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The Newsletter of Annandale High School PTSA

Dear Parents and Families of Annandale High School -

This newsletter is for you. The Parent, Teacher, Student Association (PTSA) of Annandale High School encourages you and your student to read this information together because it is extremely important for every family to know what is going on at the school and to be involved in supporting your student and the school itself.

Your involvement in the PTSA and in the school has never been more critical. The PTSA has never had fewer members - less than 200 families have joined, and we have over 2400 students. Your involvement is important! Your thoughts are needed with regard to some key issues in education, like whether AHS should offer junior and senior honors courses in addition to IB. The PTSA needs your support so that it can continue to help fund educational enrichment opportunities for students, and provide support for our hard-working teachers. The organizers of the All Night Graduation Celebration need you to buy Phantom Ball tickets and mulch so that our safe and secure party for graduating seniors can stay reasonably priced. If your child is involved in a sport, or music, or a club at the school, then please give of your time and volunteer to assist with events, concerts, games, etc. And if your student is not involved in something after school, please encourage him to get involved, to try something new.

With students from over 80 countries, speaking over 50 languages, Annandale High School is like having the whole world in one building. Let's all work together, let's all give what we can of our energy and our skills, to keep this school strong. It's not just up to the teachers: it's up to all of us.

Thank you,

Estimados Padres y Familias de Annandale High School.

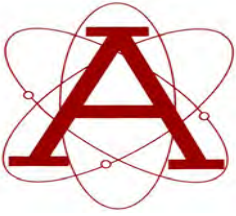
Esta carta es para ustedes. La Asociación de Padres, Profesores y Estudiantes (PTSA) de Annandale High School les invita a usted y su estudiante a que lea esta información ya que es extremadamente importante que cada familia sepa lo que está sucediendo en la escuela y a participar en el apoyo de su hijo(a) y en la propia escuela.

Su participación en el PTSA y en la escuela nunca ha sido más crítica. La PTSA nunca ha tenido tan pocos miembros – menos de 200 familias se han unido, y tenemos más de 2,400 estudiantes. ¡Su participación es muy importante! Sus ideas se necesitan con respecto a algunos asuntos claves de la educación, como ser si Annandale High School debe ofrecer clases de honores estudiante del grado 11 y 12 además de las clases de IB. La PTSA necesita su apoyo para que esta pueda ayudar a financiar las oportunidades de enriquecimiento educativo para los estudiantes y apoyar a nuestros maestros que trabajan duro. Los organizadores de La Celebración de Graduación de toda la Noche necesitan comprar boletos para el Baile Phantom y mulch para que nuestra fiesta sana y segura para los graduandos permanezca a un precio razonable. Si su hijo(a) participa en deportes, música o algún club en la escuela, entonces por favor denos su tiempo y sea voluntario para asistir a los eventos, conciertos, juegos, etc. Y si su estudiante no participa en algo después de la escuela, por favor animelo para que participe y trate algo nuevo.

Con estudiantes de más de 80 países, hablando más de 50 idiomas, en Annandale High School, es como tener el mundo entero en un solo edificio. Trabajemos todos juntos, demos todo lo que tenemos de nuestra energía y talentos para mantener esta escuela fuerte. No es solo de los maestros, sino de todos nosotros.

Muchas gracias,

Emily Slough
Presidenta
Annandale High School PTSA



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아난데일 고등학교 학부모님들께

아난데일 고등학교에서 일어나는 일들과 학생들의 교육을 후원하는 일에 부모님들께서 참여하는 것이 얼마나 중요한 것인지를 학부모, 학생, 선생님 협회 (PTSA) 가 알려 드리고 싶습니다.

2400명의 많은 학생중 200 가정만이 PTSA 에 참여하고 있습니다. 여러분의 참여가 요망 됩니다. 예를들면 중요한 이슈인 IB (국제 학사 프로그램) 외에도 11학년과 12학년 학생들에게 영재 프로그램을 제공할 것인지에 대한 여러분의 견해가 필요합니다. 또한 학생들의 교육향상이나 선생님을 후원하는 기금에 여러분의 도움이 필요합니다. 또한 마약과 음주가 없는 안전한 올 나잇 졸업파티를 위해서 거름과 팬텀 볼 티켓을 많이 사서 후원해 주십시오.

맥의 자녀가 음악이나 스포츠, 클럽활동을 하고 있다면 음악회나 운동 경기등 행사에 자원봉사자로 후원해 주십시오. 자녀가 방과후 하는 것이 없으면 새로운 활동에 참여할 수 있도록 적극 장려해 주십시오.

아난데일 고등학교는 세계를 한 곳에 모아 놓은것 같이 80개국이 넘는 나라와 50개의 언어를 사용하는 학생들로 구성되어 있습니다. 이런 특이한 점을 잘 살려서 모두 힘을 합하여 더 좋은 학교로 만들어 봅시다. 이것은 선생님들의 노력만으로 되는 것이 아니라 우리 모두의 노력과 협력으로 이루어 질 것입니다.

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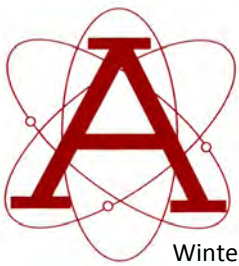
아난데일 고등학교 PTSA 회장

Thưa Quý Phụ huynh và Gia đình của Trường Trung Học Annandale,

Bản tin này là dành cho quý vị. Quý Phụ huynh, Giáo viên, Hiệp Hội Sinh Viên (PTSA) của Trường Trung Học Annandale khuyến khích bạn và gia đình hãy đọc thông tin này với nhau vì đây là tin cực kỳ quan trọng cho mỗi gia đình để biết những gì đang xảy ra tại trường và hãy cùng nhau tham gia hỗ trợ cho các học sinh và trường của chúng ta.

Hội PTSA đã không bao giờ có thành viên ít hơn 200 gia đình đã tham gia, và chúng ta có hơn 2400 học sinh. Sự tham gia của quý vị rất là quan trọng! Suy nghĩ của quý vị là cần thiết đối với một số vấn đề quan trọng trong giáo dục, như là trường có thể mở khóa học dành dụm cho các học sinh lớp 11 và 12 thêm cho lớp tú tài quốc tế không. Hội PTSA cần sự hỗ trợ của quý vị để có thể tiếp tục giúp đỡ cho quý giáo dục để có cơ hội giúp các học sinh, và cũng cấp hỗ trợ cho các giáo viên làm việc chăm chỉ của chúng ta. Bạn tổ chức Đêm Lễ Kỷ Niệm Tốt Nghiệp cần các bạn mua vé Phantom Ball và mulch để đêm Dạ Tiệc cho các học sinh ra trường được an toàn và vé bán với giá phù hợp. Nếu con em của quý vị đã tham gia vào môn thể thao, âm nhạc, hay hội nào của trường, xin vui lòng dành thời giờ của bạn để tình nguyện hỗ trợ cho các buổi họp đặc biệt, hoà nhạc hay trò chơi, v.v... Và nếu con em của quý vị không tham gia vào những sinh hoạt nào đó của trường sau giờ học, xin hãy khuyến khích các em tham gia và thử cái gì mới lạ.

