

Maury UPDATE



Professional Field Trip



Staff members Mendee Baker and JoAnn Vourlas accompanied the advanced accounting class to the Witt Mares firm in Norfolk to see how they crunch the numbers.

Message from the Principal

The School Board of Norfolk Public Schools has maintained one consistent goal for the last several years — to improve the quality of teaching and learning for all. Maury High School is dedicated to this goal and to the research and development of strategies to help all 2,000 students succeed. Our comprehensive accountability

system begins with the review of data from our annual performance report. The report contains data necessary to meet Virginia State Standards for Accreditation, National Standards set by “No Child Left Behind” legislation and overall academic benchmarks to achieve world class results. This review will indicate areas of

improvement and development of strategies to meet and exceed our goals. We would like to share with our Maury community the **2005-2006 Performance Report**, our **2006-2007 Accountability Plan** and other pertinent information posted on the NPS web-site: www.nps.k12.va.us

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*"It's hard work
and a huge
honor."*

Ryan Featherer,
director
of orchestras

*"We're very
proud of Chris'
hard work and
recognition."*

Teresa Jasper, cho-
ral director

Brick by Brick

The first etched bricks in The Maury Foundation's Brick-by-brick campaign were due to be installed by the school's front steps over the winter break. Donations are still open in the effort to provide scholarships and other support to Maury students. For \$100, you may arrange for a brick to memorialize or honor someone special. Etchings are up to two lines, 18 characters per line. Mail donations to The Maury Foundation, Box 6224, Norfolk, VA 23508 or go to www.mauryfoundation.org.

Hard Work and High Honors in Music

Maury hosted the Southeastern Regional Orchestra auditions last fall and enjoyed the best representation among winners in the city. Ryan E. Featherer, director of orchestras and chairman of the fine arts department, said "I am very proud of these students. The two who made the Symphony Regional Orchestra are now eligible to audition for the All Virginia Orchestra in February at JMU." The following students won honors: **Caitlin Ormsbee**, violin, placed third in the Region, first in Norfolk, and was selected into the Symphony Regional Orchestra; **Savio Nguyen**, violin, was selected into the Concert Regional Orchestra; **Marlee McDonald**, violin, was selected into the Concert Regional Orchestra; **Justin Im**, violin was selected into the Concert Regional Orchestra; **Natasha Savage**, viola, first in Norfolk, was selected into the Concert Regional Orchestra; Lucila Dunnington, cello, placed 12th in the Region, first in Norfolk was selected into the Symphony Regional Orchestra; **Lizzy Paluszek**, bass, 13th in the Region, second in Norfolk, was selected into the Concert Regional Orchestra. In addition, **Chris Burnette** of the Maury Choral competed with hundreds of seniors across Virginia to sing with the Virginia High School Honors Choir.

From the principal (continued)

If you haven't bookmarked the Maury webpage, please do so today. The Maury home page is updated on a regular basis with announcements for parents, teachers, students and the community. Also you will find teacher pages with course descriptions, homework policy and contact information. The SOL Information Center link will provide you the remediation schedule as well as practice tests you may download for your use. While online, parents can also review their children's grades through

eSembeler — the new technology to access an online grade book. For information contact Mrs. Vourlas, 628-9199, jvourlas@www.nps.k12.va.us. Mrs. Vourlas also offers technical support for parents.

Ever wonder how Maury makes all those phone calls home? We are excited to have a new automated phone calling system called **Parent Link**. This system allows the school to call every student or a selected group of student's homes with a recorded message from

the principal or designee. This system is used to remind parents of school events, testing and other pertinent information.

Again, we are focused on the goal of your child's individual success. With the help of technology we can share their successes with you as we proceed toward a world class education for all students.

Michael J. Caprio,

Principal

Maury High School

Guidance F A Q

Q: I am concerned about my child's school progress . . . How can I meet with all of his/her teachers?

Your child's counselor will be happy to arrange a conference for you and your child with all of his/her teachers, usually on a Wednesday at 2:15 p.m. To ensure conference with as

many teachers as possible, we ask that you contact the counselor at least a week in advance. You may also contact individual teachers via the school website or call the main office (628-3344) to leave a message for a teacher.

Q: How can I get additional transcripts?

Transcripts are distributed

after the end of the first semester. To request an official transcript document, fill out a transcript request form found on the counter in the guidance office. The first two transcripts you request to be sent to colleges are free. Additional transcripts are \$2. We will send mid-year and final transcripts to the college you designate.

ACCESS Challenge to Students

- Remain a student in good standing
- Maintain a 2.5 (C+) GPA or higher
- Strive for excellent attendance
- Refrain from drugs or alcohol

Sports

Show your Maury spirit by purchasing T-shirts, sweatshirts or mugs from the school's **DECA Chapter**. Items are pictured at the booster association website and will be for sale at events. To order, e-mail Vanessa Smith, vsmith@nps.k12.va.us or call 628-9177.

The field hockey team placed second in state competition.

One special sports recognition picnic will be held in the spring for all teams.

