



# Deep Run High School PTSA Newsletter



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## Principal's Message By Aaron Spence, Ed.D., Principal

**Greetings Wildcat Families and Friends!**

**I trust this newsletter finds you well as we move through an exciting Fall in Wildcat Country!**

Normally, I'd take the time here to crow a bit about the amazing things happening at Deep Run (like the Grand Champion Wildcat Band or the District Champion Golf Team or the amazing History field trip I had the chance to join recently or... well, you get the idea), but I really just wanted to take a moment to thank all of our amazing parents and families. So, thank you.

You don't hear it often enough, I think. I want to thank you for all that you do for your children. You have given to our care an amazing group of young people, and *I want you to know that our faculty and staff feel very blessed to work with them every day.* We know with absolute certainty that these young people would not come to school motivated to learn, respectful of their environment, and thoughtful about their community without you standing behind them, sharing your values with them, sacrificing for them and pushing them to be the best they can be. I thank you for that.

I also want to thank you for all that you do for Deep Run. Without your insight into your children, we would not see the successes, both small and big, that we see every day in the learning process for our students. Without your direct support of our school, we would not be able to provide the high level of service to our community for which we strive daily. Whether your support is personal (by attending a teacher conference or a Principal's Coffee to find out what you can do to support your child's learning, for example), financial (by providing resources for our PTSA, our athletics programs, and our fine arts programs, for example), or even more universal—things like volunteering in the building, working concessions stands, or moving band equipment on Friday nights— *Principal's message continued on page 2.*

### IMPORTANT EVENTS THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

**Nov. 1-3 at 7 p.m. Happily Ever Once Upon**  
Presented by Deep Run Drama students

**Nov. 6 1:30-4 p.m. & Nov. 12: 4:15-7:15 p.m.**  
Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Nov.7 at 6:30: Volunteer Orientation-**  
**Auditorium**

**Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. College & Career Night**  
Meg Brinker, College Consultant, will discuss the importance of a well-rounded high school experience. **DON'T MISS THIS PROGRAM!** Junior Handbooks will be distributed.

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it is always invaluable and much appreciated. I sincerely hope you find the remainder of this year to be a remarkable and exceptional experience for both you and your children. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. And thank you again! It remains, as always, my great honor and pleasure to serve this community.

PTSA President's Message  
By Betsy Gallagher, PTSA President  
pfgmiami@aol.com



"Don't forget to return your PTSA membership and direct donation!"

"Show your support of the DRHS PTSA with your direct donation!"

Ways and Means  
By Micky Ogburn

Today I am sitting here writing and it is raining outside which we are so thankful for, however the Outback Tailgate had to be postponed. We are hoping to reschedule the Outback dinner in the spring which is a great time for the Deep Run community to gather for a dinner and friendly time together. Of course the other reason that it is important for us to reschedule this is because this was a fundraiser for the PTSA, which brings up an important question as to why fundraise. This year we have started a direct donation campaign with the hopes that we would not need to do any additional fundraising. To date we are not at our goals for this campaign. We really do need everyone's support of \$20 per family and we would easily meet our needs. In addition we would love for everyone to become members of the PTSA which is why we have created the family membership of \$25 so that everyone can become a member.

The needs of the PTSA are fairly simple but very important to the success of DRHS. We have three major areas that we focus on for the school. It is our goal to be able to provide for the teachers so that we can enhance their classrooms which ultimately benefit the students. We have a resource and continuing education fund that the teachers apply for. These areas combined are budgeted for \$13,000 which is not a small amount of money. When divided by the number of teachers however this is small. Many times we forget that even though we are a public school it is very important that as a community we continue to contribute to the classrooms so that our young people are afforded the best opportunities in attaining the best education available.

The next area is providing programs for the students, teachers and parents like the 180 tour held in September. I do hope that your students shared something about this program. It had quite an impact on myself and I hope on the students as well. We are hoping to offer another program this spring but waiting to see if we have the funding.