Với các học sinh từ hơn 80 quốc gia, nói hơn 50 ngôn ngữ, trường Trung học Annandale cũng giống như có cả thế giới trong một tòa nhà. Hãy cùng nhau làm việc, hãy cho tất cả năng lượng và kỹ năng của chúng ta, để giúp cho trường được vững mạnh. Đây không phải là chỉ để cho giáo viên, đó là cho tất cả chúng ta.



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ANNANDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Main office
703-642-4100

Activities office
703-642-4170

Activities information hotline
703-883-4700

Attendance office
703-642-4151

Career Center
703-642-4263

Clinic
703-642-4110

Guidance Office
703-642-4122

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

It's the mid-point of the school year!

Emily Slough
PTSA President

Welcome to the mid-point! Your student is now half-way through this school year. The report card just received (along with this newsletter) will give you a good indication of how the year is progressing for your child.

The PTSA at AHS - which is "all of us working together" - has had a brief moment of quiet (after the hubbub of Fall, Mrs. Obama's visit, Homecoming, etc.) and we are now gearing up for a very busy spring. As you will see on page 11, we've already spent many thousands of dollars on support for our teachers and students at AHS, and there are several opportunities this Spring to help make sure AHS continues to benefit in these same ways for years to come. We have several fundraisers: the Phantom Ball (see page 7) will kick off the effort to keep the costs of our All Night Graduation

Celebration as low as possible; the mulch sale in April also generates funds for this important alcohol- and drug-free event. Then there are spring flowers to purchase in late April, the Battle of the Bands in May, and our biggest event - a really fun opportunity - is the 15th Annual Golf Classic on May 18th. Plan now to take that Friday off from work, gather 3 other friends and come play golf for a very worthy cause. If you signed up as a volunteer for any of these events, you will hear from the organizer in the next few weeks and months.

In October, we hosted a panel of various individuals running for School Board vacancies. In December, we welcomed the group PROTECT (parents and former FCPS students engaged in informing families about the dangers of substance abuse) to

the auditorium for a difficult but important presentation. At our PTSA meeting in January, we had the pleasure of getting to know Megan McLaughlin, our new Braddock District school board representative (who has been elected to replace Tessie Wilson, who retired in December). You'll see a note from Megan, as well as one from Sandy Evans (who continues to represent Mason district families), on page 10-11 of this newsletter. We'll have more presentations and special guests at upcoming meetings: February will bring a representative from AAA Atlantic to talk about teen driving safety, insurance and other matters.

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Message from the Principal

Vincent Randazzo
AHS Principal

Dear Annandale Community,

I can't believe the first half of the year is over. It seemed to go by so very quickly. When we returned from winter break, we feted our International Baccalaureate Diploma recipients to a graduation ceremony in the auditorium on January 5th. I want to thank Ms. Campbell and Ms. Bradshaw for organizing the ceremony and our speakers Ms. Richardson, Mr. Hawes, and last year valedictorian Polette Centellas for their inspirational messages. Also, the insight the student panel provided to our current seniors was especially informative.

In addition, our teachers and students headed directly into a testing cycle. SOL retakes started January 5th and the WIDA testing began on the 16th. The second quarter ended Friday January 27th and Students will receive their report cards Friday February 3rd during W4.

As we begin the third quarter, we need to recharge and refocus. Students, please view the third quarter as a time to build on your accomplishments and challenge yourself to achieve even higher.

Please use your ATOM TIME wisely and make good choices. Also, don't forget IB information night February 9, 2012 7:00 p.m. in Clausen Hall and meet our current IB students and teachers. Have great third quarter.

Message from the PTSA President

Over the past months we've talked about honors courses, security cameras inside schools, activities buses, and how to improve outreach and communication to our broader community. If you have not attended a PTSA meeting, you are missing some great conversations.

We are tracking the county and school budget situation (see page 23) as well as the follow-up to our most recent boundary study. Due to an unexpected decline in our enrollment since last September (which is unrelated to the boundary change starting next Fall, which will begin to remove additional students through redistricting), and because our 14-classroom modular is now counted toward our capacity, Annandale HS is now considered under-capacity and, therefore, open to student transfers (from outside our attendance zone) for the 2012-2013 school year. There are very specific criteria which must be met (for example: a desire to take IB courses if the student would normally attend an AP school), and transportation is not provided to students who transfer. Interested families should visit this website for more information and to obtain the necessary forms to begin this process: <http://www.fcps.edu/dss/osp/StudentRegistration/student-transfer/>. The deadline for requesting a transfer is April 15.

In February, the PTSA will also be forming a Nominations Committee in order to begin the process of filling PTSA vacancies for the coming school year. Elections will be held in May. A number of us (including myself) will be stepping down - due to graduating

seniors, end of term, etc. - and new parent leaders will be needed to step up. If you are interested in serving, please send an email to me at president@annandalehsptsa.org. Having a strong PTSA, strong booster organizations, and enough parent volunteers to accomplish important tasks (such as teacher luncheons, All Night Graduation, etc.) has helped AHS continue to thrive for decades. Every parent matters and your help is truly needed.

Many parents are now working during the day and we all feel the pressure of trying to juggle many obligations; however, being involved in your child's school and in your child's activities is one investment you will find yields dividends for a lifetime. The students here are truly exceptional, remarkable people and it has been my great joy to get to know so many (and their terrific parents) through helping not just with the PTSA, but also with swim team, winter guard, chorus, theater, marching band, field hockey, and orchestra. Although I will be retiring as PTSA president this June, I'll be around another 2 years --still supporting the students, faculty and staff of Annandale HS, until my last student graduates in 2014. I hope to continue to meet great kids and great parents as we all work together to keep Annandale HS strong and vital.

PTSA Meeting Schedule 2012

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

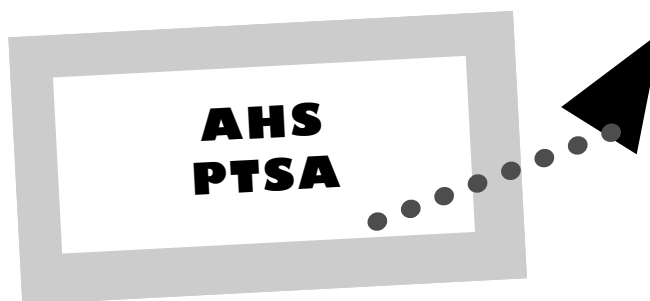
February 21
March 20
April 17
May 15

Calendario de las Reuniones del PTSA en 2012

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

Febrero 21
Marzo 20
Abril 17
Mayo 15

Muchas gracias a los que ya se se unieron a nuestra PTSA! Y si usted aun no lo ha hecho, esta es su oportunidad. Porfavor mandenos un cheque o money order en un sobre a la oficina principal dirigido al PTSA. Si tiene preguntas llame a la Sra. Gonzalez al 703-642-4370.



Annandale High School
PTSA

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
BECOME A PTSA MEMBER TODAY**

every child...one voice

It is the mid-point of the 2011-2012 school year, but never too late to join the PTSA!

