

Tiger Times

Combined School & PTSA Newsletter



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FEBRUARY 2012

MARK-YOUR-CALENDAR

2012

February

- 1 - Elective Fair (During the day for students/
For parents – 4 to 6 PM)
- 1 - Principal's Coffee – 9AM – Café 3 – Topic: Open Forum
- 4 - VASS prep session at Deep Run for AP math students
- 6 - Programs: Graduation, Course planning and the
College Search Process
- 6-10 - National School Counseling Week
- 7 - Sophomore Class Meeting (during AE)
- 9 - Freshman Connections (HR during AE)
- 9 - Parent Visitation (4 PM – 7 PM)
- 20 - Student Holiday - Full-day Staff Development
- 28 - Last day to order the Yearbook!

March

- 3 - VASS prep session at Hermitage for AP math students
- 5 - 9 – Writing SOL (tentative)
- 15 - Freshman Connections (HR during AE)
- 19 - Student Holiday
- 24 - VASS prep session at Hermitage for AP math students
- 31 – VASS prep session at Deep Run for AP English students

GREETINGS FROM YOUR PTSA PRESIDENT

Where did January go???

We are already working hard on the second semester PTSA projects. There is information in this newsletter about the Party All Night. This project is near and dear to many students hearts and it is also important to their parents. It is a fun party and it keeps our students SAFE! Please get involved – even if your student is only a freshman or sophomore. We need to make sure that parents get involved early so that they can keep the party going for their students.

The PTSA nominating committee is currently seeking nominees for several positions. There is an open position for your special skills. Do you have retail experience; would you like to manage our Tigers Den (bookstores)? Do you like working in marketing; would you like to run our membership campaign? Do you like to run meetings and know what is going on; would you like to be our President? There are activities too that will take very little of your time. Send us an email and we will be glad to find something that you can do to help. Remember, being involved with the PTSA is the best way for you to know what is going on at Tucker High School. This is a great way to be involved in your teenager's life without them really knowing it.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Anne Britt

PTSA President , President@jrtuckerptsa.com

Through March 31, 2012 Tucker has the opportunity to earn cash through Martin's A+ School Rewards Program.

All you have to do is register your Martin's Card: Log on to <http://www.martinsfoods.com/aplus> to register online

OR.....Dial 1-888-448-4642 to register your card over the phone

Enter your card number beginning with 480

Use the JR Tucker school ID: 03016

After you register your card, you will earn CASH for our school each time you shop at Martin's!

Thanks for taking the time to sign up!





Volunteer Mentor Interest Meeting

J.R. Tucker Classy Cats 2011-2012 is a pilot, one-to-one mentoring program, funded by the Virginia Mentoring Partnership, that will provide 10 ninth grade students who are identified to be at-risk an opportunity to envision a bright future through confidence-building activities and career advice. Mentor volunteers should have an understanding of what it takes to be successful in a career, the ability to communicate this to others, and the patience to connect with youth of diverse backgrounds.

Program Description:

Students will gain confidence through participation in a formal French dining experience. Many young people (and even some adults!) can be uncomfortable with French dining and formal dining in general because of language barriers, etiquette, etc. A portion of the first three Classy Cat sessions, called "Tasting Sessions," will prepare students with a working knowledge of French food. Mentors will assist during this time with anecdotal etiquette tips. After three Tasting Sessions, students will gain the knowledge have a positive, comfortable experience in a new, challenging setting.

Also, during the Tasting Sessions, mentors will give 5-10 minute presentations about what they have learned about success. This will provide the basis of structured individual and group discussions.

If interested, please come to an informational coffee from 4:00-4:30 on Thursday, February 2 in the J.R. Tucker Library. Please contact Jon Morris (jjmorris@henrico.k12.va.us) with any questions.

Commitment Dates:

- First Meeting: February 23
- Second Meeting: March 21
- Third Meeting: April 19
- Luncheon: May 25



At State Farm, we know education is the key to personal success and to the success of our nation. That's why we launched the 26 Seconds campaign – to raise awareness of the staggering statistic that every 26 seconds a student drops out of school, limiting their future potential. The campaign's primary mission is to engage you – today's youth – because you can most directly impact this statistic. We want you to **BHEARD, BSEEN, BYOU** and most importantly, **BMOR** (be more) than the statistic.

