



Fairfax High School PTSA News

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School Calendar

April

- 12 NO Teacher Workday – School is open !
- 13 4th quarter begins
- 13 All Night Grad committee meeting
- 15 Career Day
- 17 Fairfax Academy Auditions
- 19 3rd Quarter report cards mailed
- 19 PTSA meeting, 7 pm
- 20 Choral Patrons meeting, 7:30 pm
- 21 Teacher Appreciation Day
- 26-30 AP Exam pre-registration
- 30 Rebels on the Rise Breakfast, 7:20 am
- 30 *Chicago* opens, 7:30 pm

May

- 1, 7, 8 *Chicago*, 7:30 pm
- 2 *Chicago*, 2 pm
- 3-14 AP exams
- 11 All Night Grad committee meeting
- 12 Final Senior Parent Night, 7 pm, Cafeteria
- 14 Theatre scholarship applications due, 2:30 pm
- 14-15 “Moviement” Academy Dance Concert, 7:30 p
- 17 Highest Honors Luncheon
- 17 PTSA meeting, 7 pm
- 19-June 4 SOLs
- 20 Free4All Academy Student Film and Animation Festival, 4:30-6:30 pm
- 20-21 Cap & Gown Distribution at lunches
- 21 Theater Awards Ceremony
- 25 All Night Grad committee meeting
- 25 Spring Chorus Show “Dance the Night Away,” 7:30 pm
- 28 2 hour early release
- 31 Memorial Day school holiday

June

- 1 Senior Awards, 8:30 am
- 5 Junior/Senior Prom, Fox Chase Manor, Manassas
- 9-11 *Wit* Blackbox performance
- 10-15 Seniors’ exams
- 17 Senior Breakfast @ 8:30 am, then Grad Rehearsal
- 18 Graduation at noon in the Field House
- 18 All Night Grad Party
- 25 Last Day of School

A Message from the Principal

I hope everyone had a wonderful spring vacation spending time with their families. The beautiful weather seems to provide the perfect setting as we usher in the conclusion of the school year. I know the senior class is starting to keep count of the weeks and days remaining. I wonder if graduation day – June 18 – seems close or far away for them. I am so proud of the way the senior class has performed in the classrooms and the hallways, and in artistic and athletic performances. They have led our school in such a fine manner all year, and I will be excited to congratulate each one of them as they make their way across the stage, diploma in hand.

Within the last few weeks, I have seen several student performances that have demonstrated our school’s strength through its diversity. Our **International Festival** featured dancing performances from around the world, including the moves and rhythms of Los Reyes del Tumbao (from Latin America), the FHS Bhangra team (from India), and Taichi Warriors and A Taste of Vietnam (from Vietnam). There was even a Korean a capella group singing “Stand by Me”! It was wonderful to see the students bring important cultural traditions from their families and share them with the school. And it was equally noteworthy to see an auditorium packed with students cheer on their classmates. Six students – coming from Colombia, Haiti, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia – assisted Mr. Hoffman in emceeding the performance. This event was many months in the making, and was one of our school’s finest displays all year.

I also had the pleasure the week before spring break to watch an **ESOL** class put on its own performance of *Romeo and Juliet*. It was a thrill to see students who are working hard to develop

their proficiency in speaking English take on the challenge of Shakespeare. I was really impressed with how effectively they captured the emotion and tone of each act and scene, not only memorizing their lines but making the audience feel for the characters. I thank Ms. Costello for showing these students there is no challenge too great for them to take on.

A true diversity of expression was on display during our school's **One-Person Art Show** on March 23. Our students put together large exhibits of their artistic talent in many different mediums. There was so much art that seemed to me to be of professional quality. The students' work was just another example of how our students amaze me with their talent and ability. Artwork from Art 1 students still adorn the windows that welcome people walking upstairs to our library. It makes a beautiful school even more pleasing to the eye. Thank you to Ms. McDermott, Ms. Schreffler, and Mrs. Washburn for their tireless work in organizing the show, and a huge thank you to the wonderful artists who shared their work with us all.

