

MAD MEMOS



James Madison High School
2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna, VA 22181



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President's Message

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

We are entering the time when the number of teenagers who manage to kill themselves drinking skyrocket. Some manage it without even driving a car! Drug and alcohol abuse is discussed -- it seems endlessly -- at school but with little obvious effect. Maybe what's needed is parent education.

I found a very interesting article in the February 13, 2006 issue of *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*. It was titled "27-month sentence for teen beer party upheld". The interesting part was that it was the kid's PARENTS who were sentenced to jail. Humm...

Some parents hold the view that no matter what we do the kids are going to drink. After all, most of us drank before we turned 18 (am I dating myself here?). So, it's better to have the kids drink at home where you can take everyone's car keys and exert some measure of supervision. This, apparently, is what the jailed parents thought when they provided the beer for their son's 16th birthday party. Unfortunately for them, the neighbors reported underage drinking to the police 3 times that evening. When the officer pulled into the driveway to check on the reports, he saw 2 teenagers outside with beer bottles in their hands. More underage drinking was happening inside the house. When the police officer knocked, he found the parents home and arrested them. They were charged with 9 counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and were sentenced to 3 months of jail time for each count – over 2 years in total! Although the parents appealed their arrests on various legal grounds all the way to the Virginia Court of Appeals, the courts upheld the arrests. By the way, the parents are now divorced.

So now you know. What are you doing for the next 2 years of your life?

For Madison's best year yet –

Bettina Lawton
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Madison Memos:
March 16, 2006

March and April are typically the time when we begin to sift through our registration numbers and begin to make attendance projections for the next school year. Based on the information we have currently available, we project that the student population for the 2006-07 school year will be as many as 1915. This number reflects an increase of 35 students over the current enrollment of 1880. As a result, Madison is well over the building capacity of 1850 students. While space will certainly be tight next year, we do not anticipate the addition of any temporary buildings or trailers. Based on my observations and conversations with principals in the Madison pyramid, I do not see the enrollment numbers dropping significantly in the next five years.

I was intimately involved in the planning phases of Madison's renovation way back in 1998-1999 when the student population at Madison had leveled off at roughly 1525. At no time then did anyone foresee the growth in enrollment reaching the 1800 mark, and certainly a projection of 1900 at that time was simply out of the question. During the design phase of renovation, the wild estimate was that Madison might someday reach 1850 students and the building was renovated to address that possibility. Eight years later we have surpassed Fairfax County Public Schools' expectations, and yet we meet the needs of all of our students.

During the month of March, Madison students will participate in a number of school-wide activities designed to highlight the many talents of our students. On Friday, March 3, 2006, Madison sponsored the annual International Festival where our students performed in a talent and fashion show that highlighted many of their native countries. Following the show, the audience was provided a sample of a wonderful array of foods from a variety of countries around the globe. The weekend of March 9-11 was highlighted by the Orchestra Festival held here at Madison High School. Finally, during the week of March 13-17 Madison will host the annual Art Show in the Media Center, as well as in Warhawk Hall. The week will culminate with the Regional Science Fair, held at Robinson Secondary School on Sunday, March 19, 2006. Congratulations to all of our participants who have contributed projects, art work, and musical talent to each of these events and to all the faculty members responsible for organizing them. I hope you find the time to visit the school after hours to observe one of the many activities in which our students are involved.

Thank you,

Mark Merrell
Principal
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**Seniors
Registered for
All Night Grad as
of March 13 2006**