We invite you to join the campaign's BMOR project on Facebook (facebook.com/26seconds). You start by pledging to make the most of your school year and commit to graduate. You'll also have a chance to align yourself with one of the America's Promise Alliance Partners supporting the campaign. Then you can complete the activities and maybe even win one of the monthly prizes, or even the grand prize. On the 26th of each month a new activity launches. The online activities can help you channel your interests into a future after graduation. Complete 5 activities and your name will be entered into the grand prize drawing. You could be lucky enough to win an iPad and bring an end to the year celebration here to your community. You'll serve as host for the party, get to invite 100 of the guests and select the music, food and activities.

We hope you not only participate in the monthly activities, but that you'll refer your friends and use the 26 Seconds Facebook page as a resource and place to share your successes, creativity and interests. Your postings could catch our attention and we might feature you on our website www.26seconds.com. There you can view features of other kids participating in the program and learn more about adults who support and encourage you to graduate – like LeBron James.

I hope you become part of the 26 seconds campaign, but most importantly, I want each of you to graduate and BMOR than the statistic!

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More Tiger Trust News!



Send a Valentine Treat to Your Tucker Tiger Help JR Tucker PTSA

Because we  our Tucker Tigers we want them to have a special Valentine's treat this February, 14th! If this is your first donation to the Tiger Trust, simply make a **\$10 or more** tax-deductible donation (per student) and your Tucker Tiger will receive a sweet Valentine's treat on Valentine's Day. If you have already donated this year, you can make a **\$5 or more** donation to the Trust for your Tiger to receive their treat. It will be a special day for everybody so don't forget to let your Tucker Tiger know you are thinking of them on Valentine's Day!

Send your donation and special message to school with your student in an envelope marked "PTSA Treat" or drop it off in the front office. Please use the form below. You can also donate online at <http://www.jrtuckerptsa.com/id3.html>. **All donations must be received by 2/10 to qualify for the Valentine's Day treat.** Contact Lisa Cherlin at tigerstrust@jrtuckerptsa.com if you have any questions.

Valentine's Treat

Names of Contributors: _____

Student's Name/Grade: _____

Contributor's Email: _____

Tax Deductible Contribution Amount

\$100 _____ \$50 _____ \$25 _____ \$10 _____ \$5 _____

Note to Student: _____

You will receive confirmation of your donation via email for your tax records. Please make checks payable to JRT PTSA & Return to Front Office marked PTSA Valentine by 2/10
You may also donate online at <http://www.jrtuckerptsa.com/id3.html>.



Craftsmen's Classic Arts & Crafts Festival

~ Volunteers Needed ~

It's that time of year again when the Tucker PTSA provides volunteers for the Craftsmen's Classic Arts & Crafts Festival at the Richmond Raceway Complex. The spring show is Friday, March 9 – Sunday, March 11. This is a big fundraiser for Party All Night, Tucker's after-prom party. Volunteers are needed for two hour shifts to do the following:

- Relieve vendors (sit at their booth while they take a break)
- Pass out registration slips
- Sell shopping bags.

Volunteers get into the show for free so plan to come early or stay late to SHOP! Students can get community service hours for volunteering so we look forward to lots of student participation.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Alyson Ward at kaaaward@gmail.com or 677-5103.

TUCKER SPIRIT NIGHT ~ FUNDRAISER

We will be having our next retail fundraiser at the Panera Bread near Innsbrook on Thursday, Feb 2, from 5 to 8pm. You must print out and present the attached flyer for Tucker to receive credit. Come out, have some fun, good food and support your school!
<http://www.panerabread.com/about/fundraiser/print.php?SID=c29fc4f1184b1066c813f6ed20b92ef8>





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What: J. R. Tucker High School's after prom party - Party All Night (P.A.N.)!

Facts:

- Free to our juniors and seniors, whether or not they attend prom
- Guests of the students who did attend prom are also welcome
- WELL CHAPERONED
- Prizes, games, food, entertainment
- Around 500 students attended last year

Purpose: To keep our students safe! Prom night has historically been one of the most dangerous nights of the year for high school students.

When: Prom is May 5, 2012 but we are already planning PAN now!

Contributions can be mailed to: JRT PTSA
2910 Parham Road
Richmond, VA 23294

OR Go to our JRT PTSA website at <http://www.jrtuckerptsa.com/> and give online!

