# PTSA Getting Started Checklist for the 2014-2015 School Year!

1) Please follow the steps below and review important information about TJ programs, booster groups, clubs, and activities that make our school so very special.

2) For more details, use the links below, or go to the PTSA website ([www.tjhsst.edu/parents-community/ptsa](http://www.tjhsst.edu/parents-community/ptsa)) and select “GREEN PACKET”.

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<td><strong>Student Directory</strong></td>
<td><strong>WE NEED ALL TJ FAMILIES IN OUR DATABASE</strong>, which will help you</td>
<td><strong>AS SOON AS YOU CAN, BY 9/8:</strong> Update or Register at:</td>
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<td>➢ Connect with students &amp; families</td>
<td><a href="http://tiptsa.org/login.php">http://tiptsa.org/login.php</a></td>
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<td>➢ School phone #s, staff contacts, &amp; dates at your fingertips</td>
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<td><strong>Important Dates</strong></td>
<td>➢ Mark your calendars with important dates!</td>
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<td><strong>Join PTSA</strong></td>
<td>➢ Support TJ students, faculty, &amp; community (Back to School Bash,</td>
<td><a href="http://www.tjhsst.edu/parents-community/ptsa/payments.htm">http://www.tjhsst.edu/parents-community/ptsa/payments.htm</a> or</td>
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<td>Incoming Freshman Welcome, Teacher Appreciation, Faculty</td>
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<td>Allocations, Pubs <em>(Techcetera, This Week at TJ)</em>, Special programs)</td>
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<td>➢ Help make positive changes to TJ</td>
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<td>➢ Free Directory with Membership</td>
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<td><strong>Volunteer</strong></td>
<td>➢ Share your talent &amp; enthusiasm &amp; have fun getting to know parents,</td>
<td><a href="http://tjptsavolunteers.com/">http://tjptsavolunteers.com/</a> or email</td>
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<td>students, &amp; TJ faculty, counselors, administrators &amp; staff</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ptsa.volunteers@tjhsst.edu">ptsa.volunteers@tjhsst.edu</a></td>
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<td><strong>Free Money Programs</strong></td>
<td>➢ Earn money for the PTSA every time you buy groceries or shop at Amazon,</td>
<td><a href="http://www.tjhsst.edu/parents-community/ptsa/support.htm">http://www.tjhsst.edu/parents-community/ptsa/support.htm</a> or see Free</td>
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<td>Harris Teeter, Giant, Safeway, Office Depot, Target, etc. – real $ for the</td>
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<td><strong>Boosters</strong></td>
<td>➢ Support Academic, Athletic, Band, Choral, Crew, Orchestra, and/or</td>
<td><a href="http://www.tjhsst.edu/parents-community/ptsa/links.htm">http://www.tjhsst.edu/parents-community/ptsa/links.htm</a> or see Booster Grid</td>
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<td><strong>Advertise in Directory</strong></td>
<td>➢ Promote your business within the TJ community with full or half page ads</td>
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Important Dates at TJ 2014-2015
(see TJHSST Calendar [linked](https://tjhsst.edu) at the bottom of TJ’s homepage, tjhsst.edu)

Thu, Aug. 28 – PTSA Welcome Coffee, 8:00-9:15am, Gym 2 (students & parents)

Thu, Aug. 28 – Freshman Orientation, 9:30am-12:30pm, Auditorium (students & parents)

Mon. Sept. 8 – Deadline for New Families to Submit Contact Information to the PTSA to be Included in 2014-2015 Student Directory (see PTSA website)

Wed, Sept. 10 – Navigating TJ Panel (New Student Parents), 6:00-7:00pm, Auditorium

Wed, Sept. 10 – PTSA Meeting, 7:00-7:30pm Refreshments, 7:30-9:00pm Meeting, Library (subject to change due to construction)

Fri, Sept. 12 – Back to School Bash (students), 4:00-7:00pm, Softball Field East Side of Access Road

Fri, Sept. 12 – First Home Football Game, 7:30pm, Football Stadium

Sat, Sept. 27 – Homecoming Dance (parent volunteers & students), 8:00-11:00pm, TJ Gyms

Wed, Oct. 8 – Back to School Night (parents)

This Week at TJ  PTSA Weekly Email

Keep up with current TJ events by reading This Week at TJ. This email newsletter has calendar and event information, volunteer opportunities, need to know information, as well as other ways to support TJ.

