



TJ Choral Boosters
Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology
6560 Braddock Road
Alexandria, VA 22312
September 24, 2009

Dear TJ Choral Family:

On Saturday, October 24th, 2009, TJ Choral Boosters and the combined choirs at TJ will be hosting our 7th Annual "**Cabaret Night & Silent Auction.**" This is the TJ Choral Boosters major fundraising event of the year which helps support the choral programs at TJ. We are soliciting donations from our choral families and invite you and your student to contribute an item or a service for our Silent Auction.

Some ideas of things that have been donated in the past years include:

Donation Ideas from Parents:

- Black and white photographs taken by a parent who is an excellent amateur photographer
- A dessert a month for a year
- A spaghetti dinner for eight
- Hand painted items such as a beverage tub, wooden trunk, or wine rack
- Nice pieces of luggage
- Tickets to local sporting events
- Donation of time at a vacation home
- Passes to local movies

Donation Ideas from Students:

- Tutoring services for younger children
- Yard work
- Gift wrapping service
- Musical performance (vocal or instrumental) at a dinner or party
- Hand-crafted jewelry
- Child care services
- Holiday decorating services
- Basket of homemade cookies
- After-party cleanup service

A family doesn't have to have a particular talent to donate, just time and enthusiasm. All donations will be prominently featured at our Silent Auction display during Cabaret Night. As part of the choral family, you can be assured of the grateful appreciation of the many TJ families who will attend this event. All of the students who participate in Choir at TJ show an extra measure of discipline, dedication and hard work. They are required to make sacrifices in order to balance the rigorous academic schedule at TJ and continue to sing. We need to encourage them and reaffirm that their efforts to keep the arts alive at TJ are valued and appreciated by the community at large. Your donations contribute to that, along with providing them with some of the most memorable high school experiences they will have. So come and hear them sing with a variety of Cabaret performances while enjoying scrumptious desserts.

All donations are requested by **October 15, 2009**. We have also included a Silent Auction Donation Form; please complete this form when sending your donation in. Thank you in advance for helping a very committed group of young people. You will be proud to have supported the combined choirs of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Gratefully,

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