Business owners, please contact us for advertising opportunities that both reach and support your Tucker Tigers!

Thank you for your help,
Katie Schmid
PAN Fundraising Chairperson
klschmid@henrico.k12.va.us.va

****PAN-Party All Night, planning meeting is on:
Tuesday Feb. 21st at 7:00PM in the JRT library.**

~ HOSPITALITY ~ ~

The hospitality committee will be collecting food donations for Teacher Visitation on February 9th. We will be serving a baked potato bar with all the fixings. Please look for the signup genius for items requested.



TIGER TIDBITS !



~ News from *YOUR* school ~

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THANKS!!!

We wish to send out a big thank you to our Community partner **Chick-fil-A**.

Our website is www.chick-fil-a.com/tuckernuckcfa and our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/tuckernuckcfa> and fans can text "RAVINGFAN" to 411247 to receive info and offers by text.

J. R. TUCKER HIGH SCHOOL PARENT VISITATION Thursday, February 9, 2012 4:00 – 7:00 PM

This date has been set aside to provide parents/guardians the opportunity to meet with their student's teachers. Please use the schedule that's available on the JRTucker website at <http://www.henrico.k12.va.us/hs/tucker/> to print out and set up your individual ten-minute appointments (appointment times begin on the quarter hour with five minutes of travel time). Indicate the times you wish to meet and send it to school by your student to verify your choice with the teacher. If your first choice is not available, the closest possible time will be given. If you are interested in speaking with a school counselor, please make an appointment by calling 527-4606.

School Counseling News –

SCHEDULING

Here are some important dates and reminders as we begin the scheduling process for the 2012-2013 school year:

February 1, 2012 - Elective Fair. Students will have the opportunity to visit the fair during the school day to learn about the elective offerings at J.R. Tucker High School. The elective fair will be open to parents and the community in the evening from 4-6pm, in Café 1. Teacher and student representatives will be there to answer any questions you may have.

February 6, 2012 - Course Request and Recommendation Sheets (CRRS) are distributed in homerooms. Students should complete the form to include 7 course selections and a parent signature.

February 13, 2012 - Deadline to turn in CRRS. CRRS are collected by homeroom teachers and submitted to the School Counseling Office.

January - April 2012 - School counselors meet with students individually to discuss course planning and graduation requirements. Parents are invited to make an appointment with their student's school counselor. After hour appointments will be held in February and March.

June 15, 2012 - last day of school and last day to make changes to the course requests for the 2012-2013 schedules.

~ R.E.B. Award!! ~

What:

The time has come again to nominate an outstanding Henrico teacher for an R.E.B. Award of up to \$12,000. Teachers from Henrico, Chesterfield, Hanover, Richmond City public schools and the Department of Correctional Education (in the metro Richmond area) are eligible.

The R.E.B. awards are designed to identify, recognize, and support teaching excellence in the metropolitan Richmond public school systems. Professional development grants ranging from \$4,000 to \$12,000 each will be awarded to teachers who have distinguished themselves by their inspiring classroom performance.

Who:

The Community Foundation invites nominations from students, parents, colleagues, school personnel and administrators (except for the school Principal), and the community at-large.

When:

Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. February 23, 2012

Where:

Please mail nominations to:
The Community Foundation
7501 Boulders View Drive
Suite 110
Richmond, VA 23225

**All questions from school staff, parents, and students regarding nominations should go to Patrese Pruden, Human Resources Specialist, at 652-3668.





TIGER TIDBITS !



~ News from *YOUR* school ~

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Got yearbook ?

February 28th is the last day to order the 2012 yearbook. For \$50 your student will receive the yearbook, the literary magazine and the newspaper. The theme for the 2012 yearbook is "In the Zone." Tucker draws students from across the county and from a zone that spans many neighborhoods, but once students become a part of the school, all students are in the "Tucker zone." Staff members are hard at work creating a yearbook that captures the special moments of the 2011-2012 school year. Purchase your book now. No extra books will be ordered. Payment can be made in cash or by check made out to J. R. Tucker High School. Please use the order form located on the Tucker website at http://henrico.k12.va.us/hs/Tucker/images/documents/gotyyearbook_order_form.pdf, or send in the one below:

YES! I want to order the 2011-12 yearbook. Cost is \$50. Also included—school literary magazine and newspaper.

