



The Cavalier Chronicles



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The W.T. Woodson mission is to create an environment where all students achieve and maintain high levels of academic performance, value learning, appreciate diversity, and demonstrate responsible citizenship. This newsletter is published monthly by the PTSO.

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From the WOODSON PTSO PRESIDENT...

Welcome to the 2013-14 School Year and Welcome Back to Woodson!

My name is Penny Carey-Stratton and I have the pleasure of being your Woodson PTSO President for this upcoming school year. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of you back to a new school year and to say Welcome to our new families. I know that I speak for my whole PTSO board when I say that we are excited for the start of what looks to be another great school year for W.T. Woodson.

Our fall sports are up and running, and the faculty and staff are already at work preparing for the upcoming year.

I would like to personally encourage each of you to get involved at Woodson this year — whether with the PTSO, Athletic Boosters, or any other aspect of the school. There are many volunteer opportunities available for you. The Career Center, Library, SCRIP sales, and Principal's coffee are a great place to get involved!

Senior parents, we have a few important openings for both the Cavalier Cruise and Baccalaureate. These events are highly anticipated by our Seniors! Without your help, we may be forced to cancel these two events.

I would also like to extend a welcome to all of you to join our monthly PTSO meetings, which are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Woodson Library. The first meeting is September 10.

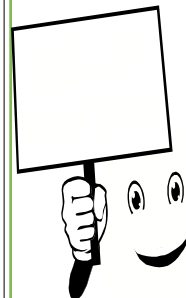
Please contact me at penny2c@yahoo.com with any questions, comments or concerns you may have. Have a great year and Go Cavs!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

First Day of School - Tuesday, September 3
PTSO Meeting - Tuesday, September 10, 7:00 pm
Back To School Night - Thursday, September 26
Homecoming Game & Activities - October 6

WOODSON HIGH SCHOOL & WOODSON PTSO NEED YOUR HELP!

So, the kids are in high school and now you think that opportunities to volunteer at the school are few and far between, right?

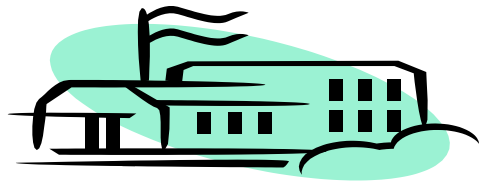


And, like most of us, you are kind of relieved and kind of sad. Well, take heart! There are many opportunities to volunteer in high school and still be an active part of your child's educational experience!

Please take a moment to look at and complete the Volunteer Form included in your Back-to-School packet. There are many opportunities to help. And, whatever time you can contribute will truly make a difference at Woodson High School!

Welcome To Woodson is a program designed to help students transferring from different school districts to help ease the transition and provide a positive experience for you and your family.

If you are making this transition and would like to have someone contact you to answer questions about the community and/or school, contact us at Welcometowoodson@gmail.com.



WHY JOIN THE W.T. WOODSON PTSO?

The answer is: *(Insert your child's name here) !*

The W.T. Woodson PTSO exists to support the education of **your student** at Woodson High School. How do we do that?

◆ Through **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** that supports the school' programs. Last year, the dues paid by PTSO members and parent donations helped us award \$9,000 to support the Arts, Music, Athletics, Library and Academic programs at Woodson.

◆ By acting as **ADVOCATES** for our school in those issues that would affect the quality of our educational environment. Last year, the W.T. Woodson PTSO spearheaded the initiative to add Honors classes to the FCPS curriculum, which will benefit all County students this academic year. In the 2012-2013 year, your PTSO will be working hard to find an appropriate venue for the 2013 and 2014 Cavalier Cruises in the event that Oak Marr closes for renovation, as well as playing an active role in celebrating Woodson's 50th anniversary.

◆ By providing **VOLUNTEERS** to support school staff in the Career Center, Attendance Office, Guidance Office and the Clinic, as well to serve as hosts at award ceremonies and appreciation luncheons for our fantastic teachers and staff.

But a PTSO cannot exist without members! We encourage you to join today to be a part of this active organization and to help support our great school!

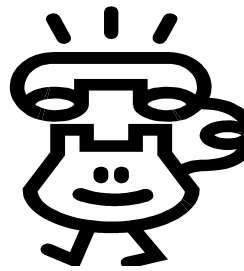
To join, pay dues or make donations, please visit the Woodson PTSO website www.woodsonptso.org.