As we returned from the spring vacation, we officially welcomed the most recent addition to our administrative team: **Jennifer Glaser**, our new **Director of Student Services**. Jennifer began her career as a classroom teacher in Prince William County after completing undergraduate studies at The College of William and Mary. While teaching, Jennifer attained her graduate degree in school counseling from George Mason University, and joined Fairfax County as a counselor at West Springfield High School. The counselor position has changed dramatically within the past decade, and I am very excited to have a leader in Jennifer's position who is also an experienced teacher. While at West Springfield, Jennifer served in various leadership roles including Advanced Placement Testing Coordinator, First Generation College Bound Cohort mentor, and lead counselor for the school's successful Recognized American

School Counselor Association (ASCA) Model Program (RAMP) application. Fairfax and West Springfield are two of only four FCPS high schools that have attained RAMP status. Jennifer recently completed her master's in education leadership at George Mason University and has been a part of the county's Aspiring Directors of Student Services Cohort. I know Jennifer will help Fairfax maintain a strong counseling program and help find innovative ways to make strides in areas where challenges remain.

Our students will have many opportunities to demonstrate their learning in May. **Advanced Placements** testing will start on May 3. The statewide **Standards of Learning** exams begin May 24 and continue through June 11.

Spring sports are underway and many of our teams have started well. I want to congratulate Coach Lusk and Coach Shafer for getting their first victories early as they have taken over the boys' soccer and girls' lacrosse teams, respectively. The weather is certainly warm enough, so I hope you will join me in the stands cheering on our teams. See you there!

Dave Goldfarb

REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR

Fairfax High School had a very successful weekend at Regional Science Fair in March. Our school sent 16 projects and 15 won awards, including first place awards for **Varun Joshi**; the group of **Fatima Hayat** and **Jason Nguyen**; and the group of **Atif Javed**, **Aditya Mazmudar**, and **Varun Joshi**.

Atif Javed, **Aditya Mazmudar**, and **Varun Joshi** were also nominated for Grand Prize, and **Atif Javed** and **Aditya Mazmudar** were one of two group projects to win **Grand Prize!** Atif and Aditya will be attending the **International Science and Engineering Fair in San Jose, CA, May 9-15.**



From the PTSA President

An enormous thank you to all our volunteers over the past couple of months who have given tirelessly of their time and talent for several activities at FHS.

This would not be the school it is without you!

- Proctors for the French and Latin National Exams
- Applause concessions
- Faculty-Student Basketball Game – A special shout out to our teachers and staff who stayed after school for this event.
- Rebels on the Rise Breakfast
- Rebel Roundup Teacher Breakfast

A very important event will occur on Wednesday, April 21 – the **Teacher/Staff Appreciation** luncheon.

This is the FHS community’s opportunity to say **thank you** to our fabulous staff – please give generously in the form of gift cards or monetary donations by Friday, April 16. We want this event to be as special as our staff are!!! If you would like to help out with this event, please contact me at claij@cox.net or 703-830-8699. Set up begins at 9:00 am and the actual event occurs between 10:30 am and 12:30 pm.

Several positions will be open on the **PTSA Board** next year: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Hospitality. Please contact any member of the Nominating Committee if you are interested in serving on the Board. Susan Kuck at sjkuck@msn.com; Clare Talbert at talbert4fun@msn.com; Janice Wyatt at janicewyatt@cox.net.

The PTSA meeting for April is Monday, April 19 at 7:00 pm in the Library.

Please come to meet Jennifer Glaser, Director of Student Services. A full agenda will be posted on the PTSA website by April 16.

Clai Jorgensen

PTSA Meeting Dates

- April 19 (7 pm Library)
- May 17 (7 pm Career Center)
- June 14 End of Year Dinner (*time and place TBD*)

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Teacher Appreciation Day, April 21

Thoughtful
Helpful
Always there
Nice
Kindhearted
Supportive

In an effort to thank our wonderful Fairfax teachers and staff, do not forget to send in your family's donation. Gift cards to retail stores, coffee shops, restaurants, and any other ideas, are being collected. If you would prefer to send a check, I will do the shopping for you. Make your check payable to FHS PTSA. Please send your donation in to me c/o the office today-
Karen Bryan, PTSA representative

April 15 – Career Day

Every student will learn about the real world from **professionals** in the field. Over 60 speakers will be giving of their time and expertise. Juniors and seniors were able to choose three speakers while freshman and sophomores will attend three, 30-minute group sessions on Job Search Skills for Teenagers, Social Networking and Its Implications for the Future, and Getting Involved in High School.