Student's name _____ (please print)

Parent's name _____ (please print)

Paid by ___ cash or ___ check/money order made out to J. R. Tucker High School

Date _____

Senior Activities

Class of 2012 Spring Calendar

- March 16 Senior early release ---Dismissal 3:35PM
- April 6 Senior early release ---Dismissal **12:35PM** (Half-day work day)
- May 4 Senior early release ---Dismissal 3:35PM
- 5 **Prom at the Renaissance**
- 7 Senior Retreat Day
- 24 Senior Picnic during Periods 5 and 7 (Odd day)
- 29 **Character Day** (Beginning of Senior Week)
- 30 **Toga Day**
- 31 **College and Career Day**; 9:00 Honors Assembly Rehearsal;
7:00 PM Senior Dessert Night
- June 1 8:15AM report to Auditorium; 9:00AM Senior Honors
Assembly; 11:30 Cap/Gown Stadium Picture; 12:00 – 2:15 Off
Campus (out to lunch); Last instructional day for seniors
- 4-8 Senior Exam Week Schedule:
 - 5 AM: English Exams PM: Math Exams
 - 6 AM: Government Exams PM: Science Exams
 - 7 AM: WL/Elective Exams PM: Elective Exams
 - 8 AM: Elective Exams/Retakes/Make-ups
 - 10 Baccalaureate---St. Michael's Catholic Church 2:00PM
 - 13 **4:30PM Report to Auditorium; 7:00PM Graduation at the Siegel Center**

Senior Parents Save the Date!

Baccalaureate for your graduating Senior will be on Sunday June 10th at 2pm at St. Michaels church, on Springfield Rd. Baccalaureate is a celebration by giving thanks and asking for God's blessing. Typically attended by each graduating class, faculty, and staff of High Schools, colleges and universities. The speaker will be decided upon by the graduating class, and has yet to be determined. Attendance is not mandatory, but we would love to have everyone join us.

Library News!

To help promote the All Henrico Reads book "Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein, the Tucker Library will be collecting new and gently used stuffed animals through April 1st. Garth Stein will be speaking to Henrico County students in April at Glen Allen High School. The Henrico librarians would like the backdrop of his presentation to include stuffed animals that will be donated to the local Children's Hospital following this event.



ACT, SAT, AP, SAT, SOL & NAEP TESTS

ACT – The ACT is a national college admission examination that is designed to measure academic achievement in the areas of English, mathematics, reading, and science. Students can choose to take an optional Writing section. The ACT includes 215 multiple-choice questions and takes approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes to complete (this includes a short break). The total test time is just over 4 hours for students who take the ACT Plus Writing. The English test consists of five prose passages, each one accompanied by multiple-choice test questions. Students have 45 minutes to complete 75 items in this section. The content of the English section includes questions on usage and mechanics. The mathematics section includes 60 items and students have 60 minutes to complete this section. The math section tests algebra, coordinate geometry, plane geometry and trigonometry. Students have 35 minutes to complete the 40 items in the reading test of the ACT. The reading questions are based on content in arts and literature, as well as social studies and natural sciences questions. The final section of the ACT is the Science section with 40 items and 35 minutes to complete this test. The content of the Science test is based on interpretation analysis, evaluation, reasoning, and problem-solving skills in Biology, Earth/Space Sciences, Chemistry and Physics. The ACT score is based on the number of correct answers and there is no penalty for guessing. Students receive a score of 1-36 for each of the four sections of the test. The overall score is the average of the four test scores and is called the Composite Score. A separate score is given for the questions and essay of the Writing test if the student chooses to take the ACT Plus Writing. Not all colleges and universities require the Writing portion of the ACT. The ACT provides a searchable database that students can use to see if the Writing test is required by the schools they are interested in. Students can search Writing test requirements by college at the following link: <https://actapps.act.org/writPrefRM/>. The ACT advises that students take the ACT sometime in the spring of the junior year, but preferably toward the end of the junior year. The exam fee for the ACT is \$33, and \$48 for the ACT Plus Writing. Fee waivers are available from the school counselors for students who can demonstrate financial need. Students can register online at www.actstudent.org. The 2011-2012 test dates with registration deadlines are as follows:

<u>ACT Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline*</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline**</u>
February 11, 2012	January 13, 2012	January 14-20, 2012
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 10-23, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 5-18, 2012

* Registration deadlines are set by the ACT and are subject to change. Please consult the ACT website for official dates and test administration information.