Everyone who has entered information into our PTSA database will automatically receive the newsblast.

Not receiving the newsblast? Send an email to thisweek@tjhsst.edu asking to subscribe.
Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology
Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)
Database & Membership Form

**DATABASE:** To be included in the TJ phone directory, please go to http://www.tjptsa.org/login.php and provide the following information in the PTSA database (you can use this form if you do not have computer access):

Student Name: (First Name)_______________________________ (Nickname) ______________  (Middle Init) ______
(Last Name) ______________________________________________

Street Address:___________________________________________________
City: ____________________            Zip Code:______________________

Home Phone:______________________                 Student Cell Phone:____________________
Student Email: _____________________________________________
Graduation Year:_________________          County/City School District:__________________
Base School (Fairfax County Only):____________________

Mother:     Father:
First Name: ___________________  First Name: _____________________
Last Name:_________________________ Last Name: ______________________
Cell/Work Phone: ___________________           Cell/Work Phone:_________________
Email:_________________________  Email:_________________________

Include email in directory?    Y     N                       Include email in directory?  Y    N

Please list sibling(s) attending TJ and their graduation years:________________________________________

The PTSA will print your information in the school directory and share with other parent and student groups within TJ unless you check one of the following information sharing options:

○Do NOT include Home Address in Directory
○Do NOT Print any student information in the directory (Opt-out)
○Do NOT share contact information with Parent and Student Groups within TJ

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**Become a 2014-2015 Member of the TJ PTSA!**

Please join the TJ PTSA. PTSA membership dues and donations are our major source of funding, and help cover the cost of many programs. All adult and couple memberships include one paper copy of the student directory.

To become a PTSA member, complete this form and return it with a check to the TJ front office
Or mail the completed form and a check to: TJHSST PTSA, 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22312
Or join online at http://www.tjhsst.edu/parents-community/ptsa/payments.htm

List member name(s) here:  _______________________________________________________

**PTSA Membership Dues:**

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Any Questions? Email ptsa.membership@tjhsst.edu

Cash _______/Ck#_______/Processed by________
Free Money!

AMAZON PURCHASES

- TJ earned $15,399.07 during 2013-2014!
- Use the Amazon icon on the PTSA website and 4-15% of your purchase goes back to TJ!

Giant Food, Safeway, & Harris Teeter require that shoppers re-register every year.

You can register
with Giant Food at www.giantfood.com/aplus (ID #02307)
with Safeway thru e-Scrip at www.escrip.com (ID #154534149)
with Harris Teeter at www.harristeeter.com/tie (select TJHSST from the drop-down menu)

OR

We will register your Giant and/or Safeway card(s) if you give us the information:

Name:__________________________________________________
Telephone Number:_______________________________________
Giant Bonus Card #:_______________________________________
Safeway Card #:__________________________________________
Wanted: PTSA VOLUNTEERS!

- Whether weekly, monthly, or occasional volunteer opportunities, there is something for everyone.
- Go to www.tjptsavolunteers.com and select volunteer opportunities you are interested in. We promise to contact you!
- Need more information about volunteer opportunities? Send an email to ptsa.volunteers@tjhsst.edu

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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Weekly Daytime Opportunities:**
- Front office
- Attendance Office
- 8th period JLC

**Occasional Opportunities:**
- Accountant
- Attorney
- Chaperone
- Freshman Lock-In
- Sophomore Ethics
- J unior Camp-Out
- AP/ SOL Proctoring
- Special Projects

**Boards, Committees and Groups:**
- ANGP
- Class Liaison
- Cluster Rep

**Science/ Engineering Fair Judges:**
- Diversity
- Hospitality
- Landscaping
- Reflections

**Your Area of Expertise:**
- AM Volunteering
- PM Volunteering
- Anytime
- AT HOME only
- Drivers
- Write In:

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**General Volunteering Opportunities:**