The last major project is the Party All Night after prom party. This is a huge event that is providing a safe alcohol free place for our young people to attend. This is a great event that the students really enjoy and we feel is a very important service in protecting our young people on a very tempting night.

I am hoping that everyone will react and make sure that they have contributed to the direct donation and join the PTSA. We would really like to achieve our goals and without the support of this amazing community we would not be able to achieve these things without your support.

I continue to be amazed at what a great place our children get to be a part of and it is the goal of the PTSA to make sure that those opportunities will always be available to each and everyone of our students.

As always if there is anything that you feel we should be doing please do not hesitate to contact me with you thoughts.

Thanks,  
Betsy Gallagher  
President PTSA  
[Pfgmiami@aol.com](mailto:pfgmiami@aol.com), 360-3450

## **PTSA Membership Benefits**

- **provides funding for special programs and speakers**
- **sponsors and funds the drug and alcohol free after-Prom party**
  - **staffs and operates the school bookstore**
- **provides a student directory and school newsletter to every DRHS student**
- **organizes volunteers for special projects and many areas of the school**
  - **funds scholarships for Senior PTSA members**
    - **sponsors our Senior Baccalaureate**
- **purchases much needed educational materials not provided by Henrico Co.**
  - **sponsors a Community Outreach program**
    - **supports the DRHS staff every day**
  - **affects the life of every student who attends DRHS**

PTSA needs your support! The PTSA depends on membership pledges in order to provide special programs, resources and student activities like those listed above. In order to achieve our goal of 100% student and family participation, we need your support.

**Help us achieve our goal and pledge your membership today!**

Fill out the following, attach it along with your pledge, and submit it to the office.

Members Name		Individual (\$10 ea)	\$
Address		Family (\$25)	\$
		Direct Donation (suggested \$20)	\$
Telephone Number		Total amount	\$
Students Name			
Grade/Homeroom			

**If you have already paid your membership dues, you may pick up your [Membership cards at the DR Book Store.](#)**

Thank you,  
Judith Arcuri, PTSA VP Membership

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteering at Deep Run High School makes a valuable contribution to the school and community. Parent involvement also sends the message to your children that you care about making their education a positive experience.

### **Volunteer Orientation Sessions Scheduled**

Deep Run High School greatly appreciates the contributions of parent volunteers, who work in the bookstore, the office, the clinic, and many other areas, including those who help with short-term projects and special events. **Before working in the school, ALL parent volunteers must attend a brief orientation session related to safety.**

**November 7th at 6:30: Volunteer Orientation before the College Night Program**

**In November**, orientation sessions are scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> (Thursday and Friday) at 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Parents who wish to attend a session should report to the Deep Run office to sign in; and the training will require less than 30 minutes.

**In December**, sessions will be offered December 6<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup>, also at 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Prior to working in the school, all volunteers also must have submitted a Henrico County Public Schools Application for Volunteer Service and a Deep Run High School Confidentiality Agreement. If you need a copy of the forms or have any questions, don't hesitate to phone one of the Deep Run High School volunteer coordinators:

**Linda Push                    360-2650**  
**Robin Brownhill            360-7556**

## **Student Parking**

**Recently I have been receiving complaints from the Saddleridge Community Association about student parking in the Saddleridge community. These complaints range from speeding/reckless drivers, cars blocking driveways, litter, profanity and two reports of discourteous behavior exhibited by some of our students when approached by residents. I would ask those parents with students who are parking off of campus to please remind your children not to engage in any activity that reflects negatively on our student body and school. Thank you for your help with this and as always, Go Wildcats!**

Officer R.C. Woodburn  
Henrico County Division of Police  
School Resource Officer  
Deep Run High School  
4801 Twin Hickory Road  
Glen Allen, VA 23059  
804-364-8000



