



Fairfax High School PTSA News

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From the PTSA President



Happy New Year! Can you believe it's 2012 already? I know each day and week often seem so busy that time seems to fly by, but I hope you each enjoyed the holidays that we just had and will have a wonderful set of months ahead in this school year. There is a lot of great information in the pages of this newsletter (so read on) as well as on our PTSA website at www.fhsptsa.org, but I do want to highlight a few things in my column this month.

First, thank you to all the parent and community volunteers and the teachers that continue to work hard for the students and the school, and make all the student activities so terrific. That ranges from the academic encouragement and recognition, to the fabulous music and athletic programs, to the amazing fun clubs as well as academic teams or clubs, to the creative theater productions and CTE and Academy work, to making the school greener or cleaner, to support to the library or the FAST desk or Career Center or Sub-Schools, to support to needed areas and programs in the community, and more.

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A Message from the Principal

Dear Fairfax Parents and Students –

This year, our school staff will provide students with more input on the course registration process than we have in previous years. We are continually seeking to enhance the support we provide students and families in making sound academic decisions. It is important that students have the opportunity to think through their decisions with their partners at home and school.

First, we will be holding two “days of academic emphasis” on February 1 & 2, when teachers will be taking some time in their classes to share information – such as the expectations and syllabus – about other classes students can take next year within their department. For example, English 10 teachers will be telling students about English 11 and Advanced Placement (AP) Language & Composition, and Geometry teachers will share details about Algebra 2 and Algebra 2 Honors.

On February 3, we will hold our Course Selection Fair. Instead of going to Pride Time and R&R periods on that day, students in grades 9-11 will have four opportunities to attend 15-minute teacher presentations about elective and Advanced Placement courses. On February 6 & 7, teachers will provide your student with course recommendations for next year. All recommendations will be based on students’ performance indicators and proficiency level to date in the current course. The recommendation is for the sequential or next level course that is most appropriate based on the student’s performance on tests and other classroom tasks in the current class.

We remain committed to open enrollment, which means that there are no barriers or screening tests for students to sign up for Honors or AP classes.

Students and parents still have full control over which courses they choose. A recommendation is not required for enrollment in any course. Students will be turning in their course recommendations at the end of the day on February 7 so that we can collect as many as possible. Should you wish to speak to teachers about their recommendations for your student, we are holding a Rebel Roundup event in our Field House the morning of February 15.

On the evening of February 7, we will hold our Curriculum Night from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Students and parents are invited to attend this program, which will offer information about course expectations and options for next year. Teachers, school counselors, and other staff will also be available to answer any individual questions you might have. On February 3, we will be sending home, along with report cards, a backpack letter with your students about the course registration process and a timeline for academic advising and course registration. Please start having conversations with your student regarding what courses they might wish to register for next year.

This is another occasion when I consider it essential to talk about the importance of balance in our students' lives. We want to encourage our students to take a rigorous course schedule without stretching themselves too thin. We also want our students to select courses that reflect their current abilities and interests. Balance is even more elusive for our students, many of whom are personally changing in many ways and are subject to a wide range of pressures. Many of our students believe that college – or, more specifically, a highly competitive college – is the purpose of high school and high school learning. It is important for students to start thinking about college early. However, too often, I hear students talking about GPAs and SATs and APs as if they are most important indicators of a high school student's well-being. I suggest that better indicators include a student's level of happiness, health, and opportunities they have to pursue their individual interests. Students should not take advanced courses because they think

that is the only way they will get into a "good school." There are colleges and universities for every student, and every postgraduate experience can lead to even greater career and learning experiences.

In December, the Fairfax County School Board authorized the use of surveillance cameras in FCPS high schools. No decision has been made about cameras being used inside Fairfax High School. We will engage the Fairfax High School community in the months ahead to gather your ideas and thoughts about installing cameras in our cafeteria and hallway spaces.

