



# Fairfax High School PTSA News

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## School Calendar



- 23 Spring sports begin
- 26 Academy Info Night- 7:30PM
- 27 Rebels on the Rise- 7:30AM



- 2 Senior Cap & Gown pics- 12:45-9:30PM
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- 4 Spring Sports Parents Night- 7PM
- 5 African American Achievers- 7PM
- 6 DECA State Competition
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- 8 Time Changes!
- 9 Winter Sports Banquet
- 10 Sports Pics
- 11 Sports Pics
- 14 FHStival Talent Show- 7PM
- 16 PTSA Meeting- 7PM
- 18 Faculty/Student Basketball Game- 7PM
- 21 District Chorus Festival
- 24 National Honor Society Induction
- 25 Spring Music Trip to Florida
- 28 Athletic Mulch Sale



- 2 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
- 3 NO SCHOOL- teacher work day
- 6-10 Spring Break Week

## A Message from the Principal

Dear Rebel Parents,

We are already well into 2009. I hope your son or daughter is having a positive experience this year at Fairfax High. **We are continuing to focus on the following 3 goals for the 2008-2009 school year:**

- 1) Increasing student achievement for all students,
- 2) Strengthening school climate
- 3) Expanding professional learning communities to enhance student and faculty learning.

Thank you for your continued support of these goals!

### Highlights and Upcoming Events:

**Course Registration Continues For Next Year – As registration for fall courses begins, we continue to challenge students to take the most challenging courses they can successfully handle.**

Thank you to our Director of Student Service, Ms. Miller, for our **revamped Student Course Selection Fair and for a new Curriculum Night Format. Feedback was very positive from both events.**

**Fairfax High will hold its first “Rebels on the Rise” of the year on February 27th at 7:30am.** Over 90 students were honored last year and we are looking for an equal numbers of students this year. This program recognizes their efforts to improve their grade from 1<sup>st</sup> quarter to 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

**Congratulations to all our winter participants in our sports and fine arts program!** February was also the month for our science fair with a record number of participants! Please continue to support all of our athletic and activity programs!

## Is there anything else I as a parent can do?

Please be sure to sign up for Keep in Touch and receive my Friday "From the Principal's Desk" message. The link is at <https://fcps.medianext.com/fcps/signup.html>. Also please visit our school website at <http://www.fcps.edu/FairfaxHS> to keep up on the latest events and happenings at Fairfax High. Finally, keep encouraging your son or daughter to do their very best. Ask them every day about their classes and what they learned. Together, we can make sure every student does their very best at Fairfax High School.

Sincerely,

Scott S. Brabrand, Ed.D.



## PTSA Meeting Dates

March 16 – 7PM

April 20

May 18

June 8 END OF YEAR SOCIAL



## Chorus

**Cabaret Night** on 2/9/09 was fabulous! This first-ever Fairfax event showcased just a few super-talented chorus students performing popular favorites and even some of their own fantastic compositions. The cafeteria had a cozy bistro

atmosphere decorated with balloons, hearts and candy, and the food (especially the plentiful homemade desserts) was yummy. Over 80 Fairfax Chorus fans enjoyed the evening and are already looking forward to their next visit to the Cabaret!

Many families and friends enjoyed our **Noodles & Company** fundraiser on 1/29/09. In addition to the great food and excellent fellowship that evening, the swell folks at noodles made a very nice contribution to the FHS Choral Department. A big *thank you* to Noodles & Company and all the people that participated!

The **Spring Trip** to Festival Disney is only one month away and planning is in full swing. Final payments for those attending were due earlier this month, and there is a mandatory meeting for traveling students and a parent/guardian on Thursday 3/12/09 at 7:00 p.m. in the FHS chorus room. There are also several after school rehearsals for the trip choir; the latest details can be found on the Student Corner page of the website [www.fhschorus.net](http://www.fhschorus.net).

Other upcoming chorus events: the **Pyramid Concert** at FHS is on Tuesday 3/17/09 at 7:00 p.m. (call time is 6:00 p.m., so this might be a good family date night activity unless you're a visual arts lover, too, in which case you might opt to check out the **Pyramid Art Show** that runs 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the FHS common areas); and the **District Choral Festival** is on Saturday 3/21/09 at Jefferson High School. For more info on these events, please see the website. Thanks for your continuing support of Fairfax Chorus.