## DEEP RUN HIGH SCHOOL PTSA BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2007-2008

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Email</u>
<b>OFFICERS</b>			
President	Betsy Gallagher	360-3450 cell:337-7015	pfgmiami@aol.com
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VP Volunteers	Linda Push	360-2650 cell:307-3600	push6009@msn.com
VP Volunteers	Robin Brownhill	360-7556 cell:304-6905	rhbrownhill@yahoo.com
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County Council and Lay Advisory	Nola Harrington		drnola@comcast.net
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Baccalaureate	Linda Push	360-2650 cell:307-3600	push6009@msn.com
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Teacher Rep.	Kim Rhodes		
Scholarship	<b>OPEN</b>		
Parent Council	<b>OPEN</b>		
Teacher Resource	<b>OPEN</b>		
Student Member	Ann-Katherine Vath		
Student Member	Michael Push		mrpush6009@msn.com
Student Member	<b>OPEN</b>		
Student Member	<b>OPEN</b>		

## PTSA Program Schedule for 2007-08

Wednesday, Nov. 7 7 p.m.	<b>College and Career Night (Junior handbooks distributed)</b> <b>Meg Brinker - College Consultant will present:</b> <b>"Not all Grade Point Averages are Created Equal"</b> <b>All students and parents are invited.</b>
January (date tbd)	Underage Drinking Forum
February (date tbd)	Beach Week Safety
March 7-8	Marathon Dance
April/May (date tbd)	Election of Officers/Spring Program
May 17	Party All Night (Juniors and Seniors and their guest)
	Additional ideas are welcome — please contact any PTSA board member.

### REVIEW OF THE 180 Tour Program By Michael Push, Grade 12 Student Representative

My thanks and congratulations go out to the PTSA for bringing the 180 Tour program to Deep Run in September. The event, featuring the Nebraska based rock band Casting Pearls and Columbine survivor Crystal Miller, gave students positive messages about life, especially at the high school stage. The band began the show with several performances, including a dance competition between several students and a faculty member.

Following this, Crystal talked about her experiences at Columbine, and how the events continue to impact her life and way of thinking to this day. Her main message was that even the smallest acts of kindness can impact a person on a grand scale. Crystal's great persona and communication skills made the message powerful and clear to everyone sitting in the gym, adults and students alike.

When the program ended, resounding applause filled the room, and students filed back to their classes to continue the school day. On my way back, I heard nothing but compliments and expressions of gratitude towards the PTSA at arranging such a great and meaningful presentation. The general consensus was, and continues to be, that the 180 Tour ranks among the best things to happen to Deep Run.



I believe I speak for all students, parents, and faculty members present at the program when I say "Thank You!" to the PTSA Board and all of its continuing hard work to make Deep Run a better place.

## Community Outreach Committee By Nannette Hutchens



Deep Run has a Community Outreach Committee whose purpose is to involve the high school students in projects in the community. This committee also helps the Deep Run Dance Marathon. If you are interested in serving on this committee or have any ideas about specific projects, please email Nannette Hutchens at [hutch6192@yahoo.com](mailto:hutch6192@yahoo.com).

### Senior Baccalaureate 2008 Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7 pm

Mark your calendars for DRHS's fourth Senior Baccalaureate Program. This reflective, inspirational and congratulatory program is supported and funded by our PTSA and organized by our parents and students. It will be held at St. Michael's Church on Springfield Road at 7 pm. There will be a guest speaker from our faculty, an inspirational speaker from our community and most importantly senior student participants who have in the past delivered reflective, humorous and inspirational "speeches" as well as instrumental and musical performances. It is followed by a dessert and punch reception.



The Baccalaureate Committee will hold its first planning meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 am at DRHS. We need Senior parent volunteers to plan and assist with the program and Junior parent volunteers to plan and assist with the reception. Please join us on the 15<sup>th</sup>, if you are interested in helping with this inspirational program. Contact:

Linda Turner at [lindaturnerhomes@comcast.net](mailto:lindaturnerhomes@comcast.net),

Linda Push at [push6009@msn.com](mailto:push6009@msn.com),

or Marilyn Wayland at [marilynwayland@freeagentsmarketing.com](mailto:marilynwayland@freeagentsmarketing.com)

if you have any questions regarding this program.

