

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,

I have a terrific little *free* software program called GuruNet. Anytime I'm reading a case or news article and I come across a word I don't know, I hold down the "alt" key and right click on my GuruNet arrow and it gives me the definition.

I discovered the other day a really neat sub-dictionary called "New Words". It was fascinating. There were some new words that I think are especially relevant to our community, including teenagers. So, for your amusement and maybe to provoke some thought, here are some of my favorites.

induhvidual *n.* A stupid person; a person who does or says something stupid

just-in-time lifestyle *n.* A modern lifestyle in which people expend only the minimum effort to complete a task and rush from one appointment to another.

trophy child (TROH.fee chyld) *n.* A child used to impress other people and enhance the status of the parent or parents.

—trophy-child *adj.*

soul proprietor (SOHL pruh.pry.uh.tur) *n.* A businessperson or entrepreneur who balances work with emotional and spiritual growth.

—soul proprietorship *n.*

The names of some of these words are very clever. So, if you have some spare computer time, cruise over to www.gurunet.com and have some fun.

For Madison's best year yet –

Bettina Lawton
JMHS PTSA President 2005-06
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Spring Break is over and we are well into the fourth marking period with a stretch run of eight weeks that will include SOL testing, AP testing, and Final Exams. I know you recognize the significance of these high stakes tests, and I recognize the additional stress these tests place on students, faculty and staff. A healthy diet and plenty of rest are perhaps two of the most important means of preparing for assessments overlooked by our students. Your continued support during these final eight weeks will help bring closure to another successful year at James Madison High School.

Many of you might have read the April 17, 2006 issue of *Time Magazine*, and the special report on high school dropouts. I must admit that I question the validity of a national average of 30% of America's high school students leaving without graduating. I do believe that we have a national crisis on our hands, but we do not have a local crisis on our hands. While Madison typically will lose a very few students during the school year for a variety of reasons, we are nowhere near a 30% dropout rate for the student body. We do, however, consistently struggle with the issues that confront the typical large suburban public high school. Namely, when the vast majority of our graduates participate in a highly competitive college prep program, what do we offer those students who are not interested, motivated, or mature enough to pursue a college degree upon graduation? We are committed to a high quality education for all of our graduates, and we believe that all of our students are capable of achieving at a very high level. My hope is that as a community we can all embrace the concept of "*Whatever It Takes*" for all of our students, and that we will commit the resources necessary for all of our students to be successful.

Congratulations are in order for the very talented Madison Band and Madison Orchestra which returned from spring trips with armfuls of awards. In addition, the James Madison Science Olympiad Team brought home a third place trophy from the state science competition. Finally, many of our athletic teams have jumped out to a great start this season highlighted by the Girls Soccer and the Baseball teams which have both started out on fire and are undefeated at this time. The end of April will be an exciting one here at Madison, as the Drama Department, under the direction of Mr. Marshall Henderson, performs the Madison version of the musical *Carnivale*. The musical has created a buzz here at school and in the community, and I would offer a personal invitation to attend April 27, 28 & 29. I wish the staff and cast the best of luck, and look forward to what I believe will be a truly outstanding performance...

As always, I look forward to seeing you at the many activities and events that will take place over the next eight weeks.

"Whatever it Takes"

Mark A. Merrell
Principal
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IS YOUR NAME ON THIS LIST YET?

217 SENIORS
REGISTERED
FOR ALL NIGHT
GRADUATION

**As of
4/4/2006**

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

All Night Grad Names (cont.)

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

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

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ACADEMIC BOOSTERS: ART AUCTION

The art auction scheduled for April 23 at 4:00 at the Waterford at Fair Oaks has been cancelled due to lack of interest. Since no tickets had been sold by the PTSA meeting on April 3, it was decided to cancel the auction. Please continue to support Academic Boosters!

Congratulations to the Madison Chess Team!

Madison High School captured second place, with team member Tyler Cook finishing in third place in the individual standings.

Seniors and their Families
are cordially invited to the

James Madison High School
Class of 2006

Baccalaureate Service

An interfaith service of thanksgiving, reflection,
celebration, and inspiration.

Wednesday, June 14th, 2006
6:00 PM

St. Mark Catholic Church
9970 Vale Road
Vienna, Virginia 22181

Baccalaureate is one of the highlights of the graduation
festivities, an opportunity for reflection and rejoicing.
Sponsored by the PTSA, attendance is voluntary.

Seniors arrive at 5:30 PM and gather in the Activity Center.
Please wear your graduation gown, but not the cap.
Graduates will process in.

Kathleen Althoff, Chairperson
703-255-9273

POSTSECONDARY ALTERNATIVES TO FOUR YEAR COLLEGES

Pathways to Success Resource Fair

For Current High School Students and their Families

Thinking about life after high school? Prepare for the future and explore career and vocational options. Meet area professionals and discover the variety of careers, two-year colleges, apprenticeships, and vocational programs that are available to high school graduates. Tips on resume writing, interview techniques, and career searches will also be available!