Abiles	Peter	Disselkamp	Craig	Lee	Sophia
Abrahamson	Ida	Dorman	James	Liu	Wen
Adams	Kira	Dozier	Sarah	Lofton	Keenan
Anderson	Warren	Duncan	Justin	Logan	Katherine
Andrews	Margaret	Eck	Alison	Lord	Keith
Arturo	Jonathan	Ellis	Annie	Lowe	Jeannine
Asman	Tom	Enriquez	Stephanie	Ludwig	Sam
Avesian	Carly	Fisher	Steven	Magellan	Mark
Baldassari	Stephen	Fitzella	James	Maiorana	Joshua
Barnhurst	Kelly	Foley	Shannon	Makharita	Noah
Bell	Jennifer	Ford	David	Malone	Killian
Berlow	Anne	Forde	Eric	Manfredi	Andrew
Blackwell	Kate	Foulis	Drew	Marquez	Daniel
Blaesing	Jason	Frigiola	Michael	Martin	Allison
Borzoo	Matthew	Galinda	Betsy	Martin	Matt
Bosco	Christopher	Gambarelli	Kathleen	Matthews	Ryan
Bosworth	Sarah	Ginley	Megan	McCarthy	Kimberly
Brennan	Meredith	Godshaw	Brian	McMinimy	Christopher
Brown	Julian	Gongaware	Kathryn	McNamara	Conor
Burke	Mary	Gore	Darien	McNamara	James
Burke	Ryan	Grenade Willis	Philippe	Mead	Heather
Butler	Blake	Halik	Kirsten	Mella	Heather
Byrnes	Brendan	Hartnett	Jessica	Meriwether	Catherine
Callsen	Taylor	Harvey	Andrew	Merrill	Patricia
Carnahan	Zach	Hayes	Joey	Miagkov	Alexandra
Cassady	Brandon	Hazard	Jackson	Miller	Rebecca
Cassady	Keegan	Heppner	Charlotte	Mobley	Eric
Chen	Tony	Herdman	David	Monday	Eric
Cheng	Herman	Hibler	Kyle	Moonan	Liz
Chickinsky	Lindsay	Hrbacek	Tiffany	Murphy	Thomas
Chiou	Jimmy	Huff	Julie	Myers	Randi
Christensen	Jennifer	Huffman	Alexandra	Nalli	Priya
Christensen	Jessica	Hughes	Kyle	Navin	Lindsey
Clark	Jacqueline	Hynes	Kevin	Nee	Christopher
Cohen	Emily	Inskeep	Jacqueline	Nishiyama	Alison
Concepcion	Matthew	Jacobs	Laura	Nobile	Ashleigh
Conroy	Matthew	Jay	William	Noyes	Alexandra
Convoy	Allison	Jindal	Ravi	O'Brien	Patrick
Cookmeyer	Kyle	Kachman	Ally	O'Donohue	Peter
Coppola	Jeffrey	Kangarloo	Jenny	Olson	John
Crerie	Allison	Karny	Matthew	Orasin	Sarah
Cushnie	Christen	Karra	Shyaam	Ostrowski	Michael
Dailey	Kasey	Kassab	Stephanie	Pagano	Allison
Damico	Vince	Keissling	Chris	Paul	Sebouh
Davies	William	Kenny	Sean	Perry	Albert
Devolites	Alexandra	Kettering	John	Perry	Sean
Dilles	Jacob	Kindelan	Erin	Pickett	Lindsey
Disselkamp	Brian	King	Victoria	Pina	Leanne
		Kingsley	Kevin	Pomeroy	David
		Koch	Andrea	Porter	Brian
		Kohrmann	Phillip	Powers	Patrick
		Kuykendall	Jaime	Raft	Alicia
		Landow	Alec	Randolph	Alexander
		Lanza	Jessica	Rasmussen	Eric
		Lawton-Belous	David	Rawlinson	Zachary
		Lazcano	Daniela		

All Night Grad Names (cont.)

Reese	Beleny	Shrestha	Lena	Verley	Rebecca
Reilly	James	Singh	Era	Vretos	Alexis
Rice	Alexandra	Smith	Stephanie	Waclawski	Laura
Richardson	Meghan	Sole	Laura	Wagoner	Mary
Rifenbark	Graham	Sparrow	Kerry	Waring	Megan
Robbins	Jessie	Stemetzki	Todd	Weber	Kelly
Roesener	Maggie	Stolarik	Matthew	Weschler	Leonard
Rudden	Dana	Surbey	Stephen	Wheeler	Gregory
Sahno	Christian	Sutton	Chris	White	Ashley
Sapiurka	Maya	Sweet	Jim	Wilder	Justin
Sawetz Glasener	Michael	Taylor	Amy	Willis	Amy
Sayce	Spencer	Taylor	Brian	Wills	Matthew
Schell	Brandon	Thomas	Jake	Wishner	Becky
Scott	John	Togashi	Kelly	Wood	Katherine
Scott	Megan	Torres	Daniela	Yoo	Jane
Sethi	Nitika	Trichilo	James		
Shenefelt	Michael	Uhrig	Alexa		
Shore	Donald	Unangst	Grace		

Northern Virginia Project Graduation

All Night Alcohol and Drug Free Celebration

Class of 2006 All Night Grad Reservation

Senior Name: _____

[You must attach the Inform and Consent and Emergency Care Cards with this!]