**At a Glance: Here’s Where You Can Help**

- 8th Period (Mon, Wed, Fri – 2-4pm)
- J LC (Thur, 8-9am)
- College & Career Center
- Hospitality lunches
- STEMbassadors
- Front Office (weekly or every other week)
- Proctoring
- Science Fair Judge

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**GET CONNECTED!**
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| ACADEMIC BOOSTERS | Promote teamwork and character by supporting over 20 academic teams and clubs. Donations from the TJ community are critical for funding team competitions at the local, state, and national level. | - Ceramic coffee mugs  
- Lanyards with GB storage  
- Bumper stickers | [http://academics.tjhsst.edu/aboosters/](http://academics.tjhsst.edu/aboosters/) or  
Email: academicboosters@tjhsst.edu  
Membership form: [http://academics.tjhsst.edu/aboosters/documents/Membership%20Form%202014-2015.pdf](http://academics.tjhsst.edu/aboosters/documents/Membership%20Form%202014-2015.pdf) |
| ATHLETIC BOOSTERS (CAB) | Support our student athletes through Colonial Athletic Boosters (CAB) – over 40 teams in 19 sports at freshman, JV and varsity level. Donations fund uniforms, athletic equipment, and professional development. TJ – “We Came For the SPORTS.” | - Sell memberships that give free passes to Home games  
- TJ gear (t-shirts, sweatpants, hoodies, blankets, bumper stickers) | [www.colonialathletics.org](http://www.colonialathletics.org) |
| BAND | Support students in the TJ Band Groups, including  
- Curricular: Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Jazz, and Percussion Ensemble  
- Extra Curricular: TJ Marching Colonials, Winter Drum Line, and Winter Guard; and  
- Club: Jazz 2. | - Citrus sales  
- TJHSST license plate frames  
- Band Spirit wear  
- White House ornaments  
- Winter Showcase  
- Virtual Tag Days | [www.tjbands.org](http://www.tjbands.org) or  
Email: info@tjbands.org |
| CHORAL | Provide assistance to the choral program so that musicals, operettas, operas, oratorios and contemporary choral masterworks can be performed. | - Ergathon  
- Sally Foster gift wrap  
- Merrifield Garden Cards  
- Grocery and Holiday gift cards | [www.tjhsst.edu/curriculum/fa/choir/](http://www.tjhsst.edu/curriculum/fa/choir/) |
| CREW | Provide all the financial and volunteer resources necessary to conduct a successful Crew program. Crew is by rule financially independent from VHSL sports and their supporting Booster groups -- hence TJ Crew Boosters are separate from the Colonial Athletic Boosters. | - Ergathon  
- Sally Foster gift wrap  
- Merrifield Garden Cards  
- Grocery and Holiday gift cards | [www.tjcrew.org](http://www.tjcrew.org) |
| ORCHESTRA | Provide logistical, financial and moral support so that our two orchestras, Philharmonia and Symphonic, can perform at school events, concerts and national competitions. | - CD sales  
- Pie Sales  
- Viennese Ball | [http://arts.tjhsst.edu/orchestra/index.php](http://arts.tjhsst.edu/orchestra/index.php) or  
Email tjorchboosters@gmail.com |
| THEATRE | Support the work of the Drama Club and Shakespeare Troupe and provide assistance with productions. | - Shakespeare quill pens  
- Bumper stickers | [http://www.tjhsst.edu/supportingtj/theatreboosters/](http://www.tjhsst.edu/supportingtj/theatreboosters/)  
Email: annaryjik@gmail.com |
The typical weekly schedule at TJ:

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<td>Monday</td>
<td>Anchor</td>
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<td>One 40-minute 8th period Activity (8B)</td>
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<td>Blue</td>
<td>1, 2, 3, 4</td>
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<td>Red</td>
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<td>Thursday</td>
<td>JLC * Blue</td>
<td>1, 2, 3, 4</td>
<td>No 8th period</td>
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* Jefferson Learning Community – Teachers use the time from 8-8:55 am for team meetings.

