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The Courier

The Newsletter of Annandale High School PTSA

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Activities information hotline
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Attendance office
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Guidance Office
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AHS website
www.fcps.edu/AnnandaleHS

Athletic boosters
www.annandaleatoms.com

PTSA
www.annandalehsptsa.org

Blackboard
<http://fcps.blackboard.com>

Keep in Touch
www.fcps.edu/kit

A-Blast
www.thea-blast.org

Welcome (back) to Annandale High School!

Emily Slough
PTSA President

The lazy, hazy days of summer break are nearing an end. Newspapers are full of *Back to School* flyers. You're starting to get mail about "Packet Pick Up" and "Freshman Orientation." Some kids look remarkably different - having added a few inches in height, a few extra pounds over these short weeks – while others are unchanged. Whatever your family did over the break, I hope you got some rest and relaxation and that

you and your student are excited to start the new school year at Annandale High School.

As PTSA President, my primary goal is to encourage you and your student to jump in and get involved at AHS and to feel a part of the community here. This is an investment you will never regret. Many parents are led to believe that their involvement and influence in their child's life is expected to wane with the onset of the teen years.

Your student may, in fact, swear that absolutely nothing could be more horrifying than having you show up at school and he may seem to prefer the company of friends over family.

The truth is exactly the opposite: **your student needs you to be involved.** Involved in her education, involved and supportive of his passions and interests, involved in this school - this place where your child will likely spend most of his waking hours for 4 years.

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Message from the Principal

Vincent Randazzo
AHS Principal

Dear Annandale community,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year. I am honored to have been chosen as your seventh principal; Annandale is truly an amazing school. While I am not new to Annandale High School I am entering my first year as its principal. I am humbled to work with such a distinguished group of outstanding educators, students and community who have made this school so special.

Annandale has undergone many changes in the last year.

We have seen the addition of a 14 classroom modular unit, the completion of Ossian Hall Park, and the resolution of our complicated overcrowding issue. There have also been changes in our administrative team, the structure of the school day with the implementation of ATOM TIME, and additional student parking spaces.

New Administrative Team Members

Director of Student Services:
Jennifer Crump-Strawderman

Ms. Crump-Strawderman has been promoted to Director of

Student Services from being a counselor at Annandale High School. Ms. Crump-Strawderman earned her B. A. in History and her M. A. ED. in Counseling and Development from George Mason University. She began her counseling career at Annandale High School and then at Edison High School before returning to AHS in 2008. Ms. Crump-Strawderman's leadership experience includes being a member of FCPS' Aspiring Director of Student Services Cohort and she has spear-

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Message from the PTSA President

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How many of you attend your high school reunions but skip the other ones? These are the formative years - kids are growing, changing, learning to become productive members of society - and friendships formed during this turbulent and wonderful time period can become life-long. **Encourage your student to do more than just show up for school and go home. Every student should do what they love, but also try something new and different, take chances, stretch for a higher goal.** If your family lives and breathes for soccer, that's great! Your student can also explore theater, band, Model United Nations or Ping Pong. There are culinary arts classes, auto tech classes, and you can be a reporter or photographer for the *A-blast*, our award-winning newspaper. Spanish Honor Society, National Honor Society, DCA, Key Club, Muslim Student Association – all these opportunities exist at AHS.

As a parent, you have a number of options. I would suggest you start by supporting your student's activities (through

Booster groups, etc.) and to also make time for efforts that support the broader school community. Please look in your student's packet (handed out with course schedules in August) for a purple sheet that says "Volunteer To Make a Difference." You can also go to the PTSA website (www.annandalehsptsa.org) and click on the Volunteering tab on the left to sign up online. Whether it's baking once in a while for the Hospitality committee, or working in the main office for a few hours a month, any help you can offer is needed and appreciated.

I am particularly looking for 2-3 people to help with the Homecoming Tailgate Party on October 14.

Thank you in advance for jumping in - for helping to keep AHS's "tradition of excellence" alive. I look forward to meeting you and working with you this year. Contact me at any time president@annandalehsptsa.org.