## Donations being accepted now for Seniors' All Night Grad Party

- Gift cards from all types of stores
- Gift certificates for services (nails, massage, hair, etc.)
- Restaurants- food items
- \$ Contributions always welcomed!

Contact Sue Rawls, (703) 830-9206 if you need more info.

## **Voices of African American Achievers (AAA)- Past, Present and Future**

Fairfax High School's African American Achievers hosted their annual Black History Month Holiday Celebration on February 12<sup>th</sup>. We wish to thank everyone who joined us in making this meeting an inspiring evening. Highlights of the student led program included a stirring rendition of the national anthem led by Kimberly Baker, a mime presentation by a guest group called Forever Mime, and a wonderful, motivational message by our guest speaker, Mr. Wilbur Parker.

Student participants were Catherine Johnson, Bryce Williams, Brittany Hopkins, Caitlin Jukes, Tokumbo Okulaja, Cameron Bias, Lindsay Hopkins, Jason Dodge, Danielle Williams, Chad Allen, Nigeria Allen, Gerhard Williams. Job well done!

**Please join us at our next AAA meeting held at Fairfax High School on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.** Parents bring your teens and teens bring your parents. All are welcome. Contact: Pearl Johnson at [peajohns7@aol.com](mailto:peajohns7@aol.com) or 703 909-9119 cell.

## **FAIRFAX ACADEMY NEWS**

**APPLY NOW FOR NEXT YEAR'S ACADEMY CLASSES! Applications for the 2009-10 school year are being accepted through March 31.**

Fairfax Academy offers 1 & 2 credit advanced elective classes for juniors & seniors.

The courses are especially helpful for students considering a future college major or career choice in any of the Academy's subjects, or for students who appreciate challenging, hands-on skills training. Interested students may schedule a visit to observe an Academy class on Tuesdays & Wednesdays through March. *See your school counselor right away for more information!*

**Fairfax Academy Courses for 2009-10:** Broadcast Journalism\*\*, Chinese, Dance, Fashion Design,

Interior & Commercial Design\*\*, Korean, Music & Computer Technology, Professional Graphics Studio, Professional Musical Theatre & Actor's Studio, Professional Photography Studio and Professional Television Production. **\*\*BOTH BROADCAST JOURNALISM AND INTERIOR & COMMERCIAL DESIGN ARE NEW COURSE OFFERINGS; BROADCAST JOURNALISM IS A 1 CREDIT CLASS.**

**To learn more about Fairfax Academy programs and specific course requirements, plan to attend the Information Night on Thursday, February 26, 7:30 – 9:00 pm in the FHS Auditorium.**

**Other FCPS Academies:** Did you know that there are six academies in Fairfax County Public Schools? *Fairfax Academy is the only academy to offer courses exclusively in the career pathway of Communications & the Arts.* Other academies at Chantilly High School, Edison High School, Marshall High School and West Potomac High School offer courses in multiple career areas --- Health & Human Services, Engineering & Scientific Technology, International Studies & Business and Communications & the Arts. Falls Church High School also offers academy classes in the Health Sciences. Fairfax High School students often travel to Marshall, Falls Church & Chantilly Academies for coursework offered in these additional career areas. Specific information can be found on the websites of each of these high schools.

### **ACADEMY HIGHLIGHTS**

**Black & Blue Student Choreography Showcase:** Fairfax Academy's first-ever student choreography showcase was held on February 15, featuring dancers from a number of FCPS schools. There were 15 pieces of choreography submitted from Fairfax Academy, West Potomac Academy, Herndon High School, Centreville High School, and Fairfax High School. Adjudicators include Fairfax Academy alumni Heidi Holland and Heidi Kershaw, along with Dustin Kimball and Amy Rossi. Congratulations to all of our choreographers!

**MCTfest 2009:** Music and Computer Technology students organized, managed, and performed in their annual fundraiser showcase on February 20.

All of the bands and solo musicians performed original music and nearly all were current MCT students. It was a great evening of jazz, blues, rock and pop music --- and all for a good cause! Funds raised will go toward MCT program activities, including the New York City trip in March.

