

ANNANDALE HS PTSA

SERVING OUR SCHOOL and OUR COMMUNITY

STAY UP TO DATE ON THESE **HOT TOPICS FOR 2011-2012**

- Half of the school board is retiring – who will be making decisions on behalf of students in the near future? (come to the October PTSA meeting to meet candidates)
- Some parents in FCPS want Honors courses (in addition to general ed and AP/IB courses) – what do you think?
- Will VHSL sports fees ever go away?
- The county budget and FCPS budget and how cutbacks and cost-savings measures continue to affect AHS students & families

JUMP IN AND GET INVOLVED - YOU WON'T REGRET THE INVESTMENT IN YOUR STUDENT'S SCHOOL! Check out the purple volunteer form in the student packet or access it on the PTSA website.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Last year, the AHS PTSA family and community helped (*through dues; donations; playing Golf; buying mulch and flowers – and more!*) raise enough money to:

- **Provide almost \$14,000** in support to AHS teachers and students through grants for professional development and school program support, honor roll breakfasts, character education awards and more;
- **Give nearly \$6,000** in scholarships to seniors
- **Keep ticket prices affordable** for the All Night Graduation Celebration. **THANK YOU!**

VISIT THE PTSA WEBSITE FOR ALL THE LATEST INFO

www.annandalehsptsa.org

You can also view all the PTSA flyers in this student packet on-line.

COME TO THE MONTHLY PTSA MEETINGS - YOU WILL ALWAYS LEARN SOMETHING NEW!

Meetings are for everyone, and are held at 7pm in the Library, almost always on the 3rd Tuesday of the month...

- ✓ **Tuesday, September 13** – come hear Principal Randazzo give his “State of the School” report
- ✓ **Tuesday, October 18** – School Board candidates will attend
- ✓ **Tuesday, November 15**
- ✓ **Tuesday, December 20**
- ✓ **Tuesday, January 17** – FCPS staff will present re: school budget
- Tuesday, February 21**
- Tuesday, March 20** – meet our Board of Supervisors reps
- Tuesday, April 17**
- Tuesday, May 15 (last meeting)**

GET CONNECTED!

Probably one of the most important things you can do this month is make sure the school and FCPS have accurate contact information on file for your family. You can do this task electronically by updating your Emergency Care form(s) online. *And this is actually the best approach* – all the information you type onto the forms is automatically downloaded into the school's student database once you submit the form. FCPS will also use this information to send "Keep In Touch" notifications to your family (emergency announcements and other critical information). And you can update these forms – and print them – at any time...this comes in handy if your student needs multiple copies of the Emergency Care forms to participate in sports and other activities.

In order to update your forms electronically, you will need an FCPS 24-7 Parent View account -- your own account on Blackboard, something that is highly recommended for parents of high school students. (If you don't have a Parent View account, you can begin that process by going here <http://fcps.blackboard.com/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp> and clicking on the "Creating a New Parent View Account" link on the lower right). Once you've signed in to your Parent View account, click on the **Enter weCare@School** link on the lower left side of the page. Once on the **weCare** page, you will see your student(s) name(s) listed. Clicking on the ☰ symbol to the left of your student(s) name(s) will reveal 4 different sections that can be updated; when you are finished editing, click "save," and then click on the "Send the Form" button. You will see "Pending Submissions" and your student(s) form(s) indicated. You will receive a confirmation email (and a medication authorization form, if applicable).

Support AHS by registering your grocery club/bonus cards, or your Target credit card.

AHS receives a percentage of all these sales at no cost to you (for instance, this past year AHS earned \$2228.77 from Giant's A+ program). **Please note that you must re-register AHS as your designated school each year in order for AHS to earn \$\$\$ through these programs.** You can sign up online (see below), or you can pick up a form at Back to School Night or in the main office.

- Safeway – 10% Goes Back to Schools www.escrip.com – AHS ID#6642581
- Giant – A+ Bonus Bucks: http://www.giantfood.com/our_stores/bonus_bucks/index.htm?opco=GNTL - AHS ID# 01821
- Harris Teeter – Together in Education www.harristeeter.com – AHS ID# 4555
- Target – Take Charge of Education www.target.com - AHS #103582 (register your Target Red card)
- Bloom – Bloom For Your School <http://www.bloomforyourschool.com/> AHS ID #01965

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN

HELPING TO ORGANIZE EVENTS?

LOCAL POLITICS and/or SCHOOL BOARD ACTIVITIES?

GOLFING FOR A CAUSE?

SPECIAL ED?

We also need a Corresponding Secretary, a Fundraising Chair, and liaisons with our feeder Elementary and Middle School PTAs. Give us a shout – there are a few opportunities at AHS for someone with your interests! Contact Emily Slough at president@annandalehspts.org

HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!