



# Fairfax High School PTSA News

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## School Calendar

### May

- 25 All Night Grad committee meeting
- 25 Spring Chorus Show “Dance the Night Away,” 7:30 pm
- 26 Improv Show, Blackbox, 7:15 pm
- 27 Band Concert, 6:30 pm, Vet. Amp.
- 28 2 hour early release
- 31 Memorial Day school holiday

### June

- 1 Senior Awards, 8:30 am
- 2 Sports Physicals
- 5 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure
- 5 Junior/Senior Prom, Fox Chase Manor, Manassas
- 5-6 Chris Cooley Football Camp
- 7 Spring Sports Banquet, 6 pm, cafeteria
- 8 All Night Grad committee meeting
- 9-11 *Wit* Blackbox performance
- 10 Band Banquet, 6:30 pm
- 10-15 Seniors’ exams
- 11 Chorus Picnic, Van Dyke Park, 5:30 pm
- 13 Cappies Gala at Kennedy Center
- 17 Senior Breakfast @ 8:30 am, then Grad Rehearsal
- 18 Deadline for AP Boot Camp registration
- 18 **Graduation** at noon in the Field House
- 18 All Night Grad Party
- 21 Band Picnic
- 24 **Last Day** of School

### August

- 2-5 AP Boot Camp
- 31 Rebels Reunite

### September

- 7 First day of school
- 24-25 Homecoming – FHS 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

## A Message from the Principal

Dear Fairfax Parents and Students –

The school year is heading into the home stretch, and next week we begin our state testing. Starting on May 24, students will be taking **Standards of Learning (SOL) examinations**. Please help your students get plenty of rest so they come to school ready to do their best. I know that the students and teachers have been working hard all year long so that test preparation is not a cram session, but a review of the skills and knowledge developed since September.

We are excited to have a new event this coming school year called **Rebels Reunite**. Rebels Reunite will take place at our school on Tuesday, **August 31**. This event is designed to be a tailgate type of event with food, fun, information, and an opportunity for parents to do “one stop-shopping.”

**Parents** will have the chance to buy gym uniforms as well as sign up for Parent View on Blackboard and PTSA membership. **Students** can get information about Fairfax High School clubs and activities, purchase parking passes, add money to their lunch account and receive student schedules and locker combinations.

Any student who is unable to make Rebels Reunite will be able to get their schedule on the first day of school. You may also turn in completed packets to the office at designated times on September 1, 2, and 3.

**Students must pay all outstanding financial obligations and turn in the emergency care card and health information form before they will receive their locker combination and schedule**

At Rebel Reunite, counselors will be available to fix errors or adjust schedules *based on summer school completion only*. There will be no other schedule changes after June 24, 2010. During the last week in May, you will receive a mailing containing important information including the list of courses your child has requested for the 2010-2011 school year. Please take time to review these course requests with your child.

The idea for Rebel Reunite came about because we received much feedback from parents and students unhappy with the large amount of paper that came home in the first-day packet. When we looked at how other schools in the county gave out this important information, we found that several schools had an event in which to celebrate the beginning of the new school year and also collect the important documents at the same time.

Our goal is to cut down on the amount of paper used as well as the amount of time spent reviewing all of the documents. Last year we used approximately 100,000 pieces of paper for the first-day packet, but this year **all of the documents will be on our school website and downloadable**.

Before the end of this school year, all forms and information will be posted on the FHS website. Parents and students will be able to print the forms at home and turn them in at the event on Tuesday, August 31. Extra forms will also be available at the event.

We hope to see you at Rebels Reunite to kick off a great 2010-2011 school year!

## CONGRATULATIONS !!!

**Aditya Mazmudar** and **Atif Javed** won 4<sup>th</sup> place in the team category at the **Intel International Science and Engineering Fair** in San Jose, California. Aditya and Atif were the first Fairfax High School students to qualify for the competition in at least 10 years. They were named finalists out of approximately 1600 participants and 1100 projects. Congratulations to Aditya and Atif for an amazing performance. Thank you to Mrs. Webster and the science department for all of their guidance and support.

