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703-319-2503
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(3 p.m. - 9 a.m.)
703-319-2348

PTSA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear friends of Madison,

Welcome back after the Winter Break. We had a very important PTSA meeting on January 11 in which Mr. Merrell alerted us that we have had a number of students appearing at school functions who have been drinking. As parents, we need to be aware of where our children are and what they are doing. As parents, we need to be responsible and make sure that we are not providing our children with alcohol purposefully or inadvertently. As parents, remember that you are role models for your children. Show them you care, protect them and talk to your children...they may listen and you can be part of the solution in solving underage drinking.

On February 16 at 7:00 pm in Warhawk Hall (formerly the MultiPurpose Room) the Vienna Coalition and the JMHS PTSA Parenting Network Committee will sponsor a seminar including a student panel about drugs and alcohol. Your attendance will help your child.

On March 13, the Capital Steps will return to JMHS and the proceeds from this event will benefit the All Night Graduation Party an alcohol free celebration of their graduation. It is a great way to spend the afternoon and I guarantee you will laugh out loud! Have a great time and support the school. Ticket reservations may be made by mail with the flier included in this issue of Mad Memos or by calling Pam Hock, 703 255 3798.

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Jan.10, 2005

The coming of the New Year signifies the midpoint in the school year. It is an opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments, as well as plan for the second semester. Our seniors have begun to see the light at end of the tunnel and are getting anxious and restless as they begin to plan for graduation and beyond. The junior dinner was also an introduction to college night and some serious thought to the years after high school. As the number of sophomores turning sixteen increases so does the demand for parking as they get their drivers' licenses. The freshmen are completing their adjustment to high school, and with a semester under their belts they are beginning to settle in and focus on the academic rigor of their studies.

Madison introduced the *Student Assistance Period* this year which is a 35 minute block of time where students can receive additional time and support from their teachers. This additional 2 1/2 hours of time available to students weekly is a great opportunity for students and teachers alike to address any academic weakness or to assist with makeup work. Please encourage your son or daughter to make productive use of the time that they have been allotted during the "Student Assistance". If a student is struggling academically, expect to be notified on multiple occasions by teachers, counselors, and administrators seeking your help and assistance at home.

The Madison faculty and staff will continue to remediate, reteach, or refocus our efforts to provide as many additional opportunities for students to be successful academically. We will continue to look for ways to improve communication with students and parents via our website, as well as *Blackboard.com*. My belief is that by providing students with additional time and support in the classroom, as well as a constant adult presence checking on academic progress, should be a school expectation afforded each student.

SEE PRINCIPAL ON PAGE 3

WILL YOU RECEIVE FEDERAL STUDENT AID TO HELP PAY FOR COLLEGE?

The **Virginia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators** will be holding its annual **Super Saturday** from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on **January 29, 2005**.

What is Super Saturday ?

“Super Saturday” is VASFAA’s day-long event allowing students and their parents to receive professional assistance in completing their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. Students who complete the FAFSA on “Super Saturday” will meet the priority filing date for most Virginia colleges.

Where will Super Saturday be held in Northern Virginia*?

“Super Saturday” will be hosted by the following Northern Virginia locations:

- DeVry University
2450 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202
703.414.4000
Map: www.devry.edu/arlington/campus.html
- Bryant Alternative School, Alexandria, V
- Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, VA
- The College Place, Manassas, VA

*For state-wide “Super Saturday” locations, please go to www.vasfaa.org

What will we need to bring to Super Saturday ?

You must bring the following items in order to complete the FAFSA online:

- Student’s Social Security Number
- Student’s driver’s license (if any)
- Student’s (and spouse’s, if married)
2004 Federal Income Tax Return – IRS Form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, 1040 Telefile, or foreign tax return
- Student’s alien registration card (if student is not a US citizen)
- Student’s Personal Identification Number (PIN) assigned by the US Department of Education
(register for a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov)

Dependent students must also bring:

- Your parent’s 2004 Federal Income Tax Return
- Family’s untaxed income records – Social Security, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, welfare, or veterans benefits records
- Student’s 2004 W-2 forms and other records of money earned
- Family’s current bank statement
- Family’s current business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond, and other investment records
- Student’s and one parent’s Personal Identification Number (PIN) assigned by the US Department of Education
(register for a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov)

Prior to attending Super Saturday students (and parents of dependent students) should register for a personal identification number (PIN) (PIN numbers will be assigned by the US Department of Education) by logging on to www.pin.ed.gov

Each “Super Saturday” location will award one student a \$100 book scholarship. Students must register at the location to be eligible to win.