OR

Send a check for the **total** amount (\$15 per adult and \$5 per student member) payable to:

W.T. Woodson PTSO, 9525 Main St, Fairfax, VA 22031-4099.

If you have questions on joining the PTSO, please contact Mary Revay at vp@woodsonptso.org.



2013-2014 STUDENT DIRECTORY

Student Directory forms for 2013-14 are DUE at Cav Kick -Off and will be accepted until September 13.

Please keep in mind that the Student Directory Form is the only method to change/add E-mail addresses that appear in the Student Directory.

Directories will be sold for \$5 at Back-to-School Night and in the Main Office.

Contact Sandy Hoch at hochrs@verizon.net with questions.

STUDENT DRIVER IN YOUR FAMILY?

Did you know? Virginia requires students to complete 45 hours of behind-the-wheel driving with a "qualified" driver *before* they can obtain a license.

For your peace of mind and of those around you:

Woodson's PTSO offers highly visible yellow & black "STUDENT DRIVER" car **magnets** to post on all sides (driver's door, passenger door, front & rear) of the vehicle your student drives. You'll appreciate the added awareness of other drivers to your student's driving trials and tribulations.

You can find these popular car magnets at major school events or in the Woodson front office.



\$8 each or 3 for \$20

(Compare to the online price of \$14.95 each, plus shipping)

Why not get them now so you are prepared for when your student starts driving! Contact Denise Spaulding at if you have questions.

BUY A BRICK PROGRAM

The Woodson PTSO will continue to raise money to help fund various beautification projects and other programs at the school. As work continues, the brick plaza will contain benches, trees and planters.

The brick courtyard in front of the School, between the main entrance and the auditorium, still has plenty of room for bricks for you to remember your special student or your student's favorite teacher.



Individual bricks
cost: \$100

**DEADLINE TO
ORDER A BRICK
IN TIME TO BE
INSTALLED FOR
GRADUATION:
MARCH 31, 2014**

Engraved bricks will be intermixed with regular paver bricks. And, they make great graduation presents for your Seniors!

If you have questions, please refer to the Brick Order form in your Back-to-School packet or contact Andrea Tembreull at temfam3@yahoo.com.

Keep Alert for More on Cav Cruise 2014!

**The Cruise is
Scheduled to
Depart in June!**

**We need Parent
Volunteers to make
this a successful
event.**

Please volunteer!

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Mock ACT/SAT Exams—College Entrance Exam Prep!

The PTSO “mock” exam program offers full-length ACT and SAT exams to help prepare Woodson students take these college entrance exams. Although the mock exams are full-length “real” tests, the scores are not official, not reported to The College Board/ACT or any college, and should not be confused with the official PSAT, ACT, and SAT exams offered throughout the school year. (For information on PSAT and SAT, visit Collegeboard.org; for ACT, visit ACT.org—and for information on both, visit the Woodson Career Center!)

This year, the exams will be administered by Revolution Prep; two different versions of ACT and SAT will be administered on the following mock exam dates:

- November 9 (snow date November 23)
- February 15 (snow date February 22)

Revolution Prep will also present

- An evening preview program, “Demystifying the College Admissions Tests,” on October 23 providing an overview of the differences between ACT and SAT, how to decide which test to take, and how to prepare; and
- Follow-up sessions (December 9 and March 6) after each mock exam, with information on interpreting test scores and preparing for the exams.

The Woodson PTSO is excited about pairing with Revolution Prep to offer this program for our students; enhancements this year include self-scoring (students can get their scores the same day as the test!) and a variety of test-prep options, including online small-group courses for both the SAT and ACT. To find the right program for your child, we recommend calling Revolution at (877) 738-7737 to speak with one of their Academic Advisors.

Please note that the mock ACT and SAT exam program is geared primarily to sophomores and juniors, although younger students are welcome to register. Students who require testing accommodations will need to self-identify as part of the registration process (all information collected by Revolution Prep is confidential, and for Revolution Prep and Woodson PTSO use only).

For more information, see the flyer enclosed with this newsletter; information will also be available at Cav Kick-Off and Back-to-School Night, posted to the PTSO website, and included in WEMail.

Lorraine Reilly
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Frost-Woodson Special Services

Frost-Woodson Special Services is a parent-student-teacher interest group, affiliated with both the Woodson PTSO and the Frost PTA, whose goal is to provide information and support to students receiving special education services and their families.