It appears that I was not the only amazed by the acting, dancing, and singing talent on display from the cast of our musical, "**Chicago**." We have recently learned that our school received eight (EIGHT!) **Cappies nominations**, including one for **Best Musical**. (See Theatre article on page xx for other nominees.) Congratulations to Ms. Knight, Ms. Heining, Mr. Replogle, and the entire cast!

I hope all of you have a wonderful Memorial Day weekend. Remember that Friday, May 28 is an early closing, with school dismissed just after 12 noon, and there is no school on Monday, May 31. One last long weekend before our sprint to the finish!

*Sincerely,  
Dave Goldfarb*



### PTSA Meeting Dates

June 14 End of Year Dinner (*time and place TBD*)

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### Newsletter Submission Guidelines

This PTSA newsletter is a monthly publication.  
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### Robotics Victory

Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, our Fairfax Robotics Team, led by Brendon Stempniak, won the DC Area High Schools Mini-Urban Challenge Robotics Competition. Brendon demonstrated resilience and the motivation to win even in the most adverse conditions. He represented the team alone, relentlessly competing against some of the best schools, who typically had five to ten members. Brendon's autonomous robot will represent our area high schools in the nationals in Daytona next month.

Brendon plans to choose a career in electronics and/or robotics engineering. During the competition, Brendon used the time allowed intelligently by not making hasty decisions and showed perseverance and excellent problem-solving skills under the time pressure. He earned the judges' praises even during the competition.



Please congratulate Brendon for bringing in the Regional Championship to our school. All of Brendon's teachers and his parents deserve credit for helping him to develop excellent study skills. Special thanks go to our principal, Mr. Goldfarb and our finance officer, Ms. Courtney, for supporting the Research and Development Curriculum and Fairfax Robotics Club activities.

*Emre Ege*

## African American Achievers (AAA)

African American Achievers had their final festivity on Thursday, May 13, 2010. This meeting was very well attended by approximately 60 students and parents. Some AAA alumni students attended the meeting as well. They spoke about how AAA helped them to attain and maintain good grades, find scholarships and assisted them onto their college journey. AAA presented 27 student awards for Academic Excellence in making third quarter honor roll. The students shook hands with and were congratulated by our principal Mr. David Goldfarb and assistant principal Mr. Anthony Terrell.



AAA was joined by Mr. Leon Harris, award-winning journalist and news anchor for ABC7/WJLA-TV. Mr. Harris encouraged the students with his personal life story and inspired us all to try everything to determine what we're good at, to learn something new every day and not let anyone tell you what you can't do. Mr. Harris truthfully motivated the students to achieve academically and professionally. AAA had the pleasure of honoring Mr. Harris as an African American Achiever.



Furthermore, Chick-fil-A at Fairfax Circle provided AAA with outstanding food and service which made our meeting even more of a success. Thank you Fairfax High for all your support. AAA looks forward to a greater year in 2010-2011!

## Moving? Please Tell Us!

To help us better plan for the 2010-2011 school year we would appreciate it if you would please contact Mrs. Anderson, the Registrar, if you moving out of the Fairfax High School District. Please call her at 703-219-2202 or send a written note to her office, G103.

\*\*If you do plan to move within our boundaries we will need to see proof of your new residency (a lease or deed of trust) to change your address in our data base.

Jackie Anderson  
AA / Registrar  
703-219-2202  
703-219-2297 FAX

## Taking AP Classes Next Year? Read Up!



### AP Summer Assignments

The AP Summer Assignments will be handed out during all lunches on June 7 & 8 in the commons. Students enrolled in AP courses for the 2010-2011 school year need to pick up their assignments during this time. AP Summer Assignments will be put on the school website and will be available in the Registrar's office throughout the summer.

