



Tiger Tales

J. R. Tucker PTSA

BACK TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

August 2007

FEE NIGHTS

The exciting night we all love-schedules, supplies and fees! Mark your calendar and don't forget to stop by the PTSA table to join-anyone can join – students too!

Juniors & Seniors

Tuesday, August 28, 2007 4:00pm-6:00pm

Freshmen & Sophomores

Thursday, August 30, 2007 4:00pm-6:00pm

STUFF A BUS

Contribute to Tucker's PTSA effort to help our community. On fee nights, we will be holding our 6th annual "Stuff A Bus". During this time, we will be collecting new school supplies to donate to students in need. Tucker students will be provided for first, and then the remaining items will help students at Laburnum Elementary School. We request that each family bring at least one school supply item to the "Stuff A Bus" bus in Tucker's front parking lot.

Items that are needed:

Pens & Pencils	Highlighters	Binders
Notebooks	Protractors	Rulers
Marble Notebooks	Crayons	Colored Pencils
Fiskar Scissors (Blunt)	Calculators	Backpacks
1-subject spiral notebooks	Notebook paper	
Large Glue sticks		



Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

We hope all of our tigers had a wonderful summer and look very forward to seeing you during our fee nights.

New for the 2007-2008 school year is the debut of a renewed nutrition push by School Nutrition Services. This initiative will include changing the High School Program over from an ala carte program to include meals from the National School Lunch Program. Many of the same offerings from the past such as Subway, Little Caesar, and sunset Strip will still be available. Noticeable difference includes the removal of all sodas from the school lunch lines. Milk, bottled water, and 100 percent juice products will be offered instead.

In an effort to better serve our students, School Nutrition Services has upgraded its cash registers to allow for faster service. Each student will receive a student number at the beginning of the school year which will allow them to prepay into their own account. They will be able to use cash on the line as well.

Also available will be the implementation of MyLunchMoney.com. This program will allow parents to pay and replenish their student's lunch money account using their Visa or MasterCard or debit cards via a secure internet site. This partnership with School Nutrition Services will speed up service on the serving lines and allow parents to track balances and student meal histories. Keep the following in mind when visiting MyLunchMoney.com:

Easy: Enrolling and funding is simple and completed quickly on line from home or office.

Convenient: Once your account is established, you can check balances and fund your account from your computer, phone, or fax.

Secure: Your personal and payment card information is protected by the most advanced internet security.

Never worry again: With the recurring payment option, money can be automatically deposited to your child's account when a low balance is reached.

How do I enroll?

- Go to www.MyLunchMoney.com and click ENROLL NOW.
- Create an account for yourself and your children.
- Provide credit or debit card information.
- You may also call 1-800-479-3531 and enroll by phone. The call center is also available to answer questions you may have about using the site.

Also new at Tucker this year are 40 additional parking spaces which are being added during August. Beginning in October, we will have a Writing Center which will be located in the Media Center. Students will learn more about this wonderful opportunity in their English classes.

Enjoy the last few days of your summer vacation and get ready for a great 2007-2008 school year at Tucker!

Gwen Miller, Principal

Take a look at the new PTSA website: www.jrtuckerptsa.com. Everything you want to know about the PTSA and were afraid to ask!!!

2007/2008 PTSA Board

POSITION	NAME
President	Marilee Tretina
1st VP - Programs	OPEN
2nd VP - Membership	Susan Chevalier
3rd VP-Ways & Means	Anne Britt
Treasurer	Carol Walker
Secretary	Ingrid Johnson
County Council Rep.	Ann Farrar
County Council Alt.	Colleen Hammitt
Lay Advisory Rep.	OPEN
Lay Advisory Alt.	OPEN
Parliamentarian	Grace Wygal
Baccalaureate	OPEN
Beautification	Aggie Gallagher
Cultural Arts	Angela Hedrick
Cultural Arts	Stephanie Sizemore
Hospitality	Marie Galan
Hospitality	Heidi Mills
Newsletter	Helena Lythgoe
Newsletter	OPEN
Legislation	Kim Harris
Party All Night	Lisa Knight
Tiger's Den	Kim Burrus
Tiger's Den	Sandy Lowell
Tiger's Trust	Eve Shapiro
Volunteers	Denise Lane
Principal	Gwen Miller
Staff Rep.	Lt. Col. O'Dwyer
Staff Rep.	Charter Woodruff
12th grade rep	Stephen White
12th grade rep	OPEN
11th grade rep	Anna Weaver
11th grade rep	OPEN
10th grade rep	Natalie Mongold
10th grade rep	Shanyn Petzold
9th grade rep	OPEN
9th grade rep	OPEN