For more information regarding “Super Saturday”, or for directions to the DeVry University host location, please contact DeVry University Student Finance at 703.414.4057 or email me at ktate@dc.devry.edu.

Sincerely,

Kristen G. Tate

Assistant Director of Student Finance, DeVry University

Member: Virginia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

MADSTORIES

The following students were honored yesterday (Monday, January 10) by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for their support and participation in the county's Student Election Participation Program:

Peter Bronez, Kathleen Harris, Nicholas Haynor, Nora Jameson, Laura Lorand, Jeffrey May, James McCarthy, and James Rice.

These students served as either Election Officers or Election Pages during the recent 2004 elections.

JR CLASS THANKS YOU!

The Class of 2006 had their annual dinner on Wednesday, January 12 in the Madison cafeteria. Over 200 students and family members had a great time listening to music from a jukebox, winning prizes, and eating baked goods.

The delicious dinner was provided by Outback Steakhouse for the 3rd year in a row. Thank you very much to Steve Spurlock, Madison Class of 1996 and Outback proprietor, for again helping this class to have a tremendously successful night! Also thanks to Missy Taylor, Madison cafeteria manager, for giving her time to make sure that everything in the kitchen went smoothly. The SGA, and Mary Ann Barton, SGA sponsor and Class of 2006 sponsor, also did a great job selling Class of 2005 stickers and donating their time to help for the evening. The parents of the juniors again worked very hard to make sure the night was full of fun, food and fantastic prizes.

PRINCIPAL FROM PAGE 1

Student behavior, both during and after regular hours, remains a concern. The good news is that Madison students have generally behaved in an exemplary manner during the school day, and overall our suspensions have decreased over 20% from the same time last year. We have expended a tremendous amount of time and energy to help students resolve conflicts in a peaceful fashion. This is the first time I can remember that we have gone the entire first semester of school without having one suspension due to fighting. Do we have a fighting problem? Absolutely not; however, we usually experience one or two flare ups or arguments that escalate into a shoving match.

The bad news is that we have had a number of incidents where drugs or alcohol have been involved resulting in the suspension, or recommendation for expulsion, of 13 students this year. All of these incidents have happened outside the regular school day, and most recently we have had multiple incidents at our boys' basketball games. We have identified a number of students on more than one occasion who have arrived at games under the influence of alcohol.

This is not an isolated problem unique to James Madison High School, but I need the support and assistance of Madison parents to combat this problem. Parents can help by *asking questions* about where students are going and who they might be going with after school. *Check with other parents* via telephone to make sure *parents are present at houses that host parties.* Insist on *knowing where your son or daughter is* at all times and force them to *check in with you* on a regular basis. Although this may be one of the most difficult conversations you have with your children, talk to them. Explore their thoughts and feelings while explaining your opinions and expectations. As the father of three, these most recent events have caused me to rethink the way to address the issue with my own children.

If we—school and community—work together we can reshape the teen culture from one of destructive decisions and insolence to wise choices and understanding. We need to continue to reinforce positive behavior and the means and reasons to reward it. Thank you for your support.

Mark A. Merrell
JMHS Principal
mark.merrell@fcps.edu
703/319-2311

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Finally, we noticed that the second Monday in February is Valentine's Day. We voted to move the February meeting to Monday, February 7, at 7:30pm in the Library. Please join us and find out what is happening at JMHS.

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

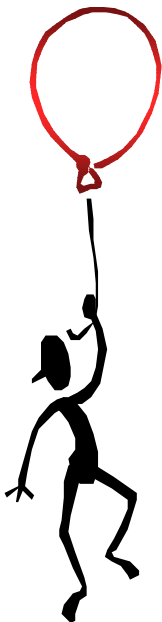
BALLOONS 4 SALE

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
Joan.Basile@fcps.edu
or Mrs. Fernandez
Maria.Fernandez@fcps.edu



GET A CLUE

ABOUT PAYING FOR COLLEGE

CHECK OUT THIS FREE WORKSHOP
ON PLANNING AND PAYING FOR COLLEGE

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- GRANTS
- SCHOLARSHIPS
- THE FINANCIAL AID PROCESS
- FREE RESOURCES

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Presented by:

The SallieMae Fund[®]

When & Where:

Saturday, January 22, 2005

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

James Madison High School
Auditorium

2500 James Madison Drive
Vienna, VA 22181

Honorary Chair, Congressman Tom Davis scheduled to appear



In partnership with the National Association for College Admission Counseling

RSVP BY CALLING TOLL-FREE 877-840-8224 OR VISITING WWW.SALLIEMAEFUND.ORG

The Sallie Mae Fund, a charitable organization sponsored by Sallie Mae, achieves its mission to increase access to a post-secondary education for America's students by supporting programs and initiatives that help open doors to higher education, prepare families for their investment and bridge the gap when no one else can.