**Additional fees apply for late registrations and changes to a test registration.

SAT – The SAT is a globally recognized college admission test administered by the College Board. The SAT tests skills that students will use in college and beyond and so it provides colleges with a standardized measure of what students know – in reading, writing, and math – and how they apply that knowledge. The test is comprised of 10 sections – one 25-minute essay (always the first section of the test taken on test day), six 25-minute sections (mathematics, critical reading, and writing), two 20-minute sections (mathematics, critical reading, and writing), and one 10-minute multiple-choice writing section. The total test time is 3 hours and 45 minutes and students get three short breaks during the test. The SAT is scored by awarding points for correct answers and subtracting a fraction of a point for wrong answers. Students can earn from 200-800 points for each section of the SAT (critical reading, mathematics, and writing) for a total possible score of 2400. Because points are awarded or subtracted based on student responses, no points are awarded for skipped questions, but there is also no penalty (or subtraction of a fraction of a point). The College Board advises that students take at least two but no more than three SAT tests since there is no evidence showing that taking the SAT multiple times significantly improves a student's score. Students are advised to take the first SAT in the spring of the junior year. The exam registration fee is \$49. Fee waivers are available from the school counselors for students who can demonstrate financial need. Students can register online at www.collegeboard.org. The 2011-2012 test dates with registration deadlines are as follows:

<u>SAT Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline*</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline**</u>
January 28, 2012	December 30, 2011	January 13, 2012
March 10, 2012	February 10, 2012	February 24, 2012
May 5, 2012	April 6, 2012	April 20, 2012
June 2, 2012	May 8, 2012	May 22, 2012

* Registration deadlines are set by the College Board and are subject to change. Please consult the College Board's website for official dates and test administration information.

**Additional fees apply for late registrations and changes to a test registration.

SAT SUBJECT TESTS – The SAT Subject Tests are hour-long content-based tests that allow students to choose to test in subjects in which they excel. These tests showcase students’ achievements and interests in specific subject areas and are used by colleges for admission or placement. It is the student’s responsibility to be familiar with each college’s admission requirements and to determine whether or not it is necessary to take SAT Subject Tests and if so, which tests. There are 20 SAT Subject Tests in five general subject areas: English, history, languages, mathematics and science. The College Board offers a free resource Getting Ready for the SAT Subject Tests practice booklet which can be downloaded from their website. Students should consult the College Board’s website for SAT Subject Test registration and fees. Students can choose to take one, two, or three Subject Tests on test day. Students cannot take both the SAT and SAT Subject Tests on the same day.

SAT Preparation

We offer a variety of programs to help students prepare to take the SAT. One of our programs, the Triumph Program, is offered on designated Saturdays. In this program students are given the chance to take a full length practice SAT test as they would if it were a real SAT. This means students would come prepared on the Saturday with a signed permission form (instead of a test ticket for the real SAT), a photo ID, pencils, calculator, and a charged laptop (if possible). If your student does not have a photo ID, they must get a form from their counselor before coming to the session. In order to participate, students must sign up in school counseling the week before the sessions, pick up a permission form that a parent/guardian must sign, arrange transportation for the Saturday session, and come on time on Saturday. The two remaining Triumph sessions for this school year will be held on Saturday February 25th and Saturday April 28th. All sessions are held from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Tucker library. The Triumph program is free of charge and open to any student who would like to sign up. Students who participate in this program on a Saturday will also sign up for an AE session to work with Mrs. Fischer for an individualized review session of the results. Announcements are made in the morning and afternoon to remind students to sign up. A ConnectEd message is also sent out to Junior and Senior families.

Another preparation program at Tucker is for students who have registered to take an upcoming SAT. The school counseling department provides a list of students who are registered to the Math and English department chairs. Those department leaders then provide passes to the registered students inviting them to participate in Math or English review sessions during AE. These sessions typically begin two weeks before the SAT date. One week is designated for English review and the second week is designated for Math review. Announcements are made the week before the sessions begin to remind students of the upcoming opportunity.