Annandale HS is a successful, vibrant school due to the investment and support of parents, teachers, students and community. Please continue this tradition of excellence, dare to **make a difference, be better informed and join the PTSA today.**

Why join?

- 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 (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. **AHS strongly encourages your involvement in our school community.** Please seriously consider joining in one or more of the activities listed on the **AHS Volunteer Opportunity Form** (in student packets and also available on our PTSA website, www.annandalehsptsa.org).

Tax-deductible donations are gratefully accepted and help to minimize fundraising efforts. Donations are used for Scholarships and Awards, Program Development, and Teacher Support.

PARENT FIRST _____ PARENT LAST _____

PARENT FIRST _____ PARENT LAST _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ BEST PHONE _____

STUDENT FIRST _____ STUDENT LAST _____ GRADE _____

STUDENT FIRST _____ STUDENT LAST _____ GRADE _____

Membership Dues:

Parent/Community Member @ \$12.00 each # _____ \$ _____

Student @ \$5 each # _____ \$ _____

Number of Student Directories: (\$5.00 each) # _____ \$ _____

Tax-deductible Donation: \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Make checks payable to Annandale High School PTSA and mail check & completed form to **AHS PTSA—Membership, 4700 Medford Drive, Annandale, VA 22003**, or drop off your form and payment at the front office.

You can also sign up online using Paypal. Please visit www.annandalehsptsa.org and click on the "Membership" link on the left side of the home page.

Questions? Contact Linda Winkler, PTSA Membership Chair, at membership@annandalehsptsa.org.

Annandale High School

PTSA

todos los niños ... una sola voz

**ANNANDALE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA
FORMATO PARA VOLUNTARIOS**

Lo necesitamos!!! No importa si usted puede donar unas pocas horas de su tiempo para ayudar en la oficina de asistencia, la clínica, llenar sobres, traducir oralmente o escritos, ser mentor de estudiantes, donar tortas y postres, o ayudar en las varias funciones escolares, hay espacio para que ayude.

En la lista abajo encontrara formas de ayudar en la escuela. Done unas pocas horas. Lo disfrutara, conozca nuevas personas y apoye a la escuela!

SI! Yo quiero hacer la diferencia. Por favor asígneme a:

- Hospitalidad** (Proveer comida y/o ayudar a servir en las funciones del PTSA)
- Apoyo a Programas Académicos** (Ayudar en el desayuno de Honor Roll y otras actividades para promover el éxito de los estudiantes)
- Clásico de Golf Red and White** (La mayor fuente de colecta de fondos a desarrollarse en la primavera del 2011)
- Celebración de All Night Grad** (Ayúdenos a garantizar una noche de graduación segura para nuestros seniors! Necesitamos mas de 200 voluntarios para conducir este evento!)
- Otras Fuentes de Fondos** (Venta de bulbos en el otoño, Venta de mulch en la primavera, etc.)
- Ayuda administrativa** (Oficina principal y oficina de asistencia durante horas escolares) **Clínica** (Durante horas escolares. Hay entrenamiento previo)
- College and Centro Profesional**
- Biblioteca** (Durante horas escolares. Ayude a las varias actividades de la biblioteca)
- Evaluaciones de Salud** (Ayudar en las evaluaciones de salud de los estudiantes en Octubre)
- Chaperona/supervisora** (Bailes, vigilar durante/después los corredores de la escuela)
- Membresía** (Ayudar a expandir la lista de miembros del PTSA)
- Mentores** (Trabajar con estudiantes por 30-60 minutos semanalmente durante ATOM TIME o después de la escuela)
- Comunicaciones** (Puede escribir artículos, producir brochures o ayudarnos en hacer las comunicaciones más efectivas?)
- Acercamiento a la Comunidad** (Ayúdenos a acercarnos a aquellos en nuestra comunidad que están necesitados)

No esta segura, pero puede ayudar periódicamente durante el día?

No esta segura, pero puede ayudar periódicamente durante la noche o los fines de semana?

Puedo actuar como intérprete de los siguientes idiomas _____

Nombre de los padres(s): _____

E-mail address (escriba claro, por favor): _____

Idioma hablado: _____

Teléfono: _____ (casa) _____
(trabajo)

Nombre(s) de estudiante (s): _____ Grado

(s): _____

Envíe a Annandale High School PTSA, 4700 Medford Drive, Annandale, VA 22003 (o déjela en la oficina de la escuela), o sobre el Internet www.annandalehsptsa.org.

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.

Phantom Ball Invitations

(February 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).

flowersale@annandalehsptsa.org

angcmulch@annandalehsptsa.org

Battle of the Bands (May 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

Memory Bricks (April 2012)

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

The 15th Annual Golf Classic! (May 18, 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.

rich@annandale.net

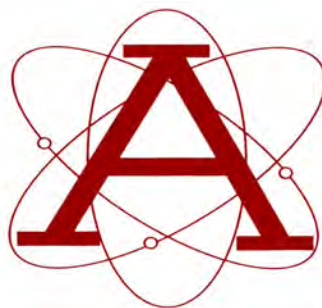
sallie@annandale.net

All Night Graduation Party (June 14, 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=GNTL
AHS ID# 01821

Harris Teeter-Together in Education www.harristeeter.com
AHS ID# 4555

Target-Take Charge of Education www.target.com
AHS ID# 103582 to register your Target Red card

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.

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.

ABOVE & BEYOND RECOGNITIONS

The AHS PTSA sponsors the "Above & Beyond" program to recognize staff members whose actions on behalf of a student or group of students went "Above & Beyond" the expectations of their jobs. Nominations can be made by students, parents, staff, or anyone else in the school community. So far this school year, we have recognized six individuals: Tom Chorman (Science Dept.), Courtney Dearing (English Dept.), Stephanie Harmony (Marketing Dept.), Cliff Hickman (Student Services), Tricia Kapuscinski (ESOL Dept.), and Cynthia Rosenberg (ESOL Dept.).

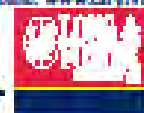
We are certain there are many more deserving candidates in our community! Please share your stories about the extraordinary people at AHS! Each "Above & Beyond" nominee receives a certificate of appreciation, a travel mug filled with treats, and a handwritten note stating who nominated them and why.

Past recipients have been nominated for a variety of reasons. Teachers who find innovative ways to engage student success, Counselors who have written letters of recommendation for scholarships and applications, Coaches who have motivated athletic achievement, Custodians who cleared sidewalks after snowstorms, and collaborations between staff members to support programs such as Heritage Night.

Nomination forms can be found at <http://www.annandalehsptsa.org/facultystaff-recognitions.html> and should be returned to the main office, Attn: PTSA.



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Messages from FCPS School Board Members

Sandy Evans
School Board Member, Mason District

I hope everyone had a wonderful first semester!

This is a very busy time for the School Board, with the top priority of completing a school system budget to send to the Board of Supervisors.

This year we start as a brand-new Board, all of us elected in November to four-year terms, including six new members. I especially want to welcome my new colleague, School Board Member Megan McLaughlin (Braddock District), as she and I both represent AHS families and students and will be working together on issues affecting AHS.