May 17-18 – Senior Survey

Through Government classes: This will let students tell us where their final transcript should be sent and provide important **feedback** to student services for future programs.

2010-11 Course Selections

During late May the list of your student's courses for the **2010-2011** will be mailed home for your final review. Please check it closely for errors.

African American Achievers (AAA)

The year seems to have gone by so fast. However, AAA has made some progress and outstanding achievements. Four of our students: **Jason Dodge, Vivian Bornell, Monique Hopkins and Lindsay Hopkins** represented Fairfax High in a Black History Forum sponsored by Jack and Jill of America, Inc. They competed against three other schools Flint Hill, Lake Braddock and Mount Vernon. Mount Vernon won the competition and received the winning trophy. However, Jason Dodge answered a final question posed by Mr. Abraham Scott, founder of The Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund and won a \$500 scholarship for each of his team members. The team was honored at the March AAA meeting. Thank you again to these participants!

AAA's April 8th meeting features **Dr. Johnny L. Nelson**, President of the Chantilly Pyramid Minority Student Achievement Committee (CPMSAC). This organization, very similar to AAA, has for 25 years been committed to working with students, parents and the community to close the academic achievement gap between minority and non-minority students. They have implemented numerous programs and possess a wealth of information to assist our students in this process.

AAA will host its final meeting of the year on Thursday, May 13. Our guest speaker will be **Mr. Leon Harris**, award-winning journalist and news anchor of ABC7/WJLA-TV. All are welcome.

Applause and Thanks!

A huge thank you to Chick-Fil-A (Fairfax Circle), Hard Times Café, Ledo's Pizza (Lee Highway) and Smoothie King for providing food for the Applause concessions which benefits the All Night Grad Party!!!!

VA Star

The first annual VA STAR “Bridging the Technology Gap” ceremony was held at FHS on April 6th in the cafeteria. The VA STAR program is a service learning/community service program that provides refurbished computers at no charge to students that don’t have one of their own at home.

This program came to Fairfax High School as a partnership between the FHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) program, the FHS Business Department and the statewide VA STAR program.

Forty FHS students received computers Tuesday night at a ceremony with over 100 people in attendance. Twenty four FBLA students performed the refurbishment of the computers over the last 6 months and coordinated the ceremony on April 6th.

Fairfax High School is the first school in FCPS to implement this program and will serve as the “pilot” school to spread this program throughout Fairfax County.

Dance Team

Our dance team traveled to Towson University to compete against cheer and dance teams from the surrounding areas. Their high-energy performance showcased jazz, pom, hip hop and kick. This dance, choreographed by the captains and coaches, earned the team second place in the Open Category. Four of the girls – **Chrystina Herring, Paola Bauza, Rachel Fernandes and Madison McGinty** – took the floor to be judged on their self-choreographed solos, and they walked away with 3 first place medals, and 1 second place medal, respectively!

FAIRFAX STUDENTS WIN GIANT'S A+ BONUS BUCKS WRITING CONTEST

Victoria Nguyen, Grade 11, was selected as the WINNER from among all 9th to 12th grade entrants in Giant's writing contest! As part of the contest, Ms. Nguyen wrote a letter to the President of the United States answering the question: "What would you want President Obama to do in the area of education that will benefit your school?"

In addition to her prizes, Victoria has earned 2,500 additional Bonus Bucks points for Fairfax High School. CONGRATULATIONS VICTORIA ON A GREAT JOB!

Congratulations also go to **Shary Tchatchouang** who was selected as a finalist for the A+ Bonus Bucks Writing contest! Ms. Tchatchouang has earned Fairfax High School 1,000 additional Bonus Points. Congratulations Shary!



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Rebels on the Rise Honorees Congratulations!

