "high school of the future." This program would allow for more high schools to have the capability of offering specialized classes to meet the needs of our students, AP/IB/training programs, while at the same time expanding the course selections. He believes that this would then allow for students to specialize the content focus in their studies and he hopes this could lead to more and bigger partnerships with colleges/universities.

Dr. Dale also proposed that when evaluating students for admission into specialized programs, that GPA, personal bios and testing to ascertain a students passions should be used as just some of the admission criteria. He feels that educators should give all students access to AP, honors and enrichment programs, because one never knows what a student can do until he/she tries; instead of telling the student that he/she may not try a certain class until he/she passes a test.

Dr. Dale also briefly went over the Strategic Plan, which outlines the vision of FCPS. More information on the plan, is on the FCPS website at www.fcps.edu.

He mentioned that he was surprised that Fairfax County Schools was so far behind on inclusion for the ED/LD students. He would like to see more work/information on adaptive curriculums and to have more of our teachers qualified/certified to teach our LD/ED students.

He will be presenting all of these ideas and more at the next board meeting and many of his ideas are just in the development stages, so there will be more discussion of these topics in the future.

Lastly, Dr. Dale relayed to us that the school board is looking at the facilities crunch and how to overcome some of the overcrowding issues that the county faces. He is just beginning to look at evaluating the use of properties not used as schools and land being held and not used, to provide additional facilities for our students. He is also looking into multi-use facilities, or Community Schools, for the same purpose. Multi-use facilities would be, for example, possibly partnering with a company and using some part of their facility as a school. These concepts are just in the discussion stage, but Dr. Dale wanted us to know what he plans to start working on with the school board and the board of supervisors.

If you have any questions you would like to have addressed at a meeting, or concerns that I may raise for you at a meeting, please feel free to contact me at 703-938-5965, or by e-mail at xchecking@aol.com.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT PARENT PROGRAMS

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, email Mrs. Lynn Otto, College/Career Center Specialist, at Lynn.Otto@fcps.edu. You will receive a confirmation via email prior to the session(s) you have selected.

All evening programs will be held on **Tuesdays in the College/Career Center (unless otherwise indicated). The evening sessions will be held from 6:30-7:15 p.m.**

Date	Topic
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).

JMHS BAND NEWS

We have reached the end of the Marching Band and Color Guard season for 2004. The last marching band performance was held at the football game on November 5, which was also Senior Night recognition.

Congratulations is in order to the JMHS Marching Band for their impressive performance at the USSBA marching competition at South Hagerstown High School on Saturday, October 23, in Hagerstown, MD. This performance was without doubt the strongest performance of the year and it was truly representative of the hard work that the students have done this year.

The band was the GRAND CHAMPION of the entire competition with a score of 91.55 and received awards for the best percussion and marching in the IV/V/VI classification.

At the State Marching Band Festival on Saturday, October 30, 2004, the JMHS Marching Band received superior ratings from all judges for a final Superior rating. Kudos to the Band and the Color Guard for a great job.

This was a great season!

The orchestra practice schedule has begun. The chair placement auditions were held on Wednesday, November 3.

The Innisbrook wrapping paper orders have arrived. The band students are in the process of making their deliveries. If you have placed an order and have not received it by the time you receive this mailing, please contact me directly through the James Madison School website link to the Music Boosters for assistance.

The White House Christmas ornament sale fund-raiser is still going on until early December, or until the ornaments are sold out. There will be four sales at the Giant Food Stores - one at the Oakton Giant and one at the Vienna Giant on Saturday, November 13. There will also be a sale at the Oakton Giant on Saturday, November 20, and a sale at the Vienna Giant on Saturday, November 27, which is the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. The ornaments make great gifts!

The fall citrus/pecans sale ends on November 12. The fruit and pecans will be available for pick-up by the band students at the JMHS parking lot for delivery during the weekend of December 4 and 5. Surplus fruit/pecans will be available for sale in the parking lot during that weekend as well.

Upcoming Events:

December 2^o and 3 - Tiny Tots performances by the Marching band and guard at JMHS.

Tickets are now available.

December 2 - Shows at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM

December 3 - Shows at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM

December 7 - 7:30 PM - Jazz Band Winter Concert with Thoreau Middle School at JMHS

December 14 - 7:30 PM - Symphonic and Wind Symphony Bands Winter Concert at JMHS

Band parents are always welcome to attend the monthly band meetings that are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the band room.