This Board will have a particularly important task this year of starting a **search for a new Superintendent** to replace Dr. Jack Dale, retiring in June 2013.

As we are a new Board, I also anticipate that we will revisit our goals and processes, so this should be an exciting and busy year. As always, I will look to parents, teachers, students, and community members for your input on the major decisions we will be making to move our stellar school system forward.

Budget Timeline:

The Superintendent announced his proposed FY2013 Budget on Jan. 12, starting a budget process that ends in May. Among the major items in his proposal were raises for teachers and other employees, more funding for extended learning time for students either during the school year or in the summer, and expansion of Foreign Language in Elementary Schools. Much of the funding increases would go just to pay for a continuing increase in students throughout the county.

The School Board has a budget work session scheduled on **Feb. 2**, when Board members will discuss amendments they would like to make to the Superintendent's plan. On **Feb. 9** the Board will approve an Advertised budget to send to the Board of Supervisors. After the Board of Supervisors determines in April how much the county transfer to FCPS will be, the Board will approve a final budget in May.

The budget plan is important because it shows where any increased emphasis will be, new or expanded programs and any funding cuts. As Budget Vice Chair, I will be even more deeply involved in the process this year. Here's a link to budget information: <http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2013.shtml>

Athletic Fees: As in past years, I'd like to eliminate the athletic fees, though the Superintendent's budget still keeps them. I'll be asking my colleagues to support ending them in the upcoming fiscal year. Stayed tuned.

Capital Improvement Program:

The major news this year is that the CIP includes a plan to build another new elementary school in Mason District. Several of our schools in Mason remain overcrowded, especially Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences, with most requiring trailers to use as classrooms. FCPS expects to see continuing increases in student enrollment, particularly in our area.

Here's the link to the CIP and background information:

<http://www.fcps.edu/fts/planning/cip.shtml>

Boundary Change Impact: One of the issues I plan to watch most closely is the impact of the boundary changes approved by the Board last year for AHS. As many of you know, I had tried to keep Wakefield Forest and/or Bren Mar Park west at AHS and remain concerned about the impact of moving these areas out of AHS. Fortunately, we were able to "grandfather" in all current students, so no one at AHS now will have to go to another school, as often happens in boundary changes. I am having ongoing conversations with FCPS staff and AHS parents on ideas for helping students, families and the school as we move forward.

I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year!

Sandy

If you would like to reach me, please email me at ssevans@fcps.edu or call my Executive Administrative Assistant Kathy Partlow at 571-423-1064.

School Board Report
Megan McLaughlin, Braddock District

Greetings Annandale Atoms!

As the new Braddock School Board member, I am excited to represent your community alongside my colleague from Mason District Sandy Evans. Like Sandy, I have a long history of parent advocacy. In addition, I have three children who attend schools in the Woodson pyramid. I care deeply about the success of every child and believe that your views and opinions are a valuable asset. Therefore, please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding FCPS.

BUDGET:

As noted in Sandy Evan's report, the Board is busy with its annual budgetary review and will vote February 9th on the proposed budget. Once the Board of Supervisors decides on its annual monetary transfer to FCPS, there will be a second budget review cycle, including community input in May. Please be sure to contact the School Board if you have specific views about the proposed budget.

Honors Courses:

Sandy & I attended the AHS PTSA meeting on January 17th in which parents expressed strong support for 5 additional honors level courses in English and Social Studies. I am thrilled to announce that on January 26th, the Board voted 11-1 in support of adding these courses for the Fall 2012 school year. These courses will provide valuable curriculum choices for ALL levels of learners. Of equal import, the Board dictated that the curriculum must be drawn from Standard level courses, versus AP/College level courses.

Boundary Changes:

Sandy & I intend to work closely with Cluster Superintendent Dan Parris' office in monitoring the impact of the most recent AHS boundary changes. I welcome your input and observations regarding these recent changes as the process moves forward.

New Superintendent search:

Our superintendent has announced his official retirement for July 2013. Typically, a search of this magnitude can take 6-9 months. Sandy and I will keep AHS apprised of the overall process and the time-line once this information becomes available. Community input will be a very important component to the selection process.

Again, I look forward to representing your community. You can reach me at momclaughlin@fcps.edu or my Executive Assistance Melanie Turpin @ 571-423-1070.

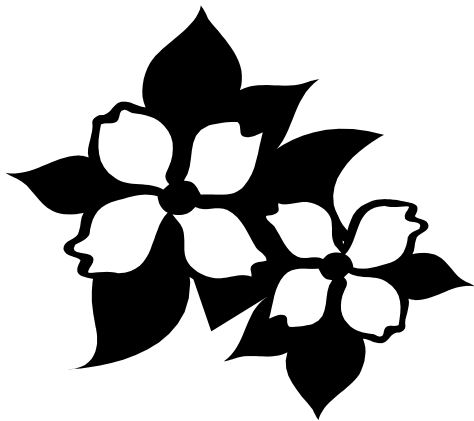
Warm regards,
 Megan McLaughlin

Your PTSA Dollars at Work

When you invest in the Annandale High School PTSA, you're investing in our students, our teachers and the school. Throughout the school year, AHS teachers and administrators apply for grants from the PTSA. Over several months, we have provided grants to teachers to attend the National English Teachers Conference, purchase educational materials for the classroom, provide transportation for a field trip and support both the math competition and the science fair. Without your support, these programs would not happen. Through your donations, we also help students through covering TOEFL test fees. In early January, we had already funded more TOEFL testing opportunities for AHS students that we expected for the entire school year.

If you're not already a PTSA member, please consider becoming one today.

Thank you for being part of the AHS community.



Think Spring, Think AHS Flower and Plant Sale

It's cold now, but "Spring Fever" comes early to Northern Virginia! Start planning *now* for a beautiful garden this summer. Take a moment to consider the different areas of your yard: do you have dry shade? clay soil? areas baked by the hot afternoon sun? Or maybe you want to reclaim an area covered with ivy or create a rain garden? Do you like to design your own container gardens? Use some of these chilly days when it's too cold to go outside to page through garden magazines,

browse gardening websites, or discuss ideas with a landscape designer. The PTSA Plant Sale Committee can also give you guidance on which plants will meet your needs and preferences. Then, order your plants from the PTSA Flower and Plant Sale this April and get a jump start on your summer garden.

The PTSA Plant Sale Committee works with a reputable wholesale nursery to provide high quality plants at low prices. A variety of annuals, bedding plants, and perennials are available. The hanging baskets are big, bold, and bursting with color - great as Mother's Day gifts!

Proceeds benefit PTSA-sponsored activities such as the All Night Grad Party, field trips, the Science Fair, teacher support materials, etc.

Place your order in April and pick up your plants at AHS on May 4th. The "Flower Madness" Plant Sale order form will be available on the PTSA website at the end of February. In the meantime, please contact Laurie G. Lindberg with questions or comments at laurielindberg@gmail.com.

Improve Your Grades!

Need help with study skills or in one of those tough subjects like Algebra, Geometry, Calculus, Chemistry, or Spanish?