We are pleased to announce that German teacher Rob Williams has been named the 2011-12 Fairfax High School Teacher of the Year. Mr. Williams brings a level of engagement and passion that makes studying the German culture and language enjoyable, interesting, and relevant. He is very animated in his classroom, using verbal and non-verbal cues to communicate instruction to students as well as give them feedback on their progress. Imagine not knowing any German, and entering a German-speaking class, and having full comfort and confidence that you will be able to understand what is happening. Mr. Williams possesses a relentless persistence in his work with students. He takes ownership in his students' learning, creating experiences to help an entire class learn, and then working individually with students if they struggle to develop proficiency. Mr. Williams interacts with parents as valuable partners in supporting students. He regularly informs parents of their students' progress in his class, sends them a monthly email about the activities and learning their students are partaking in his class, and provides parents with ideas how they can support their student learning German without knowing how to read or speak it. Our school is forwarding a nomination for Mr. Williams for FCPS Teacher of the Year as well as the Agnes Meyer award.

I was pleased to see so many of you in attendance for our January PTSA meeting. I

invite you to our next Principal's Coffee, which will be Friday, February 3, 2012 from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Our Principal's Coffee is a monthly open forum for parents to share their feedback, perspectives and questions. For planning purposes, please email Laura Beatty at laura.beatty@fcps.edu by Wednesday, February 1st if you plan to attend.

We remind you that the second marking period (and first semester) ends Friday, January 27. January 30 and 31 are teacher workdays, and students return to school on Wednesday, February 1. Report cards will be sent home with students on Friday, February 3.

*Sincerely,
Dave Goldfarb*

PTSA President's Message Continued from p.1

The Fairfax HS environment is full of passion, energy, hard work, and success because of what each of you contributes. I'd encourage everyone associated with Fairfax HS to continue to bring that energy and passion every day. And for all those volunteers, please continue volunteering (we need you!) and bring your friends to help because many hands make lighter work. You help the teachers/staff and students by being able to keep them focused on the main thing – student learning and student potential.

Congratulations to the Fairfax HS Teacher of the Year, Rob Williams, and to all the wonderful teachers who were nominated for this honor. Parents, students, and fellow teachers have another opportunity to nominate wonderful Fairfax HS teachers through a program of the Virginia PTA (VA PTA) and Virginia Lottery that will provide teacher winners funds for classroom supplies. Please see the PTSA website for the link.

There is also relevant information posted on the PTSA website that we get from across the County and State, such as links to a VA PTA scholarship application and opportunities to provide input to the City of Fairfax Schools Superintendent

selection criteria. You can also get to the Fairfax County Public Schools and School Board sites where you can see the 2012-2013 school calendar, find useful resources through the Parent Resource Center (electronically and in person), track the FCPS budget discussions and decisions, remain engaged in what is going on in the debate over offering Honors classes in subject areas where only AP and standard level classes are currently offered, remain tuned to the Capital Improvement Program (facilities changes/improvements schedule), and follow what is under discussion and proposed for changes to the handling of club funds. You can also find details on items that the Assistant Superintendent for Cluster VII, Linda Burke, mentioned at the PTSA Presidents meeting, at this month's Parent Advisory Council, and that I further relay at PTSA meetings -- such as the new FCPS Principal's performance evaluation/assessment system, and the fact that FCPS will begin working on discussing and creating a new teacher performance evaluation/assessment system. For those who are interested, if you go to the VA PTA website, you'll also find VA PTA legislative initiatives and Governor McDonnell's education initiatives, including information about the topic of giving school districts more flexibility in deciding when school will start as early as 2013.

I'll turn now to a quick view of the past and upcoming PTSA meetings. In November we heard about the Fairfax HS (FHS) depression screening program, the FHS drug and alcohol awareness and prevention program, and new FHS library resources. You can look on the PTSA website and the Fairfax HS website for additional information or links on these topics. December's meeting was a potluck reception that allowed parents and staff to break off to listen to the music department holiday concert. During January's meeting, Principal Goldfarb informed parents of new FHS course selection recommendation processes prior to the student's curriculum fair and curriculum night as well as closed the loop to inform us of the FCPS School Board's decision to allow additional cameras in schools though the nature and timing of follow-on action to install cameras is yet to be

determined. January's meeting featured a presentation on the Fairfax Academy specifically and the FCPS Academy programs overall by the Director of the Fairfax Academy, Dave Saunders. I want to highlight a couple of planned meeting programs for 2012. The PTSA meeting on February 21 (7pm) will emphasize study skills assessments, tools and techniques as well as continued discussion on curriculum questions. The May meeting will include FCPS experts to answer questions on how Fairfax HS will grow in terms of numbers of students each of at least the next several years. We are looking at scheduling a program on financial literacy for parents and students, on cyber-security for teens and families, and on the dangers of underage drinking (especially with evidence as it applies to high school and college students). If there are topics you would like to hear more about or have us include, please let me know as soon as possible.