JMHS BAND NEWS

The DISTRICT 12 BAND AUDITIONS were held Saturday, January 8, 2005 at Oakton High School. Congratulations to the 26 JMHS Band Members that were accepted to District Band.

WIND ENSEMBLE

Kevin Kingsley - Alto Sax.
James Trichilo - Bass T'bone
Colin Jones - Bb Cl.
Steven Cutri - French Horn
Ally Kachman - Flute
Amanda Johnson - Oboe
Max Friedfeld - Trumpet
Jordan Teague - Snare Drum
Chris Landefeld - Percussion

SYMPHONIC BAND

Robert Parada - Alto Sax.
Ethan Fast - Bari. Sax.
Paul Tsiaperas - Baritone
Mason Shelby - Baritone
Evan Williams - Bass Cl.
Maggie Andrews - Bass Cl.
Suzanne Huycke - Bassoon
Chrissy Duell - Bb Cl.
Nicole Alexander - Bb Cl.
Claire Smith - Flute
Rachel Jones - Flute
Kevin Sullivan - French Horn
Matt Schubin - Tenor Sax.
Tony Goode - Tenor T'bone
Sam Koff - Trumpet
Joe Boselovic - Tuba
Brian Porter - Tuba

These students will volunteer their time and effort to participate in the three day District 12 Band Ensemble. The performance will be held on February 5, 2005 at South Lakes High School.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Athletic Boosters Club is fundraising for the current calendar year at Madison. We are asking for business and individual contributions that will support our 21 athletic team programs. Funding from Athletic Boosters helps to pay for field maintenance, athletic equipment and uniforms, concessions supplies and equipment, as well as support the various events throughout the year. The Athletic Boosters Club continues to offer banners for sale and in addition, Madison is offering package deals for contributors that include entrance to all sporting events, advertising, banners, participation in annual golf tournaments, and Warhawk Booster items. For additional information about these packages, please contact Cathy Horan at 703-242-8122 or the Madison Activities Office at 703-319-2360.

The students selected in the Wind Ensemble automatically qualify to audition for the All-State Band Auditions held at James Madison University on February 26, 2005.

The Destiny Winter Guard will be participating at the Thomas Jefferson High School Competition next month. See upcoming events below for the date and time.

Upcoming Events:

- January 21:** Night of Percussion
@ McLean HS - 7:30 PM
- February 6:** All District 12 Band Ensemble Performance @ South Lake HS
- February 18:** Jazz Night
- February 21:** Destiny Winter Guard Competition - 2:30 PM @Thomas Jefferson HS
- March 3:** Pre-Festival Concert @JMHS - 7:30 PM
- March 11, 12:** District Band Festival hosted @ JMHS
- March 19:** Chantilly Jazz Festival
- April 7-9:** All State Band and Orchestra - Co-hosted @ Oakton HS and JMHS
- April 13 - 17:** Band Spring Trip and Performance in Boston, MA

Times for the above events will be posted on both the JMHS Band and School calendar websites, when available.

Band parents are always welcome to participate and 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.

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

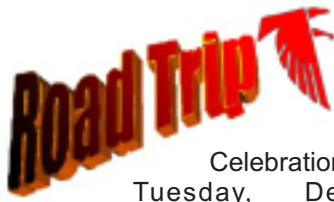


**PROM IS
FOUR
MONTHS
AWAY!**

**Juniors and Seniors
mark your calendars for June 3.**

The Prom will be held at the FairView Park Marriott in Falls Church on June 3 from 9-12 a.m. Music will be provided by Electric Entertainment (D.J.s and light show-promising us the best prom ever).

ALL NIGHT GRADUATION CELEBRATION



ALL NIGHT GRAD - PRIZE DRAWING WINNERS!!!

The first All Night Grad Celebration prize drawing was held on Tuesday, December 21, 2004.

Congratulations to the four winning seniors!

Christina Ashwell, Jamie Gage, Erin Hamblen and Kyle Loda each won a \$25 gift certificate to Tyson's Mall.