Special Offer for Annandale High School

Enroll in One-on-One Tutoring Today:

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All Night Graduation Celebration
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Quality Shredded Natural
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3 Cu. Ft. Bags
Delivered to your home on
Saturday, April 14, 2012**

**Prices for 3 CU FT
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\$5.00 per bag – DELIVERED
(15 bag minimum for delivery)
**AHS School District, Ravensworth & All of
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\$4.50 per bag – SELF PICKUP

Let us ease the burden of hauling 60lb bags of mulch all over town!

WE WILL DELIVER AND STACK THE MULCH FOR YOU!

This Fundraiser is CRITICAL to the Success of the Annandale High School All Night Graduation Celebration (ANGC), a Supervised, Safe, Non-alcoholic Alternative for Graduating Seniors.

How much should I order? *1 cubic yard (9 bags of mulch) covers 100 square feet spread 2-3 inches deep*



Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Subdivision _____

I want to order _____ bags @ 4.50 per bag (pick up ONLY – no delivery)	\$ _____
I want to order _____ bags @ 5.00 per bag (to be delivered to my house on 4/14/12)	\$ _____
I don't need mulch, but would like to donate to this life-saving event	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

Delivery Special Instructions: _____

Orders must be paid in advance and received by April 4, 2012. To pay by credit/debit card, order online at www.AnnandaleHSPTSA.org and click on the *Mulch Madness* link. To pay by check, make checks payable to AHS-PTSA/ANGC and mail order with payment to:

All Night Graduation Celebration
c/o Annandale High School
4700 Medford Drive, Annandale, VA 22003
Attn: Mulch Fundraiser

Self- pick up at Annandale High School (back parking lot) is on Saturday, April 14, 2012 between 8am – 1 pm.

Questions? Please email Laurie McCann at mlmccann5@verizon.net

Help Us Ensure A Safe and Sober 2012 Graduation Night Celebration!!

SENIOR REFLECTIONS:

Come enjoy an evening with the Class of 2012 that is shorter and closer to home than graduation!

Seniors will provide all the inspiration and entertainment, try out wearing their caps and gowns, and sit with friends. This is a PTA sponsored event, and is open to all Annandale students and their families, taking place at Annandale High School on the evening before graduation. We are looking for seniors who would like to provide personal words of reflection and inspiration or musical entertainment. We need parents to contribute ideas, help put together programs, send invitations, usher, provide cake and punch, set up the cafeteria for a reception, and clean up after. We especially need parents of underclassmen to be involved so that parents of seniors can enjoy this special moment. (We'll get ideas for our own students' Senior Reflections.) Please contact the committee through Ann Aderton at aderton@verizon.net.

ATTENTION: AHS PARENTS and GUARDIANS

Do you enjoy meeting other parents?
Would you like to informally meet AHS faculty & staff?
Do you enjoy baking or preparing foods?
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 the above questions, 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 event is the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast in May. 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! You may serve as many times as you would like, or just once during the year. Any help is very much appreciated!

*****Please call or email today if you can help !*****

PTSA Hospitality Committee

Carolina Caballero – familycaballero@yahoo.com
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Attention Golfers! Red & White Golf Classic News

The 15th Annual Red & White Golf Classic will be held on May 18, 2012 at Laurel Hill Golf Course, Fairfax County's premier daily fee course. This is the AHS PTSA's largest source of funding for its programs. Come out to show off your golf skills or just have fun with your neighbors. If you're not able to play, we also need quality items to auction or raffle off – for example, two AHS families have donated use of their condos at Kingsmill and Wintergreen. If you want to contribute, play or help, you can fill out the enclosed form or contact the Golf Classic chairs Rich Fruchterman at rich@annandale.net or Sallie Williams at sallie@annandale.net. In addition, more information is available on the PTSA website under the Red & White Golf Classic link.

Annandale High School PTSA 15th Annual Red & White Golf Classic

Friday, May 18, 2012
Laurel Hill Golf Club, Lorton, Virginia

DONATION INFORMATION

(Deadline: April 20, 2012)

Donor/Company Name: _____

Donor Contact/Title: _____

Donor e-mail: _____

Donor phone: _____

AHS Contact: _____

Item: _____

Estimated Value: \$ _____

Detailed Description (size, color, dates, quantity, services, etc.):

Item Restrictions (expiration, date exclusions, no. of persons, etc.):

Item Pick-Up Required: Yes No

Player Gift Bag contribution? (Need 120): Yes No

Additional information & forms available at

annandalehsptsa.org

AHS PTSA is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization; Tax ID #54-1391271

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

(Deadline: April 20, 2012)

Opportunities available described below. All sponsorships also will be acknowledged in the PTSA Newsletter and A-Blast Newspaper. Sponsors also may place promotional materials in Player Gift Bag (i.e. trinket or materials supplied by the sponsor).

Title/Presenting Sponsor: \$3,500

Tournament Naming Rights.
Two Foursomes. Award Plaque.

Lunch Sponsor: \$2,500

Two Foursomes. Sign at food table/pavilion.
Half-page recognition in Program.
Recognition at Awards Ceremony.

Course Beverage/Snack Cart Sponsor: \$2,000

One Foursome. Sign on beverage cart.
Quarter page recognition in Program.
Recognition at Awards Ceremony.

Atomic A Golf Ball Sponsor: \$1,500

One Foursome. Half-page recognition
in Program. Tournament and
Souvenir "A" Golf Balls.

H₂O Bottle Sponsor: \$ 750

One Twosome. Recognition in Program.
Company logo on water bottles used at event.

Closest To Pin Sponsor: \$ 500

Sign near greens (men or women).
Half-page Recognition in Program.
Recognition at Awards Ceremony.

Longest Drive Sponsor: \$ 500

Sign on fairway (men or women).
Half-page Recognition in Program.
Recognition at Awards Ceremony.

Tee Sponsor: \$ 100

Sign on one tee area.
Recognition in Program

Proton Level Sponsor: \$1,000

One Foursome. Quarter-page Ad in Program.
Sponsor sign at one tee.
Recognition at Awards Ceremony.

Electron Level Sponsor: \$ 500

One Twosome. Sponsor sign at one tee.
Recognition at Awards Ceremony.

Neutron Level Sponsor: \$ 250

Sponsor sign at one tee.
Business card Ad in program.
Recognition in Program

Patron: \$ Choice

Donations/Prizes/Gifts.
Recognition in Program.

Standards of Learning (SOL) Test Information Spring 2012

Virginia Department of Education has approved 11 End of Course Standards of Learning exams. Three Math exams (Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2); three Science exams (Biology, Chemistry and Earth Science); three Social Studies exams (World History 1, World History 2 and US/VA History); and two English exams (Reading and Writing). The English SOLs **are given during a student's junior year.**

In March FCPS will offer the English: Writing exam. This exam has 2 sections – the multiple choice section given on March 5 and the short paper (writing prompt) given on March 6. This SOL is for juniors taking English 11 or IB English I. Some seniors may also be testing.

The other SOL exams will be given at the end of the school year. Fairfax County policy requires all students registered in the course to sit for the corresponding SOL exam. **Annan-dale's SOL testing will begin on May 21 and end on June 8. There are 2 testing blocks.** The first begins at 7:20 and ends at 10:20am. The second testing block begins at 11:00 (after A lunch) and ends at 2:00. The exact order of the exams has yet to be determined.