We are still looking for parents to be part of our database of career or industry or company mentors for Fairfax HS students and to help input data into a FHS Career Center system once collected from volunteers. Please contact me at fairfaxptsa.president@gmail.com if you can help be a part of this resource we are trying to develop for the students. We are also exploring the need for and feasibility of possibly starting a volunteer tutoring program for FHS students on non-late bus days and of offering parent or student volunteer help to Lanier students in various academic and scholastic capacities. This cannot happen without your support, so if you are interested in helping look into and/or develop such ideas or programs, please contact me at fairfaxptsa.president@gmail.com and I'll put you in touch with our leads/coordinators. Also, look for more information on our website and in emails as things develop. We also look forward to meeting the new Fairfax HS African-American Parent Liaison and the reinvigoration of the African-American Achievers program. And also for additional assistance, feel free to contact our PTSA Latino and Korean parent representatives who are bilingual in addition to the formal Fairfax HS Hispanic and Korean Parent Liaisons.

For those parents or students who did not yet receive their Fairfax H.S. directory, you can contact Membership Coordinator Kim Thompson at fairfaxptsa.membership@gmail.com. You can also purchase extra directories through Mrs. Thompson since they are very handy to keep in the car and as well as in a laptop or other bag as well as at home – just the thing to be able to contact other families from Fairfax HS as well as have important school numbers all in one place. We also still welcome any parents, teachers/staff, and students who would still like to join the PTSA. Contact Mrs. Thompson in person or at fairfaxptsa.membership@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing parents, students and staff throughout the next few months at the Rebels Roundup, Curriculum Night, Straight A and Rebels on the Rise ceremonies, college planning and information nights, teacher appreciation luncheon, All Night Grad and class fundraising events, theater and music programs, competitions in various clubs, activities, and sports, PTSA meetings, and more. I also look forward to start meeting the rising 9th grade parents and students as they come for curriculum night and are welcome at our PTSA meetings to get a flavor of Fairfax HS. Let's all inspire and support each other in keeping up the high standards and great community at Fairfax. Go Rebels!

Sincerely,
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FHS PTSA President

IMPORTANT DATES

January	
21	Festival Band Camp
24	Chorus Pyramid Concert
27	End of 2nd Quarter
28	SAT not at FHS
30-31	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
31	Lanier Counselors Visit FHS

February

- 2 College Planning Night, 7pm (Auditorium)
- 2-4 All District Band (Woodson High School)
- 3 Course Selection Fair
- 3 2nd Quarter Report Cards issued to students
- 6 Rising 9th Grade Orientation (Rocky Run)
- 6-7 Teachers make individual course recommendations
- 7 Curriculum Night, 6:30pm
- 7 Academic Orientation for 11th graders- PT 2
- 8 ASVAB testing, 7:20am (Auditorium)
- 9-17 11th Grade Academic Advising (English classes)
- 11 ACT not at FHS
- 13 Academic Orientation for 10th graders-PT 5
- 15 Rebel Round-Up/Late Opening
- 16-18 All District Chorus at FHS
- 17 Rising 9th Grade Orientation, 8-11am (at Lanier)
- 21-29 10th Grade Academic Advising (English classes)
- 21 PTSA Meeting, 7pm
- 22 Academic Orientation for 9th graders-PT 7
- 22-23 Pyramid Concerts (Band)
- 24 Rebels on the Rise Breakfast, 7:20am (Cafeteria)
- 27 ASVAB Interpretation, 9:15-10:30am(G-211)
- 28 ROTC/Military Night, 7pm (Woodson HS)