DATE: MAY 15, 2006, 6:30-8:30PM

LOCATION: ROBINSON SECONDARY SCHOOL

5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, VA 22032

GOLD CAFETERIA

Sponsored by the Robinson Secondary School PTSA

Participants Include:

- Americorps
- Art Institute of Washington
- Dominion Resources
- ITT Technical Institute
- Fairfax County Fire and Rescue
- Fairfax County Parks and Recreation
- Job Corps
- Northern Virginia Community College: Annandale Campus
- Northern Virginia Community: Medical Education Campus
- US Mechanical Trades School: Plumbers Local 5 Apprenticeship Program & Steamfillers Local 602 Apprenticeship Program
- Plus representatives from the federal government, the automotive industry, construction trades and more!

(We are accepting participants through April 14, 2006. Subject to change)

Questions? Write Adrienne Raynor Ramstransition@aol.com

**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

MADISON CREW 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

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

Message from School Board Member Stuart D. Gibson:

You are cordially invited to attend a Hunter Mill District Dialogue on Tuesday, May 2, 2006, at Hughes Middle School from 7 to 9pm. The purpose of the meeting is to solicit your insight and feedback on the School Board's draft student achievement goals. The session will be a dialogue conducted around a framework of targeted questions that I will facilitate. Everyone will have the opportunity to provide feedback.

I look forward to our meeting. Thank you in advance for attending!

JMHS Band News

The JMHS Band/Symphony, Winter Guard and Jazz Ensemble have been extremely busy this past month achieving some outstanding scores for their performances.

District XII Festival of the Bands

The Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony gave outstanding performances at the District XII Festival of the Bands at Marshall High School on March 11th and 12th. Both ensembles received **superior** ratings from all the judges.

Winter Guard

Our *Destiny* Winter Guard received **first place** at the March 4th AIA competition held at Herndon High School, **second place** at the March 18th AIA competition held at Hayfield High School, and **second place** at the competition at C.D. Hylton High School on March 25th. Way to go Winter Guard!

Jazz Ensemble

The Jazz Ensemble gave a terrific performance on March 25th at the Chantilly Jazz Festival receiving a **superior** rating from the judges. They will be providing music for the upcoming JMHS musical **Carnival**.

Orlando Trip

The JMHS Band had GREAT spring trip to Orlando this past weekend. The students represented JMHS with great pride and enthusiasm both on and off the performance stage.

All of the performing groups had EXCEPTIONAL performances and received numerous accolades from the judges...

The "Destiny" Winter Guard received **1st place with a gold (Superior) rating**

The Symphonic Band received **1st place with a gold rating**

The Wind Symphony received **1st place gold rating, an adjudicator's award for a score over 95 points, and the award for highest Band score in the competition.**

JMHS received **the Instrumental Sweepstakes award** for the highest combined scores of 2 performing groups.

The JMHS Philharmonic Orchestra received the **1st place gold rating, an adjudicator's award for a score over 95 points, and the award for highest Orchestra score in the competition.**

Thank you to all of the parent chaperones that gave their time, energy, and SLEEP to make the trip so memorable. And a special thank you trip coordinator Kathy Cutri who planned, organized, and ran a great trip.

Dates to Remember:

April 27-29 Musical – **Carnival** – accompanied by the JMHS Jazz Band

May 9-11 Chamber Music Concerts

Kathy Uhrich, PTSA Liaison
JMHS Band Parent Association
rkuhrich@verizon.net



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Located in T-9

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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. Susan Jones

Susan.W.Jones@fcps.edu

Mrs. Maria Fernandez

Maria.A.Fernandez@fcps.edu.



FAIRFAX COUNTY COUNCIL OF PTAs CANDIDATES

The Fairfax County Council of PTAs (www.fcpta.org) is looking for candidates!! You do not need to have a current student in Fairfax schools. You do need to be a member of a PTA or PTSA but all that's required is the payment of dues to that organization. All officer positions are up for re-election, so please contact Lynn Terhar at fcpta@cox.net if you are interested in any of the following offices:

President

1st vice President

2nd Vice President

3rd Vice President

4th Vice President

Treasurer

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

Congratulations

to Philippe Grenade-Willis. He received a Silver Award in the 2006 National Scholastic Art Awards competition, administered by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers. Philippe was one of 20 award winners from Fairfax Co. Public Schools.

Attention Seniors and Senior Parents: We are collecting Kiddie Pictures for the Kiddie Quiz at the All Night Graduation Celebration.

We would love for each Senior to bring in one non-returnable copy of a photo from when you were between the ages of 2 and 5. Put the picture with your name on the back in an envelope and bring it to the office. We will have a box there labeled Kiddie Quiz. You may also send these items to the following address: Ms. Meg Dwyer, 2444 Casmar St, Vienna, VA 22180. Thanks so much!

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