

# TIGER NEWS

Combined School and PTSA Newsletter



**J.R. TUCKER HIGH SCHOOL**

**2910 N PARHAM ROAD, RICHMOND, VA 23297-4433**

November 2008



## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

### PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE

Proposed Topics for 2008 - 2009:

December – No meeting

January 14 – Course Selections  
for 2009-2010

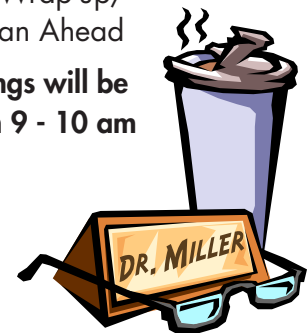
February 4 – Open Forum

March 4 – NCAA/ JRT Activities

April – No meeting

May 6 – Wrap-up/  
Plan Ahead

All meetings will be  
held from 9 - 10 am  
in Café 3



### SPIRIT NIGHT: PENN STATION SUBS 9320 W. BROAD ST.

Join us for a spirit night on Tuesday, 12/2 from 4pm to 7pm at Penn Station Subs. Please take this page or some type of Tucker identification with you. This is a great way to come out and socialize with the Tucker community!!!

**20 % of all proceeds will be donated to the PTSA for use on Party All Night!** Come out and join the fun!

**TUES. 12/2  
FROM 4 TO 7:00 PM**

**YOUR'E INVITED!**

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# DRAMA NEWS



The Drama IV students competed at VTA {Virginia Theatre Association} the weekend of October 31st-November 2nd in Reston, Virginia. There were 45 schools from across the state competing for a chance to take their shows to SETC {Southeastern Theatre Conference} this spring. J.R. Tucker received all superior and excellent ratings from the judges and was the only student directed piece in the competition.

Congratulations to Samantha Jeffreys who not only directed J.R. Tucker's one act, but also won one of 25 All Star Cast awards. There were over 600 students at the conference, and Samantha was one of 25 singled out for her performance.

Additionally, Tim Lynch, Maria Cardona, Elise Wilkinson, Sean Reid, and Tiffany Navas competed in the Technical Olympics competition and placed 4th! Tim Lynch won an honorable mention for his exceptional technical skills.



It's time to reserve tickets for Annie. Don't miss the show that gave us songs like "Tomorrow", "Easy Street", and "N.Y.C." and the iconic characters we'd recognize anywhere. This year, we are offering a pre-show tour of backstage and talk-back with the cast and crew that includes a pizza dinner before the Friday December 11th and Saturday December 12th shows. **This tour and talk-back is geared toward upper elementary and middle school students.**

Using the form below, please select which date(s) you would like to attend J.R. Tucker's production of Annie. Return the bottom of this form to Mrs. Dyer by December 5th to ensure availability.

All advance tickets for Annie will be waiting for you in the lobby the night of the show(s) you are attending. The cost of the tour, talk-back, dinner, and show is just \$10. The cost of advance tickets is only \$5.00. At the door, tickets are \$8.00. Don't be left out! Put in your order today!



## Advance Ticket Order Form

**\*\*Make checks payable to the J.R. Tucker Drama Department\*\***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Day	Time	# Tickets @\$5 ea.
Wed. Dec. 10	7:30	_____
Thur. Dec. 11	7:30	_____
Fri. Dec. 12	7:30	_____
Backstage Tour	6:00	_____
Sat. Dec. 13	7:30	_____
Backstage Tour	6:00	_____

Total Paid Show Tickets = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Paid Tour Tickets = \_\_\_\_\_

Cash Amount = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ and Amount = \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to our

Homecoming Queen  
Jasia Richardson

and

Homecoming King  
Scott Froede!!!

**Homecoming float winners:**

First Place Class Float:  
The 10th Grade Class!

Second Place Class Float:  
The 9th Grade Class!

First Place Club Float:  
Circle Of Friends!

Second Place Club Float:  
SCA And Japanese Club!

**Congratulations to all winners!!****... THANKS!  
from Hospitality ...**

The PTSA will be providing lunch to the teachers on Monday, November 3rd before Parent/

Teacher Conferences. Many thanks to all Hospitality parents that have volunteered to donate food and/or their time!

Linda and Lisa

**STUDENTS RECOGNIZED IN 2008  
PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM**

Thank you to all students who participated in the 2008 Virginia PTA Reflections Program. This year's theme was "Wow!"

**Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding submissions:****Literature**

First Place—Mary Shae Finley

Second Place—Morgan Barker

Third Place—Joey Moore

Honorable Mention—Theandra Madu, Lauren Baker, Ian Major, and Crystal Crossley

**Musical Composition**

First Place—Wesley Hurd

**Photography**

First Place—Kyle Degenhardt

Second Place—Darren Olivo, Hailee Olivo

**Visual Art**

First Place—Rochelle Safo

Second Place—Addie Collins

Third Place—Maykel Moreira

Honorable Mention—Rachel Bennet, Malik Banks, Katherine Hall

All the first place entries will be sent to the next level of competition. Good luck to these students!

A special thanks to the judges—Literature, Mary Jane Tolley; Musical Composition, Debra Jordan; Photography, Mark Bierly; and Visual Art, Jeanne Hening.

**NEWS FROM THE OFFICE**

In this age of predatory crimes against our youth, it is imperative that we take certain precautions to keep Tucker students safe. Please help us accomplish this mission by being prepared to show your ID each and every time you need to pull your child out of class to speak with him/her or remove your student for an early dismissal. Certainly, you would not want a stranger to be able to walk into the office and ask to see your child and be able to do so.



Every parent was asked to complete an Authorization to Pick-Up form at the beginning of the school year. Unless an individual's name is on that form, we are forbidden from allowing him/her to have contact with your child. Please help us protect your children by complying with Henrico County Public Schools regulations. Always bring your ID with you. It's the law!



## PROGRAMS

Join us on Monday, January 12th at 7:00 pm in the JRT Library.

### The program will be "Enough is Enough's" Internet Safety 101: Empowering Parents

Hear from the Experts: Teens, Parents, Law Enforcement, Clinicians, Psychologists, Industry Executives, a convicted predator & victims of Online Exploitation. This is a DVD and interactive services.

It's information that every parent should know.

## LANYARDS ARE IN!

Lanyards, car flags, umbrellas, stadium cups, tote bags, drawstring backpacks, scarves, gloves, ties, license plate holders, car magnets, and insulated mugs are all in the Tiger's Den. You can also go on the [PTSA website](#) and order these items. Please remember the holidays are right around the corner and TUcker Spirit Wear would make a great present.



I want to thank all those who volunteered for the Craftsman Classic Craft Show.



Katherine Farmer

## FALL INTO JRT LIBRARY

*The Tucker Library has been a busy place this fall...*

### Hispanic Heritage Month

To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15-October 15, the library hosted an event during both lunches on October 5. Students were invited to bring a bag lunch; they were served Hispanic treats including flan, fried plantains, and a traditional cheese-and-guava paste-and-cracker snack. While they were eating, students viewed a PowerPoint presentation discussing the Hispanic author Julia Alvarez—her life and her books.

### Book Clubs

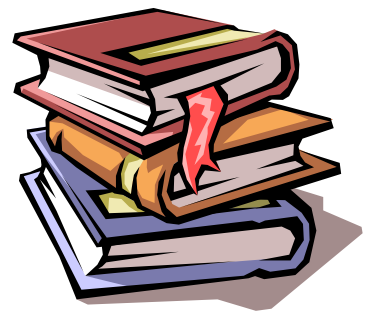
Both staff and student book clubs participated in the All Henrico Reads program which is sponsored jointly by Henrico County Public Schools and the County of Henrico Public Library. The clubs read books by Julia Alvarez, the award-winning author invited by the public library to speak to the students and the community. Sallie Morris, the Adult Services/YA Services Coordinator for the County of Henrico Public Library, came to Tucker to lead book discussions for the clubs: *Before We Were Free* for the student book club and *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents* for the staff.

### Author Visit

The culminating activity was a field trip to the Tuckahoe Library on October 8 to hear Julia Alvarez speak. Approximately 50 Tucker students attended.

### Read Aloud to a Child Week

Twenty preschoolers from the Starling Child Care Center visited the Tucker library on October 24 to celebrate "Read Aloud to a Child Week," October 19-26. Members of the student book club read picture books to the children and prepared activities to accompany the books.



## PTSA...COUNT ME IN RESULTS!

Please join the J. R. Tucker High School PTSA! It is never too late to join. We now have 765 members including 450 parents, 210 students, and 105 teachers. Thanks to everyone who has joined. Your support is appreciated.