Our next monthly drawing for free movie packages to Fairfax Corner Cinema will be held on Friday, January 21, 2005. All seniors registered for the All Night Grad Celebration by Tuesday, January 18 will automatically be entered in the drawing.

PLEASE NOTE: The cost of registration will increase to \$50 after February 2, 2005.

Register your senior now and save!

The following seniors are registered as of January 12, 2005.

Abundo	Michael	Gravette	Latoya
Althoff	Stephanie	Hahn	Andrew
Amer	Lana	Hall	Anthony
Ashwell	Sammi	Hamblen	Erin
Atkisson	Karleen	Hamby	Cody
Bagley	Brendan	Harrison	Jonathan
Baker	Gregory	Haun	Kyle
Barrea	Nicole	Haynor	Nicolas
Barrett	Stephanie	Heath	Emily
Batterton	Jessica	Hendelman	Tara
Bell	Michael	Henshaw	Katherine
Berg	Elizabeth	Hetmanek	Carlyn
Boles	Dominic	Hilburn	Ainsley
Brown	Christopher	Huleatt	Ryan
Brown	Michelle	Isidoridy	Andrew
Brown	Montana	Jameson	Nora
Bussanich	Jessica	Jaye	Rachael
Cadle	Adam	Jimerson	Candice
Canova	Joseph	Johnson	Amanda
Carey	Elizabeth	Keogh	Glynnis
Chang	Kai	Kieffer	Jessica
Chen	Katherine	Kim	Daniel
Cohen	Daniel	Kobick	Bryan
Cole	Elizabeth	Lanza	Kelsey
Critchfield	Stacy	Larkins	Phillip
Davis	Darren	Lawrence	Danielle
Dean	Emily	Ledford	Emily
Delpech	Laurens	Lee	Jessica
Duvic	Christine	Lenz	Charlotte
Eck	Andrew	Levitt	Daniel
Eck	Brian	Lewis	Elizabeth
Emshwiller	Adam	Loda	Kyle
Engle	Samantha	Loneragan	Tessa
Fajkowski	Anna	MacCarthy	James
Feldman	Joseph	Marshall	Jay
Fisher	Max	Martin	Elizabeth
Fitzgerald	Nicholas	McClougherty	Jessica
Gage	Jamie	McElligott	Kelly
Gallagher	Virginia	Mercer	Alex
Ganpath	Dana	Merchent	Kathryn
Garcia	Bridget	Mericka	Stephanie
Garner	Eric	Miller	Elizabeth
Geary	Monica	Miller	William
Geiger	Michael	Millerick	Laura
Gentry	Allison	Minkler	Ann
Gilroy	Fenwick	Mirshamsi	Shayan
Gonzalez	Stewart	Moulton	Kristin

Murphy	Christopher	Schroth	Kristen
Murray	Karen	Secor	Carolyn
Myers	Jeffrey	Sedlak	Jillian
Nazari	Ashley	Sharman	Morgan
Needham	Jennifer	Sheely	Eric
Nelson	Chrissie	Sinrud	Katherine
Nelson	Valerie	Smith	Alexandra
Niemeyer	Daniel	Smith	Christopher
Nissley	William	Snow	Jessica
O'Connor	Katherine	Stahl	Anthony
Parada	Robert	Stark	Amy
Peacock	Andrew	Strup	Sarah
Peng	Tiffany	Thomas	Shara
Perrault	Megan	Thorn	Anna
Physioc	Felice	Traut	Suzanne
Plaxico	Charles	Vadala	Joanna
Plumb	Andrew	Vessey	Amanda
Plumb	Jacob	Wainwright	Laura
Porter	Jennifer	Walraven	Teresa
Purdum	Jennifer	Walsleben	Kaitlin
Reed	Stephen	Warner	Ethan
Reichert	Laura	Wells	Lauren
Renshaw	William	Whitney	Stephen
Robins	Alison	Williams	Evan
Rosales	Sylvia	Wolfe	Jonathan
Ruetenik	Gustave	Zelinger	Allison
Sams	Spenser	Zimmerman	Joshua

LOCAL BUSINESSES SUPPORT ALL NIGHT GRADUATION CELEBRATION

The Fundraising Committee for the All Night Grad Celebration was busy over winter break sending out our first mailing to the local business community. The initial response to our mailing has been terrific! As of January 12, 2005 the following businesses and individuals have made donations to the JMHS All Night Graduation Celebration. Please join us in thanking them for their support of this alcohol and drug-free celebration for our seniors!