**We look forward to working with the 2008 Baccalaureate Committee.**

**DEEP RUN HIGH SCHOOL PTSA  
October 2007 Budget Report  
Year End -6/30/2008**

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	<b>Proposed 2007-2008 BUDGET</b>	<b>10-Oct 2007 ACTUAL</b>	<b>Variance 2007-2008 BUDGET</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Bookstore/Spiritwear Income	\$35,000.00	\$20,255.41	(\$14,744.59)	
Membership Income	15,000.00	17,075.00	\$2,075.00	1800*8.33 (\$25/3=8.33)
Other Income	10.00	0.00	(\$10.00)	Interest income
Party All Night Income				
- personal donations	3,000.00	0.00	(\$3,000.00)	
- corporate donations	3,000.00	0.00	(\$3,000.00)	
- ticket sales	2,500.00	0.00	(\$2,500.00)	
- yard sales	1,000.00	20.00	(\$980.00)	
Ways & Means/ Fundraising			\$0.00	
- direct donations	12,000.00	5,760.00	(\$6,240.00)	
- newsletter ads	0.00	300.00	\$300.00	
- other (Ukrops, Brusters, etc.)	1,000.00	50.00	(\$950.00)	
- Outback Bowl tailgate	3,000.00	0.00	(\$3,000.00)	600 *\$20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$75,510.00</b>	<b>\$43,460.41</b>	<b>(\$32,049.59)</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Annual Banquet	\$130.00	\$0.00	(\$130.00)	
Arts in Education	125.00	0.00	(125.00)	
Baccalaureate	500.00	0.00	(500.00)	
Bookstore/Spiritwear	26,000.00	15,535.66	(10,464.34)	
County Council Dues	180.00	0.00	(180.00)	1800 x \$.10
Educational Materials Fund	5,000.00	0.00	(5,000.00)	
Freshman Orientation	700.00	700.00	0.00	
Hospitality - Faculty & Staff	1,700.00	319.59	(1,380.41)	
Insurance	355.00	340.00	(15.00)	
Landscaping/ Beautification	2,500.00	375.00	(2,125.00)	
Membership	4,650.00	2,645.37	(2,004.63)	1800*2.5
Outreach	1,000.00	0.00	(1,000.00)	
Party All Night	22,000.00	29.37	(21,970.63)	
President's Fund	300.00	0.00	(300.00)	
Printing & Mailings	2,200.00	1,637.78	(562.22)	
Programs	3,500.00	1,500.00	(2,000.00)	
Scholarship	3,100.00	0.00	(3,100.00)	
Security	2,000.00	0.00	(2,000.00)	
Senior Hospitality	500.00	0.00	(500.00)	
Staff Continuing Education Fund	3,000.00	0.00	(3,000.00)	
Student Directory	1,500.00	0.00	(1,500.00)	
Treasurer's Fund	100.00	0.00	(100.00)	
Volunteers	1,000.00	335.47	(664.53)	
Ways & Means				
- direct donations	550.00	543.53	(6.47)	
- other (Brusters)	200.00	0.00	(200.00)	
- Outback Boel tailgate	500.00	0.00	(500.00)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$83,290.00</b>	<b>\$23,961.77</b>	<b>(\$59,328.23)</b>	
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>(\$7,780.00)</b>	<b>\$19,498.64</b>	<b>\$27,278.64</b>	
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE CHECKING</b>	<b>\$20,353.15</b>	<b>\$20,353.15</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
accounts payable @ 6/30/07	(5,479.39)	(5,479.39)	\$0.00	
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$7,093.76</b>	<b>\$34,372.40</b>	<b>\$27,278.64</b>	
<b>HFCU - checking</b>		<b>\$ 32,883.99</b>		
- savings		<b>\$ 3,985.85</b>		
<b>TOTAL BANK BALANCE</b>		<b>\$ 36,869.84</b>		
accounts payable @ 9/17/07		<b>2,497.44</b>		
<b>TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE</b>		<b>\$34,372.40</b>		

Please contact Judianne Reynolds with any comments and/or questions @ [jgreynolds@comcast.net](mailto:jgreynolds@comcast.net).