March

- 1 Fairfax Academy Information Night
- 2 Registration Forms due to FHS from middle schools
- 1-9 9th grade Academic Advising (English Classes)
- 5-12 SOL English Writing Test (11th grade)
- 6 3rd Quarter interims issued to students
- 9-10 VBODA Assessments (Band)
- 10 SAT test not at FHS
- 12-16 ESOL and Private School Academic Advising
- 15 Straight A Recognition, R&R (MPR)
- 15-23 9th Grade Career Units (World History)
- 16 Bingo Night (Band)
- 19-23 Make-up Registrations
- 30 End of 3rd Quarter
- 30 Deadline for Academy Applications

DECA fundraisers at Applebee's:

On Wednesdays DECA will be hosting fundraisers at Applebee's to raise money for our State Leadership Conference (SLC) in March. We have 130 Fairfax students attending SLC so any help is appreciated! Fundraiser dates are Jan 25, and then Feb 1, 8, 15 and 22. Applebee's will donate 15% of sales on these dates for anyone who brings in a fundraiser flyer. The flyer that you must bring with you in order to benefit Fairfax DECA is available in the main office. THANK YOU for your support!

Band News

During the winter months here at FHS, our band students continue their hard work both in their ensembles and individually. This year, we had so many students interested in and qualified for Winter Drum Line that Mr. Johnson decided to form two Drum Lines - basically a "varsity" and a "junior varsity." All of the drum line students are rehearsing assiduously to prepare for a packed season of competition that will culminate in the WGI World Championships in Dayton, OH in April. The Winter Color Guard has also started their rehearsals, and the Jazz Band is gearing up for their own performances. Mr. Adam Ashforth, the band student teacher from this fall, along with several dedicated parent volunteers are on hand to help Mr. Johnson and Drum Line coordinator PJ Fadoul manage this extracurricular load.

Meanwhile, the classroom concert bands are working to perfect their VBODA Concert Band Assessment numbers. The Assessment takes place March 9-10. The rating received by the Wind Ensemble during that assessment is the last step in FHS' bid to earn Virginia State Honor Band status again this year, hopefully making it our third consecutive year. On Saturday, January 21, the Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band students will meet from 8am to 3:30pm for the Winter Festival Band Camp in order to work with sectional specialists and guest conductors as

they refine their Assessment performances. We are always impressed with our students' high expectations of themselves and wish them the best. Whatever the final result at the Assessment, we know they will have given it their all. If you would like to hear their performances for yourself, please plan to come to the FHS Pyramid Concerts in February. On February 22 at 7pm, the Concert Band and Symphonic Band students perform as well as their counterparts from Lanier Middle School. The following evening, February 23, the Wind Ensembles from both Lanier and Fairfax High will perform as will the Elementary Area Honor Band. Pick your night, pick your concert. You will not be disappointed!

All musicians know that in order to contribute effectively to an ensemble, they have to work hard individually. Most of the upper ensemble band students at FHS take private lessons in order to progress and perfect themselves on their instrument. In January, our Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble students went up against the best musicians in our district as they auditioned for All District Band. Fairfax had a HUGE showing at the auditions with 26 students being selected to participate in the All District Bands. Five additional students were selected as alternates bringing FHS' impressive total to 31 students*. If you would like to attend the All District Band Concerts, they will be held on the afternoon of February 4 at Woodson High School. In April, the students will once again be challenged as individuals during the Solo and Ensemble Festival, more on that next time!

***All District Band students:** John Baik, Indy Berman, Evan Bradshaw, Chase Campbell, Kara Capell, Adam Cook, Will Dykstra, Austin Frank, Michael Howes, Megan Huynh, MinSoo Jung, TK Kakusa, Aiman Khan, Samantha Kim, Aaron Kwok, Sally Lee, Sean Lee, AhnTu Mai, Michael Mangano, Eric Mullet, Alex Petit, Justin Rhee, Alex Smith, Jigme Taring, Charles Walsh-Leroy, Becca Welke

Alternates: Bobby Doyle, Amir Hobson, Danielle Myung, Carly Voeller, Ryan Whitcomb

Upcoming Dates:

Festival Band Camp, January 21
 All District Band, February 2-4
 Pyramid concerts, February 22 & 23
 VBODA Assessment, March 9 & 10
 Bingo Night, March 16

The Fairfax High School All Night Grad Committee invites you to eat at Qdoba



Mexican Grill on the first Thursday of each month (February 2, March 1, April 5, and May 3) and a portion of the proceeds will be contributed to the All Night Grad Celebration for the Fairfax High School Class of 2012. Enjoy a delicious meal any time of day on those dates and help support this worthy cause. Take your friends and family! Qdoba is located at 10338 Main Street, Fairfax, Virginia, 703-273-8202.