PTSA Meeting Schedule 2011/12

*All meetings are 7:00pm
Tuesdays in the AHS
Library*

September 13
October 18
November 15
December 20
January 17
February 21
March 20
April 17
May 15

Calendario de las Reuniones del PTSA en 2011/12

*Todas las reuniones serán en
el AHS Librario a 7:00pm*

Septiembre 1
Octubre 18
Noviembre 15
Diciembre 20
Enero 17
Febrero 21
Marzo 20
Abril 17
Mayo 15

New Parent Orientation and Coffee

Friday, Sept. 2, 2011 at 8am

Are you the parent of an incoming freshman or a student new to AHS this Fall? Please come for coffee and lots of great information on Friday, September 2 from 8am-10:30am. The program will be presented by AHS administrators and the PTSA in Clausen (Lecture) Hall, during the same time that freshmen students will be in the building for their own orientation session. Translation services will be provided.

Message from the Principal

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headed several programs at AHS such as the Freshman Transition Program. She has also acted as Counselor Facilitator of the AHS Enhanced Academic Support Team, and is the AHS Counselor representative for the FCPS School Counselor Collaborative Learning Team among others.

Director of Student Activities: Karl Kerns

Mr. Kerns joins the AHS administrative team from Woodbridge High School where he was the DSA for the past two years. Mr. Kerns earned his B. A. in Elementary Education and History from Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio. He has also earned a M. A. ED. in New Professional Studies-Initiatives in Educational Leadership Transformation and M. A. ED. in Educational Leadership from George Mason University. Mr. Kerns began his teaching career at Hayfield Secondary School as a special education teacher and then at Lake Braddock Secondary School where he was also the Assistant Director of Student Activities.

Assistant Principal: Joseph Thompson

Mr. Thompson joins the AHS administrative team from Oakton High School where he was the Head Football Coach and a special education teacher. Mr. Thompson earned a B. A. in English and a M. ED. in Education Leadership from George Mason University and also a M. A. ED. in Education and Human Development from George Washington University. Mr. Thompson's leadership experiences include being an Assistant Director of Student Activities and Acting Director of Student Activities in addition his being a head football coach.

Dean of Students: Catherine Stone

Ms. Stone also joins the AHS administrative team from Oakton High School where she served as the World Languages Department Chair and German teacher. Ms. Stone earned a B. A. in German and Politi-

cal Science from Rosemont College and also won the Zertifikat Deutsch als Fremdsprache and the Zentrale Mittelstufenprüfung Deutsch awards. She earned a M. ED. in Educational Leadership from George Mason University. Her leadership experience include being a summer school assistant principal and she has facilitated several initiatives at Oakton High School such as the coordinator for Cougar Time, Oakton 2.0, and she piloted the STAMPS test with the World Languages Office.

ATOM TIME

ATOM Time is a 90 minute block of time that is scheduled during every White Day. It was designed by Annandale teachers so they could work with all students whether they need intervention, remediation or enrichment. The first 30 minutes is designated as W4 and every teacher will have a class consisting of 15-18 students. All administrative items, morning announcements, and special programs will occur during this time. The remaining 60 minutes, ATOM TIME, will be used for intervention, remediation, and enrichment.

Student Parking

This year with the completion of Ossian Hall Park and the Park Authority's generous dedication of an additional 24 parking spaces to Annandale High School we will have 135 student parking spaces for purchase. Students are reminded that student parking in Ossian Hall Park is limited to those numbered spaces only and towing will be strictly enforced. Parking applications can be found on the AHS website.

Friday Night Lights

Our fall season is well underway; don't forget to check the activities' calendar for all of our fall events. Join us for the football team's home opener on Friday September 2nd at 7:30 p.m. v Fairfax High School under the lights in Bolding Stadium.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!



Do you enjoy meeting other parents and would you like to informally meet AHS faculty and staff? Do you enjoy baking or preparing foods or can you make a good pot of coffee? Have you been told you have the gift of hospitality?

If you answered "yes" to any of these, then the AHS PTSA would like to encourage you to consider joining its Hospitality Committee. Throughout the year Annandale High School holds events that are enhanced by friendly faces serving light refreshments. The largest events are the Teacher Appreciation luncheons and breakfast (held 4 times per year). The other events are smaller and usually involve a pot of coffee and snacks such as baked breads or sweets, muffins, cheese, crackers, nuts or vegetables and dip.

If serving your student's high school in this way appeals to you, please sign up using the volunteer form in the student packets or on the PTSA website. You may serve as many times as you would like, or just once during the year. **Any help is very much appreciated!** **Carolina Caballero** or **Tracy Flynn** hospitality@annandalehsptsa.org or Carolina at (703)-625-2009.