Ibrahim Akari
Shakuana Alcorn
Yoselin Andrade Argueta
Silvana Angulo Rojas
Fernando Badilla
Chaz Beverly
Martin Boyce
Samuel Brott
Amanual Bulti
Anton Burns
Vincent Caetto
Cesar Casafranca Sandoval
Bo Kyong Chae
Christian Chalco
Hee Won Choi
Antonio Claire
Sana Ginawi
Christina Glover
Roberto Gutierrez Gonzalez

Lucas Higdon
Sanika Kanade
Daniel Killigrew
Helen Kim
Dong Wook Lim
Natalia Lopez
Spencer MacLeod
Patrick Martin
Emily Mertz
Joseph Montoya
Blaine Mulugeta
Ida Nakumwami
Jeremy Neilan
Nathaneal O'Lear
Emma Oestreicher
Jason Pabon Tancara
Celi Palhua Flores
Ashton Parker-Morton
Allyson Parkhurst

Ebone Patton
Kevin Playuk
Samuel Redondo
Brady Robertson
Kyle Rohlfling
Tonya San Nicolas
Gozde Sandal
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Limachi
Christian Theodore
Sofia Tipton
Nhan To
Ethan Tubach
Karen Vasquez Hernandez
Austin Wong
Alexander Woodman

PTSA would like to thank Panera Bakery in Fairfax City for providing bagels for this event.

Science Olympiad

The PTSA would like to tip its hat to the Science Olympiad team for placing first in a regional competition at George Washington University on March 23. Fairfax garnered nine first place finishes out of sixteen events and soundly beat second place finisher Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. The next round of competition is the Virginia State tournament on April 24.

Science Olympiad is an extracurricular event sponsored by Ms. Cathy Williams, a Chemistry teacher at FHS. Students meet year-round to prepare for the events which are knowledge-based, hands-on, or engineering-based, and test students' knowledge in science, technology, math, and engineering.

Calling Freshman/Sophomore/Junior Parents!

We are recruiting freshman- junior parent volunteers for All-Night Grad set up and clean up. Here's where we need assistance:

Friday afternoon, June 18, 4-8 pm – Help with decorations and organize food.

Saturday morning, June 19, 6-8 am -- Clean up; Refreshments and coffee will be provided!

Please contact either Catherine Miller (cadrmiller@cox.net, 703-222-5838) or Shelly Modes (shelly@capitalreunions.com, 703-255-6702) by phone or email to let us know which day and time you can help out!

FAIRFAX ACADEMY NEWS



Creative Collaboration: Student graphic designers have paired up with student fashion designers to create textile designs that they have screenprinted onto various types of fabric. Students will display their designs and fabric at the Academy Awards and Showcase program in June.

Community Outreach, part 1: Eight Fashion Design students and their teacher, Barbara Galindo, volunteered their time at a March fundraiser for the American Association of People with Disabilities. The 15th Anniversary Leadership Gala had over 800 guests, and featured the designs of Betsey Johnson. Stevie Wonder received the association's Image Award and performed at the event.

Community Outreach, part 2: Several students in Dave Ruby's Professional TV Production program are working on a video for the Tigerlily Foundation, in collaboration with a team from Leadership Fairfax. The Tigerlily Foundation video features young breast cancer survivors talking about their individual battles with the disease and how cancer has impacted them at such a young age. Video interviews were taped in the Academy's TV studio, with students on camera and involved in post-production editing. The video will be a permanent feature on the Tigerlily Foundation's website.

Community Outreach, part 3: Sarah Mills, a second year Dance student, recently taught an Afro-Caribbean dance class to students and parents during International Night at Shreveewood Elementary School. The dance education class was part of Sarah's Signature Project, which will be presented in May to a group of dance professionals.

Ashleigh Davis, Professional Graphic Studio student, created the winning logo design for the City of Fairfax 2010 Fourth of July Celebration.

Jonathan Early and Brad Stebner,

Professional Television Production students, placed in the top 75 for C-SPAN's 2010 Student Cam Competition. There were more than 1000 5-8 minute documentary entries submitted from 2000 students nationwide. Both videos are linked to www.studentcam.org.