### AP Summer Boot Camp

Our seventh annual AP/Honors Summer Boot Camp will be held August 2-5 from 7-9pm each evening. Students registered to take AP or Honors level classes next year are invited to attend. Students will have the opportunity to gain skills that will help them be successful in their AP/Honors level classes. Sessions include: Organization & Time Management, Test Taking Skills, Reasoning Skills, and Writing Skills. The deadline to register is June 18. Letters will be sent home in mid-May with more details and a registration form. For more information please contact Mrs. Young at [abyoung@fcps.edu](mailto:abyoung@fcps.edu)

### AP World History Summer Boot Camp

The AP World History Summer Boot Camp will be held August 2-5. Once again, two sessions will be available for students to choose from: 4:00-6:00 pm or 7:00-9:00 pm. In this camp, students are with the same teacher each evening. Students will work on the skills specific to AP World History and they will also spend time on the summer assignment. The deadline to register is June 18. Letters will be sent home in mid-May with more details and a registration form. For more information please contact Mrs. Young at [abyoung@fcps.edu](mailto:abyoung@fcps.edu)

### THANK YOU TO OUR GIANT A+ SUPPORTERS!

Thank you for your support of our school through the 2009-2010 A+ Bonus Bucks Program. Because of your support of this program, we were able to raise **\$2,571.52** in CASH for our school. We began the year with just 39 supporters and ended with **169** supporters signed up with Giant's A+ program. The cash raised this year through this program is a substantial increase over the 2008-09 school year when we raised only \$559.23.

We look forward to an even better year next year. With 2,300 students at Fairfax,, we know that Fairfax High School can earn even more cash. For example, Robinson Secondary School earned \$6,367, Chantilly High School earned \$5,604, and Westfield High School earned \$7,330 this year from the Giant program.

Giant's program has now ended for this school year. Giant requires you to register your card every year. All of the information in their system is cleared out at the end of the program each year. Therefore, in August and September, YOU will need to register your Giant card again so that Fairfax High School can earn even more bonus points and CASH! We will send out reminders in September!

The Safeway, Bloom, and Target programs continue all year. It is not too late to register. Please do so today so that we can increase the CASH for FAIRFAX!

**Safeway:** [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and click on "Yes! Renew." School Id.: 2145176.

**Bloom:** [www.bloomforyourschool.com](http://www.bloomforyourschool.com).  
School code: 01053.

**Target RedCard:** [www.target.com/tcoe](http://www.target.com/tcoe)  
School Id.: 103609

The **Academic Boosters** have had a busy spring. On April 28th the second ‘Rebels on the Rise’ Breakfast was held in the cafeteria. This breakfast honors students who have made academic improvements in at least one class. Teachers and guidance counselors nominated

students, and they and their parents or guardians were invited to breakfast and an awards ceremony attended by Fairfax’s administrators and guidance counselors. Kudos to the students who received this award and keep up the good work! They are:

### **Rebels on the Rise Honorees Congratulations!**

Adrias Abassi  
Chris Abrams  
Mehranehsadat (Mary) Adabi  
Isaiah Alcocer  
Nelson Alcocer  
Christopher Amaya  
Ratib Ansari  
Soraya Atzali  
Brandon Austin  
Patrick Beam  
Carla Becerra  
Gino Bretana  
Brianna Brown  
Yelda Can  
Jo Coenen  
Isis Cordova  
Alex Davis  
Kayla DeSalvo

Nicholas Fant  
Darrien Folgar  
Lucas Higdon  
Alexandria Hopchas  
Tomy Isra  
Woo-Seong Jeong  
Miriam Lara  
Jhonattan Linares  
Chris Mastbrook  
Miguel (Christina) Mendoza  
Emmanuel Meneses  
Richard Moss  
Dora Najera  
Savio Nguyen  
Jason Pabon  
Jason Pabon  
Peter Park  
Bailey Parkhurst

Shelby Peters  
Jalen Pettaway  
Mirana Ravelomanantsoa  
Sigfredo Realegeno  
Kimberly Rowland  
Zoe Rutledge  
Omar Sami  
Chris Saunders  
Ahad Sheik  
Keisha Sogueco  
Jeffrey Southall  
Nuri Stokes  
Cameron Thibeaux  
Luis Villalta  
Scott Wood  
Christina Yee  
Wisaal Zelawar  
Jessica Zelenack

The Academic Boosters also hosted the ‘Straight A Honor Roll Luncheon’ on May 17, 2010. Students who received all A’s (including A minuses) for at least one quarter this year or fourth quarter last year were invited to a lunch in the Library. This is one of the Academic Boosters’ largest events and 241 students qualified for the lunch. We tip our hat to these scholars and encourage them to keep up the good work.

honor roll changed this year: students who have received all A’s and B’s are on the list.