Don't Miss Maury Auction

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 24, when the Maury Booster Association will sponsor the Maury Auction. Proceeds from this fun event will benefit the entire school. Beth Bailey and Sheila Breeden are co-chairing the auction. Last year nearly 300 guests attended the first all-school auction, which raised more than \$45,000. Funds were distributed to all 12 academic departments and 37 teams and clubs.

Tickets cost \$35 if purchased by March 17 and include food, beverages and entertainment in addition to the live and silent auctions. To order tickets, return the invitation inserted in this newsletter or visit the auction link at www.mauryboosters.org. The auction will be at the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club starting at 6:30 p.m. on March 24. Cathy Lewis, host of "HearSay" on WHRV, will emcee the live auction, which will feature Edward Zedd and Cal Bowdler of Downtown Auction Company. Donors and sponsors can respond to mauryauction@gmail.com.

Volunteer to help and bring a friend!



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Events

- Visit the Sports Zone at the Maury website for updated times and locations of athletic events.
- SAT tests: Students can register online at www.collegeboard.com
- Fruit pickup is in the Maury band and orchestra room on Jan 19, Feb. 16 and March 16 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For product details and ordering: 628-3349 or www.mauryboosters.org. Payment is due when picking up fruit.

Boost More Than Your Vitamin C Levels

Buy your favorite fruit from the Maury Booster Association. Oranges, tangerines and grapefruit are delivered fresh from Florida each month through March. The proceeds support student academics and activities. See the calendar for order deadlines and pick-up dates.

January

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8 Fruit Orders due 628-3349	9 Booster Board meets	10	11	12	13	
14	15 No School	16	17	18	19 Fruit Pick-up	20	
21	22 Exams, Full Day	23 Exams, Half-day	24 Exams, Half-day	25 Exams, Half-day	26 No School	27 SAT Testing	
28	29	30	31				

Winter Sports at Home

Girls Basketball

Jan. 12 W. Wilson

Jan. 19 Granby

Jan. 25 Lake Taylor

Jan. 27 First Colonial

Feb. 2 I.C. Norcom

Feb. 6 B.T. Washington

Boys Basketball

Jan. 2 Ocean Lakes

Jan. 12 W. Wilson

Jan. 19 Granby

Jan. 25 Lake Taylor

Jan. 27 First Colonial

Swimming

Jan. 4 Churchland and Norcom

Jan. 8 Lake Taylor and Norview

Jan. 11 W. Wilson and B.T. Washington

Jan. 18 Granby

Wrestling

Jan. 20 Churchland and Norview

JV Basketball

Jan. 5 Norcom

Jan. 9 BT Washington

Jan. 16 Churchland

Jan. 30 Norview

Feb. 9 W. Wilson



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25	26	27	28			

SAT

- College-bound Juniors should plan to take the SAT by this spring. If enrolled, you should also take related SAT II AP tests. For specifics, check www.collegeboard.com

March

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 2 3

4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Fruit Orders Due

Booster Board meets

SAT Testing

11 12 13 14 15 16 17

Maury Chorus Concert @7 p.m.

Early Release

Fruit Pick-up

RSVP to Auction

18 19 20 21 22 23 24

Spring Equinox

Maury Auction

25 26 27 28

Please check the Maury website for any changes to calendar events.

March 21

Spring Equinox

After the winter solstice, when the sun is at its lowest path in the sky, it arcs higher and higher each day until it shines for exactly 12 hours on the spring equinox. Also on that day it rises exactly in the east and sets exactly in the west. On an equinox 12 hours is the duration of sunshine for every place on earth. After the spring equinox, the sun continues higher and higher through the sky, with the days growing longer, until it reaches its highest path in the sky on the summer solstice.

Kudos

The following seniors received “commended status” within the National Merit Scholarship Program for their high PSAT scores:

**Catherine Ambler
Jonathan Bailey
Josephine (Ina) Carino
William (Billy) Gomez
Yang (Robin) Tang**

Donations are being accepted for the **Elisabeth Kelly King Reilly Scholarship Fund**, which will provide scholarships for Maury graduates attending the University of Virginia. The scholarship was established in November in memory of Reilly, a 1999 Maury graduate and a 2003 UVA graduate. Donations to the Reilly Fund can be mailed to The Norfolk Foundation, One Commercial Place, Suite 1410, Norfolk, VA 23510 or made online at www.norfolkfoundation.org.

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Brenda Horne is the PTSA president. You can reach her at brendahorne@cox.net

School Wide, New Math Books Link To The Net

All math students this year work from new texts provided by McDougal Little and featuring integrated lessons on the internet which include practice problems as well as video explanations.

Greta Bates, chairman of the math department, said, “The online resources give us additional, up-to-date resources to use in class and to which we can refer students for homework and outside reinforcement.”

While the math books were provided in the fall, the online connections at classzone.com were not fully copyrighted until the new year. Now, it’s time to solve such subjects as “linear equations” or enjoy discovering “infinite geometric series” by clicking on to moving buses, the Guggenheim museum skylight, a three-dimensional house of cards or even the downward journey of a sky diver, when appropriate to the concepts at hand.

The textbooks and accompanying online sites also offer advice to parents on helping with math homework. They provide faculty with tips on teaching complex concepts. Direct instructions for gaining access to these sites are provided in the books or linked directly from your math department web page at www.nps.k12.va.us.

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