Donations

A. Larry Miller, MD	Louise Archer Elementary PTA
Advanced Pediatrics	Maggiano's Little Italy
Andrew J. Chmiel, MD	Mary Ellen Larkins
Andrew Taylore Hair Design, Inc.	Nova Chickens, Inc.
Blue Iguana	Optimist Club of Vienna
Burton & Robinson, Inc.	Parkwood School, Inc.
C. Richard Snively, Jr., O.D.	Pie Gourmet, Ltd.
Cakes by Ruth	R.W. Brown & Associates
Covel, Stack & Henon, DDS	Sisterhood of Olam Tikvah
Dandy Restaurant Cruise Ships	Skate-N-Fun Zone (Manassas)
Dr. Joseph G. Bosco	Sunflower Vegetarian Restaurant
Dr. Myron Shoham	The Promas Landlord Software Center
Fairfax Ice Arena	Trivium, Inc.
Global Plan Initiative	Victoria's Station Salon & Day Spa
Horizon Industries, Ltd.	Vienna Glass Company, Inc.
Johnny's Pizza	Vienna Youth, Inc.
Karin's Florist	Wu's Garden Restaurant
King's Dominion	
Le Canard Restaurant	



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

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mock
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It's the Capitol Steps!

A fast-paced, hilarious,
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& famous political figures

***Coming to James Madison High School!!
Sunday, March 13, 2005 - 4:00 pm***

To reserve tickets, cut off form below & mail w/check. **Tickets will be mailed to you.**

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Capitol Steps Ticket Request Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

of tickets x \$25.00 = \$ _____ Total Enclosed

Make check payable to **JMHS All-Night Grad** & mail to:
JMHS All-Night Grad, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna, VA, 22181
For information call: Pam or Ran Hock at 703-255-3798

PTSA Sponsored—Benefits JMHS All-Night Grad

JOIN THE ALL NIGHT GRADUATION CELEBRATION MAKE IT A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

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: _____

MARSHALL ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE



WHAT: MARSHALL ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

WHEN: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 6 PM — 7 PM

**WHERE: Marshall Academy is located within Marshall High School
7731 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, VA 22043**

Parents and students are invited to an open house to meet members of our teaching staff and learn about our programs. The Marshall Academy offers advanced specialized courses with an emphasis in **International Studies and Business** and **Engineering and Scientific Technology**. These elective courses are **free** of charge to interested, qualified students in Fairfax County Public Schools. Emphasis is placed on the integration of career and academic preparation using the latest technology. Students who enroll in the Marshall Academy typically have a strong career interest in one of the career fields represented by the courses we offer. Transportation between Marshall and the students' base schools may be provided by Fairfax County Public Schools (students may also provide their own transportations). Courses are available to 11th and 12th grade students, except Chinese which is available to 9th through 12th grade students. Application forms for courses will be available in guidance offices in January. Students register for Marshall Academy courses through their base school counselor.

Course Offerings

Our students acquire technical knowledge and skills in the following professional program areas:

Advanced Accounting offered online

Advanced Business and Management 1 and 2 (The course follows the IB curriculum.

Weighted credit is given to students who are in IB programs at their base school.)

Auto Collision Service 1,2 - work toward ASE

Auto Technology 1,2,3 - work toward ASE

Chinese 1,2,3,4, IB Chinese

Computer Systems Technology (Comp TIA A+ certification)

Cosmetology 1,2,3 - work toward Virginia license

Criminal Justice 1,2

Culinary Arts 1,2

Engineering Physics

Entrepreneurship NEW PROGRAM!

Hospitality Management 1,2

Internet Marketing

Network Administration 1,2 (Microsoft Certified Professional MCP

Microsoft Certified Systems engineer MCSE)

Network Administration 1 also offered online NEW PROGRAM!

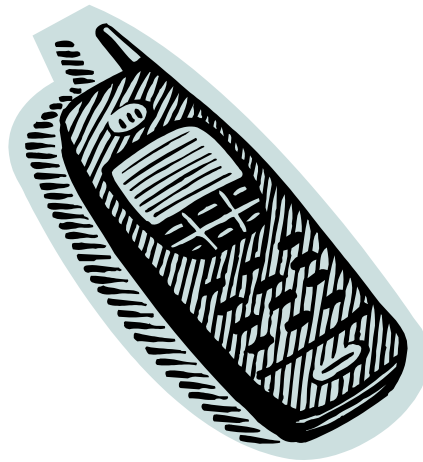
Network Design and Engineering 1,2 (CISCO Certified Networking Associate)

Physics of Technology

For more information, you may visit our website www.fcps.edu/MarshallAcademy or call Paulette Cerutti, Marshall Academy counselor at 703-714-5581

We need your old cell phones!