What parents can do now – (1) Ask your student if they have found their locker. Every student has a locker and will need it for testing. Students must leave their backpacks (and all electronic devices) in their lockers before entering the testing area. There is plenty of time between now and May to find the locker and memorize the combination. Anyone in the Attendance Office can provide the student the essential information. (2) Make sure your student has **a photo ID to bring to testing. Any photo ID is accepted (driver's license, learner's permit, old middle school ID, Annandale High School ID).**

Other ways to support your student - **Please don't make appointments for your child** during testing March 5-8 and May 21 – June 8. During the testing weeks, help your student to get to bed earlier than usual and eat a solid breakfast.

If you have any questions about SOL testing, see Mrs. Walter in Room 114 or call her at 703-642-4113 or send her an email at lewalter@fcps.edu.

Bookmark this webpage for PTSA news and updates:

www.annandalehsptsa.org

We are here for you and your student!

News from the Business and Information Technology Department

BIT Courses

Ensure your son or daughter has the technology and business skills they need to survive in college and at work. Encourage them to sign up for one of our classes!

The Business department is excited to announce a new IB course that will be offered at Annandale. **IB Business and Management HL** is a great addition to your child's academic experience and is open only to students who have successfully completed IB Business and Management SL course. This course requires a written commentary and focuses on strategic decision making. Students will study social factors, cultural factors and ethics. If you have any questions please contact IB Business teacher, Ms. Chesser, at Paula.Chesser@fcps.edu.

Other courses offered are Accounting (opportunity to earn Basic NOCTI certification) and Advanced Accounting (opportunity to earn Advanced NOCTI certification), Information Systems (opportunity to earn the Internet and Computing Core and/or Microsoft Office Specialist certifications) and Advanced Information Systems (opportunity to earn Microsoft Office Specialist certifications), Design, Multimedia and Web Technologies, Business Law/Business Management, Office Administration, Economics and Personal Finance (opportunity to earn the WISE Financial Literacy certification), Programming, and Web Page Development. Students who want work experience and are enrolled in a BIT class can earn credits and money through our Business Cooperative Internship (BCI) program. Contact Ms. Bentley for more information about any of our courses at Monica.Bentley@fcps.edu.

FBLA News: The 2011-2012 officers are President Joshua Kim, Vice President Rajasak (Leo) Leksang, Secretary Andy Tran, Treasurer Gursheen Kaur, Historian Zahida Noor, Reporter Clare Lazar, and Parliamentarian Shazia Haleem. FBLA competitions are in full swing right now. We would like to thank all of our competitors. We are very proud of all you! Once all the competitions are complete and the results are in many of the below students will compete at the state conference in Reston, VA in April.

2012 Competitors

Andy Tran	Accounting I	Alex Davalos	Economics
Wenhui Huang	Accounting II	Lavina Chowdhury,	Entrepreneurship
Leo Leksang and Dana Flipczyk	Banking and Financial Systems	Gursheen Kaur and Khadiza Hossain	
Madhav Kumar	Business Calculations	Anette Supesepa	FBLA Principles and Procedures
Kaitlyn Cook	Business Communication		Global Business
Paige Britton	Business Law	Mariam Tariq Javed and Kaitlyn Ambrosio	
Rana Abouelhagag	Business Math	Maleeha Farukh	Healthcare Administration
Medha Shree , Christina Gomez and	Business Presentations	Jane Nguyen	Help Desk
Tehniat Zaheer		Ghazal Tokhi	Introduction to Business
Zahida Noor	Business Procedures	Omar Ghoramah	Introduction to Business Communication
Clare Lazar	Computer Applications		Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure
Avish Kaushik	Computer Game and Simulation Programming	Shawaiz Hussain	Introduction to Technology Concepts
	Computer Problem Solving	Austin Spaulding	Job Interview
Talha Asif	Cyber Security		Management Decision Making
Md Mohaiminul Islam	Database Design and Application	Najiha Hashimi	Management Information Systems
Nadia Ennasr	Desktop Publishing	Theresa Nguyen and Christina Tran	
		Mohammad Awais, Blen Keneni and	Marketing
Feroze Ali and Brain Romero Lopez	Digital Video Production	Daniel Critchfield	Networking Concepts
Joshua Kim and Sun Min	Parliamentary Procedure	David Vo and John Nguyen	Who's Who in FBLA
Mohammad Kamal and Shazia Haleem		Brian Ngac	Word Processing II
Karen Nguyen	Personal Finance	Leo Leksang	
Kalid Abdu	Spreadsheet Applications	Michael Lam	
Christian Avila	Technology Concepts		

We would also like to thank our proctors who volunteered their time: Mrs. Bartelt and Mrs. Higgins. For information about FBLA, contact Ms. Silberminz at Helen.Silberminz@fcps.edu.

NBHS News: On December 7th, 2011, 28 Annandale High business students were inducted into the National Business Honor Society. Being part of this honor society requires these inductees to meet the national standards for membership. Newly inducted NBHS member, Mariam Tariq Javed delivered a beautiful speech regarding perseverance and motivation. Our NBHS members for the 2011-2012 school year are:

Quy To – President	Khadiza Hossain	Clare Lazar
Joshua Kim – Vice President	Gursheen Kaur	Andrew Lunsford
Rajasak Leksang - Secretary	Wenhui Huang	Esrael Muche
Andy Tran - Treasurer	Harpreet Kaur	Brian Ngac
Kaitlyn Ambrosio	Blen Keneni	Nguyen Thao Nguyen
Talha Asif	Clare Lazar	Jane Nguyen
Christian Avila	Andrew Lunsford	Jasraj Singh
Lavina Chowdhury	Esrael Muche	Mariam Tariq Javed
Daniel Critchfield	Brian Ngac	Phuong Tran
Hien Dang	Nguyen Thao Nguyen	Thanh Truc Tran
Sameera Ferdous	Blen Keneni	Thanh Vo

For information about NBHS, contact Ms. Chesser, at Paula.Chesser@fcps.edu.

AHS Automotive Technology Program at work...

Donate Your Vehicle to Annandale H.S. Auto Shop!

The Annandale High School Automotive Technology Program is in the need for donated vehicles. These vehicles are used as teaching aides for the students to learn on. Upon donating the vehicle, the auto shop instructor will give you a signed receipt saying you donated the vehicle to the high school. In many circumstances, you can receive a tax write off for the donation. Since we use the vehicles for educational purposes, you may still be able to deduct the full value of your vehicle. Check with your tax professional for details! Email Mr. DeSio at joe.desio@fcps.edu for information regarding your donation.

Have Your Vehicle Repaired at A.H.S.

As you are well aware, Annandale High School has one of the finest automotive repair facilities out of all the county schools. We are a full service shop and are able to repair all makes and models of vehicles, from a simple oil change to an engine change, we can do it all. We also repair brakes, exhaust, and suspension parts. There is a \$25.00 service fee for all repairs (not matter how big) and the customer pays retail for parts.