Last, many thanks to all the parents who aided the Academic Boosters in the above activities. Both food and time were donated by our wonderful parents and we could not have done it without you!

*--Susan Kuck and Shelly Bechert*

Third quarter honor rolls are now posted in the main foyer of FHS. Parents, please note them on your next trip to the school and be sure to congratulate the students who are on the honor roll. Just to remind you, the requirements for the



You're invited to join us  
for our annual  
end-of-the-year Celebration!

**CREATIVE WORKS SHOWCASE  
& ACADEMY AWARDS**

***Thursday, June 3***

***6:30 -7:45 pm Creative Works  
Showcase***

***Open House format - FHS Commons  
8:00 pm Academy Awards Program  
FHS Auditorium***

Creative Works Showcase will feature  
Signature Projects by 2<sup>nd</sup> year students -  
creative displays, videos, music, live  
performances, and more!

***Followed by our annual***

***Presentation of Academy Awards &  
Scholarships***

***PLUS our Grand Finale Fashion Runway  
showcase***

***Guest Emcee: Leon Harris,  
ABC7/WJLA News***

***FREE EVENT!  
For more info call: 703-219-2226***

**Chorus**

**Dance The Night Away !!**

Join the FHS Chorus for our fantastic **Spring Show** on Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. 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." The free concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and is the last public performance of the school year.

The **2010 All Virginia Chorus** performed at Tyson's Corner May 1<sup>st</sup> and Fairfax was honored to have seven singers named to this elite group. Emily Schutz sang in the Women's Chorus; Rachel Derrick and Kelly Spong sang in the Mixed Choir; Joshua Fleitman, Thomas Park and Patrick Weaver were alternates. Congratulations to all these talented performers!

Fairfax Chorus is hosting a **fundraising dinner at Ledo Pizza** on Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 4:00 to 10:00 pm. The address is 11725 Lee Highway (in Lee Plaza on Route 29, just south of Wegman's, near Starbucks). Come enjoy a night out with the family and some fun Fairfax Chorus people? Hope to see you there!

Coming up too quickly is the end-of-year **Choral Awards Potluck** at Van Dyke Park on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. All choral students and families are invited. More info will be coming about what to bring, so watch your email and keep checking the website.

The Fairfax High School Choral Patrons Association (FHSCPA) assists Mr. Frels in making the choral program successful and rewarding for our students. Learn more about this fun group at the awards picnic, see the FHSCPA page of the website [www.fhschorus.net](http://www.fhschorus.net), or contact Laura Zelenack ([llzelenack@aol.com](mailto:llzelenack@aol.com)) for more information. Thanks for your continuing support of Fairfax Chorus.

## FX Players' "Chicago" Wins Eight Cappies Nominations!

Fairfax High School Theatre Department's spring musical is once again one of the top five high school musicals in the metropolitan area, earning eight Cappies (the high school version of Tonys) nominations. In addition to Best Musical, FHS is nominated for the following:

**Lighting:** Luke Cresson and Chris Sisson

**Sets:** Clayton Southerly, Alex Neblett, Keir Allison-Bourne and John Miller

**Costumes:** Maddy Atteberry, Sarah Hix, Morgan Moran and Chi Chi Ramos

**Female Vocalist:** Ally Dawson

**Comic Actress in a Musical:** Maddy Goubeaux

**Lead Actress in a Musical:** Anne Norland

**Graduating Critic:** Colleen O'Brien

The cast will perform a number at the Cappies Gala at the Kennedy Center June 13, where the winners will be announced. Tickets to the amazing Gala night are \$35. Bring a check made out to FHS Theatre to Mrs. Knight. Tickets are first come first serve.

\$7,000 in Theatre Boosters scholarship money was awarded to graduating seniors at the International Thespian Society Awards Ceremony May 21. Winners are Madeline Goubeaux, Gabrielle Dail, Allie Cropp, Luke Cresson, Colleen O'Brien, Paula de Carvalho-Nichols, Mikail Faalasli and Michelle Marin.

The first Fairfax/Woodson Theatre BBQ will be held Sunday, May 23 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at Mrs. Hobson's house. See Mrs. Knight to sign up – there are only 30 slots!