Andrea Heininge, Dance instructor, won the Washington Area Theatre Community Honors WATCH Award for outstanding Choreography for her work in Reston Community Theatre's production of *Curtains*.

Gwen Plummer, Career Experience Specialist, had a proposal accepted for presentation at the National Association of Workforce Improvement conference in April. She will be joined by **Barbara Galindo**, Fashion Design teacher, and **Sophocles Grafas**, Professional Graphics Studio alumnus to discuss the Academy's Creative Leaders Project in partnership with Apple FCU Education Foundation.

It's Not Too Late! Students interested in Fairfax Academy classes for the 2010-2011 school year may still submit applications for review. Auditions will be held on Saturday April 17. Teachers will be contacting applicants to schedule audition appointments that day. For questions, please call 703-219-2226

MARK YOUR MAY CALENDARS!

"MOVIEMENT" Spring Dance Concert

Fri, May 14 & Sat, May 15, 7:30 pm

FHS Auditorium

Tickets: \$15 adults, \$10 students Pre-Sale

\$15 for All at the Door

Free4All Student Film and Animation Festival

Thursday, May 20, 4:30- 6:30 pm

FHS Auditorium FREE!



Chicago!

Last year the Fairfax Theatre Department's *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* was one of the top five high school musicals in the metropolitan area, earning six Cappies (the high school version of Tonys) nominations. Don't miss these talented singers, actors and dancers in this year's blockbuster show, ***Chicago***.

Jazz era lovely murderesses Roxie Hart (**Ann Norland**) and Velma Kelly (**Allie Dawson**) think "He Had It Coming", but will "Razzle Dazzle 'Em" lawyer Billy Flynn (**Mikail Faalasi**) be able to persuade the jury "They Both Reached For The Gun"?

Performances are April 30, May 1 and May 7-8 at 7:30, and Sunday May 2 at 2 p.m. **Catch a rising star at the May 7 understudies show.** The Cappies critics will be at the May 2 performance - an enthusiastic full house would be much appreciated! Check out our website, www.fxplayers.org, for tickets (\$8 online, \$12 at the door) and more information.



Theatre Scholarships

In these tough economic times, the FHS Theatre Boosters are proud to announce that they will again award **\$7,000** in **theatre scholarship** money, more than any other FCPS theatre program. All graduating seniors who are members of the International Thespian Society are eligible. Applications are available from the Theatre Director, Mrs. Knight. A hard copy of the complete application packet must be hand delivered by the student to the FHS Theatre Director by 2:30 pm on Fri., May 14, 2010. Faxed and emailed application materials will not be accepted. Any materials received after the deadline will disqualify the applicant. Scholarship auditions will be held Sat., May 15 from 2-4 pm in the Blackbox. Winners will be announced at the May 21 Theatre Awards Ceremony.

Wit

Mark June 9-11 on your calendar for the last of the Theatre Arts 2-4 Blackbox performances of Pulitzer Prize winning plays, ***Wit***, a searing story of one woman's struggle with cancer. "I think I die in the end," the main character tells the audience at the outset. Fasten your seatbelts: ***FHS theatre is not for sissies.***

Boosters

It's not too late to help support our talented actors and technicians. You can still join the FHS Theatre Boosters (see the website for a membership form). The next Booster meeting is Wed., April 14 at 7 pm in F111. There will be many ways you can volunteer for *Chicago*, both at the performances and at Build and Tech Days, Sun, April 18 and Sat, April 24 from 10 am to 4 pm. We hope to see you there!

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chorus

An unexpected treat during the Pyramid Concert last month was a performance by the United States **Navy Sea Chanters**. This professional singing group gave a narrated mini-concert after the Fairfax choirs warmed up the crowd, then joined with our students to close the evening with a moving rendition of The Battle Hymn of the Republic. The **District Choral Festival** took place all day on the following Saturday and Fairfax choirs sounded great there, too.