Appointments are required. To make an appointment, email Mr. DeSio at joe.desio@fcps.edu

Winter Automotive Special

The Annandale High School Automotive Program is taking reservations for the annual Winter Special. This special service includes:

Oil Change (up to 5 quarts), Replace oil filter, Lubricate Chassis, Full safety inspection
Balance and rotate tires (aluminum wheels extra) usually \$15.00 per tire at a tire shop!!!

The cost of this service is \$ 65.00. Email Joe DeSio, instructor, at joe.desio@fcps.edu for an appointment.

Spring Performing Arts News & 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 News: The AHS Symphonic Band has been invited as one of three clinic bands for the National Band Association Wind Band Pedagogy Symposium and National Symphonic Band Camp. This event will feature nationally recognized clinicians and amazing opportunities for our band students. Sessions will include rehearsal labs with clinicians, master classes, clinic sessions and performances. Our students will have the opportunity to interact with other students from around the region and country. This will truly be a fantastic weekend of fellowship and learning. It will be held February 17th

and 18th at Lake Braddock Secondary School. This is a tremendous honor for our school to be selected to participate in a National Band Association event of this nature. Congratulations to all.

Band Concert Dates:

February 23

May 31

Orchestra Concert Dates:

February 29

Chorus Concerts:

March 8

Guitar Concert Dates:

February 27

March 23

May 14

Theatre Arts:

April 19-21 Spring Production



2012 AHS Student Services Calendar

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
INTERIMS DISTRIBUTED REPORT CARDS DUE	3 rd Qtr: 3/7 2 nd Qtr: 2/3	4 th Qtr: 5/10 3 rd Qtr: 4/12	4 th Qtr: 6/26
Spring Break Teacher Workday	April 2 — April 6 April 9		
Collaboration Days	2/15, 3/9, 3/21, 4/18, 5/2, 5/16		
Senior Awards Ceremony Graduation	June 7 June 14	7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Watson Auditorium Constitution Hall

Meetings & Workshops

Junior Parents Night	Feb 8 (snow date Feb 29)	7:00 PM	Clausen Hall
IB Night	Feb 9	7:00 PM	Clausen Hall
US Service Academy Night	March 28	7:00 PM	Clausen Hall
Annandale Night	April 24	7:00 PM	Clausen Hall
College Partnership Program Meetings	2/28, 3/29, 4/30 (ATOM Time)		Clausen Hall

Course Selections

Course Orientation Juniors	Feb 1 & 2		Classrooms
Course Orientation Sophomores	Feb 3 & 6		Classrooms
Course Orientation Freshmen	Feb 7 & 8		Classrooms
Course Orientation ESOL	Feb 9 & 10		Classrooms
Electives Fair	Feb 17 (White Day) Snow Day Feb 24		
Course Selection Juniors	Feb 21- Mar. 1		
Course Selection Sophomores	Mar.2 – Mar. 13		
Course Selection Freshmen	Mar 14 - Mar 23		
Course Selection ESOL	Mar 26 – Mar 30		
All Requests Due	March 30		
Career & Job Fair	April 12 (White Day)		Upstairs Gym

Tests

SATs	May 5		
ACTs	April 14		
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		



Attention Family & Friends of Graduating Seniors: Two Ways to Celebrate Your Graduate!

In case of any questions, your name: _____

phone: _____

e-mail: _____

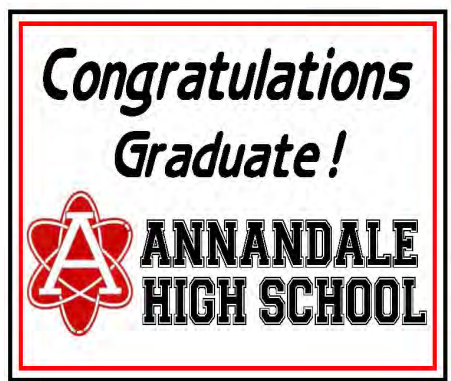
Congratulatory Wishes in the June issue
of the *A-Blast* Newspaper. Only \$10



Join others on a full page of the *A-Blast* with Wishes, Warnings, or Words of Wisdom for members of the Class of 2012. Your finished ad will be 3 lines.

Limit: 180 characters. Please use spaces below.

Grid for writing congratulatory wishes, consisting of five rows of 25 vertical lines each.



Yard Sign for your Graduate!
12" x 18" with stake
\$15 each

I want _____ sign(s) and stakes @ \$15.00 each. \$ _____

A-Blast Ad @ \$10 each. \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

DEADLINE FOR ALL ORDERS: Friday, May 18, 2012

Make Checks Payable To: **AHS PTSA**

Return to: **AHS PTSA, Attn: Kathleen Mahboob,**
7522 Murillo Street, Springfield VA 22003

Questions: 703-866-2433; Kathleen.Mahboob@gmail.com

ANNANDALE HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS & ACTIVITIES MATRIX

For full information, including exact activity start dates and schedules, go to www.annandaleatoms.com

ACTIVITY	CONTACT/COACH	OTHER INFO
FALL SPORTS – generally start first or second week of August		
Cheerleading (CoEd) (Freshman, JV, Varsity)	Sarita Vilorio sdvilorio@fcps.edu	
Cross Country (Boys)	David O'Hara David.Ohara@fcps.edu	1 st day of practice is Aug. 2 @ Wakefield Park (8am)
Cross Country (Girls)	Phil Harris pcharris@fcps.edu	
Dance Team (CoEd)	Lorrie Robson Robsoncrew@aol.com	Tryouts occur in May
Field Hockey (Freshman, JV, Varsity)	Cindy Hook Cindy.Hook@fcps.edu	camp July 18-22; beginners welcome!
Football (Freshman, JV, Varsity)	Mike Scott Mike.scott@fcps.edu	Summer conditioning M/W/F in July; 1 wk camp in late July
Golf	Richard McCormack Richard.McCormack@fcps.edu	Starts approx. 1 week before other fall sports
Marching Band	Andrew Loft Andrew.loft@fcps.edu	Begins 1 week after sports; 1 wk home camp + 1 wk away
Volleyball (Girls) (Freshman, JV, Varsity)	Jan Austin Jan.Austin@fcps.edu	
WINTER SPORTS – generally start second Monday in November		
Basketball (Boys) (Freshman, JV, Varsity)	Anthony Harper Anthony.Harper@fcps.edu	
Basketball (Girls) (Freshman, JV, Varsity)	Pat Hughes Pat.Hughes@fcps.edu	
Gymnastics (Girls)	Ellen Hagan-Bowerman emhaganbower@fcps.edu	Tryouts/practices occur at Lake Braddock SS
Swim and Dive (Boys/ Girls)	Neal Jarvis John.Jarvis@fcps.edu	
Track (Boys and Girls) – indoor	Sean Miller Sean.miller@fcps.edu	Tryouts are 1 week later than other winter sports
Winter Color Guard (coed)	Bill Hassinger fbill64@verizon.com	Begins in mid-to-late Nov.
Wrestling (JV, Varsity)	Keith Sholders Keith.Sholders@fcps.edu	
SPRING SPORTS – generally start third Monday in February		
Baseball (JV, Varsity)	Ron Abrigo rabrigo@fcps.edu	
Lacrosse (Boys) (Varsity)	Bill Maglisceau Bill.Maglisceau@fcps.edu	
Lacrosse (Girls) (JV, Varsity)	Cindy Hook Cindy.Hook@fcps.edu	camp Aug. 1-5 2011, beginners welcome
Soccer (Boys) (JV, Varsity)	To be determined	
Soccer (Girls) (JV, Varsity)	Janeen Westphal janeen.westphal@fcps.edu	
Softball (JV, Varsity)	Chris Tippins Chris.Tippins@fcps.edu	
Tennis (Girls)	Hassan Mims Hassan.Mims@fcps.edu	
Tennis (Boys)	Mike Scott Mike.Scott@fcps.edu	
Track & Field (Boys & Girls)	Sean Miller sean.miller@fcps.edu	Tryouts 1 wk after other sports