The results of the Student Membership Contest are in! Congratulations to the following homerooms: 9th Grade - Vick, 10th Grade (tie) - Castanet and Finch, 11th Grade - Capar, and 12th Grade - Estes. These homerooms had the highest student membership participation percentage for their grade level and enjoyed Krispy Kreme doughnuts on October 31st. **Great job!**

## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

During this Thanksgiving season, I just want to say a HUGE Thank you to many people! To the JRT PTSA Board, thank you for your tireless efforts in making our PTSA and our school a success! To Dr. Miller, the JRT administration and staff, thank you so much for supporting our efforts and in the care of our children everyday! Parents – thanks so much for joining our PTSA, attending our functions and for your Tiger Trust donations! We couldn't do any of what we do without you! Student members, that goes for you too! You're one of 5.5 million people across the United States who believes that child advocacy and support of our schools is important.

I know that times are tough for many of us. Take a few minutes over the next few days and just be thankful for what you do have, your family, your warm home, a great school, your health, whatever it may be for you. Be thankful, take a few moments to reflect and relax.

I hope that you and yours have a very Happy and Safe Thanksgiving!

Helena Lythgoe  
PTSA President

**Have you purchased  
the school publication  
package yet?**

**There's still time!**

**For only \$50, your student receives:**

- **6 Issues of the school's newspaper, the gavel**
- **A copy of the school's literary magazine, the hearing**
- **A copy of the school's yearbook, the witness**



## ***ASVAB TESTING***

Parents,

J. R. Tucker is offering the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) test on Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 1:15p.M. Permission slips are available in the school counseling as well as the JROTC office.

The deadline for registration is Monday, December 1, 2008.

## ***FREE MONEY!!***

**LOOK FOR THE  
SCHOLARSHIP  
NEWSLETTER  
IN SENIOR  
HOMEROOMS  
& ONLINE**



The Scholarship Newsletter is distributed each month in senior homerooms. Copies are also be available in the School Counseling Office and on the School Counseling website. The scholarship newsletter includes updated information about scholarships available in the scholarship file in the School Counseling Office. In addition to using the newsletter, students can also periodically check the scholarship file, watch for announcements regarding current scholarships, and make an appointment with Tucker's GRASP (Greater Richmond Area Scholarship Program) advisor, Ms. Nelson. Students and parents can sign up for an appointment with Ms. Nelson in the School Counseling Office.



# ***SCHOOL COUNSELING UPDATE***

## ***GROUP UPDATES***

This fall the School Counseling Department has been running a number of group counseling sessions for students. The group topics for fall 2008 are:

- Personal Profile Group – prepares students to fill out college applications, job applications, and scholarship applications. Students in this group consider what they will do after high school, how their experiences and activities have prepared them, and prepare for the transition to work or college after high school.
- First Generation College Group - prepares 11th grade, first-generation college bound students for many aspects of college preparation with which they might not be familiar. Topics include the personal statement and college essays, CollegeBoard and the SAT, the ACT, scholarships and scholarship databases, and the FAFSA.
- Junior Forum- a group for juniors that addresses the entire transition to college process from the college search to applying and taking standardized tests.
- Ninth Grade Academic Success Group- addresses organization, study habits and practices of successful high school students.

## ***JUNIOR CLASS NEWS***

On Wednesday, November 19th J.R. Tucker School Counseling and Sylvan Learning Center are offering a FREE Practice SAT for juniors. The results will not be submitted to any colleges or universities. It is a full-length version of the SAT, but is intended as practice only. Sylvan Learning Center representatives will be at Tucker to distribute results to students on November 25th and present strategies for success on the test. Sylvan representatives will be available to review results with parents at a later date.

Juniors are encouraged to also lookout for upcoming opportunities to take a practice ACT Test also offered by Sylvan Learning Center at Tucker.

## ***SENIOR CLASS NEWS***

A Permission to Send Transcript Form must be completed for each school or scholarship application or for personal use. Remember, after 2 free transcripts, please include \$3.00 with your request for each additional transcript. Students can pick up a Permission to Send Transcript Form in the School Counseling office. Forms must be turned in to the School Counseling office at least 10 school days in advance. Many schools have a Secondary School Report, which must be turned in with your Permission to Send Transcript Form. Please read through the college application carefully to see what materials must be submitted. Seniors are reminded that if you are applying to a college with a January 1, 2009 deadline, you must submit your Permission to Send Transcript Form to the School Counseling Office by Friday, December 5, 2008. Any transcript requests made after December 5th are not