In the event there are any changes to the day or time, it will be posted on the band website. Please note that recently the JMHS Web Site experienced some technical difficulties. For those of you who had been registered, please be certain to register again by logging on to the website as soon as possible.

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 continued support of the James Madison High School Band.

Marty Johnson
PTSA Band Boosters

ORCHESTRA NEWS

Just a brief reminder that the Winter Concerts are fast approaching.

The Concert Orchestra will perform on Thursday, December 9, 2004 and the Symphonic Orchestra will play on Monday, **December 13, 2004**. Both concerts will be held at Madison High School and will start at 7:30 p.m. Either concert--or both--would be a terrific way to start your holiday season.

Mark your calendars now.

Thanks to everyone who purchased holiday greens. The orchestra appreciates your support. The funds raised will help the students pay for the cost of this year's spring trip to Chicago where they will perform in the Heritage Music Festival and take part in other very special musical opportunities.

The next meeting of the Orchestra Parents Board will be held on Monday, **November 22, 2004** at 7:30 pm at Madison High School.

The Madison Orchestra wishes the entire Madison Community a very Happy Thanksgiving!

PARENTS! THE ROBOTICS CLUB WANTS YOU!

The James Madison HS Robotics Team needs adult volunteers. We need parents to help with fund-raising, coordinating activities, and providing technical advice. The Robotics Club exposes high school students to engineering and technology in a real world environment through participation in the FIRST Robotics competition. During the competition, the team has six weeks to conceptualize, design, build, test and ship a robot. This is an incredible opportunity for all involved. We need parent involvement and support to make the Robotics Club a success again this year. Please e-mail Toss Cline at toss.cline@fcps.edu if you can volunteer or become involved in any way.

COLLEGE/CAREER CENTER

November is National Career Development Month. Have you thought about your future? The theme this year is "I Choose Who I Want To Be" Be sure to visit the Career Connections website at <http://www.fcps.edu/DSSSE/CareerConnections/index.htm> to help with the planning process. Po Bronson, researcher and author of the book, *What Should I Do With my Life?* cites three pieces of advice to guide people in their career path: Follow your dreams; Never give up; and Believe in Yourself!

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)

The ASVAB will be given at Madison on Wednesday, December 1, 2004 at 12:30 p.m. to interested juniors and seniors. Students will need to find transportation home.

This test is a career exploration and planning program that is designed to help students explore the world of work. Results of this aptitude test and interest inventory enable students to evaluate their skills and help students identify possible careers.

This test is also required for enlistment into any of the military branches.

Students need to **sign-up for this test in the Career Center by November 22, 2004.**

Q: What is the ASVAB?

A: This multi-aptitude battery, sponsored by the Department of Defense, is a three-hour, multiple choice exam designed to measure your aptitude at this time in your life. It consists of ten short individual tests covering Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension, Arithmetic Reasoning, Mathematics Knowledge, General Science, Auto & Shop Information, Mechanical Comprehension, Electronics Information, Numerical Operations and Coding Speed. Not only do you receive scores on each of these individual tests, but several individual test results are combined to yield three academic composite scores: Verbal, Math and Academic Ability.

Q: What is an aptitude?

A: An aptitude is the readiness to become proficient in a type of activity, given the opportunity. This may refer to your capacities to learn one type of work or your potential for general training. The ASVAB measures aptitudes that are related to success in different jobs.

Internet Sites Unique to Madison HS/FCPS

MyRoad (www.myroad.com) A user friendly site available for students to explore college and career options. This web site also provides an opportunity for students to learn more about themselves, research educational and career options, and keep track of their thoughts and goals. There are online magazine articles, personality profilers, career and major searches, college searches and a resume builder. If you already have a collegeboard.com account, you may use that username and password along with the school code for full operation. The **SCHOOL CODE** is **VPR301**

Guidance Central (www.access.bridges.com) Explore, Plan and Achieve. This site allows students to Explore career and educational options

Plan for future work and learning and

Achieve college planning goals with test GEAR

Within these categories students may take a career quiz, explore careers and majors, develop a portfolio, locate colleges of interest, and prepare for college tests.

The **SITE ID** is **0055179** and the **PASSWORD** is **warhawks**

The JMHS **testGEAR** code is **13716454**

***These programs have been purchased for your use by FCPS.
Please protect the confidentiality of this information.***

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID MEETING

Monday, December 6, 2004 in Warhawk Hall (new multipurpose room) from 7:00 – 8:30. Ms. Sharon Wilkes, from Randolph-Macon Women's College, will present information to help parents understand the different kinds of aid available.

COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT FOR JUNIORS AND PARENTS

Immediately following the Junior Class dinner

Wednesday, January 12, 2005 7:30 — 9:00 PM JMHS Auditorium *Sponsored by the Guidance Department*

Admission representatives from four Virginia colleges and universities will serve on a panel to discuss the following important issues:

- How do students select a college?
- What makes each college unique?
- How do students assess themselves?
- How do colleges select their students?
- Choices, choices, choices !!?? How do students make the final decision —

CURRICULUM NIGHT — February 3, 2005 (Snow date: Feb. 7)

Registration for the 2005-06 school year actually begins in January! Materials will be mailed to the home in mid to late January. Students and parents grade 8-11 should attend the Curriculum Night on February 3, 2005 (Snow date: Feb. 7) from 7:00 – 9:00 PM to review both standard and optional course selections that are available to them. This is the best opportunity for parents and students to learn about the curriculum – what is available, course sequence, Honors classes, AP Classes. All academic and elective programs will be represented. In addition, the Marshall Academy, Fairfax Academy, and Chantilly Academy will have representatives here to discuss their programs. Parents and students are free to circulate throughout the building to areas of interest (Diagrams/locations will be provided!) From 7:00 - 7:30 PM there will be a short power-point presentation in the auditorium for parents of current 8th graders (rising 9th grade students) to review information about Madison, and graduation requirements.

ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS!!!!!!

Please note that unless you have notified us that the information on your emergency care card has changed from last year, we would not know to make the necessary changes.

Addresses: It is imperative that parents/guardian insure that Madison High School has the correct address and accurate phone numbers for each student for LOTS of reasons. According to Fairfax County Policy students must live in our residential boundary area or be placed at Madison through student assignment procedures, IEP's, or administrative placements due to disciplinary reasons. In addition, a student must live with the parent that is assigned custody, if only one parent has custody (as opposed to joint), OR the student is not eligible for any VHSL activity!!!!!!

Phone numbers: We need to ensure that your home and work numbers are accurate. If / when you have a home or work phone number change, make sure that you have call the change into attendance or guidance and give us this information. In case of an emergency we must be able to reach you! We have an automatic phone system that is now calling homes with announcements, so again, accuracy is important so you don't miss out.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS (CONT.)

EMAIL ADDRESSES:

Counselors send communication via email all the time, both group and individual! They have email distribution lists by grade level for their assigned alphabet, if you have provided this information to them. This enables them to correspond with you as issues arise and to provide you with reminders of due dates, upcoming programs, and distribution of interims and report cards. Please call them, or email them with your most frequently used email address, either at home or work, whichever is most convenient for you. If you prefer not to be contacted by email, or do not have access to email, please let them know that as well.

Contact information:

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Ms. Melissa Blockis, Counselor	SPM- Z	703-319-2327	Melissa.Blockis@fcps.edu

IMPORTANT ON-LINE RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS!

www.collegeboard.com The web site for College Board should be book-marked on your computer! Register for the SAT I and SAT II tests, review information about the tests and test-taking tips. In addition, there are numerous links to additional information about colleges and financial aid.

www.ncaa.com The web site for the NCAA Clearinghouse provides information about eligibility rules for playing sports on the college level. The NCAA Clearinghouse form is available for athletes to download, so they can register with the clearinghouse.

www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/studentsrvcs/guidance-cnsl.shtml The web site from the Virginia Department of Education with information about all aspects of students services – graduation requirements, college information, and students with disabilities resources, SOL testing requirements.

www.VACollegeQuest.org A web site offering information, resources, and activities to help prepare high school students with disabilities transition to college.

www.nvcc.edu Why choose Northern Virginia Community College? Check it out for low, affordable tuition, extensive programs, associate degrees and certificates, transferable credits, experienced faculty and five convenient locations! New medical training facility is state of the art!

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS (CONT.)

SOL RETEST / MAKEUP INFORMATION!!!!!!!!!!

Students who are new to Madison High School or students who previously failed or did not take an EOC (End-Of-Course) SOL test will have the opportunity to retake or make-up the test in January 2005. Tests are offered in the following subjects: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Biology, Chemistry, Geosystems, World History/Geography I, World History/Geography II, U.S. History, and English Writing, and Reading, Literature, and Research. Beginning January 5, 2005, tests will be given on Red Days, January 5, 7, and 11, with tests scheduled in the morning and afternoon (TBD). Online versions are tentatively planned for the mornings on Black Days, January 6, 10, and 12. Counselors have the lists of students that are eligible to test – please contact them if you have questions.