A special activities program unique to TJ is run during 8th period. Since TJHSST is a Governor’s Magnet School and not a community school, the majority of students cannot remain after school to participate in activities due to transportation considerations. 8th Period provides opportunities for students to participate in over 150 different clubs and activities during the last period of Anchor and Red days. All activities are under the supervision of a faculty member or staff representative. Many offer leadership and service opportunities to students, as well as, special events, prominent speakers and opportunities to get help if needed. Teachers offer tutoring and make-up sessions in curricular subjects within each department during this time. Study halls and computer labs are available for students who wish to start on their homework or work on group assignments.

There are generally more than 150 different clubs and activities offered each week -- so there is something for everyone. The activity schedule is available on the student intranet and is updated and revised continually. Most activities are posted weeks in advance, although last minute changes do occur. Individual clubs and activities generally meet once per week, but there are several (including yearbook and newspaper) that meet more often. Students may decide to participate in the same activities on a regular basis, or participate in a wide variety of clubs.

A list of activities that have been offered previously are on the back of this sheet. Note that changes occur yearly depending upon student interest and sponsorship.

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:**

**Students must sign up for activities by the end of lunch on anchor and red days.** Students are encouraged to sign up early (even weeks in advance) so that they are able to secure their first-choice activity. Students make their choice online via their TJ student intranet account from a home computer or most school computers, using a smartphone or in person at the 8th period office.

**Students who have not selected an activity by 12:30 pm on activity days will be assigned to an administrative study hall which cannot be changed. This is not detention.** It simply allows the student and the school to know where a student is expected to go.

**Students whose activities are cancelled** may pick a new activity before 12:30 pm or, if after 12:30 pm, they must go to the 8th period office for a pass to another available activity.

**Students who signed up on time but wish to change** their activity after 12:30 pm should come to the 8th period office for a pass to an open academic activity or study hall.

Because 8th period is a required part of the school day, attendance is recorded at each activity. Students are expected to attend the activity they selected and stay in the room until dismissal. Students should make certain that they are given attendance credit before leaving the activity. Eighth period attendance records are considered to be one measure of responsibility and reliability when considering students for leadership positions within the school, in preparing college recommendations, selecting students for mentorship positions and assigning parking spaces. Students should monitor their attendance on their TJ intranet account and are encouraged to come to the 8th period office as soon as possible to correct any errors that they believe might have been made. Students with 8th period attendance issues will be referred to an administrator for possible disciplinary action.

**STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO VISIT THE 8TH PERIOD OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS ☺ !**

For more information, visit the 8th period page at [www.colonialathletics.org](http://www.colonialathletics.org).
Or call 703-750-8300 and ask to speak to Joan Burch, Coordinator or Marie Lauducci, Administrative Assistant.
Examples of 8th Period Clubs and Activities

