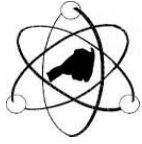
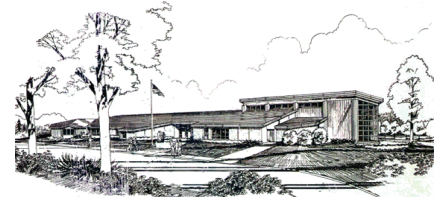


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Conflict is inevitable, but combat is optional.

Max Lucado

With the results of the 2006 election fresh in our minds, the words of Max Lucado ring loud and clear. New representatives in Washington are going to be put to the test to see if it is possible to follow through on the spirit of bipartisanship that politicians TALK about, but achieve far less frequently. Let's all hope that the policies and decisions of the upcoming year focus more on the issues concerning the American people than on political strategy. If not, why not make a phone call or send an e-mail? How good it is to have representative government.

One of the greatest blessings of living in this country is that we have so many freedoms: the ability to worship as we choose, to vote, to publicly express our disagreement with policy, and to do so without having to fear arrest, isolation, or death. I recently had an opportunity to speak with an HTHS alumnus who has foregone an undergraduate education in order to join the armed forces and defend those very freedoms that we too frequently take for granted. Let's keep him and all the others who are selflessly putting themselves on the line so that we can be safe and secure in our prayers.

If you haven't noticed, the HTHS website (<http://www.hths.mcvsd.org>) continues to improve in its appearance as well as in providing access to relevant information, including a page with document downloads. Be sure to check out the new link to a "live" calendar that updates itself as events are added or modified (<http://shoremmedia.org/hths/phpicalendar/month.php>). We will soon be adding a page to recognize outstanding achievements, and there's also soon to be a link to a "blog" by yours truly. Kudos to the Computer Club for a job well done.

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff at High Technology High School, I wish you all the peace and good cheer that we celebrate this season. Let us always remember to be thankful for what we have, and not just to pray for those in need, but to DO all that we can to make a difference. God bless you all and Happy 2007.

Daniel D. Simon, Sr.
Principal

Co-Presidents' Letter

It is hard to believe that the holidays are just around the corner. Where did the time go?!

There is no better way to ring in the holiday season than by attending Classical Music Night on Friday, December 8th, in the Multi-Purpose Room at HTHS. You will have a first-hand opportunity to witness the musical talents of our students, as well as enjoy the company of the HTHS community while savoring some tasty treats prepared by the PFA! If you have never attended a Classical Music Night in the past, don't deny yourself the pleasure any longer. We promise you an entertaining and festive evening. PLUS, who knows, you may even be a winner in the 50/50 drawing that will take place that night as well. If you have not bought your 50/50 tickets yet, you can contact Harold and Peggy Harris.

During December, we have a fundraiser scheduled that may help you with your holiday gift shopping. Plan on going to Barnes & Noble in West Long Branch on Saturday, December 16th to purchase books for all those readers on your holiday gift list. The required voucher will be mailed home soon or you can download it from our website, www.hths.mcvsd.org. Please contact Patty Friedhoff, our Fundraising Chairperson, with any questions.

Thanks to all our Hospitality Committee members for doing such a wonderful job hosting the four information sessions that were held during the past two months. They will also be hosting the Freshman Parents Tea on Thursday, January 11th, at HTHS. This is a wonderful opportunity for freshman parents to find out more about life at High Tech.

Finally, HTHS clothing orders are being taken by Linda Ridsen. Unfortunately, it is too late to get these items for the holidays, but you can still purchase clothing that will keep you warm through the cold winter months. To download an order form, visit our website and click on the PFA tab.

We wish all our HTHS families a happy, healthy and safe holiday season!

Kathy Rodman and Michele Robins
PFA Co-Presidents

NEWSLETTER NOTES

High Tech Times is published six times a year by the HTHS PFA. It is available through the HTHS website www.hths.mcvsd.org. It can also be found on the BBS; look in the *PFA-HTHS Conference* and click on the *Old PFA Newsletters* folder at the top of the window. You might find the web or BBS version useful for printing out copies of forms, leaving your printed copy intact.

If you would prefer to receive *High Tech Times* as a PDF file via email instead of paper mail, please contact me via the BBS.