Three Theatre Arts 2-4 casts will perform "Wit" June 9-11 in the Blackbox at 7 pm. In this challenging 1999 Pulitzer Prize winner, poetry professor and terminal cancer patient Vivian Bearing takes an unflinching look at her life and death, and the relationship between patient and researcher. This will be the final FHS bow for our seniors. Mrs. O'Neill's cast performs June 9, Mrs. Knight's takes the stage June 10, and Mr. Replogle's will be seen June 11.

## Athletic Boosters

The Athletic Boosters Spring Sports Banquet will be held Monday, June 7th starting at 6:00 pm with a covered dish dinner in the cafeteria, followed by an assembly in the auditorium afterwards.

Annette

## 2010 ALL-NIGHT GRAD PARTY



### PARTY DETAILS

Date: June 18, 2010 - GRADUATION DAY!!!  
Time: 11:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m.  
Place: Fairfax High School

Parents –Every school in Fairfax County, as well as the entire State of Virginia participates in *All Night Grad* sanctioned celebrations. The motivating factor behind *All Night Grad* is to provide our graduating seniors a safe, fun place to spend graduation night and celebrate with their fellow students and friends. Since *All Night Grad's* inception, no teen in the State of Virginia has been involved in a traffic fatality on graduation night! *All Night Grad* is a no alcohol, no drugs, parent and volunteer chaperoned event that takes place here at FHS the evening of graduation and lasts all night.

If you'd like to help out with the *All Night Graduation Party*, please contact Becky Andrewes at [andrewes@verizon.net](mailto:andrewes@verizon.net) or call (703) 815-7204. The *All Night Graduation* Committee will be hosting numerous exciting events to help raise money in support of *the All Night Graduation* Party extravaganza and will be seeking your help to make these activities a success.

Contact Clai Jorgensen at [claij@cox.net](mailto:claij@cox.net) for raffle tickets for RESERVED SEATING AND PARKING at graduation by May 28 and GRADUATION YARD SIGNS by June 3!

Please contact Kim Newman, [newmanka@aol.com](mailto:newmanka@aol.com) or (703) 818-1429 with questions or concerns about ANG.

### 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](mailto:cadrMiller@cox.net), 703-222-5838) or Shelly Modes ([shelly@capitalreunions.com](mailto:shelly@capitalreunions.com), 703-255-6702) by phone or email to let us know which day and time you can help out!

We are also forming the committee for the **2011 All Night Grad Party**. 2011 Senior Parents interested in being on the planning committee please contact Shelly Modes [symodes@verizon.net](mailto:symodes@verizon.net). Our first meeting will be September 14, 2010.

We need volunteers for the following positions.

Chair – Shelly Modes  
Secretary -  
Treasurer –  
Volunteers -  
Tickets/T-shirts -  
Prizes - Shelly Bechert  
Decorations -  
Casino – Catherine Miller  
Badges/Check In-  
Games/Activities -  
Donations -  
Security -  
Food –  
Fundraising/Applause/Publicity -

## **Band News**

The FHS Band Boosters and students hosted a Book Fair at Barnes and Noble 21 & 22 May. Online orders at [www.barnesandnoble.com/](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/) through May 26 will benefit the band with the use of voucher number 10182087. A percentage of your order will be credited to the FHS Band Boosters.

Band is wrapping up another successful year. The last concert of the year is scheduled for Thursday, 27 May at 6:30 pm at the Veteran's Amphitheater in Fairfax City, our first outdoor concert (weather permitting, bad weather - in the FHS auditorium)! Some of the seniors will perform solos and ensembles during this concert.

The Ride of the Patriots Memorial Day Parade takes place Sunday morning, May 30<sup>th</sup>, gathering along Rt. 50 from Capt Pell's Crab House to Patriot Harley Davidson. The Band Boosters and Band students will be volunteering at the Patriot Harley Davidson dealership Open House on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Band Banquet is scheduled for 10 June at 6:30 pm in the FHS cafeteria. Cost is \$10 per person this year, for a catered dinner. Payment must be made by 1 June.

The Band Car Wash is scheduled for Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm at the Sunoco at the corner of Rt. 50 and Plantation Parkway. Please come out and support the band!

The Band Picnic is scheduled for 21 June. Details will be sent out in June.

## **Newsletter Submission Guidelines**

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