Chorus News:

Mark your calendar for the following choral events this spring:

Tuesday, January 24: Join the Fairfax High School chorus for the Pyramid Concert featuring the Fairfax Fame Show Choir, the A Cappella Singers, the Select Ladies Ensemble, along with Honors Choirs from Lanier Middle School, Providence, Daniels Run, Eagle View, Willow Springs, and Fairfax Villa Elementary schools. The concert begins at 7:00 in the FHS Auditorium, and admission is free.

Thursday-Saturday, February 16-18: The District Chorus Event will be held at Fairfax High School. The Fairfax High School chorus will be well represented with 36 participants.

Tuesday, March 20: The Fairfax Pre-Festival Choral Performance Assessment Concert will take place at Fairfax United Methodist Church. The concert begins at 7:00 and will feature Fairfax curricular choirs.

FHS Varsity Dance Team

The dance team enjoyed much success this fall earning 1st place in small varsity jazz at the Fairfax Dance Competition. Seniors Jessie Brown and Rachel Fernandes also placed in the solo division, 9th and 10th respectively. The team also received 2nd place in jazz and 3rd place in pom at the George Mason Dance Invitational. They enjoyed performing at the December pep rally and basketball game and continue perfecting their performances for upcoming basketball games. We wish the team the best of luck as they will leave for UDA National's in Orlando, Florida on February 3 to compete with teams across the country.

Order Your Yearbooks!!

Save \$10 when you order before January 20, 2012! It's easy... Just go to: www.yearbookcenter.com. Our school's order number is **5671**. Any questions may be forwarded to fhssample@gmail.com. Please put Yearbook Ordering in the subject line.

FAIRFAX ACADEMY NEWS

Fairfax Academy
Info Night
Thursday, March 1
7:30 – 9 pm
FHS Auditorium
(SNOW DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 6)



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

Also look for us at the FHS Elective Fair and Curriculum Night!

CREATIVITY + GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS + TECHNOLOGY = FAIRFAX ACADEMY!

Did you know that Fairfax Academy's.....

- **Chinese & Korean language students** may participate in study abroad programs?
- **TV Production students** work on production crews that film, edit and package videos for community clients through their company, Digital Wave Productions?
- **Fashion Design students** work collaboratively in teams to design and sew original garments that are featured in an end-of-the-year fashion runway show?
- **Professional Photography students** complete a self-produced magazine project each year that includes advertising and feature photography?
- **Music & Computer Technology students** compose original video game and film scores in addition to their own imaginative compositions?
- **Dance students** study with Broadway professionals during their annual trip to New York City?
- **Musical Theatre students & alumni** audition for and attend some of the best college Theatre programs in the country?
- **Second year students complete Signature Projects** --- creative and/or research based projects --- that are reviewed by industry professionals?

Fairfax Academy's project based courses in digital media, design, and performing arts, along with their global communication courses in Chinese & Korean languages, are building marketable career skills and preparing students for both college and career success.

APPLY NOW FOR 2012-13 FAIRFAX ACADEMY COURSES!

- **Fairfax Academy Classes for 2012-13:** Chinese, Dance, Fashion Design, Korean,

Music & Computer Technology,
Professional Musical Theatre & Actor's
Studio, Professional Photography Studio
and Professional Television Production

- **Visit a Fairfax Academy Class!:**
Experiencing a class is the best way to determine if it's right for you. Students are welcome to sit in on a Fairfax Academy Class any Tuesday or Wednesday during February and March - -- *see your counselor for details!*
- **Friday, March 30: Deadline for Academy Applications for the 2012-13 school year.** Auditions will be Saturday, April 21.
- **For more information & to Apply: See your school counselor right away or go to the Academy website:**
www.fcps.edu/FairfaxAcademy

www.facebook.com/FairfaxAcademy

FAIRFAX ACADEMY IS ON FACEBOOK!