A NOTE FROM THE PTSA PRESIDENT

Welcome to another school year! The Tucker PTSA offers many opportunities for parents and students to get involved and we hope you take advantage of these opportunities. High School is the last gasp of your parenting to really know what's happening on campus.

I know a lot of parents are burned out by high school and I feel your pain. However, I've learned that active PTSA members have the comfort of a constant flow of information that is not dependent upon teenage communication. Get involved and be in the know! Don't worry about your involvement embarrassing your child—they'll get over it!

We welcome your membership and involvement. Be sure you and your student stop by the PTSA table on fee night to join. If your child is involved in band, drama, athletics, or chorus there are booster organizations that support each of those activities. Explore all you can on fee night and take advantage of these golden parental opportunities.

Please feel free to contact with me any questions, suggestions or concerns.

Go Tigers!!!!

Marilee Tretina
Tucker, PTSA President
270-2097
mtretina@comcast.net

STUDENT PTSA MEMBERSHIP

When you get to high school the PTA becomes a PTSA, Parent Teacher **STUDENT** Association. All students can join the PTSA and with PTSA membership are eligible to be on the board. Currently the PTSA has representatives from the sophomore, junior and senior classes. Additional representatives are needed to fill open positions.

Senior – 1 open position
Junior – 1 open position
Sophomore – 1 open position
Freshman- 2 open positions

Applications are available in the office. As a student board member, you will provide the PTSA with a student's perspective, communicate between students and the PTSA, attend PTSA board meetings, and help with activities and projects. This is a great leadership opportunity and an opportunity to interact with parents, teachers and administration. Applications are due by Friday, October 5. Contact Marilee Tretina, PTSA President, at 270-2097 or email mtretina@comcast.net with any questions.

OPEN PTSA BOARD POSITIONS

There are still a few open positions for the 2007-2008 school year. If you are interested in getting more involved in your child's education (while you still can!) and making Tucker an even better school, contact Marilee Tretina, PTSA President, at mtretina@comcast.net or 270-2097. You can make a DIFFERENCE!

The open positions are:

1st Vice-President, Programs-Responsible for planning the five PTSA meeting programs -2 have already been planned.

Lay Advisory Representative- Attend the county wide Lay Advisory meetings and report back to Tucker PTSA board. Lay Advisory board consists of members from all county schools and meets with the school board five or less times a year.

Lay Advisory Alternate – attends Lay Advisory meetings when representative is unable.

Baccalaureate Chair- Plans and organizes the senior Baccalaureate ceremony in June. This position involves working and coordinating with senior class officers, senior student body, administration and volunteers. Date and venue have already been set for 2008.



Monday, September 25, 2007, 7:00pm, Auditorium

Back to School Night – Join us for the first PTSA Meeting to hear our plans for the 2007-2008 school year and an update from our principal, Mrs. Gwen Miller. The meeting will be held in the auditorium. After the meeting, you can proceed to your's student's classrooms to meet their teachers.

Monday, October 24, 2007, 7:00pm, Café 3

College Night for High School Students – especially Juniors and Seniors

Come to listen this informative session on preparing for to apply for college. Information will include: completing applications, essays and how the Tucker Guidance department can help you.

SAVE TREES & POSTAGE COSTS!!!!!!

Receive your school and PTA Newsletter by Email! If you'd like to do so, please email your child's name, grade and your zip code to: Newsletter@jrtuckerptsa.com.

Thanks for your help!

www.jrtuckerptsa.com

Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) Volunteers Needed!

Please consider how you can help J. R. Tucker. Now is your chance to contribute to Tucker and be involved in your teen's education and high school experience. There's something for everyone!! Please complete the form below and send it to your teen's homeroom teacher. Thanks!