## STUDENT DIRECTORY

*BY Dody Urquia*

Directory's have been given to the teachers to handout one per student!  
Check with your child if you have not seen it!

## Why does the PTA have a Legislation Program?

*By Michele Pfab, PTSA Legislative Rep.*

The third purpose of the PTA says it all..."to secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth". Since its inception in 1897, the PTA has recognized that an organization dedicated to the welfare of children and youth must inevitably concern itself with the laws that affect children or those that may be needed to protect them. The Virginia State PTA speaks out for state legislation that promotes the welfare of children and youth in Virginia. The VA PTA also works with the NPTA on federal legislative issues.

In September the members of Deep Run's PTSA voted overwhelmingly in favor for the State's PTA policy statement for this year.

If you are interested in learning more about important issues concerning our children and their education go to [www.vapta.org](http://www.vapta.org). At the top of the page you can sign up for Virginia PTA's e-newsletter the VOICE, Action Alerts and Legislative Friends. It is an easy way to be involved!

### PTSA Newsletter

By Sandy Prokopchak & Laura Castleman, Editors

Our email database is now in place and we have an email address for almost everyone. With all that goes on at Deep Run, we know it is critical that our lines of communication remain open. For this reason, we use email addresses as a cost-effective and useful tool to provide you with timely information about the school. This will include our school and PTSA newsletters, school announcements, weather related school closings, emergencies and any changes to school events.

If you have not received communication from the school in the past two weeks, please email the school as follows:

Subject line:

**DEEP RUN EMAIL LIST:**

Body of the email:

**YOUR NAME**

**Your Student's name (Please send one email for each student you have at Deep Run)**

**Student Grade Level**

Please send this email to:

[jsdenny@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:jsdenny@henrico.k12.va.us)

## “HAPPILY EVER ONCE UPON”

Ever wonder what happened to Cinderella and Prince Charming? After twenty years of marriage, things aren't quite so perfect in the fairy tale world. Cinderella is dowdy and the Prince is overweight and balding. And he's broke! To make matters worse, Melba, the fairy godmother has moved in and is blackmailing Cinderella. Jason, the Prince's adviser has one arm and one swan's wing, and an unfortunate habit of breaking everything he encounters.

This hilarious parody will reintroduce characters from the Enchanted Kingdom such as: A.E. Rumpelstiltskin, the Pied Piper, Jack Caldwell of beanstalk fame, Cinderella's cousins Goldilocks, Red Riding Hood, and Rapunzel, and more. Can things get any worse? Or will happily ever after win out in the end?

This performance by the Deep Run Drama students promises to be entertaining for the whole family! Don't miss it from November 1 - 3, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

Advanced tickets are \$5 and \$8 at the door. For more information or tickets, contact Mrs. Gibson at [smgibson@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:smgibson@henrico.k12.va.us)



## Wildcat Bookstore Information

By Stasia Norton and Laurie Pettit

### Hours:

#### Mon-Fri

Before School 8:00-8:45

After School 3:45-4:15

#### Tue & Thu

During School 12:00-1:30

#### Fridays (During Football Season)

During School 12:00-1:30

Would you like to volunteer in the bookstore?  
Contact Stasia Norton: [racquetchic@aol.com](mailto:racquetchic@aol.com)

Have questions or ideas about SPIRITWEAR?  
Contact Laurie Pettit: [lauriepettit@comcast.net](mailto:lauriepettit@comcast.net)

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AND ZIPPERED  
SWEATSHIRTS, PLAID  
FLANNEL PJ'S

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The bookstore is stocked with school supplies, snacks, bottled water, & Gatorade.

Get your agendas, Triman compasses & geometry templates while they last, and world history 5-star/5 subject notebooks.

# Happily Ever Once Upon



Out of the Woods Theatre Company  
Deep Run High School • Nov 1-3 2007 • 7:00PM  
\$5 In advance \$8 At the door  
smgibson@henrico.k12.va.us