# TESTING INFORMATION

## SAT Test dates are as follows:

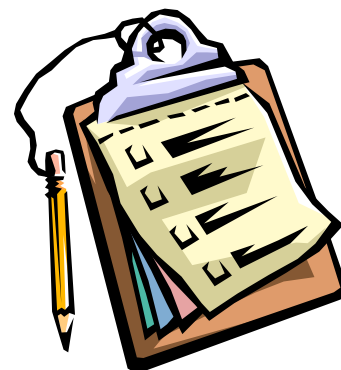
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline**
December 6, 2008		The December SAT late registration deadline has been extended to 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time), Wednesday, November 19, 2008, for online and phone registrations only. This extension does <b>not</b> apply to registrations made by mail or to international registrations.
January 24, 2009	December 26, 2008	January 6, 2009 (by mail) January 9, 2009 (online or by phone)
March 14, 2009	February 10, 2009	February 24, 2009
May 2, 2009	March 31, 2009	April 9, 2009 (by mail) April 14, 2009 (online or by phone)
June 6, 2009	May 5, 2009	May 15, 2009 (by mail) May 19, 2009 (online or by phone)

\*\* A late fee applies to all late registrations.

## ACT Test dates are as follows:

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline**
December 13, 2008		November 8-20, 2008
February 7, 2009	January 6, 2009	January 7-16, 2009
April 4, 2009	February 27, 2009	February 28 – March 13, 2009
June 13, 2009	May 8, 2009	May 9 - 22, 2009

\*\* A late fee applies to all late registrations.



## SOL Testing Information

### Students who scored in the 375-399 range Make-up Time:

Test Dates	
December 2	Tuesday Students Tutored if necessary
December 3	Wednesday Students Tutored if necessary
December 4	Thursday Students Retested if necessary
January 7th, 8th, & 9th	Seniors Only Tutoring
January 12th, & 13th	Seniors Test (Seniors who need an SOL to Graduate)
January 13th, 14th, 15th, & 16th	Semester Math Classes will take SOL's (Expedited Retakes also given during this timeframe)
March 3rd & 4th	English Writing SOL 10th Grade and 9th Grade Henrico Assessments

Any 11th or 12th Grader who still needs to pass the Writing SOL will test also. (Students must take both parts of the writing test and pass in order to get the verified credit.) Feel free to contact Ms. Cardwell in Room C007 located behind Cafeteria 3 or email: [dmardwe@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:dmardwe@henrico.k12.va.us)



***GREAT GIFT IDEAS FOR YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING!!***

***HO! HO! HO!***



# J. R. Tucker High School

**Athletic Boosters**

**Spirit Wear**

**Order Form**

<b>Name:</b>	
(Please Print)	
<b>Homeroom #:</b>	<b>Telephone #:</b>

## Purchase

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>2008/2009 items</b>				
<b>Pajama Bottoms - "Tucker"</b>			\$25.00	
<b>Longsleeve Tie-Dye T-shirt</b>			\$20.00	
<b>Orange Hooded Sweatshirt</b>			\$30.00	
<b>Orange Crew neck Sweatshirt</b>			\$25.00	
<b>Shortsleeve Tie-Dye T-shirt</b>			\$15.00	
<b>Blue Tiger Paw T-shirt</b>			\$15.00	
<b>Black Tiger T-shirt</b>			\$15.00	
<b>Hat (Blue) - Tigers</b>			\$15.00	
<b>Visor (Orange) - Tigers</b>			\$12.00	
<b>Stadium Chair - Orange</b>			\$30.00	
<b>Car Sticker</b>			\$10.00	
<b>Total</b>				

All items must be paid for at the time of order. All ordered items will be delivered to your homeroom when they arrive.

Order forms and payment can be left in the booster club mailbox at school in the office or mail them to:

**Important:**

Please make checks payable to:

**J. R. Tucker Athletic Boosters**

J. R. Tucker Athletic Boosters

2910 N. Parham Road

Richmond, VA 23294



# DECEMBER

## TIGER ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

Home Away

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 5:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball @ Hermitage High School 6:00PM Girls Varsity Basketball VS. Hermitage High School 6:15PM Boys JV Basketball @ Hermitage High School 7:00PM Boys Varsity Wrestling @ Freeman High School 7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball VS. Hermitage High School 7:30PM Girls JV Basketball @ Hermitage High School	3	4 6:00PM Boys JV Wrestling - Sub Varsity- Patrick Henry	5 TBA Boys/Girls Varsity Track - Ice Breaker Invitational- Norfolk 4:45PM Boys Varsity Basketball @ Thomas Jefferson 6:15PM Girls Varsity Basketball @ Thomas Jefferson 7:30PM Boys JV Basketball @ Thomas Jefferson	6 TBA Boys Varsity Wrestling - Five Forks Duals- Dinwiddie TBA Boys/Girls Varsity Track - Ice Breaker Invitational- Norfolk
8	9 5:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball VS. Deep Run High School 6:00PM Girls Varsity Basketball @ Deep Run High School 6:15PM Boys JV Basketball VS. Deep Run High School 7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball @ Deep Run High School 7:30PM Girls JV Basketball VS. Deep Run High School	10 4:45PM Boys Freshman Basketball VS. Atlee High School 6:00PM Boys JV Basketball VS. Atlee High School 7:00PM Boys Varsity Wrestling @ Godwin High School 7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball VS. Atlee High School	11 6:00PM Boys JV Wrestling - Sub Varsity- Patrick Henry	12 TBA Boys Varsity Wrestling - Prince William Tournament TBA Boys/Girls Varsity Track - CNU Invitational 5:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball @ Patrick Henry 6:00PM Girls Varsity Basketball VS. Patrick Henry 6:15PM Boys JV Basketball @ Patrick Henry 7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball VS. Patrick Henry 7:30PM Girls JV Basketball @ Patrick Henry	13 TBA Boys Varsity Wrestling - Prince William Invitational TBA Boys/Girls Varsity Track - CNU Invitational
15	16 5:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball VS. John Marshall 5:00PM Boys Varsity Basketball @ John Marshall 6:15PM Boys JV Basketball VS. John Marshall 6:30PM Girls Varsity Basketball @ John Marshall 7:30PM Girls JV Basketball VS. John Marshall	17 5:00PM Boys/Girls Varsity Track - Polar Bear- Freeman 6:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball @ St. Christophers	18 5:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball @ Freeman High School 6:00PM Boys JV Wrestling - Sub Varsity- Hanover 6:00PM Girls Varsity Basketball VS. Freeman High School 6:15PM Boys JV Basketball @ Freeman High School 7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball VS. Freeman High School 7:30PM Girls JV Basketball @ Freeman High School	19 TBA Boys Varsity Wrestling - Lee Davis Invitational	20 TBA Boys Varsity Wrestling - Lee Davis Invitational TBA Boys/Girls Varsity Track - Green Dragon Relays- Ashe Center TBA Boys JV Wrestling - Colonial Heights JV Tournament
22	23	24	25	26 6:00PM Girls Varsity Basketball - Varina Invitational 7:00PM Boys Varsity Basketball - Henrico Invitational	27 TBA Boys Varsity Basketball - Henrico Invitational TBA Girls Varsity Basketball - Varina Invitational TBA Boys/Girls Varsity Track - CVTFA Clinic- Ashe Center
29 TBA Boys Varsity Basketball - Henrico Invitational TBA Girls Varsity Basketball - Varina Invitational	30 10:00AM Boys JV Wrestling - Godwin JV Holiday Tour.	31			



# WWW.JRTUCKERPTSA.COM



The PTSA website is up-to-date with PTSA news and opportunities as well as a calendar of events for the 2008-2009 school year. The website also has quick links to all PTSA forms and to other websites that may be of interest to parents. There is a new "Just for Students" page that includes Community Service Opportunities complete with an email alert option that will notify students of community service opportunities as they are posted on the site. *Patricia Hutcherson - PTSA Web Mistress*

**Check out what the PTSA is all about at [www.jrtuckerptsa.com](http://www.jrtuckerptsa.com)**

## ECOLOGY CLUB NEWS

As you know the Ecology Club has a great recycling program here at Tucker. We recycle paper, glass, plastic, and aluminum in large quantities. What you may not know is that we have to pay for the collection of the recycling. With that said, if you are willing to help spread the word about our new "Adopt a Dumpster" program, we would greatly appreciate it.

The idea for the program is simple; donate 15 dollars to pay for one weeks worth of recycling, and in appreciation the sponsor will be mentioned on the morning announcements and have the opportunity to give a message to the Tucker community, (whether it be a happy birthday wish or a "shout out" to a few friends), the sponsor will also be recognized on our Club's bulletin board.

The "Adopt a Dumpster" sponsorship form is attached and there will be extra copies in the copy room, if you need one. Anyone can sponsor a week; students, and groups of students, teachers and parents. You can even pick the week you would like to sponsor, or sponsor more than one week. Please turn in your donation with your sponsor form.

Thank you for all of your continued support of the recycling program and the Ecology Club.

## ADOPT A DUMPSTER

### Sponsor a Week's Worth of J.R. Tucker's Recycling Program

- great for birthdays and graduation
- know that you helped the environment
- price \$15



Name \_\_\_\_\_

What do you want to say on the announcements?  
(Morning announcement shout out! Happy Birthday wish etc...)

\_\_\_\_\_



Select the week you want to sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_ Any week is fine with me!