AP – Students enrolled in an AP class are expected to take the AP exam given in May. The fee for AP Foreign Language, Social Studies, and Art History exams is \$87. Students enrolled in an AP Math, Science, or English course have half of the exam fee paid for by the VASS grant. AP registration will take place through the J.R. Tucker School Counseling office after the winter break. The schedule for AP exams is:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>8AM TEST</u>	<u>12PM TEST</u>
Monday, May 7, 2012	Chemistry Environmental Science *students taking both exams will take Chemistry on 5/7 and then will take the late APES exam.	Psychology
Tuesday, May 8, 2012	Spanish Language	Art History
Wednesday, May 9, 2012	Calculus AB Calculus BC	
Thursday, May 10, 2012	English Literature and Composition	
Friday, May 11, 2012	U.S. History	
Monday, May 14, 2012	Biology	Physics B Physics C: Mechanics
Tuesday, May 15, 2012	U.S. Government and Politics	French Language and Culture
Wednesday, May 16, 2012	English Language and Composition	Statistics
Friday, May 18, 2012	Spanish Literature	

SOL Preparation

Throughout the year, students are offered tutoring to help them succeed on the SOLs. The tutoring sessions are during the school day. Students are identified for tutoring through previous SOL scores in a subject area or by their teachers. The tutors are typically retired teachers in a subject area; however, the National Honor Society also offers peer tutoring during AE in the library. NHS tutoring is available in all academic subjects including foreign languages. If your student would like help throughout the year, they should get a pass from the library before 1:00 p.m. on the day they would like help.

We have two main testing times coming up this spring. We will be testing all students in English 10 in March for their Writing SOL. This test is still given in the paper and pencil format so we will not receive the scores for approximately 8 weeks. This year students in English 10 will also be participating in an online field test after the paper and pencil test. The Virginia Department of Education is moving to an online writing test for next year. This field test is designed to help evaluate the online test. The Virginia Department of Education will compare scores on the paper and pencil test to the online test to evaluate the online version to help prepare for next year. Please refer to the timeline below for the dates of the tests. It is extremely important that your student be present in school for all testing. Making up tests requires that a student miss instructional time, so please have your student in school on the designated testing date if at all possible.

The May testing dates are the main testing dates for the SOLs. Students in World History I, World History II, VA/US History, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Biology, Earth Science, Chemistry, English 10, and English 11 will be taking an SOL in May. Teachers will begin reviewing with students in the weeks prior to the test date. New standards for Math will be tested this year and new standards for English and Science will be tested next year. Please refer to the timeline below for the dates of the tests. It is the expectation that all students will be in school each and every testing day whether they have an SOL that day or not. If they are in an SOL class and have not taken their test yet, they will be reviewing for the test while in class. If they have already taken their SOL in that class, they will be continuing with new material essential to their understanding of that course's content. Please do not take students out of school early or bring them late during the May tests.

SOL Testing Calendar:

March 5th—Writing SOL Multiple Choice portion

March 6th—Writing SOL Multiple Choice portion make-up date

March 7th—Writing SOL Direct Writing Prompt

March 8th—Writing SOL Direct Writing Prompt make-up date

March 13th-14th— Online field test multiple choice portion (given on both days during your child's English 10 class)

March 21st— Online field test writing prompt portion

April 18th— NAEP testing for randomly selected 17 year olds

May 14th-May 23rd—End of Course SOL tests given throughout this window—more detailed information will be posted on the JRT Testing website and sent home closer to the testing window.

NAEP Testing this year

On April 18th, Tucker will be participating in the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP). This is a nationwide test that is given to see where students are in their learning. The data collected from this test is used in the Nation's Report Card. Students participating in this testing will be randomly selected 17 year olds. The Virginia Department of Education is responsible for the random selection of the students. This is not a school based decision. More detailed information will be posted on the JRT Testing website as well as sent home with students. Parents and students may also learn more by going to the NAEP website: <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/>.

A calendar of events as well as resources for students and parents is located on the JRT Testing website. This site can be found on the JRT homepage. Just look for the "Testing Information" link on the left.

~ TIGER SPIRIT WEAR ~

Did you know.....

Purchasing Tucker spirit wear is just a click away? Please visit our online store at www.jrtuckerpts.com and click on "Tigers Den Online." There you will find all of the fun gear you can purchase for your Tucker Tiger.

There is no shipping charge, and the items will be delivered to your child's homeroom. Be sure to check out our new pajama bottoms, the perfect addition to any student's wardrobe! Any questions, please email spiritwear@jrtuckerpts.com.



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