~ Sue Malmi, Editor

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Mark Your Calendar:
Classical Music Night 2006



This year's Classical Music Night is set for 7:00 pm on Friday, December 8th.

Auditions have been held, and students are practicing to show off their non-mathematical and non-engineering skills!

Students may contact Elizabeth Wendel via BBS to volunteer their help and earn some PFA service hours. Parents can contact Shelley Ziegler on the BBS to volunteer their baking and cooking skills. Help with set up and clean up is also needed.

We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces in the audience that night to applaud these talented students!

BBS Support

The PFA provides technical support for issues related to the connection and use of the **HTHS Bulletin Board Service (BBS)**. The BBS is a valuable communication medium between the students, parents and faculty of HTHS. Users have their own email address and access to message boards, such as Public Announcements, Principal's Announcements and PFA-HTHS.

To obtain a BBS account, you will need to complete a Parent BBS Request Form. Please review the BBS rules of conduct and return the signed form to the main office. An email account will then be set up for your private use. The form may be obtained through the HTHS website; go to www.hths.mcvsd.org and select *Parent BBS Request Form* to the left on the home page.

If you have technical problems or questions concerning operation of the BBS system, please contact Jayne Kelly.

Fundraising Corner

Super 50/50 Drawing: Friday, December 8th

This year's Super 50/50 tickets were mailed to every family the end of October – the winning ticket may be sitting on your kitchen counter right now. Purchase yours today: "you've got to be in it to win it!" Don't forget to share the fun with friends and family – anyone can be a winner!! The drawing will be held on December 8th at Classical Music Night (no need to be present to win.) All tickets must be returned on or before this date. For more tickets or additional information please contact Harold or Peggy Harris.

Barnes and Noble – West Long Branch: Saturday, December 16th – All Day



Shop for great holiday gifts and support your school at the same time. The High Tech PFA will receive up to 20% of all sales made on December 16th at the West Long Branch store.

What a great deal!!! Make a huge dent in your holiday shopping, and your child's education will be enriched.

Don't forget to bring your voucher when you shop. Look for it in the mail and/or download it from the HTHS website. Encourage friends and family to shop at the West Long Branch Barnes and Noble on Saturday, December 16th.

HTHS Clothing

We're now taking orders for HTHS logo items. Please go to the HTHS website and download an order form. All orders should be sent to the PFA mailbox in the school office.

Our fundraisers support the PFA Scholarships and the PFA General Fund, which historically supports the Post-Prom Party, educational grants, class trips, newsletters, directory and hospitality events.

If you would like to volunteer to help with fundraising, please call Patty Friedhoff. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Education Support: Driver's Education Course

The PFA at High Technology High School is again organizing an after-school Driver's Education Course commencing on January 31st, with breaks for school holidays. Sessions will be held from 2:45 to 4:45 pm on Wednesdays. There are only five slots left for the January session, so get your registration forms in soon! It is likely that a course will also be held next fall. You can download registration forms from my 11/7/06 post in *Public Announcements* on the BBS. Be sure to mail your registration to my home address shown on the form instead of returning it to school.

Judging by the phone calls I received from parents for the fall registration, there seems to be some confusion about the process of getting a license. Students who are 16 can get a driving permit that allows them to drive only with an adult. At 17, they can get a provisional license, and then a full license at 18. Taking a 30 hour course, such as

the one being sponsored by the PFA, can give you a price break on your insurance. It is not required, but will probably more than pay for itself because you are likely to get the discount each year until your child turns 21, depending on your carrier. To get a permit at 16, students must take a six-hour behind-the-wheel class from a driving school. This can also save you money on your insurance each year until age 21. A behind-the-wheel class is also not required, but if it is not taken, the student has to wait until the age of 17 and still must drive with an adult for at least six months before getting a provisional license. Below is a link to the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission for more information: <http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Licenses/EarlyBird.htm#a1>

If you have any questions, please contact me via the BBS.

~Debbie Shields, PFA Driver's Ed. Coordinator

Art and Gift Auction

Save the date! The PFA's biggest annual fundraiser is April 27th, 2007.