Support AHS, AHS PTSA Fundraisers

PTSA Fundraising Pays for teacher conferences/workshops, student scholarships, transportation for various field trips, honor roll breakfasts, refreshments for school events (teacher breakfast, appreciation luncheons, language nights, orientations), All Night Grad Celebration, Back to School Night Info Stations, Parent Programming, School Newsletter and much more.

Directory Sales (SEPT. 2011)

Contact information for AHS administration, guidance, teachers and students. Cost is \$5.00 per directory. See our website at www.annandalehsptsa.org for more details or email Tammy Sheppard at directory@annandalehsptsa.org

Phantom Ball Invitations

(January 2012) Support the All Night Graduation Celebration. Provide our children a safe environment on graduation night by making a generous donation to the Phantom Ball, an imaginary Gala where real funds are donated to support our graduating seniors memory of a lifetime! Please donate time and funds generously! Questions? – Amy Malzahn. phantomball@annandalehsptsa.org

Flower Sale / Mulch Sale (April 2012)

Nursery quality annuals at wholesale prices and no tax! Flower profits to AHS PTSA! Bags of mulch for pick-up, home delivery and/or spreading at below landscaper cost! Profit supports All Night Graduation Celebration (A Drug and Alcohol Free Safe Graduation Celebration).

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Battle of the Bands (Spring 2012)

Two categories, adults and teens. The bands will perform, the audience votes and we will have the Battle of the Bands winners! Questions? Contact Kathie Turner at battleofthebands@annandalehsptsa.org

The 13th Annual Golf Classic at Reston National Golf Course Returns! (SPRING 2012)

This is the primary fundraising activity for the AHS PTSA. Play golf, sponsor holes, advertise your business, donate prizes or volunteer to help. A wonderful event where alumni, parents, business owners, and educators come to support AHS.

Memory Bricks (Sept 2011)

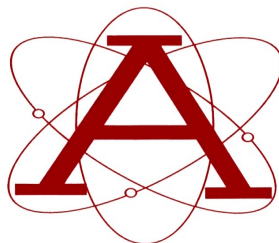
Leave your mark at AHS! Purchase an engraved brick for yourself, a student, an alumni, faculty member, or friend. Contact Georgi Barker at iybarker@aol.com.

All Night Graduation Party (June 2012)

is an AHS PTSA sponsored event, organized and staffed by some 200 parent volunteers. The event is a safe, chaperoned, memory-filled night in an alcohol/drug free environment for the graduating class of AHS. Continue a wonderful AHS tradition! Please contact Cheri Atkins at chairangc@annandalehsptsa.org

Senior Celebration Page in the last issue of the A-Blast (JUNE 2012)

An opportunity for parents, teachers, students and the AHS community to honor the seniors with a classified section of well wishes. Watch for future info.



No Cost Fundraising!

Funds support AHS!

Support AHS by registering your grocery club/bonus cards, or your Target credit card. If you shop online, consider registering with and using Schoolpop.com. AHS receives a percentage of all of these sales with no cost to you! Please note you must reregister AHS as your designation each year.

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=GNL
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Harris Teeter-Together in Education www.harristeeter.com
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Bloom-Bloom for Your School www.bloomforyourschool.com AHS ID #01965

On-Line shopping use www.Schoolpops.com
AHS ID# - 119277. Shop at hundreds of companies such as Ann Taylor, Athlete, LLBean, JCPenney's, Coldwater Creek, Kmart, Lands End, Old Navy, Nordstrom, Hotels.com, Dicks Sporting Goods, just to name a few. AHS will receive a percentage of the purchase price at no cost to you! Register your qualifying credit cards with Schoolpops.com and in store credit purchases are also eligible.

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AHS PTSA and Paypal

The Annandale PTSA accepts Paypal making it easy for you to pay online for all your back-to-school purchases, fundraisers and other PTSA events with a click of a button. If you're new to Paypal, please take a few minutes to set up a free account. Then you'll be ready to make PTSA transactions all year long directly from our website.

Welcome Principal Vincent Randazzo!