**DECA will be collecting old
cell phones to donate to
battered women.**



**Collection boxes in
Main Office and Room 129A
Won't you help?!**

Jack and Jill Black History Forum 2005

HONORARY CHAIRPERSON: Dr. Dorothy Height, President Emerita, National Council of Negro Women

Celebration and Fund Raiser For Scholarships for African American Youth
Sponsored by Jack and Jill of America, Burke-Fairfax Chapter

FEBRUARY 13, 2004 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
James Madison High School, Vienna, VA



Building the Knowledge and Competency
of Future Leaders Through High School
Level Competition – Program Topics
Include African Americans' Role in:

- History
- Sports
- Science
- Bible
- Entertainment
- Business and Industry
- Others



PAST AND PRESENT PARTNERING
AND PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

James Madison High School
Annandale High School
Oakton High School

George Mason University
US Department of Education
ABC-7 Good Morning Washington
TC Williams High School
West Springfield High School
James W. Robinson Secondary School



Career and Transition Services Nights

January 19, 2005 Snow Date: January 26	7:00-9:00	Edison HS
January 24, 2005 Snow Date: January 31	7:00-9:00	Falls Church HS
February 3, 2005 Snow Date: February 10	7:00-9:00	Herndon HS (Location: cafeteria. Come into the building through door #11)
February 9, 2005 Snow Date: February 16	7:00-9:00	Robinson HS

**Middle & High School
Special Education
Students, Parents, & Teachers**



Representatives from Career and Transition Services will provide information and answer questions on the following:

- Career Assessment
- Technology Support
- Job Coach Services
- High School Career Academy Support
- Work Awareness and Transition
- Office Technology & Procedures
- Employment and Transition Services
- Davis & Pulley Special Career Centers
- Parent Resource Center
- PERT Assessment (*Postsecondary Education Rehabilitation Transition*)
- Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS)
- Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB)

If you have need for accommodations, due to a disability, to participate in this event, including sign language interpreters or alternative format, please call the number listed below **two weeks prior to the event.**

For more information please call:

Maureen Erickson

703-810-2311



Did You Know???

On an annual basis, Madison has to recommend expulsion of students for alcohol and drug abuse.

Are you aware that on any given weekend there is an inappropriate party going on in our community?

Alcohol is the primary drug of choice at parties; alcohol is easy for underage students to obtain; and some students drink to get drunk.

JMHS students report that Cocaine and Ecstasy are among the drugs available at some parties in homes.

Parents and Students are invited to participate in an interactive discussion lead by a panel of students on ...

"Drug and Alcohol Use by Madison and Thoreau Students"

Feb. 16, 2005 at 7:00p.m.

James Madison High School Warhawk Room

Child Care provided

For more information, contact Sara Freund, Coordinator, Vienna-Madison Community Coalition, 703 281-3241 or shfreund@aol.com

Sponsored by the Fairfax County Office of Safe and Drug Free Youth and the Vienna-Madison Community Coalition

COLLEGE/CAREER CENTER

Junior College/Career Units

During the month of January, the Junior Class had the opportunity to get an overview of the variety of information and resources that are available in the College/Career Center. Students were each given a Junior/Senior Handbook that has relevant information to assist in the post-secondary planning process. The students were encouraged to share this guide with their parents. The Guidance Counselors also shared important planning information with the students. Since the Class of 2006 will be the first class to take the New SAT, students were shown a video about the New SAT published by The College Board. The wireless lab was incorporated and each student was able to access one of the college and career exploration programs, *MyRoad* or *Guidance Central*.

Ninth Grade Academic and Career Planning Guides

The Academic and Career Planning Guide will arrive to your house soon. These portfolios provide information and suggestions for parents and students to help develop academic and career plans that support individual interests and goals.

Military Academy/ROTC Night

Madison parents and students are invited to attend this informative evening event on Wednesday, February 23, 7:00 p.m. at Fairfax High School. A panel of experts from all military academies (U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy) and each branch of the ROTC (Army, Air Force, Navy) will present information you need and want to know.

Guidance Department Parent Programs

Parent programs will continue to be held in the College/Career Center as scheduled. **However, parents will no longer receive an email confirmation prior to the program.** Morning sessions are held from 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. and evening sessions are held from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

Date	Topic
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 a Guidance Central 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 – (evening session only) Meet the Madison representatives and learn about the different branches. Parents and students welcome.