Phone: _____ **Parent email:** _____

**Clip and mail with a check for \$50 payable to JMHS All Night Grad
2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna, VA 22181**

All Night Graduation Volunteer

[You do NOT have to be the parent of a graduating senior to help out!]

I would like to volunteer and be a part of the celebration. Call or email me:

Parent(s) name _____ **Phone** _____

Email _____

**Clip and mail to JMHS All Night Graduation Celebration
2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna, VA 22181**

All Night Graduation Celebration Donation

YES! I would like to make a tax-deductible donation:

- _____ \$100.00 to help buy gifts for each senior's 'goody' bag
- _____ \$100.00 to help with the cash prize drawings
- _____ \$ 50.00 to fund a reservation for a needy senior
- _____ \$ 25.00 toward general expenses
- _____ \$ _____ other cash donation
- _____ Other non-cash donation to use as a prize drawing

**Clip and mail with your check payable to JMHS All Night Grad Celebration
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ACADEMIC BOOSTERS

Thanks to everyone who has joined Academic Boosters and supported Academic Boosters. Please continue to support Academic Boosters by coming to the Art Auction on April 23, 2006 at 4:00 at The Waterford at Fair Oaks. Tickets are \$25.00 each. For information or to purchase tickets, please call Susan Hildebrand at 703-281-3364.

Academic Boosters needs everyone's continuing support to be able to provide money to the teachers for conferences and to support the Academic Awards Ceremony for Students, and various other things. This year so far Academic Boosters has donated \$3,000 for the Courtyard Project, \$1,000 to the Robotics Club, \$500 to Combating Intolerance, \$500 for International Festival, \$1500 to Mr. Merrell for the monthly student breakfasts, plus several hundreds of dollars to various teachers for registrations to conferences and also to buy magazines etc for their classrooms.

Please continue to support Academic Boosters!

Here's another chance to run or walk for a good PTA cause! The Vienna Elementary PTA will hold its Second Annual 5K Fun Run, with an alternate 1-mile course, the morning of Sunday, April 30. The race begins at 8:00 am at Vienna Elementary School, 128 Center Street South, in the heart of downtown Vienna. Check the website, vienna5krun.org, for more information.

Parents of Students with Emotional Disabilities

Join our parent-run Internet support group

If you live in Fairfax County and have a child with the ED label, or a child who is being considered for that special education label, please join us in an Email discussion group to share our experiences and discuss educational issues.

For over five years, dozens of parents and guardians from across the county have been having lively, confidential discussions about school issues. Our children are in all grades and levels of service. We can be a tremendous resource for you and hope you will share your experiences with us.

To join, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/edfairfax/>

or write to Margaret Fisher jrosenthal2@cox.net

Odyssey of the Mind:

Two teams from Madison went to the regional competition at Falls Church High School on March 4th. Both teams took second place for their problem. Congratulations to John Arturo, Lindsey Arturo, John Dorrance, Rebecca Barat, Tara Safaie, Megan Waring, Jessica Hartnett, Kelly Togashi, Grace Unangst, Ann Marie Callsen, Megan Ginley and Sarah O'Connor!! Thanks to Academic Boosters for supporting this activity!!

**James Madison High School
Tom Christie Memorial Golf Tournament**

- Purpose:** Proceeds to benefit Madison High School Hall of Fame and Athletic Booster Club
- Location:** Westfields Golf Club
A Fred Couples
Signature Golf Course
(703) 631-3300
- Date:** **Wednesday, May 17, 2006**
- Format:** Captain's Choice
4 person teams
- Time:** **7:00 a.m. Registration/Driving Range Opens
(Continental breakfast: coffee, juice & pastries)**
- 8:00 a.m.. Shotgun Start**
- 1:00 p.m. Tournament Awards Ceremony
Lunch**
- Awards:** Tournament prizes to be awarded by flight
- Entry Fee:** **\$125 per person**
- 18 holes of golf with cart
 - breakfast and lunch
 - tee gifts and door prizes
 - tournament awards

Hole-in-One and Putting Contests

Sponsorship Opportunities

Freedom Sponsor (Donation of \$1,000):

Entry of a foursome in the tournament
Recognition on a sign placed on a tee box
Full-page ad in the tournament program

**Weekday (Monday-Thursday) round of golf for four
at Westfields Golf Club anytime during the 2006 golf season**

Liberty Sponsor (Donation of \$750)

Entry of a foursome in the tournament
Recognition on a sign placed on a tee box
Recognition in the tournament program

Independence Sponsor (Donation of \$500)