General requirements for sports participation:

- Full Physical exam by a licensed physician between May of prior school year (so May 2011 for sports in Fall 2011- Spring 2012) and beginning of sport – physician must complete VHSL form; form due 1st day of practice
- Emergency Care form, Medication Form – must be completed before 1st day of practice
- If possible, bring basic equipment (stick, bat, glove, ball, etc.) on first day of practice (including pads/protective devices)
- Marching band students who plan to also participate in a sport should bring VHSL form to Activities Office for review/approval prior to submitting form to band instructor

SPRING SPORTS BEGIN IN LATE FEBRUARY!

The Spring Sports season will begin with tryouts on February 20, 2012 at Annandale High School. There are many opportunities for students: Baseball, 2 levels; Lacrosse for boys and girls, 2 levels each; Soccer for boys and girls, 2 levels each; Softball, 2 levels, Tennis for girls and boys, and Track & Field for boys and girls. If your student is interested in any of these activities, you need to act quickly. Please contact the Activities Office at 703-642-4170 or your Parent Liaison at 703-642-4370, 703-642-7411 or 703-642-7409 for more information about how to sign up. Your student will need to have certain forms completed before each of these specific sports begins, in particular a VHSL sports physical form which must be completed by your student's doctor; proof of insurance on the VHSL physical form and if you don't have insurance, you can pick up and complete a Student Insurance form and return with payment in check or money order; an Emergency Care Card; Participation Form and the Communicable Disease Information Sheet. New this year is the required Concussion Education to be completed by the parent and student-athlete prior to tryouts. This may be accessed at <http://www.fcps.edu/supt/activities/atp/concussioneducationfirst.htm> and completed online by both parent and student.

FCPS Budget Update

FCPS has released their proposed budget for FY2012 (which starts this coming July 1). The Superintendent, Jack Dale, has asked for a 9% increase in funding from the county for the school system. The biggest drivers behind this request (for over \$200 million more than last year, resulting in a \$2.4 billion budget proposal) are: increasing enrollment, changing demographics, and teacher compensation.

Enrollment in FCPS this Fall is expected to have increased by over 15,000 students since 2008, and a large percentage (a nearly 50% increase) of these new students are in need of English language instruction. There has also been a sizeable increase in the number of students needing free- and reduced-price meals (the county average is around 25%; AHS's percentage is 50%). These special needs result in FCPS spending additional funds for extra support staff, and for the first time in several years, the proposed budget includes funds for extended learning time for students (summer school), which is felt to offer significant benefits which result in higher student achievement. This budget also includes a 2% raise for teachers, and a Step increase (which is an increase tied to how long a teacher has been employed). Increased enrollment also will result in the need for additional teachers - over 700 new positions. Custodial staff may also receive a small pay increase, and parent liaisons (who are critical to schools with high percentages of English language learners, like AHS) who work more than 20 hours/week may get health and other benefits for the first time.

Due to some recovery in the local economy, the county has indicated a willingness to increase their allotment to the schools (the school system being the largest beneficiary of county funds), but the estimate for FY2012 is a 5% increase, not 9%, and therefore it is highly unlikely that FCPS will receive the bulk of additional funding requested. Over the next several weeks, the School Board will hold public hearings (January 30 and 31) to receive citizen input on the budget. Budget dialog sessions with various constituent groups and community leaders were held last week (AHS PTSA President Emily Slough attended). By February 9, the School Board will make some adjustments to this proposed budget and will authorize an "advertised" budget which will then be formally presented to the County on April 10. Public hearings with the county will take place April 10-12, and the county will release its own budget proposal May 1st. At that time, the school system will be informed of how much money it can expect to receive from the county, and adjustments to the school budget (if the county allotment is lower than what FCPS requested, as is expected) will take place. A final vote by the School Board - following additional public hearings - will take place May 24th. For a full calendar and more information, go to <http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2013.shtml>.

ATOMail & 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!
- Be sure to click "PTSA News" in order to receive the weekly ATOMail email. This weekly email is designed for parents/guardians to keep YOU up to date on all of the activities and information within the walls of AHS.

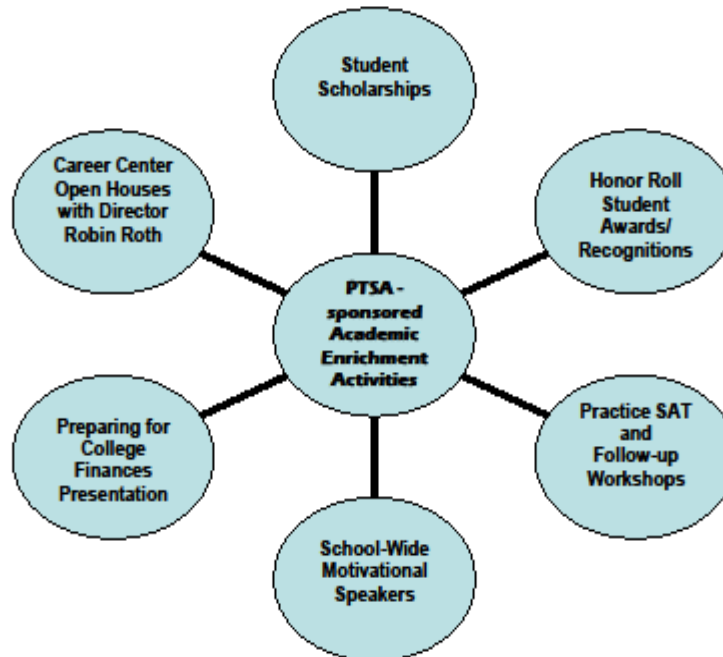
AHS "We Care"

- 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



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Academic Enrichment Fund

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"Tradition of Excellence"



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Tax-Deductible* Contribution \$100 ___ \$ 50 ___ \$25 ___ \$ 10 ___ Other \$ _____

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Please complete the form and mail (with check payable to AHS PTSA) to AHS PTSA, 4700
 Medford Drive, Annandale, VA 22003. Mark the memo section of your check "Academic Enrichment
 Support." You can also donate online using PayPal at www.annandalehsptsa.org.



AHS wants your involvement in our school community!

For additional information about PTSA activities, check our website: www.annandalehsptsa.org

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