



HUSKY HIGHLIGHTS

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Principal's Message

It is incredible to think that we are still experiencing remnants of winter as we enter into April. We certainly hope that spring weather will arrive soon as we prepare for SOL tests, AP tests, and final exams.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those parents who contacted their representatives on the Board of Supervisors to indicate their support for the funding of next year's budget. Your support is very much appreciated. It appears that summer school may be offered this summer, pending final budget approval. Please note that if you anticipate that your child will need to attend summer school, the registration deadline is June 22, 2011. Please have a conversation with your child about his or her academic performance as we near the last quarter to

make your child's participation in summer school unnecessary.

Tuscarora is proud to announce that Carol Decker, a junior at Tuscarora, won first place at the state Poetry Out Loud competition in March. Carol will represent the state of Virginia at the National Poetry Out Loud competition at the end of April; she will compete for a \$20,000 scholarship. I know that you celebrate with us as Carol moves on to represent us at the national competition.

Be sure to keep up with events at Tuscarora High School by visiting our website. For those of you who normally contribute to the news articles in this newsletter, we will be sending out a combined May/June newsletter during the first week of May. That final newsletter will also include information



about SOL testing, final exams, and other end-of-the-year procedures.

As always, feel free to contact the teachers, counselors, or the administration should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Pamela Paul Jacobs

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Little Shop Of Horrors Play April 7-9 @ 7pm*
- *Spring Break April 18-22*
- *April 26 Honor's Assembly*
- *Prom May 7*



Monroe Technology Center

All students who are applying to MTC, need to make sure they follow the steps below. Please contact your THS counselor if you have any questions.

Application forms can be found in the career center or at the following link:

<http://cmsweb1.lcps.org/5099097133615/blank/browse.asp?A=383&BMDRN=2000&BCOB=0&C=99689>

2011-2012 Monroe Technology Center Application Check List

Checklist for applying to the Loudoun Governors Career and Technical Academy Courses:

All Materials are due to the home high school counselor by April 8, 2011

_____ Obtain an MTC Application for Admission from your high school guidance office or download from our website www.lcps.org/mtc

_____ Fill in the application completely and have your guidance counselor and parent/guardian sign the application.

_____ Obtain a copy of the Counselor Recommendation form from your high school guidance office or download from our website www.lcps.org/mtc

_____ Obtain a copy of the Teacher Recommendation form from your high school guidance office or download from our website. www.lcps.org/mtc The Teacher Recommendation form should be given to the school counselor directly from the teacher.

_____ Copy of Transcript (from your home high school coun-

selor)

_____ Copy of COMPASS scores if applying to a Dual Enrolled Course

_____ Your guidance counselor will forward all application information to MTC.

Completed application packets are due to the Placement Coordinator at MTC NO LATER THAN April 13, 2011. Missing this deadline may result in the student not being accepted into the program.

If you are applying to a course that is Dual Enrolled:

_____ Apply online to Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) www.nvcc.edu

_____ Be sure to write down the NVCC SIS 7-digit number as you will need to include this ID number on your MTC Application for Admission.

_____ Take the NVCC Placement Test (COMPASS). You may take the COMPASS:

A. By scheduling to test at the NVCC Loudoun Campus Testing Center, Call 703-450-2508

Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

B. By attending a testing session at MTC. These sessions are scheduled from 9:30 a.m.-12:00p.m. on the following dates:

March 18, 2011

March 25, 2011 SNOW DATE ONLY

Completed application packets are due to the Placement Coordinator at MTC NO LATER THAN April 13, 2011. Missing this deadline may result in the student not being accepted into the program.

ACT TESTING DATES

<u>ACT.org TEST Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Fee Required</u>	<u>Nearest Testing Location</u>
June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011	May 7-20, 2011	Herndon High School

SAT TESTING DATES

<u>SAT Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Nearest Testing Location</u>
May 7, 2011	April 8, 2011	Broad Run High School
June 4, 2011	May 9, 2011	Park View High School



2011-2012 Course selection Plan

Counselors have scheduled all students through Naviance/Family Connections. Counselors will now meet with all students individually from now until the end of the school year to review course requests and graduation requirements. Please contact your son or daughter's counselor if you have any questions regarding this process. **June 30, 2011 is the last day for schedule changes.**

UPCOMING EVENTS: AP PRE-ADMINISTRATION SESSION

Tuesday, April 5, 2011, 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. in THS Cafeteria

All students who are taking an AP examination in May are required to attend the AP Pre-Administration Session to complete the Student Packs. It will be offered twice to accommodate student/family schedules.

THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Current Freshmen and Sophomores interested in applying to Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology may pick up applications from the Career Center. The applications are **due by June 1, 2011**. No late applications are accepted. Please call TJHSST Admissions office for further questions at (571) 423-3770.



National Honor Society

Tuesday, March 15 The National Honor Society welcomed its newest members from the Junior class of Tuscarora High School. All Juniors with a minimum 3.25 cumulative grade point average were invited to apply. The application process requires students to write an essay about character, show active leadership roles and evidence of service to the community. Those four areas are represented in the NHS logo: character, service, leadership and scholarship.