**SkillsUSA:** The District competition for Skills USA was held on a very snowy teacher work day in January. Fairfax Academy had a number of students participating from Pro Graphics Studio, Pro Photography Studio and Pro TV Production --- several of whom will continue on to state competition at the end of March. The Fairfax Academy/Fairfax HS chapter of SkillsUSA is a 100% membership chapter this year – one of only a select few chapters in Virginia to attain that membership honor!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE  
ACADEMY EVENTS!**

**Fairfax Academy Info Night**

**Thursday, February 26, 7:30 pm**

Parents & Student interested in Fairfax Academy classes should definitely plan to attend this event. It's a great opportunity to meet Academy students and teachers and learn first-hand about Academy classes!

**Academy Day in New York City**

**Friday, March 20**

**Student Services Announcement**

The Fairfax High School Student Services Department is pleased to announce our new Blackboard site. The name of the site is **"FHS Department of Student Services"** and is another way to communicate important information from the Student Services Department which

**includes news from the counselors and career center. When students log into their Blackboard Accounts, they will see this site in addition to their seven other classes. Some examples of content in the site include PowerPoint Presentations, Registration information, and Counselor contact information. This site will be updated regularly so please check it often.**

Parents can also access Blackboard information and more via Parent View. Please paste or click this link (<http://www.fcps.edu/kit/parentview.pdf>) for instructions on registering for Parent View. Please contact your student's counselor if you have any questions.

**Attention Freshmen and  
Sophomores....**

Applications for the 2009-2010 sophomore and junior class at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) are due by June 1, 2009. There are no exceptions to the June 1, 2009 deadline. Application materials, instructions, and a brochure describing the school and explaining the admissions process are available for students applying to the sophomore class (10<sup>th</sup> grade) from Mr. Uncles in the Student Services Office. If you are applying to the junior class (11<sup>th</sup> grade), your application is only available from the TJ Admissions Office. You must submit a copy of your high school transcript to the TJ Admissions Office in order to obtain the application.

All application materials for TJHSST should be turned in to the TJHSST Admissions Office (by no later than June 1, 2009), after obtaining a transcript from Mrs. Wheeler in the Student Services Office.

The TJ admissions process is competitive. Students are admitted to the sophomore and junior classes on a space-available basis and acceptances, therefore, are minimal. Freshmen may apply to the sophomore class at TJHSST whether or not they have applied before. Sophomores are only eligible to apply for the junior class if they have not applied previously to TJ.

You can find more information regarding the TJHSST admissions process for sophomores and juniors at [www.TJAdmissions.org](http://www.TJAdmissions.org). Click on "Sophomores & Juniors."



## Earn Money For Fairfax HS - Register Your Grocery Cards!

Did you know that Fairfax High School is registered to earn money back at 3 local grocery stores; Bloom, Giant, and Safeway? FHS can benefit greatly every time you go food shopping. It costs you nothing, but will add up to money that can be put directly back into your child's education! Simply register your Bloom Breeze, Giant Bonus Bucks, and/or Safeway cards at the store's customer service counter or register online with the links below. Together we can make a difference!



**BLOOM** – Sign up for the new Bloom - Breeze

Rewards Card at Guest Services inside any Bloom store. Our high school code is **#01053**.

Alternatively, sign up online at [www.ShopBloom.com](http://www.ShopBloom.com).



**GIANT** – Each time you shop using your Giant Bonus Card, our school will earn A+ BonusBucks which convert into cash at the end of the

school. ***Please remember that if you designated FHS last year, you will need to re-designate FHS this year.*** To register online: Log on to

[www.GiantFood.com](http://www.GiantFood.com). Click on ***Our Stores*** and go to **A+ Register your card**. Fill in the two blanks with the first three letters of your last name and your Giant Card number. The FHS school ID# is **01873**, currently only six people are registered for **FHS**. Alternatively, you can email your card number and first 3 letters of your last name to

[volunteermom@verizon.net](mailto:volunteermom@verizon.net) and I will register for you and send you an email next fall to see if you would like to renew the registration.



**SAFEWAY** - Safeway Club Card contributes up to 3% of your purchases to our school. Register your Safeway Card - go to

[www.escrip.com/](http://www.escrip.com/) Fairfax High School ID **2145176**. You can also designate purchases made with other cards to benefit FHS.

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