2016 Class Council
Academic Business Club
Action Africa
Active Minds
Active Science Alliance
Amateur Radio Club
American Sign Language Club
Amnesty International
App Development Club
Arabic Horizons Club
Art Club & Honor Society
Asian Awareness
Assistive Technology Club
Astronomy Club
Athletic Injury Clinic
Awesome Association
Ballroom Dance Club
Belvedere Elementary Tutoring
Bioengineering Projects for the Future
Bioinformatics Society
Biology Olympiad
Biotechnology Club
Bird Club
Book Buddies at Weyanoke
Botball/Robotics
Bren Mar Park Tutoring
Bridge Club
BSU (Black Student Union)
Business in Science
Catholic Student Association
Chemistry Olympiad
Chemistry Society
Chemistry Team
Chess Club & Team
Chinese Connection
Class Government
Codi’s Hats
Coding Lady Colonials
Columbia Elementary Tutoring
Computer Security
Computer Teams (All Levels)
Consulting Club
Crew: pre-season conditioning (fall & winter), on the water (spring)
Cultivators of the Earth
Debate, Lincoln Douglas
Debate, Policy
Debate, Public Forum
DNA Society
DOT Comedy
Drama
Economics Challenge Education
Electronics Club
Encouraging Empowerment Through
Environmental Impact Club
Environmental Science Club
Excelsior-Aerospace Club
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
First Robotics
Forensic Science Society
Forensic Speech (VHSL)
French Club
French Honor Society
Future Business Leaders of America
Future Energy Action Team (FEAT)
Future Problem Solving (FPS)
Games Club
Gay Straight Alliance
GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Math, Sci)
German Club
German Honor Society
Go Club
Greenhouse Club
Guitar Club
History Quizbowl
Holmes Middle School Tutoring
Honor Council
Hope for the Homeless
Humanitarian Aid to North Korea
IGEMS (Synthetic Biology Society)
Improv Club
Indian Language Association
Innovation in Concepts of Engineering
INVENTeam
Investigations in Epidemiology
Investment Club
Japan Bowl
Japanese National Honor Society
Jazz 2
Jefferson Society
Jewish Culture Club
JRR Tolkien Fellowship
Key Club
Keyettes
Korean Culture Club
Latin Certamen
Latin Honor Society
LIFE Leaning & Inspiration For Everyone
Little Sunshine Project
Medical Society
Memory Champs
Mind Body Medicine
Minecraft Club
Mock Trial Club
Model United Nations
Mural Club
Music Production
Muslim Student Association
Mythinvestigations
Namaste
NaNoWriMo
National Honor Society
Neuroscience Society
Nothing But Nets-Fighting Malaria
Ocean Science Bowl
Odyssey of the Mind
Origami Club
Otaku/Anime Club
Paleontology Club
PAWS
Persian Club
Physics Team
POI
Quizbowl (It’s Academic)
Recording Audio for Disabled
Relay for Life
Rosenblum IBET/AP Bio Tutoring
Rotary Interact
Rubik’s Cube Club
Russian Club
Science and Law
Science Bowl
Science Fiction & Fantasy Writers
Science Olympiad
SciTalk
Scrabble
Scuba Diving Interest
Send-a-Smile
Shakespeare Troupe
Slava (Russian Honor Society)
Solutions for 21st Century Challenges
Spanish Honor Society
STEMbassadors
Student Diversity Initiative
Student Government Asn.
Swing Dance Club
Swing Dance Team
Sys Admin Understudy
Systems Administrators
Teenage Republicans
Teknos
Threshold
TJ Media: ITODAY online & hardcopy
newspaper, broadcast, and yearbook
TJ Rocketry Club
TJ Runway Club
tjSTAR Planning Committee
TJ TED
Traditional Medicine
TSA – Technology Student Association
TWIST (Tomorrow’s Women in Science/Technology)
UNICEF
Urban Dance Movement
Varsity Math Team
Vietnamese Student Association
Weight Training
Weyanoke Elementary School Tutoring
Women in Leadership & Development
Women in Science and Engineering
Write with Might
Writing Center
Yoga
Young Democrats
Support TJHSST’s PTSA
Advertise your business
in the 2014-2015

Half page ad (3.75”h x 4.5”w) (B&W only): $150
Full page ad (7.5”h x 4.5”w) (B&W only): $250
Full page ad across from
inside back cover (B&W only): $350
Full page ad inside back or front cover:
SOLD OUT!

TJHSST Student Directory

E-mail Black & White or Color ad as .pdf file to
ptsa.directory@tjhsst.edu

Send check (payable to TJHSST-PTSA) to:
TJHSST-PTSA
6560 Braddock Road
Alexandria, VA 22312

Or visit
https://www.tjhsst.edu/parents-community/ptsa/payments.htm
to use the Secure Online Payment

Ad & payment must be received by:
September 5, 2014

Copies of the directory will NOT be provided to
advertisers who are not part of the TJ community.
BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH!

Friday, September 12th, 2014
4:00-7:00 PM
East side of Minor Lane
across street from football stadium & parking lot

Sponsored by Student Activities, PTSA, & SGA

Football Game:
• Varsity Football Game (vs. Falls Church) – 7:30 PM
• Game tickets $5/student
• TJ spirit gear available for purchase at the game
• Hamburger/hotdog concessions sold at the game

Free Activities:
• Inflatable Slide
• Moon Bounce
• Fun Games
• TJ DJs and Live Music

Food*:
• Rocklands BBQ
• Flippin Pizza
• Paradise Ice Cream & Hot Funnel Cakes

*Bring a minimum of $10 for food

6560 Braddock Road
Alexandria, VA 22312