The **Spring Trip to Fiesta-Val** in Myrtle Beach, SC, was a huge success! All three Fairfax choirs earned superior ratings, and the Women's choir took first place in their division as well as an overall award for the entire competition. The Mixed and Men's choirs each finished second in their groups. The local weather was fantastic --- 70 degrees and sunny --- so everyone enjoyed quality time on the beach and at the pools. Expect to see some highlights during the Spring concert slide show.

Mark your calendar now for the always popular **Spring Show** on Tues., May 25th. This year's theme is "Dance the Night Away" and you'll be tapping your feet to many familiar songs performed by full choirs and small group curtain acts. This free concert begins at 7:30 pm, is the last public performance of the school year, and is guaranteed to please (or your money back).

The **Fairfax High School Choral Patrons Association** (FHSCPA) assists Mr. Frels in making the choral program successful and rewarding for our students. The FHSCPA Board will be losing some key members at the end of the school year as their students graduate and is looking for replacements. If you have some time and talent to spare, please consider volunteering to join this fun group. Come to any monthly FHSCPA meeting (next one is Tues, April 20 at

7:30 p.m. in FHS room J136), see the FHSCPA page of the website www.fhschorus.net, or contact Laura Zelenack (llzelenack@aol.com) for more information. Thanks for your continuing support of Fairfax Chorus.

Orchestra

District Festival, March 19-20:

Intermediate Orchestra – Excellent rating on grade IV music; Superior rating on sight reading
Advanced Orchestra – Superior rating on grade VI music and a Superior rating on sight reading

All State Orchestra:

Senior Jerry Chen will represent Fairfax HS in the 1st Violin Section of All State Orchestra, April 8-10 in Chesapeake, VA.

Fiesta-Val, Myrtle Beach, March 25-28:

Intermediate Orchestra – Excellent rating on grade IV music

Concertmaster David Chae received an award for an outstanding solo.

Advanced Orchestra – Excellent rating on grade VI music

Concertmaster Sung Hong received an award for two outstanding solos. The **viola section** received an award for outstanding section.

Band News

District Festival

Both the **Fairfax Concert** and **Symphonic Bands** earned straight Is (Superior) ratings at the District XI Band Festival on March 13-14. For the Concert Band, this is a tremendous achievement as it marks the first superior rating that ensemble has received in several years. For the Symphonic Band, it means that Fairfax has earned the title of "**VA Honor Band**" for the second year in a row, and for the second time in school history! CONGRATS TO ALL OF OUR STUDENTS – FAIRFAX IS AGAIN A VIRGINIA HONOR BAND!

Chantilly Jazz Festival

Our **Fairfax Jazz** earned an overall rating of Excellent for their performance in the 2010 Chantilly Individual Jazz Festival! Janet Christensen (trumpet), Andrew Rosenberger (trumpet), and Anderson Taylor (drums) were recognized for outstanding individual performance and named to the Chantilly Festival All-Star Jazz Band. In addition, Anderson Taylor received a \$100 scholarship to attend GMU's Summer Jazz Workshop.

Fiesta-Val Competition at Myrtle Beach

ALL of our Fairfax Bands performed incredibly well at the Fiesta-Val Competition in Myrtle Beach, SC. **Fairfax Jazz** received a Superior (I) Rating and was 2nd place overall in their class. **Concert and Symphonic Bands** both received Superior (I) Ratings and were each first place in their classes.

Symphonic Band also won the Championship Trophy for being the top scoring instrumental group of the day. The combined scores of Jazz Band, Concert Band and Symphonic Band also earned the Fairfax Bands the title of **GRAND CHAMPION** for all of Fiesta-Val and earned us a very tall trophy (taller than most freshmen!) Students earning awards for solo accomplishments: Andrew Jordan and Janet Christensen (Jazz Band), Celine Serrano (Concert Band), Andy Eshbach, Tommy Scibilia and Elizabeth Szabo (Symphonic Band).

Atlantic Indoor (AIA) Season Championships

The **Winter Drumline and Indoor Guard** left Myrtle Beach and traveled to Chesapeake, VA for their final competition of the season. Guard finished with their best performance of the year AND increased their score yet again! Congrats to all of our guard members for a great season!!!