The ceremony began with a performance by the Tuscarora High School Jazz Singers under the direction of Ms. Elaine Stanford. Faculty members addressed the inductees, speaking about the four areas of excellence, Dr. Benjamin Kagan, Mrs Sharon Smiley, Mrs. Maria James and Dr. Matthew Dunlap. Mrs. Jacobs administered the National Honor Society pledge..

Students and parents attended a brief reception in the school's library immediately following the ceremony.

For more information about the National Honor Society: <http://www.nhs.us/>

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Adan Stonerook

Jordan Tyrell

Dominique Vaughan

Amanda Welch
 Kristopher Yorke
 Tara Amrhein
 Nathan Ansell
 Amanda Armstrong
 Rachel Austin
 Talal Barazi
 Jenna Bauer
 Rhiannon Blakeman
 Travis Burke
 Alden Carpenter
 James Cassar
 Jared Cromwell
 Tyler Dietrich
 Kaylie Etheridge
 Rachel Frank
 Rebecca Giles
 Jonathan Gladish
 Monika Gutierrez
 Julie Hall
 Curtis Hart
 Christopher Holoman
 Justin Humphries
 John Johnson
 Ryan Klemm
 Janitzia Macias
 James Matria
 Jaclyn McCarthy
 Cameron Molina
 Paul Monk
 Hunter Oke

Amanda Presgraves
 Samuel Rodgers
 Pery Salyer
 Melissa Skirkanich
 Sharena Snyder
 Bethany Steele
 Adam Stonerook
 Jordan Tyrell
 Dominique Vaughan
 Amanda Welch
 Kristopher Yorke



Poetry Out Loud Contest

Congratulations to Tuscarora junior Carol Decker, who won the Virginia state finals of the national Poetry Out Loud competition!

The contest, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, "encourages the nation's youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation."

In Tuscarora English classes, throughout the month of November 2010, all students presented oral interpretations of poems of their choice. Students who excelled at memorizing and interpreting their poems participated in a school-wide contest during the month of December.

Carol emerged as the winner of that school-wide competition with her recitation of the poem "Not Waving but Drowning" by Stevie Smith. She advanced to the Regional finals, which were held on February 11 in Middletown, Virginia. For that competition, she

recited two poems. After being declared the Regional champion, Carol went on to represent Tuscarora at the State Finals in Richmond on March 17. During that round, she presented three poems; her recitations were evaluated based on both her interpretation and her memorization skills.

Carol has been working since January with Tuscarora English teacher Mrs. Karen Kosbob, who has also served as the school's Poetry Out Loud contest coordinator.

As the winner of the state championship, Carol receives \$200 and will go on to represent the State of Virginia at the national Poetry Out Loud finals, which will consist of a semi-final round on Thursday, April 28, and a final round on the evening of Friday, April 29. Also as a result of Carol's victory, Tuscarora High School will receive \$500 with which to buy poetry books.

A total of \$50,000 in awards and school stipend money will be given out at the national competition, with the winner earning \$20,000. Best wishes to Carol as she goes on to represent Tuscarora in this prestigious event!

For more information about Poetry Out Loud, please go to www.poetryoutloud.org.



Science & Engineering Fair

The Tuscarora Science and Engineering Fair "Best of Fair" Winner is Natalie Rosas. Way to go Natalie! Natalie along with 16 of her peers will attend the Loudoun County Regional Science Fair at Woodgrove High School on March 17th.

Art Contest

Congratulations to Steffie Molla for winning the 2010-2011 Virginia House of Delegates Art Contest. Her painting illustrated the culture of Leesburg, both past and present. Her painting is currently on display in the Virginia State Capitol in Richmond, and will then be displayed here in Leesburg.

Steffie has also been selected to move to the final round in the selection process for the Virginia Governor's School for the Arts. Her selection was based on her extensive portfolio, which contained pieces in a variety of media. If selected, she will receive a full scholarship to attend the Governor's School this summer.

PBIS Winners

Student:	Teacher:	Prize:	RISE:
Alexis Payne	Maddox	Target Gift Card	Respect
Hannah Shaw	Nappi	School Store	Respect and Integrity
Jennifer Callen	Mr. Rad	Eggspectation gift card	Service
Kylie Fleming	n/a	Eggspectation gift card	Service

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

PARENT INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) is offering a new system, the **P**arent **I**nformation **M**anagement System (PIMS), so parents can conveniently request updates to their contact phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

You may access this online tool via the Web link <https://webinter.lcps.org/Pim/> or you may visit the Tuscarora HS website and click the Parent Information Management System link in the left column.

We encourage you to act on correspondence from your child's school where updates to phone numbers or e-mails are required by using this simple system. If you have more than one student enrolled in Loudoun County Public Schools, you

will be prompted to submit a change request for each student individually.