This is an enjoyable evening to socialize, snack on great hors d'oeuvres and buy some beautiful artwork while supporting the school's PFA Scholarship and General Fund. This event is SO BIG and raises SO MUCH money, that plans are already well underway!

Once again, the event will include the themed gift baskets. Some current ideas include: *Travel, Digital Photography, Dinner Out, Technology, Music, Sports and Theatre*. Last year, the baskets were so popular, they raised over \$4,500 for the PFA! Of course, this doesn't happen without your help....

At this time, we are looking for tax-deductible cash donations (please make checks payable to HTHS-PFA) and gift cards from your favorite stores. We can then shop for items to complete the theme. If a few families donate \$50 or \$100 each, that will buy quite a nice item to bid on, be it a Coach bag, TV, large grill or weekend away! Please consider going in on it with friends and co-workers.

Your continual and generous support is very much appreciated! **Please return the form below with your donation to the PFA Mailbox, HTHS, P.O. Box 119, Lincroft, NJ Att: Art & Gift Auction.**

The next meeting of the Art & Gift Auction Committee will be on Wednesday, December 6th at 7 pm at HTHS. Please join us if you'd like to help us plan this wonderful event!

For more information and/or questions, please contact Michele Robins.

Please accept my donation of: ___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$75 ___ \$100 ___ Other
for the 2007 Art and Gift Auction.

Please list my name/business as _____ in the program.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Congratulations to the following members of the Class of 2007 who were invited to participate in the **2007 National Merit Program's** College Plans Reporting Service:

Semi-Finalist

Joseph Czop
 Nathan Dadap
 Daniel Handlin
 Athena Jiang
 Man-Yan Lam
 Alexander Rothstein
 Karpur Shukla
 Elizabeth Wendel
 Yelizaveta Yermakova

Commended

Steven Adams	Timothy Lee
Andrew Brodsky	Steven Liu
Harrison Cheng	Thomas Nicholls
Paul Coraggio	Lauren Parkes
Alex Dellin	John Rodman
Joseph Ferdinando	Raja Srinivas
Stephen Fung	Glenn Stroz
Brian Harris	Stephen Vandermolten
Christopher Heller	Bryant Wang
Jason Kang	Richard Wein
Timothy Kurtz	

Congratulations to the **National Honor Society Inductees - Fall 2006:**

Seniors

Scott Clark
 Paul Coraggio
 Alexander Dellin
 Katherine Ensor
 Anna Gurevich
 Christopher Heller
 Jason Kang
 Ahsung Kim
 Philip Maconi
 Michael Maffei
 Eric Malmi
 Stephen Vandermolten
 Erika Yaroni

Juniors

Kayla Cahill	Praveen Ranganath
Patrick Cordone	Katherine Reilly
Eric Chao	Kelly Roache
Zachary Collier	Franz Sauer
Sage Dalton	Beenita Shah
Grace Friedhoff	Brian Shell
Sujoy Gayen	Andrew Shum
Kerry Goldsmith	Craig Stevenson
Melissa Good	Neil Supnekar
Thomas Jackson	Elizabeth Thompson
Alex Jagendorf	Angela Wei
Robert Karol	Amanda Xu
Peiruo Lu	Patricia Yau
Caitlin Maziarz	Brandt Ziegler
Stephen Meisenhelter	
Christopher Piccoli	

Congratulations to **Raja Srinivas** who was one of only four NJ students named as semi-finalists in the 2006-07 Siemens Westinghouse National Competition in Math, Science & Technology.

NanoDay @ Penn

On October 25th, the Nano/Bio Interface Center of the University of Pennsylvania sponsored a day of education and outreach programs for the Penn community as well as regional high schools. Congratulations to three of our HTHS students who earned awards for their research projects:

- 12th Grade - 1st Place: Raja Srinivas
- 11th Grade - 1st Place: Franz Sauer
- 11th Grade - 2nd Place: Kayla Cahill

Model UN

Congratulations to the following students who won awards at the Rutgers University Model U.N., November 16th-19th:
 Andrew Brodsky and Thom Salaway: Best Delegates
 Yinuo Wang: Best Resolution
 HTHS was also named "Outstanding Small School."

