New License Requirement for all Sophomores
Enrolled in FCPS for 2010-2011

As a part of classroom driver education instruction each student and their parent/guardian are required to attend a 90-minute traffic safety program. This compulsory attendance at the traffic safety program is the result of a new Commonwealth of Virginia law (22.1 - 205) that takes effect academic year 2010-2011. This requirement must be met before a student can receive a Driver Education Certificate of Completion which is commonly known as a (DEC-1 card).

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) will be offering 5 evening traffic safety programs throughout the school year to help accommodate schedules. Our goal is to offer one presentation per quarter with the expectation that you will attend at a time that your son or daughter is enrolled in Driver Education. There will be a 5th night towards the end of the school year for those who miss earlier dates due to illness or irresolvable conflicts in the families’ schedule. Our dates have not been set at this time. More information will be available on our website and at our Back to School Night for the 2010-2011 school year.

This program will provide parent/guardian and student with information about:

- Parent’s role in teen driving
- The teenage brain and teen driving risks
- Graduated licensing laws in VA
- Effective driving skills
- Interacting with law enforcement

Please be aware of the following procedures that have been established to fulfill the requirements of the law:

- Student must attend with his/her parent or guardian
- Attendance for the full 90-minute presentation is required
  Those arriving late Will Not be admitted
  Those leaving early Will Not receive a Certificate of Attendance
- Proper completion of a Registration form is required at the conclusion of the 90-minute presentation. In order to complete the form you must have a copy of your driver’s license number or a DMV issued identification number with you, along with your son or daughter’s student ID number.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Heidi Smith, TJHSST’s Driver’s Education Teacher, at hesmith@fcps.edu