Entry of a twosome in the tournament
Recognition on a sign placed on a tee box
Recognition in the tournament program

Tee Sponsor (Donation of \$100):

Recognition on a sign placed on a tee box
Recognition in the tournament program

Golf Participant (\$125 per person)

18 holes of golf with cart, breakfast and lunch,
tee gifts and door prizes, tournament awards

(Field limited to 144 players)

Questions: Tammy Roach (703) 391-1223 or email plagroup@aol.com

**JAMES MADISON HIGH SCHOOL
TOM CHRISTIE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Registration Form

Please check the appropriate box(es):

Freedom Sponsor, including 4-some (\$1,000)
Recognition on a sign placed on a tee box
Full-page ad in the tournament program
Weekday (Monday-Thursday) round of golf for four
at Westfields Golf Club anytime during the 2006 golf season

Liberty Sponsor (\$750)
Entry of a foursome in the tournament
Recognition on a sign placed on a tee box
Recognition in tournament program

Independence Sponsor (\$500)
Entry of a twosome in the tournament
Recognition in the tournament program
Recognition on a sign placed on a tee box

Golf Participant(s): ____
Players ____ @ (\$125 per person)

Tee Sponsor (\$100)
Recognition on a sign placed on a tee box
Recognition in the tournament program

Other _____
(description of item)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Sponsor: _____
(if applicable)

Golf Participant Information (if applicable)

Name: _____ USGA Handicap: _____ Shirt Size _____

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Please send completed form with check made payable to "JMHS Athletic Boosters" to:

c/o Tammy Roach, 2089 Hunters Crest Way, Vienna, VA 22181
(Questions: email: plagroup@aol.com)
Tammy Roach @ (703) 391-1223

James Madison High School invites You to be a

Facilitator

for

"Ethics Day 2006"

to be held on

Tuesday, April 4, 2006

7:30 am to 1:45 pm

at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street in Vienna

Each Facilitator will *encourage and facilitate the conversation* within their group of 8-11 Senior students. The four ethical dilemmas/situations presented are:

- A Mock Trial from Fairfax County Juvenile Court;
- A Heart Transplant decision simulation;
- The Bad Samaritan video, an actual case of a young man and the repercussions of his decision to not report a crime he had witnessed; and
- A forum on Educational Ethics!

Your commitment:

- April 4, from approximately 7:15 am to 2:00 pm.
- If you have not served as a Facilitator or been trained in the past, to attend the information/training session on April 3 at 7:00pm (place to be announced). We strongly encourage you to attend this training session to familiarize yourself with the materials and format for the day.

Can We Count on You? Please reply ASAP!

Questions? Please contact Julia Perry, julia.perry@fhwa.dot.gov, 703-404-6206
or Kathy Althoff, kathleenalthoff@msn.com, 703-255-9273

**MADI-
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NEWS**

James Madison Crew extends an invitation to enjoy a "Day at the Races." Come cheer us on at Sandy Run on the Occoquan Reservoir.

2006 Season Schedule

Mar 25 - Polar Bear	10:00 am
April 1 - Walter Mess	10:00 am
April 8 - Smokey Jacobs	10:00 am
April 15 - Darrell Winslow	10:00 am
April 22 - Al Urquia	10:00 am
April 29 - Regional Park	9:00 am
May 13 - Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championship	9:00 am

If you want to learn more about Crew, speak to one of our coaches or rowers. More information can be found at www.warhawkcrew.org

--James Madison Crew Booster Organization

Congratulations to the Madison Chess Team!

The Madison chess team took second place at the Virginia State Scholastic Chess Tournament held in Roanoke on March 11-12.

This year's team of Tyler Cook, Andrew Psaltis, Jimmy Wang, and Nathan Ostapovicz turned in their best performance to date.

Special congratulations to Tyler Cook who was one of the tournament co-champions, and Andrew Psaltis, who received a 12th place trophy. Way to go, team!

More Great *Reflections* News!

As cluster-level first-place winners, the *Reflections* entries of Stefanie Miller (photography) and Shilpa Darivemulva (literature) proceeded to the District level of judging. Now the District and state results are in!

Shilpa took second place in the District for her literature entry. And Stefanie's photography entry won first place at the District and went on to the state of Virginia, where her entry won second place!

Congratulations to Stefanie and Shilpa, and to all 115 Madison High School *Reflections* participants! Remember, students may begin work at any time on entries for next fall, when the theme will be, "My Favorite Place."