Special education services comprise a range of supports, most typically delivered via an individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 (accommodations) plan.

As students progress through secondary education, and when planning for the transition to postsecondary life, our group provides essential assistance in helping identify resources and information. In addition to maintaining a Yahoo! group listserv, we work with parents and teachers at Woodson and its "feeder" schools to present special-interest programs and ensure families have easy access to information and services.

During the last school year,

- We hosted a successful parent program on transitions (elementary to middle, middle to high school), designed to help parents support their students in each different environment.
- Our listserv featured postings or messages about local conferences, workshops, and webinars for teachers, parents, and students; tips on preparing for school-year and summer transitions; self-advocacy training for students; and links to county, state, and federal resources, disability law, and news stories about students with disabilities, special education demographics, and postsecondary possibilities.
- Our listserv files grew to include articles on ADHD and learning disabilities, parent resources, College Board/ACT testing accommodations, postsecondary transition, and material geared to help student self-determination and self-advocacy.

Membership in the Yahoo! group listserv is confidential; postings are public; files are accessible to members only. Visit the listserv at

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WoodsonSpecEd>

(or follow the link from the Woodson PTSO website) to view representative postings or to join the listserv. If you

have trouble joining, or questions about our activities, please e-mail me at cedge20@verizon.net.

Lorraine ReillyWoodson PTSO Special Education Liaison

BUY SCRIP AND HELP WOODSON —

HELP GET FREE MONEY FOR WOODSON!

Scrip is Grocery Gift Cards & Free \$ for Woodson

Want an easy, no-cost way to earn money for Woodson organizations? Buy Giant, Safeway, or Shoppers Food Warehouse gift cards through the PTSO. You buy the gift cards, the PTSO gets 4% of the purchase price back and you can designate which Woodson organization, sport or class

benefits from your

purchase. Giant, Safeway and Shoppers Food

Warehouse gift cards are sold in denominations of

\$100, \$50 and \$25. All are

sold at face value with *no*

added fees, and are treated as cash at the store.



SCRIP is sold in the Woodson Library every Tuesday and Thursday (when school is in session) from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. Order forms are available in the library and main office. Either cash or checks are accepted as payment.

Ways to purchase Scrip:

Stop in the Library during the above-specified hours to make your purchase.

Or, have your student drop off your order form in the office anytime, and then arrange for pickup during sale hours in the WTW Library.

Or, fax your order to the main office at 703-503-4697, then arrange for pickup during sale hours in the WTW Library.

Or, Email your order to Regina Printz rprintz@hotmail.com or Linda Vasquez lfvasquez88@gmail.com. We'll process your order and arrange the best way to get it to you.

See the Scrip information sheet in your Back-to-School packet or contact SCRIP coordinators, Regina Printz, 703-503-8208 or rprintz@hotmail.com or Linda Vasquez, 703-268-5068 or lfvasquez88@gmail.com.



2013 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 29	7:30 PM	Home Fairfax
Friday, September 6	7:30 PM	@ Robinson
Friday, September 13		Bye Week
Friday, September 20	7:30 PM	Home West Potomac
Saturday, September 28	1:00 PM	@ T.C. Williams
Saturday, October 5	1:00 PM	Homecoming vs Oakton
Friday, October 11	7:30 PM	@ Lake Braddock
Friday, October 18	7:30 PM	@ Annandale
Friday, October 25	7:30 PM	@ South County
Friday, November 1	7:30 PM	Home Lee
Friday, November 8	7:30 PM	@ Home West Springfield

Be sure to order your Booster Pass before the game!



SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

September 11 7:00 pm	Senior Parent Night Auditorium
September 26 5:30 pm	Back to School Night <i>(Don't forget \$5 for the Student Directory!)</i>
October 16	PSAT Testing
October 20 7:30 pm	Fair Oaks College Fair
October 22 7:00 pm	Financial Aid Night Auditorium

FOLLOW WOODSON SPORTS ON FACEBOOK & TWITTER

Stay in touch with the latest information on all Woodson sporting events. Find out about last-minute schedule changes, scores and more. On Facebook: Like us on woodsonathletic

Twitter: Follow us on woodsonathletic

Visit WTWOODSONSPORTS.ORG to view schedules for all Woodson Cavaliers Fall Sports Teams.

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