Students are required to pass a minimum number of tests in order to earn the verified credits which are required in order to complete graduation requirements – the **number of verified credits** varies based on the requirements for the *Modified Diploma* (special education students only), the *Standard Diploma*, the *Advanced Studies Diploma*, and/or if the student has *moved* here and did not attend all four years in a Virginia Public school. Please talk with your guidance counselor if you have questions about how many verified credits are required.

Counselors are contacting students to remind them of their eligibility to test. Students need to confirm with their counselor if they plan to take one or more of the tests by completing the information below or parents may contact them via email by December 15, 2004, or sooner if possible. We also need students or parents to tell counselors **the student is not going to participate** - some students have their 6 verified credits and do not plan to take any more tests. That is OK.

Their case manager will contact special education students if they are eligible to retake the 8th grade English or Math SOL test which is the exit test for the Modified Diploma.

You may use this form to notify us of your intention to re-test or please email your counselor directly:

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

_____ I do not plan to participate.

_____ I plan to take the following SOL test(s): Circle appropriate test.

Algebra I,	Geometry,	Algebra II
WH/G I,	WH/G II,	US History
Biology,	Chemistry,	Geosystems
English 11:		RLR
8 th grade (Special Ed. Only)	English	Math

***“Gangs not only represent a threat to our public safety,
but they threaten the well-being of our children”***

Chairman Gerry Connolly, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

“Gang Awareness and Prevention”

For

Parents, Students, and Community Members

Tuesday, November 16 at 7:00 pm

James Madison High School
Multi-Purpose Room

Presenters:

Chairman Gerry Connolly, Board of Supervisors, will speak on new gang prevention initiatives that he has championed since his inauguration in December 2003. Mr. Connolly made gang prevention a theme of his election campaign. He has endorsed the expansion of after-school programming as a gang prevention strategy and he has supported the creation of a countywide gang task force. Chairman Connolly has been a resident of Fairfax County for 24 years and previously served nine years as Providence District Supervisor.

P.D. O’Keefe, Prevention Specialist in the Safe and Drug-Free Youth Section of Fairfax County Public Schools will provide information through power point and video clips on gangs and the law, indicators of gang involvement, why youth join gangs, and gangs in Fairfax County. Mr. O’Keefe conducts school staff training and parent presentations on substance abuse, gangs, and bullying. He retired at the rank of Captain after serving 23 years with the Fairfax County Police Department.

Facilitator:

Diane Eckert is the FCPS After-School Program Deputy Coordinator. She will speak briefly about the Board of Supervisors funded middle school after-school program and the new FCPS after-school initiative for 4th-8th grades. Diane has four children, two currently at JMHS and two college graduates. She is a member of all three sponsoring groups.

Question and answer to follow with the presenters and special invited guests:

Officer Wayne Twombly, Fairfax County Police, School Resource Office, JMHS
Officer Ilsa Blaney, Fairfax County Police, School Resource Officer, Thoreau MS
Town of Vienna Police Department representatives

Jointly sponsored by the Vienna-Madison Community Coalition, the Vienna Branch of the American Association of University Women, and the James Madison High School PTSA.

Free gang awareness and prevention materials provided by the VMCC. Refreshments provided by the AAUW and PTSA.

For more information contact:

Susan Williams, 703-938-7578 or SLWilliams@Britsys.net

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

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| Nov. 16: | Gang Prevention Program - 7:00 pm | Dec. 13: | PTSA Meeting - 7:30 pm |
| Nov. 18: | Freshman Dinner - 7:00 pm | Dec. 20: | VMCC Monthly Meeting |
| Nov. 24: | Sudents released 2 hours early | Dec. 23-31: | Winter Vacation |
| Nov. 25-26: | Thanksgiving Holiday | | |
| Nov. 30: | Ethics Day | | |

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**Keep in
TOUCH!**

Madison now has a customized *Keep In Touch* system. Parents and students will be able to receive messages directly from the school and PTSA. Everyone who has already signed up through the county system will automatically become part of the Madison system but we ask that you update your profile. Please update or register now for *Keep In Touch*, the service allows you to get emergency messages and other information from our school and FCPS via e-mail. Participants set up individualized profiles and receive the most up-to-date information as soon as it is available. To sign up, visit our school web site at www.fcps.edu/MadisonHS and click on the *Keep In Touch* button at the top of the page.

Visit the Activities Calendar on the school website at
<http://www.fcps.edu/MadisonHS/news/calendar/index.html> for more event dates.

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