(Student News continued on page 6)

**Academic Team
@ Harvard Academic Bowl**

On October 13-14, the Academic Team (Athena Jiang, Dan Handlin, Man-Yan Lam and Joe Czop) competed in the first annual Harvard Academic Bowl at Harvard University. Eleven teams from seven high schools in five states participated. The tournament was held in a round robin format, where each team played head to head against all the other teams.

Based on the win/loss record, Stuyvesant HS (9-1) from NYC placed first, Kellenberg Memorial HS (9-1) from Uniondale, Long Island, NY, placed second, while High Tech (8-2) placed third. On total points scored, High Tech had the second highest total. On individual points scored, Athena and Dan placed fourth and fifth, respectively. High Tech scored a moral victory in beating Stuyvesant in the final game in a very tightly contested match.

Kyle Haddad-Fonda, tournament organizer, remarked, "They played very well and even managed to knock off Stuyvesant, which may well have a shot at being a top ten team nationally. High Tech is a strong team, and in the Stuyvesant game...they were very quick on the buzzer. I was glad they could come because they definitely added a lot of class and quality to the field."

Special thanks to Serena Rezny (alumna) for housing the High Tech team in the Harvard dormitories and providing the team breakfast, to Dr. Handlin for driving the team all the way to Harvard and back, and to the PFA for paying for the meals during the trip (and to Man-Yan for postponing her SAT exam).

~ Dr. Eng
Academic Team Advisor

Holiday Shopping?

Remember the PFA's "no work fundraisers"

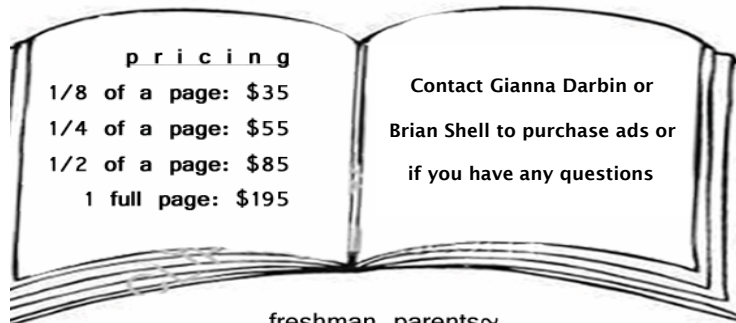
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HTHS 2006-2007 YEARBOOK

PARENT ADS

senior parents~

don't forget to purchase buddy ads for your senior. say goodbye and wish them luck in the future, and this year, do it in color!



freshman parents~

don't forget to congratulate your freshman on a great first year with a colorful buddy ad in their first high tech yearbook!

PAGE SPONSORS

Want to advertise your company in our yearbook? We need you and your business to sponsor us! A donation to the yearbook would get your company's logo and important information displayed at the bottom of the page (see below).

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two page spread- \$40

P.S. Families can sponsor pages too!

example:

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HTHS CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2006

- 2 Sat SAT Testing (Home Schools)
- 4 Mon PFA Meeting (7 pm) - *All are welcome*
- 6 Wed Art & Gift Auction Committee Meeting (7 pm)
- 8 Fri Classical Music Night, Super 50/50 Drawing,
PFA General Meeting (7 pm)
- 15 Fri SGA Event (7 pm)
- 22 Fri MP 2 Progress Reports Mailed
- 25-29 Mon-Fri School Closed - Winter Holiday

JANUARY 2007

- 1 Mon School Closed
- 5 Fri Alumni Day (Noon)
- 8 Mon PFA Meeting (7 pm) - *All are welcome*
- 11 Thu Freshman Parent Tea (7 pm)
- 15 Mon School Closed
- 19 Fri SGA Event (7 pm)
- 20 Sat HTHS Admissions Test (9 am)
- 24-26 Wed-Fri Midterm Exams (Tentative)
- 27 Sat SAT Testing (Home Schools)
- 29 Mon End of MP 2
- 31 Wed Driver's Education Course Begins (2:25-4:45 pm)

FEBRUARY 2007

- 5 Mon MP 2 Reports Mailed
PFA Meeting (7 pm) - *All are welcome*
- 8 Thu Sophomore Parent Night (7 pm)
- 13 Tue "Making the College Search Count" (1 pm)
- 16 Fri SGA Event (7 pm)
- 19 Mon School Closed