All requests to update phone numbers and/or email addresses will be verified by the school prior to being updated in the student information system.

The PIM Web site is designed to permit parents or guardians who are listed as the first contact for a student to submit a request to update their contact phone numbers and/or e-mail addresses. If you are not listed as the first contact in your child's record, you will not be able to submit a request to update their information using this Web site, at this time. You should continue to notify the school in writing of changes to your

phone numbers or e-mail addresses.

Please note that the PIM application is designed for the Internet Explorer web browser.

For changes to your physical or U.S. Mail address, please complete the address change form and submit your Loudoun County residency verification requirements to your child's school.



LCPS Regional Science Fair

The Loudoun County Regional Science Fair took place at Woodgrove High School on March 17th 2011. Many of our Tuscarora students competed against 9-12 grade students from all other LCPS high schools. We are all very proud of our young scientists and we hope they participate again in the fair during the independent science research (ISR) course their senior year. Congratulations to all students who competed! You are paving the way to a very successful future!

Ipshita Bose- Federal Water Quality Association Honorable Mention, 3rd place for Geological Society of Washington, Stockholm Junior Water Prize

Mary Douglas – Honorable Mention Energy and Transportation Category Winner, CIA Award with CIA tour, Sargent Welch VWR Future Scientist Award

Benjamin Fuhmann – Northern Virginia Dental Society Behavioral and Social Scientist Award, Sargent Welch VWR Future Scientist Award

Sarah Hilado – Sargent Welch VWR Future Scientist Award

Edward Hill IV – 2nd place Cellular and Molecular Biology Category Winner \$75, Sargent Welch VWR Future Scientist Award,

Daniel Kavanaugh – Electrical and Mechanical Engineering 3rd Place Category Winner \$50, CIA Award with CIA tour, Northern Virginia Dental Society Engineering Award

Preston Phillips – Behavioral and Social Science Honorable Mention Winner

Tyler Raffensperger – Aspiring Scientist Award \$100

Natalie Rosas- Tuscarora “Best of Fair” Winner, George Washington University Young Scientist Award \$100, Sargent Welch VWR Future Scientist Award

Dylan Saunders – Sargent Welch VWR Future Scientist Award

DOMINION HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

8TH ANNUAL STEPSHOW

AT
DOMINION HIGH SCHOOL
21326 AUGUSTA DRIVE
STERLING, VA

6:00 PM
DOORS OPEN: 5:30 P.M.

4.9.2011

ADVANCE TICKETS: \$5.00
GENERAL ADMISSION: \$10.00
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First Annual PROM

PROM 2011!!

Tuscarora High School's first-ever PROM will be held on Saturday night, May 7, 2011, from 8:00 until midnight at the National Conference Center in Lansdowne.

The theme for the evening is "Viva Las Vegas." The DJ, favors, soft drinks, snacks, and an ice cream sundae buffet are included in the price of the tickets. Tickets will be sold during all lunch shifts for seven school days beginning on Monday, April 25th.

Tickets purchased on Monday, April 25th, through Friday, April 29th, will cost \$50 each; the cost will go up to \$60 for students

who buy their tickets on May 2nd or May 3rd.

Tuesday, May 3rd, is the final deadline for buying tickets. Don't miss this chance to be a part of Tuscarora history!



Career and Technical Corner

The Kennel, the school store for Tuscarora High School and THE source for all things Husky. It is open in the morning from 8:15 - 8:45. The Kennel is stocked and restocked with apparel such as t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweat pants, shorts, back sacks, and various snacks. The student run store not only provides great gear, it also allows students the opportunity to gain valuable experience in all areas of running a small retail business.

Tuscarora High School is establishing an Advisory

Board of select (only 12) business community people to contribute input and guidance to the direction education is taking as it relates to the current and future teaching of our children. This board would meet once per quarter. Please contact me via mail if you are interested in participating on the Board or have more questions.

CTE supports BP Fashion Board. Fashion Board members are high school students from around the country who are fast tracked into the world of fashion by learning about the ins and outs of the fashion

business, including history, design, trends forecasting and marketing. They benefit from guest speakers in the fashion industry and have the opportunity to share their experience with other teens interested in fashion.

The BP Fashion Board is a yearlong commitment. Applications are due April 4th for the upcoming year. To learn more and to get an application, please go to www.bpfashionboard.com

Calendar of Events

April 1-30	Mathematics Awareness	April 22	Good Friday
April 1	April Fool's Day	April 24-30	Admn Professionals Week
April 2	Children's Book Day	April 22	Earth Day
April 4	Teacher Work Day	April 24	Easter
April 7-9	School Play 7pm	April 25-26	Passover (conclusion)
April 7	World Health Day	April 26	Honor Assembly
April 10-16	Nat'l Library Week	April 27	MSAAC Mtg 7pm
April 13	Reports Cards Distributed	April 28	Take our children to work day
April 17-23	Nat'l Coin Week	April 30	Nat'l Arbor Day
April 17-23	Public School Volunteer		
April 19-20	Passover (First Days)		