



Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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August 19, 2016

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

As we prepare to begin another exciting school year, we are pleased to welcome back all students and staff members who are returning and extend a very warm welcome to all new members of the TJ community.

We are now in the home stretch with construction which should be completed by midyear, January 2017. There will be a Keep in Touch for any driveway/drop off/parking changes closer to the start of school with new kiss-and-ride patterns this year. Much work has been done on Minor Lane and the back parking area over the summer as trailers are removed. Transportation information will be mailed home this week. This information will be mailed by the FCPS transportation department to the student's home address on file.

Student schedules will be available on the TJ intranet by August 26 and will be sent to parent email addresses on record. Information about how to request a schedule change will be included when we email schedules on or about August 26, 2016. The Student Services staff will return on contract August 19 and will be available to respond to phone calls and emails at that time. Schedule changes can be made as space is available, where priority is given to students to fill graduation requirements. After September 16, written requests and teacher conferences will be required to make a change.

Prior to the first day of school, families should visit the TJ website:

<http://www.tjhsst.edu/student-services/back2school/index.html> to access the miscellaneous forms and paperwork that will be collected by the Homeroom teachers during the first week of school. Better yet, their class could obtain a pizza party if all forms are submitted during the first week of school.

Information pertinent to the opening of school:

Residency Verification form*

Extracurricular Participation Policy*

Intranet Posting Agreement*

Opt Out Forms Packet, if desired **

Emergency Care Card ***

Health Information form for grades 10, 11, 12

Honor Code Pledge

* Required forms to be submitted to homeroom teachers during 8th period.

** Directory Opt-Out Forms must be returned by September 12.

***Submitted electronically online unless there are changes.

Parking tags will be available for pick up on August 31, September 1 and 2 (Wednesday through Friday) from 10am to 2pm in the main office. Students should bring a check and their driver's license.

The new student orientation will be on September 1, 9am-1pm with the formal program beginning at 9:00 am in the gymnasium. Schedules for new students will be available for pickup beginning at 8:00am, in addition to being emailed to parents.

The Back to School Bash is scheduled for September 9, 2016, starting at 4:30 pm until our second home football game at 7:30 pm against Richard Wright PCS. We look forward to seeing you there for games, activities, live music, prizes and food. This event is sponsored by the PTSA, SGA and the TJ Student Activities office.

If your address has changed you need to call and visit the Admissions Office located at 8115 Gatehouse Rd., Suite 2600, Falls Church, VA 22042, as soon as possible with proof of residency. We suggest calling first (571-423-3770) to learn what documentation will be necessary to provide. Remember that only students and their legal parents who are full-time residents within our attendance area may attend TJHSST.

We appreciate your cooperation and support and look forward to a wonderful year.

Sincerely,

Evan M. Glazer, Ph.D.
Principal