Mr. Randazzo came to Annandale High School as Assistant Principal in 2005. He began his service with Fairfax County Public Schools as an English teacher at Stuart, Annandale and McLean High Schools. Prior to entering the educational field, Mr. Randazzo enjoyed a successful career in law enforcement serving our county as an investigator and instructor with the police department. Mr. Randazzo has also been active in leadership through sports. He has coached several programs in our area including service as the varsity football head coach at Stuart High School. Mr. Randazzo earned Bachelor of Arts degree from Kings College, his Masters in Education from Virginia Tech and is currently pursuing his Doctoral degree in Education also from Virginia Tech. Mr. Randazzo authored An Exercise in Surviving Renovation in the National Council of Professors of Administration Journal.

We look forward to many years of having Mr. Randazzo at the helm of our school!

JOIN THE PTSA! Here's the top five reasons why:

- **Parental involvement has been demonstrated to improve student performance.**
- **The PTSA is a great way to become actively involved** in your student's education and the AHS community.
- **Your dues and support of PTSA fundraisers helps provide support for this school and the education of its students** in direct and meaningful ways.
- **The PTSA works very hard to stay on top of critical activity and decisions being made by the school board**, school system and local government. Regular updates are provided at PTSA meetings (generally held each month on the 3rd Tuesday at 7pm), on our website, and through PTSA electronic updates.
- **By joining the AHS PTSA, you become a part of a state and national movement** that works to improve the health, safety, education and welfare of all children.

You do not have to be a parent to join. Students, grandparents, neighbors, community/business leaders are also welcome. Please fill out a PTSA membership form on-line (you can pay via Pay Pal) at www.annandalehsptsa.org or look in your student's packet when picking up course information.

Help Us Start the Year off Right

AHS needs your help with alphabetizing, sorting, and organizing the six important beginning of the year forms - Emergency Care Card, Attendance Policy, Health Information, S.R.&R., Honor Code, and FCPS Participation Policy. As you know, the health and safety of our students is our number one concern. With 17,000+ forms being returned to our school, your assistance with efficiently organizing the aforementioned important forms is so critical for the safety and security of our students. During the first two weeks of school (Tues. Sept. 6th through Fri. Sept 16th), if you have some time to spare (anytime between 9:00am – 3:30pm) to dedicate to this task, please contact me via e-mail message and let me know the following:

1. Whether or not you will be able to help out,
2. Which day and time you would be available to help;
3. Your contact information: e-mail address and phone number(s).

Thank you in advance for your time in considering this volunteer opportunity.

Catherine Stone, Dean of Students, Annandale H.S., cestone@fcps.edu

Did you hear the news? Annandale High School made AYP!

This past summer, the Adequate Yearly Progress, or AYP, results for Fairfax County and the State of Virginia were released. Annandale High School was one of a number of high schools in the County that met the AYP requirement!

AYP is a measurement defined by the United States federal No Child Left Behind Act that allows the U.S. Department of Education to determine how every public school and school district in the country is performing academically according to results on standardized tests. All kindergarten through twelfth grade schools are required to demonstrate AYP in the areas of reading/language arts, mathematics, and either graduation rates, for high schools and districts, or attendance rates for elementary and middle/junior high schools. Adequate Yearly Progress requires that every public school completes three requirements annually. For a Virginia school or school division to have made AYP, more than 86 percent of students overall and students in all subgroups must have demonstrated proficiency in reading, and more than 85 percent of students overall and in all subgroups must have demonstrated proficiency in mathematics.

Thank you's are not enough for our amazing group of educators and administrators. It is an incredible accomplishment — and one for which are all very proud and grateful.

Fall Performing Arts Schedule



There are lots of great performances going on during the year at Annandale High School. A few are listed below...come see our wonderful students perform (sometimes with faculty members!!!) Be sure to check the school's website for additional performances and activities:

Band

Football Halftime Show
September 2, 9, 23
October 14, 21,

Marching Band
Competitions
September 17, 24
October 1, 22

October 4
Fall Concert

Annandale Community
Parade
October 22

October 29
State Marching Band
Festival

December 6
Winter Concert

Orchestra

October 27
Masquerade Concert

December 8
Orchestra Concert

Chorus

November 3
Fall Choral Concert

December 16
Winter Choral Concert

Theatre

October 13
Class Acts

November 10-12
Fall Play Performance



2011-12 AHS Student Services Calendar

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
School starts	Sept 6 (RED Day)	7:20am	
Back to School	Sept 21	6:00pm	Main Gym & Classrooms
Homecoming Week	Oct 11- 14		
INTERIMS DUE	1 st Qtr: 10/4	2 nd Qtr: 12/13	3 rd Qtr: 3/1
REPORT CARDS DUE	1 st Qtr: 11/9	2 nd Qtr: 2/1	3 rd Qtr: 4/10
			4 th Qtr: 5/8
			4 th Qtr: 6/19
Collaboration Days/ Freshman Transition Prog.	9/7, 9/21, 10/5, 10/26, 11/9, 11/21, 12/7, 12/19, 1/11, 1/18, 2/1, 2/15, 3/9, 3/21, 4/18, 5/2, 5/16		
IB Diploma Ceremony and Panel	Jan 5	9:00 AM	Clausen Hall
Senior Awards Ceremony	June 7	7:00 PM	Watson Auditorium
Graduation	June 14	7:00 PM	Constitution Hall

Meetings & Workshops

Freshmen Orientation/Parent Coffee	Sept 2	8 - 11:15 AM	Auditorium & Main Gym
Freshmen Parents Night	Sept 14	7:00 PM	Auditorium
Mini College Fair	Sept 27	7:00-8:30PM	Cafeteria
Senior Program	October 3-7		Clausen Hall
Senior Parents Night	October 5	7:00 PM	Clausen Hall
Parents' Nights			
Spanish	October 19	7:00	Clausen Hall
Korean	October 18	7:00	Career Center
Vietnamese	October 18	7:00	Career Center
Military Fair	October 26 (White Day)	ATOM Time	Upstairs Gym
National Honor Society Induction	Oct. 26, Nov. 15, 30	7:00 PM	Clausen Hall/ Auditorium
Financial Aid Workshops	Nov 16, Jan 14	7:30 PM	Clausen Hall 11/5 /Library1/14
Sexual Harassment / Bullying Week	Nov. 8 – 11	All week (Student Leadership)	
College Freshman Panel	Jan 3 (White Day)	ATOM Time	Clausen Hall
Sophomore Vocational Program	Dec 12-16	Honors Gov't & WH2 classes	Computer Lab/Libr/217
PSAT / Understanding Your Results	Jan. 12	7:00	Cafeteria
Sophomore Parents Night	Jan 18	7:00 PM	Clausen Hall
8th Grade Parents Night	Jan 26	7:00 PM	Auditorium & Cafeteria
Middle School Visitation	Jan 18 - 20		Poe, Holmes, Glasgow, Frost
Junior Program	Jan 23 - 27		History classes, Computer Lab, Junior Night
Junior Parents Night	Feb 8	7:00 PM	Clausen Hall
IB Night	Feb 16	7:00 PM	Clausen Hall
Annandale Night	April 24	7:00 PM	Clausen Hall
College Partnership Program Meetings	9/29, 10/28, 11/29, 12/15, 1/26, 2/28, 3/29, 4/30 (ATOM Time)		Clausen Hall, <i>library, cafeteria</i>

Course Selection

Course Orientation	Juniors	Feb 1 & 2		Classrooms
	Sophomores	Feb 3 & 6		Classrooms
	Freshmen	Feb 7 & 8		Classrooms
	ESL	Feb 9 & 10		Classrooms
Electives Fair	Feb 15	(White Day)	ATOM Time	
Course Selection	Juniors	Feb 21 - Mar 1		
	Sophomores	Mar 2 - Mar 13		
	Freshmen	Mar 14 - Mar 23		
	ESOL	Mar 26 – Mar 30		
Career & Job Fair		April 12 (White Day)		Upstairs Gym

Tests

PSAT	Oct 12	7:20-10:15	Classrooms
SATs	Nov 5, Dec 3, May 5		
ACTs	Oct 22 & April 14		
ASVAB	Nov. 9 Jrs/Srs (White Day)	7:20 AM	Career Center
SOL Summer Retakes	September 12 - 23		
SOL Senior Retakes	October 18 – 28		Cafeteria/ Clausen
SOL Retakes	Jan 3 - 20		Cafeteria/ Clausen
SOL English Tests	March 5 - 9		Cafeteria / Clausen Hall
ESOL WIDA TESTING	January 13 - March 7		Cafeteria/ Lecture Hall
SOL	May 14 – June 7		Classrooms
IB	May 2 – May 22		
AP	May 2 - 22		