REFLECTIONS CLUSTER II RESULTS

James Madison HS has won the Outstanding Interpretation Award in Visual Arts for this year's Reflections Program: "A Different Kind of Hero". Jenny Kangarloo's entry has won at the Cluster II Level and has been submitted to the District Level. We will know the District results around mid-late February. The Cluster II results from the County Council Level are:

Visual Arts: *Outstanding Interpretation* -
Jenny Kangarloo

Literature: *Award of Excellence* -
James Reilly

Photography: *Award of Excellence* -
Stephanie Miller

E-MADMEMOS

The email version (PDF attachment) of this newsletter was sent January 17. 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.

Special thanks to the group of volunteers that came out to help us assemble last month's newsletter and prepared them for mailing.

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

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

SENIOR MID-YEAR GRADES

Seniors – Mid-year (7th semester grades) are automatically sent to every college to whom you have submitted an application. You do not need to do an additional request. However – we will not even have them until the middle of February.

REGISTRATION FOR 2005-06

Our ***Curriculum Night*** will be held on February 3, 2005 from 7:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M (Snow date 2.7.05). This program will provide parents and students, grades 8 – 11, an opportunity to learn about academic classes, elective classes, and course requirements that are available to your student. Teachers and departments from Madison, as well as the FCPS Academies, will have displays and information throughout the building (maps will be provided) to provide you and your student with an excellent opportunity to find out about the different curricular offerings and requirements, and to ask questions about course sequence, course content, and activities. Counselors will be available to provide information about guidance services and SOL test requirements. The Career Center will be open. Registration for all students will begin on February 4, 2005 and must be finalized by March 17, 2005. Changes to the student's course selection will be on a space available basis after March 17, 2005, so it is very important that you work with your son/daughter to make the most appropriate choices. Course selection materials will be mailed home to current high school students the week of January 18, 2005, and distributed to middle school students when the counselors visit Kilmer Middle School, Thoreau Middle School, and OLGC during this time. This course selection guide has information about course, FCPS regulations, graduation requirements and SOL requirements. The Course Guide is also available on the Madison Web site.

AP CLASSES: During this program, there will be special presentations for students (and parents) who are considering enrolling in an AP class for the 2005-06 school year. Students and parents have had difficulty in the past understanding the rigorous nature of AP classes and the TIME required in these classes. Teachers will present the expectations and curriculum of the classes, so that students and parents can weigh the demands of the course against the rest of the student's obligations, both academic and extracurricular.

There will be an 'elective fair' during 3rd period on Friday, February 4, 2005. Students will have an opportunity to visit three elective presentations to help them with their choices. This opportunity does **not** substitute for the information received at the evening curriculum program, but will supplement the information.

Madison High School is staffed based on student's course selection so student's class selections are extremely important! Staffing occurs in April, so once course selections are in, decisions are made based on whether or not there are enough students enrolled in the class to offer it. Courses that are under enrolled are deleted and not offered! Students are re-assigned to their alternative class selection.

Juniors have registration from February 4th through February 18th ; Sophomores, February 22th through March 4th, and Freshman, March 7th through March 17th (Dates may change due to weather). Selection of classes is a process that involves the student, the parent, the teacher, and the counselor based on student achievement, strengths, and weaknesses. After March 17, 2005,

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changes in selections will be based on space available. Please note in the curriculum guide that many of the upper level classes REQUIRE the signature of the current teacher prior to the students enrolling in the class. Students will receive their course selection sheets in small group meetings with their counselor, along with a copy of their current transcript. Please note the **pre-requisites, co-requisites, and teacher's signature** required. Students will have to have these completed, along with **parent signature**, prior to returning their *Course Selection Sheets* to their guidance counselor as soon as possible or by the due date. Call your guidance counselor if you have specific questions. **Make realistic decisions based on current performance, preparation, and future plans.** Students who finish the year with a D or an F in any academic class should attend summer school! A grade of D or F indicates the student is **not** prepared to progress to the next level. A student who does not pass the SOL test should repeat the class and/or take the remediation program in summer school and retake the test.

