

Thomas Jefferson Middle School  
Arlington, Virginia  
Wednesday, February 2, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is a B Day.

From Ms. Wall:

TAB Club meets today during lunches in the Library. A pass for you to use to get lunch quickly and come up to the Library will be on Canvas before the end of TA. See you during lunch!

From Ms. Riley:

Yellow Jackets: we have some excited news! Second semester Act 2 classes begin soon. We have very exciting and fun options this semester. If you are interested in finding out more, see Ms. Black, your grade level counselor, or an Act 2 teacher. The Act 2 teachers are Ms. Riley, Mr. Banach, Mr. J Anderson, Mr. Ammon, Mr. Nolen, and Ms. Shepardson. You can also check your grade-level Canvas class announcements for the information! Join Act 2 and have a blast. Make the most of your last semester!

From Ms. Perry:

TJMS Movie Club will meet, TODAY, Wednesday, 2 February @2:30 - 3:30 in room 224. Any newcomers will need a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian to attend. See you there!

From Mr. Siegel:

Math tutoring will take place today in the library after school today. If you already are assigned to a math tutor (you know who you are) please be sure to be at the library right after school. Students needing a math tutor should see Mr. Siegel during T/A this morning to sign up. We do tutoring every Wednesday right after school.

Jefferson Girls on the Run will be having an interest meeting after school today in the gym. Come meet the team coaches and see what's going on. The body and mind connection is real. To have a strong mind you can work on making your body stronger. Girls interested in improving in both of these areas should come down to the gym after school today. This could be the first step in making a stronger, more independent, and self-motivated you.

The first home wrestling match of the year will be tomorrow after school in the gym.

A big thank you to all the fans who came to the girls basketball game yesterday. Jefferson loves its sixth player. Come check out the wrestling meet tomorrow in the gym.

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From Mrs. Foley:

I am pleased to announce that two TJMS 8<sup>th</sup> graders were recognized in the 2022 regional Scholastic Art and Writing awards. These students faced fierce competition from over 1,800 local writers in grades 7-12 from D.C., Maryland, and Northern Virginia. Most of those who entered were in grades 11 and 12.

Congratulations to the following students:

- Caroline Lee received honorable mention for her memoir, "A Sickly Sailboat Ride."
- Evan Thorn received honorable mention for his memoir, "Racing the Wind."

If you see these students, please congratulate them on their achievement! And best wishes to all the TJMS students who entered--they worked hard to prepare their work for competition.

From Ms. Leonberger:

The TJMS Science Department is proud of all the Yellow Jackets who conducted a scientific investigation or engineering project and submitted a video for the virtual TJMS Science Fair.

The following students are being recommended for advancement for the 2022 NOVA Regional Science and Engineering Fair:

Ryan Mohamed, William Motley & Caio Mota-Clem, Beckett Normington, Sabrina Yimer, and Eva Jaldin Torrico.

These students need to register on Scienceteer before NOON today, January 28<sup>th</sup>, ask your science teacher or Ms. Leonberger for more information.

And now here are the placement awards for each category:

1<sup>st</sup> place in Behavioral and Social Sciences goes to Claire Schwentker.

1<sup>st</sup> place in Biomedical and Health Sciences goes to Harper Rath.

1<sup>st</sup> place in Chemistry goes to Eva Jaldin Torrico, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Chemistry goes to Kiara Ferrufino Uyeno and Preontee Barua, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Chemistry goes to Durriyah Saleem.

1<sup>st</sup> place in Engineering Technology goes to Ryan Mohamed, Beckett Normington, and Sabrina Yimer, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Engineering Technology goes to Afoyma Bedassa, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Engineering Technology goes to Jori Willford.

1<sup>st</sup> place in Physics and Astronomy goes to Kyler Strang, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Physics and Astronomy goes to Benjamin Biggs

1<sup>st</sup> place in Plant Sciences goes to William Motley & Caio Mota-Clem and Evelyn Donovan.

Honorable Mentions for participating in the fair go to Eloise Katherine Rawlings, Max Moore, Thu Ky Doan, and Oleg Kaitov

Congrats to all who participated!

From the Main Office:

This is a friendly reminder that students need to bring a reusable water bottle to school every day to make sure they stay hydrated throughout the day.

From Ms. Leonberger:

Jefferson's GSA meets Thursdays in room 206 (Ms. Calhoun's room) after-school from 2:30 to 3:30. ALL students, including LGBTQ+ students, straight allies, and students who aren't sure of their identity, are welcome and encouraged to attend.

From Ms. Mann:

Do you enjoy reading manga? Are you really into anime? Would you like a space to share and enjoy these interests with your fellow Yellowjackets? If so, join the Anime Club! We meet on Thursdays in Ms. Mann's room, 273, from 2:30 to 3:30. You must bring a permission slip signed by your parent or guardian to participate. Pick up a permission slip from Ms. Mann in room 273 or from Ms. Egbert in room 234.

Here's a special announcement from Ms. Jordan:

### **Cafeteria procedures**

- Wash/Sanitize your hands before and after lunch.
- Those who want to eat in the small gym, line up the lockers near the boys locker room.
- Have a seat and be quiet.
- We'll call you up for lunch line by table.
- Stay seated, no visiting other tables during lunch.
- Keep your mask on except when eating.
- Throw away your trash when done.

From Ms. Jordan:

Students,

Need a place to catch up on homework after school? Need a quiet place to study or read a book?

Then come to after-school Study Hall in the Library. We have Study Hall every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 2:30-3:30PM. Students coming to study hall can take the late bus home.