BELL/LUNCH SCHEDULE 2011-2012

White Day		Red Day	
W 2	7:20 - 8:46	R 1	7:20 - 8:46
W 4 /ATOM Time	8:53 - 10:21	R 3	8:53 -10:21
W 4	8:53 - 9:23		
ATOM Time	9:30 - 10:21		
W 6 (Lunch)	10:28 - 12:27	R 5 (Lunch)	10:28 - 12:27
W 8	12:34 - 2:00	R 7	12:34 - 2:00

Lunch Schedule	
A Lunch	10:28 - 10:56
A Class	11:01 - 12:27
B Class	10:28 - 10:56
B Lunch	10:56 - 11:26
B Class	11:31 - 12:27
C Class	10:28 - 11:26
C Lunch	11:26 - 11:56
C Class	12:01 - 12:27
D Class	10:28 - 11:56
D Lunch	11:54 - 12:27

Fall sports are already in action!

Check out the sports website for schedules, scores, updates and information!

www.annandaleatoms.com

Attention Parents: Back To School Night

The AHS Back to School Night is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2011, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The evening's activities begin in the Main Gym, where parents are able to tour the PTSA-sponsored Information Station. Information on school clubs and activities, including the PTSA and community groups, is distributed. Parents have the opportunity to meet sponsors, pick up information to take home, and sign up to volunteer.

After presentations by several keynote speakers, parents will visit classrooms according to student schedules; schedules are distributed at the start of the evening. Shuttle bus service is provided between AHS and Heritage Mall and between AHS and Annandale Terrace. We look forward to seeing you.

AHS PTSA AWARDS 5 OUTSTANDING SENIORS WITH SCHOLARSHIPS

The PTSA receives applications each year for 4 scholarships. and these awards are presented each year during Senior Awards Night in June. Details on this past year's winners are provided below.

- 1) The **James Finch Service and Leadership Scholarship** is awarded to two AHS seniors who have demonstrated leadership, school spirit, and a high level of involvement in extracurricular activities. This year's winners are two outstanding young women who have served their school and community while maintaining the heavy classroom commitments of the IB diploma program. The two winners of the Finch Scholarship are **Emily Fruchterman** and **Mary Anne Kavjian**. Mary Anne has served as the founding member of Annandale's Red Cross Club and has captained the Club's Relay for Life event for the past three years. She has also been a page editor for the A-blast, a member of the National Honor Society, participated in Governor's School and has been a volunteer math tutor. Mary Anne will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- 2) The **Donald Clausen Visual/Performing Arts Scholarship** is awarded to a AHS senior who is pursuing a career in the visual or performing arts. Former principal Don Clausen served as one of the judges for the scholarship given in his name and commented on the outstanding pool of candidates this year for the award. We are pleased to award this year's Clausen Scholarship to **Emma Barker**. Emma has a passion for photography, graphic design and film. She plans to pursue a career in graphic design and photography to help others see their dreams created. She will be attending the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.
- 3.) The **Ray Watson Technical Degree scholarship** is awarded to an AHS senior who plans to pursue a technical career. This year's winner is **Nhung Khanh Tran**, Nhung Khanh wants to pursue a career in pharmacy because of her love of helping people. She has been an outstanding student at Annandale and has taken a pharmacy technician course at Falls Church Academy. She will be attending NOVA in the fall.
- 4.) This is the first year for the **John V. Ponton ESOL-to-College scholarship** awarded to an AHS senior who has successfully exited the AHS ESOL program and is planning to attend either a two or four-year college upon graduation. This year's winner is **Tien Huynh Chi Trinh**. Tien is graduating from Annandale with a 3.695 GPA while working part-time after school. He has been a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, the Business Honor Society and the Math Honor Society. He moved here four years ago from Vietnam and had to learn a new language and a new culture. He has flourished in a very short period of time. He plans to study biology at Virginia Commonwealth University.



AHS Welcomes Your Family to the 2011-2012 School Year!

Freshmen Families

This is an exciting time. It can also be a bit stressful and scary, as your student begins high school life. The PTSA can be an enormously useful resource – providing information, connecting you with other parents and teachers, and offering a range of multicultural activities and family support. Please mark your calendars to join us every 3rd Tuesday of each month throughout the year. There are dozens of ways to get involved – there's something to fit every schedule and talent.

Sophomore Families

You've had a year to get your feet wet and you've probably developed some opinions about what should be happening at AHS. There's no better way to make those things happen than getting involved in the PTSA. Call, e-mail, and/or show up every 3rd Tuesday of the month. We're counting on you!