Denise Lane, Volunteer Chair
Beachlane2002@cs.com, 346-8205

PTSA VOLUNTEERS

PTSA Board Positions Open/Needed:

1st VP-Programs Lay Advisory Rep. Lay Advisory Alt. Baccalaureate

Other Important Volunteer Contributions

- Copying**—Make copies for teachers.
- Craftman Classic Volunteer**—Help relieve vendors, sell bags, etc. on November 2-4, 2007 and in the spring March 14-16, 2008 at Richmond Raceway.
- Cultural Arts**—Help display Reflection entries.
- ESL Support**—Assist ESL students (English as a Second Language) by reading to them, helping them write, etc. You do not need to know another language.
- Guidance Office Assistants**—Work in guidance office answering phones.
 Day? (Circle) **M T W TH F**
 Shift? (Circle) **8:00 – 10:00 11:30 – 1:00**
- Grounds Beautification**—Donate labor or materials.
- Hospitality**—Donate food or supplies for teacher breakfast/luncheons.
- Lunch Volunteer – various times - 12:00 – 2:00** Assist students with account numbers
- Main Office Assistants**—Work in front office answering phones.
 Day? (Circle) **M T W TH F**
 Shift? (Circle) **8:00 – 9:30 11:50 – 1:20 2:30 – 4:00**
- Newsletter**—Assist once a quarter with folding and labeling the newsletter.
- Party All Night**—Help plan the *best* after-Prom drug and alcohol-free party
 Fundraising Decorating Activities Communications
 Registration Food Clean-up Work the event
- Programs**—Help plan and implement PTSA programs.
- Tiger's Den**—Work in school bookstore.
 Day? (Circle) **M T W TH F**
 Shift? (Circle) **8:00–8:45 am 3:30–4:15 pm**
- Tucker Sports Concession Stand**—Work in concession stand during home football, basketball, soccer, or baseball/softball games. (Note: All money made in football concession stand supports *all* Tucker sports.)
- Vision Screening Assistance**—Work with the Nurse to provide vision screening for the students from (date to be determined) Different shifts are available.
- Other**—Is there a particular talent, service, or resource you can offer? (A few of our current needs include printing, storage resources, and security officers for special events.) I can offer _____

Parent's Name: _____

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Email: _____

Top Tiger Tips for Attendance

1. Only absences that fall under the following categories will be considered excused: *illness of student, serious illness of close family member, death in family, recognized religious holidays.*
2. In accordance with Henrico County School board regulations, excuse notes for absences or tardies must be turned in no later than 24 hours after the actual absence or tardy.
3. No student is allowed to be picked up by anyone that is not on the Authorization to Pick up Form. This form needs to have absolutely every person(s) name that you want to have permission to pick up your student with the parent/guardian's signature. We can not add a person in the year by a phone call. The parent/guardian who originally signed the form must go to guidance, show ID, and then we will add to the list.
4. If someone other than the parent or guardian of the student comes to pick up or wishes to speak to the student, even if on the Authorization to Pick up Form they must present a note from the parent or guardian to do so.
5. **Legally** we can not accept phone calls for dismissal, because we can not verify who you are over the phone. Even if you are running late for appointment we can not pull a student out to be waiting for you by a phone call.
6. Students who drive to school or are driven to school by parents/guardians can not use transportation problems as a reason for an excused tardy. However, if the county bus is late, the tardy is excused.
7. Going out of town can only be excused if you sent a note to the grade level assistant principal to get approved **before going out of town**.
8. Early dismissals need to be turned into the Attendance Office in the morning **the day before** the dismissal. The student then picks up the pass from attendance the **morning of the dismissal**. The pass allows the student to leave class at the designated dismissal time, sign out in the Attendance Office, and meet you at the front parking lot for pick up. Please allow time for the students to sign out at the Attendance Office before picking them up.
9. If your student is not waiting for you at the front parking lot, please do not call on your cell phone as we can not legally assist you. Please go to the Attendance Office to show your ID to have them located and dismissed from class.
10. If you need to pick up your student during lunch time and you did not send in an early dismissal note the day before, the attendance secretary will contact administrators and teachers on cafeteria duty to locate your student. Since there are three cafeterias and the eating areas outside of the cafeterias, please allow time for this situation.
11. Attendance at assemblies and other special events such as Senior Convocation, Veterans' Day, Memorial Day, and awards ceremonies is strongly encouraged, and parent support is requested – these programs are designed to motivate the entire student body and create a sense of Tiger pride in achievements and community. They are usually held in the auditorium or gymnasium – neither is an easy place to locate a student for dismissal. Please stay informed by using our website calendar: www.highschoolsports.net. (Please note that this website gives more than just sporting events, it is every event on campus for each day.)
12. Students attendance can be tracked by using the website: www.hcpslink.henrico.k12.va.us. Your username/password is the same information the students use to login to their laptops. The passwords will be given out during homeroom the first week of school.
13. Attendance is bound by laws and regulations of Henrico County School Board and the state of Virginia. The rules are enforced to protect your student. Please be advised only a principal or assistant principal can approve or help if an emergency arises beyond the rules/laws of attendance.
14. We will do our very best at attendance please be courteous and remember there is one attendance secretary with a ratio of 1,700+ student body.