Our page includes regular updates about Fairfax Academy students and activities. Be a 'Fan'!

Other FCPS Academies: Finally.....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, Edison, Falls Church, Marshall and West Potomac high schools offer courses in multiple career areas --- Health & Human Services, Engineering & Scientific Technology, International Studies & Business and Communications & the Arts. 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 or ask your school counselor for more details.
Applications are also due March 30.

Career Center News...

Junior Parent/Student College Planning Night Thursday, February 2, 2012 - 7:00 pm FHS Auditorium

Admissions Representatives from the following schools will be at FHS to discuss the college application and admissions process, as well as answer questions from parents and students:

**George Mason University
Marymount University
University of Mary Washington
Northern Virginia Community College
Radford University's Dean of Admissions**

All juniors interested in attending a two- or four-year college or university after graduation are encouraged to attend. Get your questions ready and join us for this very informative evening!

Military Service Academy/ROTC Night Tuesday, February 28, 2012 - 7:00 pm W.T. Woodson High School - Cavalier Hall

Representatives from the following academies and ROTC Programs are scheduled to attend:

**US Air Force
US Army
US Navy & Marine Corps
US Merchant Marine
US Coast Guard**

A representative from Congressman Gerry Connolly's office will also be present to talk about the nomination process. There will be a five minute presentation from each representative, followed by break out tables to visit individual representatives for specific questions and answers. Please note this is a shared event with Oakton, Woodson and Madison High Schools.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact: Maureen Kim, FHS Career Center Specialist, at 703-219-2204 or MHKim@fcps.edu.

Automotive Technology Needs Donated Vehicles

Fairfax High is in dire need of donated automobiles, water craft or motorcycles. Our program works with the donated vehicles to repair or replace many of the items needed for both state inspection and emission tests. Once we finish with the vehicles they are auctioned off at the government surplus auction site thru student auto sales. Our program receives 75 percent of the sale price to do with as we wish. You will receive a tax form from us allowing you to deduct the full vehicle blue book value from your taxes. We also do some generic auto repairs in the area of study. Please give us a call.

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Automotive Technology

Athletic Boosters

Winter sports are underway. Boys Basketball held their first Championship night on January 6 honoring members of District and Regional Championship teams from the past. We had a great turnout and it was a great opportunity for past champions to reconnect with their school and watch some great basketball. Thank you to Bob Cavaliere for putting this together and all those that assisted with this event. Please come out and support all of the winter sports. Go to Fairfaxhighsports.org to see schedules.

The Baseball team will be holding a Casino Night on February 25 at the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Station. In conjunction with the Casino night there will be a Fairfax Restaurant Sampler. Get your tickets now at fairfaxrebelsbaseball.com for a fun evening and come out and sample foods from some great local restaurants.

The 2nd Annual Boosters Golf Tournament will be held on Monday May 14 at Reston National Golf Course. Put together your foursome now. Registration will be starting soon. Also think about being a sponsor for the tournament or

volunteering to help with planning the tournament. There are many opportunities available. Contact George Fanady at gfanady1@verizon.net if you are interested.

The Boosters have an opening available for an Advertising Trustee. Please contact Ro Burford at rmburford@fcps.edu if you are interested. It's a great way to become involved in your child's school and community as well as get to know other involved parents.

It's Course Planning Time!

The Academic Advising and Course Registration season begins in February. On Friday, February 3, students in grades 9-11 will participate in the Course Selection Fair during our R&R and Pride Time block. During this time, students will have the opportunity to visit with four teachers of available courses for next year. Just prior to the Course Selection Fair, teachers will highlight sequential courses in their department during our Days of Academic Emphasis. This information should help students decide which specific classes to visit on February 3.

On Tuesday, February 7 (Snow Date: February 9), all parents and students are invited to attend the annual Curriculum Night from 6:30-9:00 PM. Faculty members in each of the disciplines will be available to talk with parents and students about course expectations and recommendations for course selections. Additionally, there will be curriculum presentations for rising 9th and rising 10th-12th grade parents and students. We look forward to both of these events!