Drumline finished prelims in first place, on the heels of THEIR best performance of the year. Sunday's show was also very good and they finished in third place, earning a bronze medal

(students are given individual medals). This is the first Fairfax Drumline to medal at AIA for several years, and they did so in a very competitive Scholastic Open class, so we are very proud of them and their accomplishments!

Dr. Thomas Hill Scholarship

In honor of Dr. Thomas Hill's 85th birthday, the Fairfax Bands received several generous donations to the Dr. Thomas Hill Scholarship Fund. The Dr. Thomas Hill Scholarship, established in 1994, is awarded each Spring to a graduating senior from the FHS band program in honor of Dr. Hill, former director of the City of Fairfax Band and Professor of Music at George Mason University. Dr. Hill's many years of service to the City of Fairfax brought about the establishment of this scholarship, and the FHS band program is proud to be able to recognize one of its graduating seniors in his honor. We are honored for Dr. Hill's family to continue to fund this scholarship for a deserving band member.

The Fairfax Bands would like to thank all of the friends, family and former students of Dr. Hill who so graciously donated in order to keep Dr. Hill's Scholarship available to current and future members of our band program. Thank you for your outstanding support of music education in Fairfax!!

Barnes and Noble

The bands would like to invite everyone to join them at a Barnes and Noble book fair. On Friday, May 21 from 7-9 pm and Saturday, May 22 between 1 - 3 pm, the Barnes and Noble bookstore in Fair Lakes will donate a portion of their profit to anyone making a purchase who says they would like to support the FHS Band Program. This could be a great chance to stock up on that summer reading! Thank you to Barnes and Noble for offering us this opportunity.

2010 ALL-NIGHT GRAD PARTY



Celebrate the Class of 2010! FHS ANG Committee is offering Senior Yard Signs for graduation.

Recognize your graduate and inform the community of your student's accomplishment, with this specially-designed 18"x 24" sign that will display the school name, colors and their name (optional). They are great for yards, windows, or later on – dorm rooms!

Purchase as many Senior Yard Signs as you like. ANG Committee is offering to place one of your purchased Senior Yard Signs along Rebel Run on graduation day so that everyone can see the great school spirit of the Class of 2010!

Pricing and order blanks will be up soon on the PTSA website under ANG.

Raffle for Graduation Parking Spots

Avoid the Headache! Purchase Reserved Seating and Graduation Parking Spaces Raffle Tickets

FHS ANG Committee is raffling off **two reserved parking spaces and six reserved seats** for the Class of 2010 Graduation Ceremony. No worries about getting to school hours early, riding the shuttle buses from the church parking lots, planting Grandma and Grandpa in the stands to hold seats – **YOU'LL BE GUARANTEED A PARKING SPOT RIGHT**

UP FRONT AND SEATS OFFERING THE BEST VIEW OF THE GRADUATION CEREMONY!

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase along with the ANG tickets beginning on April 27 and continuing every Tuesday and Friday during lunches through May. An order blank will also be available on the PTSA website under ANG.

One Raffle Ticket \$5 or Three for \$10! This is a GREAT DEAL!

ANG Ticket Sales

Ticket sales for the All Night Graduation Celebration begin April 27.

Tickets to the All Night Graduation Party can be purchased in the cafeteria on Tuesdays and Fridays during lunch periods through the end of May. The ticket price is \$50 and includes t-shirt, food and beverages, games, entertainment, casino chips, prizes and giveaways. All students attending (**including** those 18 years of age and older) *must* fill out a reservation form, which includes a permission slip with a parent/guardian signature. Permission slips will be distributed to all seniors and will also be available in the cafeteria during sales times or can be downloaded from the ANG webpage. www.fhsptsa.org/topic.aspx?cat=73

Completed reservation forms and cash/checks must be turned in together. Checks should be made out to FHS ANG, with student's name on the memo line. ANG t-shirts will be distributed at the Senior Picnic on June 17 and will serve as the students' entrance ticket to the ANG party. We encourage you to buy early to guarantee t-shirt size!

Please contact Kim Newman, newmanka@aol.com or (703) 818-1429 with questions or concerns.

Newsletter Submission Guidelines

Next newsletter will be in May; Deadline for articles is May 14.

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