A special thanks to the following that contributed \$500 or more to our after prom celebration.

J. R. Tucker
High School



Virginia State Police & Virginia
Dept of Education
Honor Roll Award Program



Dr. Mark Freeman & Associates
3290 Church Road
Richmond, VA 23233
(804) 270-3080
Class of '82



Short Pump

Thank You!

Thanks to all merchants, organizations, and families who donated gifts and/or money to make Party All Night a great success! Year after year they say "Yes!" to Tucker. ***Please return the favor with your patronage.***

Community Support

7-11
American Family Fitness Centers
Best Buy
Bowl America
Car Pool
Chick-Fil-A – Tuckernuck
ComedySportz Improv Theatre
Costco
Elks Lodge #45
Franklin Covey
G-Force Karts
Harley Davidson
Herff Jones
Image Designers
Kings Dominion
Lifetouch School Portraits
Loyal Order of Moose Inc. Tuckahoe
McDonald's
Nesbit Salon
Pacific Coast Tanning
Peak Experiences
Red Hot & Blue
Richmond Braves
Ritz Nails
Saxon Shoes
Sport Clips Haircuts
Stevens Jewelers
Tripps Restaurant
Tuckahoe Richmond Moose Lodge
Virginia State Police Assoc.
Wintergreen Resorts

AAA
Applebee's Neighborhood Grill
Bon Secours Richmond Health System
Bruster's Old Fashioned Ice Cream
Carvel Ice Cream
Chipotle
Concours Automobile Detailing
Disco Sports
Expressions Photography
Dr. Mark Freeman
Gelati Celesti Ice Cream
HCPS-Safe & Drug Free Schools
Hondo's
Jackson Hewitt
Lakeside Appliances
Loveland Distributing
MacPro Solutions
McGeorge Toyota
O'Charley's
Padow's Ham & Deli, Inc.
Performance Designs
Red Robin
Richmond Kickers
Sam Ash
Short Pump Nails
Staples
Tan Right (Twin Hickory)
Tuckahoe Family YMCA
Value City Furniture
Virginia Dept of Education
YMCA of Greater Richmond

Allstate Insurance
Arby's – Short Pump
Bottoms Up Pizza
Captain D's Seafood
Chem Treat, Inc.
Clix Photo Portraits
Cool Beans – Coffee & Ice Cream
Dominic's of New York
Fink's Jewelers
Frito Lay
Golf Galaxy
Heavenly Ham
Hunting Hawk Golf Club
James Limousine Services
Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
Lucky 8 Catering
Mary Kay Cosmetics-Mary Cox
Mexico Restaurant
Office Depot
Party City
Pizza Hut & Italian Bistro
Regal Cinema-Short Pump
Ritz Camera Centers
Sams Club
Skate Nation
Starbucks Coffee-West End shops
Tiffany's Salon
Ukrop's
Victory Lady Fitness
Wal-Mart
Zorba's

Thank You!

Many parents worked countless hours to make **Party All Night** a success. Thank you for your financial support and especially for volunteering your time or donating food.