New this school year, on February 6 and 7 during classes, teachers will talk with students about their individual recommendations for students' courses for next year. While we are committed to open enrollment in all of our Advanced Placement and Honors courses, we hope that teacher recommendations will further support the students' decision making for course selection and will be a positive contribution to the academic advising process. (Note: Recommendations are not required for

enrollment in courses and are based on current progress in the course. Recommendations may change as the year progresses.)

The course registration schedule for students is listed below. Please talk with your student about his/her course selections for next school year. In May, course selections will be sent home for review. All requests for changes to next year's course selections are due by the last day of school, June 19, 2012. After that date, no changes will be made. If you have any questions about the process or your student's specific course requests, please contact your student's school counselor.

Jennifer Glaser, Director of Student Services

Academic Advising Dates:

Juniors/Rising Seniors (Class of 2013) meet with school counselors: February 9-17.

Sophomores/Rising Juniors (Class of 2014) meet with school counselors: February 21-29

Freshmen/Rising Sophomores (Class of 2015) meet with school counselors: March 1-9

8th Graders/Rising Freshmen (Class of 2016) should return their registration sheets due to the middle schools: March 2

Have You Moved?

Did you move recently? Please call the registrar's office, 703-219-2202, with your new address and phone number. We will need you to complete a new emergency card and information update form as well as provide us with a copy of your new lease, settlement papers or residency affidavit and a utility bill or other supporting document. Upon receipt of these items we will update all information in our data base and you should receive mailed items at your new address. Thanks for your assistance!

**Please join us...
CHANTILLY ACADEMY
OPEN HOUSE &
SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012
6:00 – 8:00pm**



Chantilly Academy offers advanced electives to high school juniors & seniors. Please come meet the instructors, tour state-of-the-art classrooms/labs and have students explore future opportunities.

- Air Force JROTC – Animal Science – Automotive Collision Service – Automotive Technology – Construction Technology – Network Design & Engineering/CISCO – Computer Systems Technology (A+) – Cosmetology – Criminal Justice - Culinary Arts – Dental Careers – Early Childhood Careers – Engineering– Engineering Physics 2 – Engineering Systems – Girls Exploring Engineering - Entrepreneurship – Exploring Health Sciences – Exploring the Language of Medicine – Geographic Information Systems - Independent Research Engineering – IT Seminar – Medical Assistant – Network Administration - Oracle – Pharmacy Technician

6:00 – 7:00pm

Students and parents are cordially invited to a free spaghetti dinner prepared and served by our Culinary Arts students in the cafeteria.

7:00 – 7:30pm

ESOL and Special Education staff will be available in the cafeteria to answer questions.

6:00 – 8:00pm

Tour classrooms, meet instructors, and learn how students have the opportunity to learn industry standard skills, earn certifications, professional licenses, and college credits while attending Chantilly Academy.

Chantilly Academy

4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, Virginia 20151
For more information, please call 703-222-7460 or www.fcps.edu/ChantillyAcademy

Newsletter Submission Guidelines

This PTSA newsletter is a bimonthly publication. Deadline for supplying articles or important dates for the next issue: March 9. Editors: Michael and Jan Jacobson jmsonofjacob@yahoo.com

Academic Boosters News

Congratulations to the following students who earned a spot on the A-B Honor Roll for the first quarter of the school year!

Lynn Latimer and Patty Ryan.

Freshmen

Saalar Aghili
Alyssa Aguirre
Salman Ahmed
Jasmine Akhtar
Stephen Albert
Aleeza Ali
Sulaiman Alzomia
Stephen Amoako
Samie Amriui
Aydin Anwar
Ruth Appiah
Alina Arakal
D'Erika Arboleda
Rayner Artiles Rodriguez
Yasmin Atassi
Marianna Atrash
Joanna Augustine
Jiseon Bang
Rachel Barborek
Rohan Bardhan
Andrew Basalyga
Caleb Bearse
Amina Benguedouar
Emma Birch
Cameron Bowden
Alayna Bowen
Evan Bradshaw
Sierra Brooks
Katherine Buchen
Louis Buchen
Mackenzie Burnett

Elizabeth Bustos
Allison Claire Capron
Eric Carlson
Kelsey Carthew
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