Junior Families

You've earned a well-deserved reputation for being an involved class of parents. Now it's time to grab a friend or neighbor and share the wealth of activity. This is the last year you'll have to "train" them to take over the reins. You're a great group and we're looking forward to seeing more of you this year!

Senior Families

This is it! The big time. The last hurrah. Those of you who have been involved since Day One, hang in there. Those of you who have yet to jump in, now is the time! We need every one of you more than ever, so that this year's seniors can have an alcohol- and drug-free All Night Grad Celebration. Then there's the Senior Prom, Graduation, and a raft of other activities that simply can't happen without a huge amount of volunteer help. Let's share our students' pride in the Class of '12!

Overcrowding / Boundary update

AHS BOUNDARY CHANGE : PostScript

As you are probably aware, the boundaries for Annandale High School have been changed again. School Board members, the majority of which were concerned about long-term and projected overcrowding at AHS, voted 10-2 in late July to remove more students/neighborhoods from our attendance area in order to bring AHS enrollment down to about 2270 students by 2016.

The last boundary change (September 2010) will ultimately move about 350 students out of AHS (students who live in Ravensworth Farm are being sent to Lake Braddock, and those in Broyhill Crest and other neighborhoods north of Rt. 236 to Falls Church HS). The last of those students are graduating this coming June. Next year (Sept. 2012), we will begin to lose 450 more students who live in Bren Mar/Edsall Park (west of Backlick Road and south of Braddock) to Edison HS, and students from Wakefield Chapel (west of I-495) will begin to go to Woodson HS. **All students enrolled at AHS this fall (freshmen and older) have been “grandfathered” at AHS. This means all current students will be able to stay at AHS until graduation and transportation to/from school will be provided by FCPS.**

Boundary changes are difficult and emotional. We do not want to lose any piece of that which has defined AHS. Although many families are very unhappy with this decision, as a community we can only now choose to move forward together and continue to bring our very best efforts to this school and all of its students. The support of our community and the ways we all care for each other has always been one of our strengths, getting AHS through all the highs and lows. We must recognize that each of us is important to the success of any high school our children attend – not just AHS. All parents are strongly encouraged to find ways to support your student – not just in his/her education, but also in the activities and programs in which your child participates at AHS. Join the PTSA, join the Boosters club(s), be the team parent, help organize a carwash, be a chaperone, or come help serve at the teacher appreciation lunch. Make sure all kids have access to opportunities by giving when you can toward scholarship funds, be generous to athletes selling “Red Cards” and band and orchestra kids on “Tag Day.” Make sure your student’s friends and teammates have a ride home or to games/practices. These are just a few of the ways we all work together to support the unique, vibrant and remarkable place called Annandale High School.



Keep in Touch with the Latest from AHS

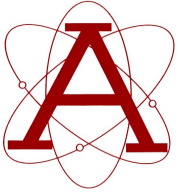
FCPS Keep in Touch

- Log in to FCPS's "Keep In Touch" (KIT) system <http://www.fcps.edu/kit/>.
- Complete the online registration form if you're new to the system. Returning KIT members must update your contact information so that we can keep in touch!

AHS “We Care”

- Complete your student's emergency care form using the “WeCare@School” link on your Parent 24/7 Blackboard account. 24/7 can be found on the Annandale HS web page.

- Don't forget to hit “Send the Form” after completing the form.
- Your “We Care” email address is what **AHS and the PTSA** uses to send out electronic updates and emergency notifications throughout the school year.
- Has your email changed? Got a new phone number or address? Please make sure all of your contact information is up to date.



ANNANDALE HIGH SCHOOL "SPIRIT"

Do you know the words?

THE ANNANDALE ALMA MATER

For truth and beauty in our life, to Annandale we praise
The overcoming of our strife, to this our hearts we raise
Your teachings of honor, of wisdom and love
Will guide us, dear Annandale, e'er as the sun above.
Amid the meadows and the trees our school will proudly stand
And ever watch her children marching out into the land.
So as we grow older, and think upon our ways,
Our high school, dear Annandale, will call to mind its days.

ANNANDALE FIGHT SONG

Fight on for Annandale
Wave the red and white,
Grab that ball and watch 'em go
For Annandale tonight.
Go, Atoms, and knock 'em cold,
Fight and never die;
Victory will be our goal
For Annandale High

Bookmark this webpage for PTSA news and updates:

www.annandalehsptsa.org

We are here for you and your student!