FCPS ACADEMY OPEN HOUSES: The academy programs are available for juniors and seniors, and are truly state of the art. Fairfax High School's Communication and the Arts Academy Open House is February 24th (7-9:00 PM) and Marshall High School's International Studies and Business and Engineering and Scientific Technology Academy Open House is February 10th (6 –7:00 PM) You may go online to find out the particular details:

<http://www.fcps.edu/FairfaxAcademy> or <http://www.fcps.edu/MarshallAcademy>

'TOUCHING BASES' PARENT CONFERENCE

Our Touching Bases Conferences will be held on February 10, 2005 in the cafeteria, media center, and Warhawk Hall from 7:30 AM – 9:30 AM. This is an opportunity for parents to briefly 'touch base' with their student's teachers. Each conference is limited to 5 – 10 minutes. Please join us. Teachers will be assigned to the cafeteria or the library- directions will be available as you enter the building. **Students will report to school three hours late. Buses will run but on a three hour late schedule.** In case of a snow day, this program will not be re-scheduled.

SOL ENGLISH TESTING

March 7th, 8th, and 9th, all students in **English 11** will take the SOL English multiple-choice and writing test. The first part of the test will be done during the student's English class on March 7th and 8th; the writing test must be given to students at the same time, therefore, on March 9th, the bell schedule will be modified for all students to accommodate a two hour testing period in the morning. Please make sure your students are in school on time, for this important test! **Students must pass this test to graduate!**

AP TESTING

AP testing begins May 2, 2005 and ends May 13, 2005. Students who are taking an AP test are expected to be in school for the entire day. Taking an AP test is the culmination of the year's preparation – it is not an excuse to be absent and miss the other classes. Students should check with their teacher or guidance counselor for exact time and date.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS (CONT.)

STUDENT –ATHLETE INFORMATION

Please be aware there are very stringent rules and procedures for student-athletes that would like to pursue the opportunity to continue playing their sport on the college level. Information is available from the guidance office, the athletic office, and on line at www.ncaa.org .

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CHECKLIST FOR STUDENT/ATHLETES AND THEIR PARENTS

The following checklist will assist you with the process of making the potential transition from high school to college sports. Because the transition involves **academic as well as athletic issues**, several people will be involved in the process. Realistic assessment, advanced planning and attention to timelines are critical elements that cannot be minimized. **Preparation begins in 9th grade**, but the formal process does not begin until your junior year. Remember...the **primary goal** for attending college is to further your education. Do not lose that focus.

- _____ Discuss your interests with your parents, your coach and your guidance counselor. Make sure your counselor knows you are an athlete!
- _____ Evaluate your academic progress at the end of each school year. Attend summer school to repeat core courses where you earned less than a C.
- _____ Develop an athletic resume beginning with 9th grade accomplishments. List all statistics, district, regional, state athletic honors, and participation on teams and in camps that are **significant**.
- _____ Review NCAA publications to familiarize yourself with eligibility rules and qualifications. Information is available online at: <http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net>
- _____ Use the resources in the guidance office and the career center to research colleges that meet your academic and athletic criteria. Determine your personal list of colleges that fit these criteria.
- _____ Contact the colleges and request a catalog and admission packet.
- _____ Visit colleges as part of your personal quest to determine your academic and social match. See if you can set up an appointment to meet with one of the coaches.
- _____ Ask your current coach for a honest assessment of your athletic abilities and where he/she thinks you can be successful (Division I, II, or III).
- _____ Take the SAT test and/or the ACT test beginning the spring of your 11th grade year. Send your scores to the colleges and to the NCAA Clearinghouse.
- _____ Compose and mail a letter of interest to the college coaches, including a cover letter and your athletic resume.
- _____ Complete and mail the NCAA student release form with the appropriate fee in the summer between 11th and 12th grades.
- _____ Complete the college application process in the fall/winter of your senior year. Be aware, if you play a winter or spring sport, that based on your senior year performance a college or university that you had not considered might enter the picture.
- _____ Make your final decision based on all factors – academic, personal match, and athletic. 1/14/05

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Jan. 17: MLK Holiday | Feb. 1: Student Holiday |
| Jan. 20: Inaguration Day Holiday | Feb. 3: Curriculum Night |
| Jan. 21: VMCC Monthly Meeting | Feb. 7: PTSA Meeting - 7:30 pm |
| Jan. 22: Paying for College Workshop | Feb. 10: Touching Bases Mini-Conferences for Parents |
| Jan. 24: ANGC Planning Meeting - 7:00 pm | Feb. 16: Drug & Alcohol Presentation |
| Jan. 28: End of Second Quarter | |
| Jan. 29: "Super Saturday" | |
| Jan. 31: Student Holiday | |

For latest event dates visit the Activities Calendar on the school website at <http://www.fcps.edu/MadisonHS/news/calendar/index.html>



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.

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