Parent Financial Support

Pat & Clarence Abrams-Nicholas	Sandy & Gary Echols
Kenny & Becky Baker	Morgan & Lauren Echols
Greg & Kathleen Bresson	Ann Farrar
Linda & Kenny Campbell	Pete Faucett
Susan & John Chevalier	Aggie Gallagher
Phyllis Coffman	Kim & Tony Haboush
Cyndie & Steve Czatt	Colleen Hammitt
Mark & Dorothy Damico	Theresa Harris
Jennifer Ding	Maria Herber
Kim & Tony Haboush	Celina Higgins
Colleen & Jerry Hammitt	Betsy & Kim Irvine
Sharon Heiberg Kim & Bryan Kennedy	Ingrid & Scott Johnson
Judy & Gary Marston	Cydney Johnstone
Ruby Murrell	Kim Kennedy
Suzanne & Robert Nowak	Lisa Knight
John & Corey Richardson-Lauve	Yvonne & Daniel Lightfoot
Katie & Jay Schmid	Teresa Linkous
Frank & Diane Sharpe	Jan Major
Kay & Jay Sherin	Brenda McAleese
Shawna & Selwyn Smart-Lorelike	Cara & Haley Olivo
Brian & Linda Snead	Nancy Parker
Marilee & Paul Tretina	Laura Petiella
Allison & Michael Watt	Naliani & Ramprakash Premkumar
Fred & Carol Walker	Cindy Richardson
Paul & Grace Wygal	John Richardson-Lauve
Charter Woodruff	Katie & Jay Schmid
	Diane Sharpe
	Jay & Kay Sherin
	Andie Silver
	Melanie Splan
	Eula Sorey
	Joe Stepp
	Elizabeth & David Stevens
	Brad Thesing
	Ellen Thurston
	Marilee & Paul Tretina
	Kim Virgin
	Carol & Fred Walker
	Karen Walton
	Diane Waters
	Allison Watt
	Lynn Webster
	Suze White
	Paul & Grace Wygal

Parent Volunteers

Kathleen Baker
Tricia Blakesley
Rhonda Bradshaw
Anne & Ron Britt
Linda & Kenny Campbell
Rebecca & Joe Ceja
Susan & John Chevalier
Britani Childs
Lyle Cisney
Vera Coleman
Joanne Crozier
Cindy & Steve Czatt
Ed Davis
Jennifer Ding

Many people volunteered to make this event a success. We apologized if your name was mistakenly omitted.

"I Can Make a Difference By...."

is the 2007-08 Reflections theme. The Tucker PTSA wants you to participate in these 6 categories...Dance Choreography, Film/Video Production, Literature, Musical Composition, Photography and/or Visual Arts. Official entry forms and rules will be available in the front office. The entry deadline is Friday, October 19. Enjoy the last few weeks of summer and plan how you **"Can Make a Difference!"**

The JR Tucker PTSA has lots of spirit items for spirited Tigers to buy. We have ties, cups, mugs, scarves, gloves, stadium cushions and more. Come by the PTSA table at your fee night to see what we have. Spirit items are also for sale in the Tiger's Den and will be available at home football games. If you have questions, call Anne Britt at 270-9189.

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TIGER TRUST

Our PTSA's Main Fundraiser

Individuals and families assist the PTSA by annually contributing generously to the Tiger Trust. It is our main fundraiser. We do not ask parents and students to sell wrapping paper, candy, etc., so we ask for your one time, tax-deductible contribution to the J. R. Tucker PTSA each year. The Tiger Trust campaign is in its eleventh year at Tucker. We spend all contributions during the current year to benefit Tucker students, teachers and staff. Remember no amount is too small-we sincerely appreciate any amount you can give.

If you have any questions regarding Tiger trust, please contact Eve Shapiro, Tiger Trust chairperson at 672-0354.

Please complete the form either below or on the JRT PTSA Back to School form and return to your child's homeroom teacher as soon as possible.

Tiger Trust Campaign 2007-2008

Student Name:	Grade:	HR:
Name:	Phone:	

Tax Deductible Contribution: \$10 _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$75 _____ \$100 _____ Other _____

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