

Friday Letter

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Friday, May 9, 2008

Dear Parents,

This afternoon, we will disassemble the “Advanced Placement exam center” in the Community Hall (to be reassembled for next week’s APs) and set up for the 8th grade dinner dance - just one example of the change-ups going on all over campus in the flutter and bustle of May. A listing of all the celebrations and events within the next three and a half weeks would fill our Friday Letter, so do check the webpage calendar. Note that the Upper School Awards Ceremony will occur on Wednesday, May 14th at 12:30 in the Community Hall followed by the Upper School Film Festival. The Middle School Film Festival will follow a day later on Thursday, May 15th at 2:20.

A reminder about the Upper School Awards Ceremony: All parents are invited; if you wish to know if your child is receiving an award before deciding to attend, please feel free to call Nura.

There are more and more “lasts” in these days: Senior athletes’ last home games, 8th graders’ last lectures from Tom or papers for Carey, the last time we’ll hear this Jazz Band, the last Open Meeting. We often feel sorry for those whose work lives don’t have rhythms and rituals and respites that are part of school life and we invite you to partake of as many as you can in the weeks to come.

Please call with any questions about any of the upcoming events; we will do our best to help you, too, through the flurry of May.

In Friendship,

Nura and Tom

All School News

Terri Cady, for the last year, has coordinated the front office with warm humanity, steady efficiency, profound compassion, and keen insight. She is leaving us this July, and I am very excited to announce that Louise Cole will take over her duties. Louise has been an educational consultant for over ten years, served as Assistant Director of Admissions, math teacher and Director of Summer School at Saint Anne’s Belfield, and taught 3rd, 5th, and 6th grades in Connecticut. She received her B.A. from Connecticut College, her M.Ed. from University of Pittsburgh, and has done doctorate level work at the Curry School at UVA. Ben and Sam Cole, two of her sons, are Tandem Friends students. Ben graduates at the end of the month, and Sam is in the ninth grade. Please join me in welcoming Louise.

Paul B. Perkinson
Head of School

Celebrate Tandem Athletes

Please join us Wednesday, May 21st for a celebration of Tandem’s Winter and Spring athletes. This event will be held at 7:00 in the gym and will honor athletes from all winter and spring sports teams. Cake and beverages will be served.

Final Exams- May 23, 27, 28 and 29- are scheduled as follows:

Friday, May 23rd: 9-11 am: Period 2
1-3 pm: Period 5

Monday, May 26th: NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 27th: 9-11am: Period 7
1-3pm: Period 4

Wednesday, May 28th: 9-11am: Period 3
1-3 pm: Period 6

Thursday, May 29th: 9-11am: Period 1

We Appreciate Our Faculty and Staff

This year's Faculty/Staff appreciation luncheon will be held on Monday, June 2. Diana Bower is looking for volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, and, of course, food preparation. The menu has been set, and you may contact Diana at dbower@soundmedicine.com, 971-6612 in the evenings or 996-0040 during the day, if you would like to bring food. Thanks to those of you who have already volunteered to help. There is still a need for pasta or vegetable salads. Please help support this wonderful way to say "Thank You" to our faculty and staff.

It's May...Do You Know Where Your Textbooks Are?

In just a few short weeks, students are going to be asked to turn in their textbooks and library books. Please check with your student(s) to be certain that they know where their books are and will be ready to return them when requested. Text and library books that are not returned at the end of the year will be billed to your account. Graduating seniors will not have final transcripts sent until all accounts have been settled.

Athletic News

The Boys Varsity Tennis team will be playing Fredericksburg Academy this afternoon at 3:45 in the semi-finals of the Delaney Athletic Conference Championships. If they win today, they will play Wakefield School tomorrow at 12:00.

The Varsity Golf team will be playing in the Delaney Athletic Conference Championship Tuesday, May 13th at 11:00 at Blue Ridge Shadows golf course in Front Royal.

The Girls Varsity Soccer team will be playing in the Delaney Conference Championship match Wednesday, May 14th at 4:00 at Athey Field in Warrenton. See the Tandem website for a link to directions.

Middle School News

One Last Dance...

Middle Schoolers, the season for Tandem dances has passed, but you need not hang up your dancing shoes just yet. Our friends and neighbors at Peabody School have invited us to come be their guests, Friday, May 16, 2008. For \$3 you can visit a new venue and dance with a different crowd. The gathering begins at 7:00pm and ends at 9:00pm; snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. Call (434) 296-6901 for further information.

Upper School News

For Seniors and Their Parents

To Senior Parents: Tuesday evening, May 13th at 6pm, faculty and seniors will hold the traditional Faculty-Senior Appreciation potluck dinner. This is a time for seniors and their teachers to share memories and, well, APPRECIATE each other. Your senior has signed up to bring a dish so a reminder in this BUSY week might be helpful...

Senior Internships begin **Monday, May 19th**. We are excited about the launch of this new program and welcome your thoughts. Seniors know they are responsible for completing all their course work in order to begin their internship. A luncheon and wrap-up of internships is scheduled for **Thursday, May 29th** at noon. All seniors must attend.

On **Thursday, May 22nd**, seniors should plan to be on campus for their final mandatory Work Crew followed by the year-end Meeting for Worship.

And on **May 29th at 5pm**, seniors and their parents will enjoy **Senior Baccalaureate**. We will honor our Senior Class and their parents with a Meeting for Worship, followed by a potluck supper and a slideshow celebrating this fine class.

AP Exam Schedule

AP exams are entering their 2nd week. Our students and teachers have worked diligently all year to prepare for these national exams, and we wish our scholars luck!

AP Exam	Date	Student Arrival Time	Location
Biology	Monday, May 12	7:45 a.m.	Comm. Hall*
Chemistry	Tuesday, May 13	7:45 a.m.	Comm. Hall*
English Language	Wednesday, May 14	7:45 a.m.	Berne
Latin: Vergil	Friday, May 16	12:00 p.m.	Berne

- Extended time students will take the exam in the Berne Room

Announcements

Thank you to the generous Tandemites who helped me raise \$66.00 for Madhav Ghimire Foundation by buying my bangles and brownies – that money will pay for over half the cost of one year's schooling for a young Nepalese girl at risk of being sold into slavery! Thanks! -- Madeleine Kyger, 9th grade

Sewing lessons offered for beginners of all ages. Make, repair and alter your own clothing and home-dec items with Pru Huddleston's daughter Megan! References available, machines available for lesson use. Please email littleroja@gmail.com or call 823-7559 for more information or to schedule a lesson.

Quote of the Week:

Could we see when and where we are to meet again, we would be more tender when we bid our friends goodbye.

~Marie Louise De La Ramee ...

