



# PATRIOT'S PRIDE

## FIRST COLONIAL HIGH SCHOOL

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### NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Patriot Parents,

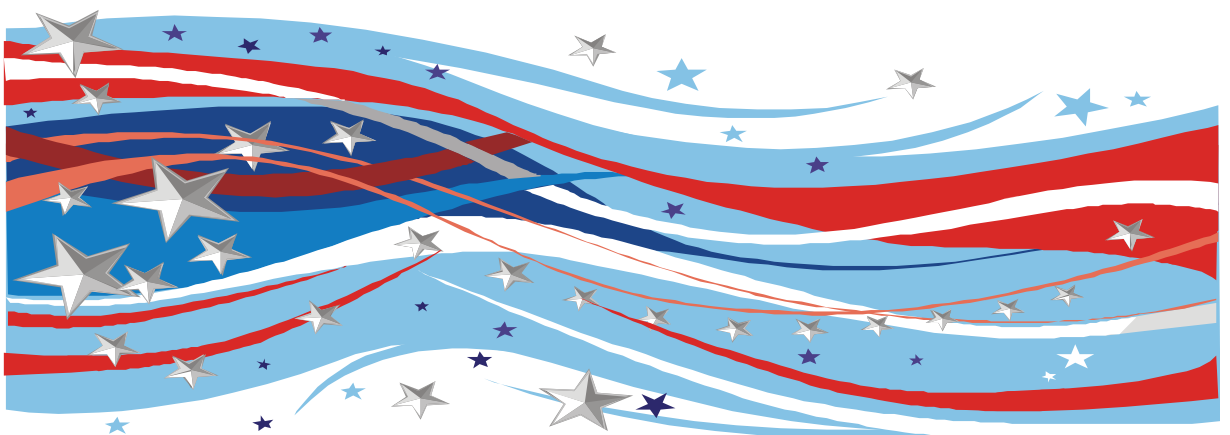
It is hard to believe we have completed the first quarter of our school year. We are extremely focused on the Virginia Beach City Public Schools' Strategic Plan, "Compass to 2015." Student engagement is our top priority this year. Our focus has shifted from teacher activity during instruction to student activity during learning. What are students doing? Are they actively engaged, or are they compliant and passive receptors? "Learning walks" have become a valuable observational tool for the administrative team to monitor levels of student engagement in our classrooms.

The success of First Colonial High School depends on the contributions of all stakeholders. We believe in order for every child to succeed, all members of the school community must work as partners in their education. Administrators, teachers, parents, and most importantly students must collaborate and communicate to ensure that each student's needs are being met. Our students are the most important piece of the learning puzzle, and their feedback is essential.

I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. Our winter break is right around the corner. There are many holiday programs that are planned at FC during the month of December. Please plan to attend if you schedule permits.

Sincerely,

Dale R. Holt  
Principal  
[Dale.Holt@VBSchools.com](mailto:Dale.Holt@VBSchools.com)



**PTSA PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Dear FC Families,

On behalf of the PTSA, I'd like to wish you a very happy holiday season. Here's an idea on how you can make your holiday shopping easier and help us offer more scholarships to graduating seniors this year: Support our first-ever on-line auction, up and running through December 18<sup>th</sup> at midnight. There are some great items to bid on! Just visit <https://www.cmarket.com/auction/AuctionHome.action?auctionId=100014257>

Your help and support is appreciated.

Our Spiritwear folks have plenty of inventory for holiday gifts, too. How about an "I Love FC" t-shirt? More details are included in this newsletter.

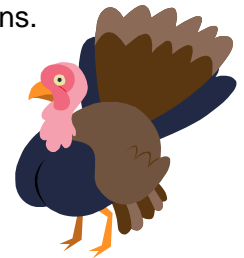
Also, thanks to all of you who have joined the PTSA this year, students included! I would like to remind you that it is still not too late to join: just \$5 a person-forms available on the FC website, under PTSA

Very soon, our committee will be considering teacher requests for items and services needed in order to better serve First Colonial students.

It's one of the ways we are working hard to help our school navigate our students to success. Please feel free to contact me with any comments, questions or suggestions.

Enjoy the holidays with family and friends!

Sincerely,  
Cindy Focke  
PTSA President  
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Subscribe to receive First Colonial weekly online news and the electronic PTSA Newsletter.

Go to <http://www.vbschools.com/xtra/myschoolmail.asp>

**GUIDANCE**

**Guidance counselors are as follows:**

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## LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

You may be unaware of some of the new digital equipment that the LMC circulates to teachers and students to help facilitate success in the classroom. Some examples of that equipment include headsets with microphones, Flip video cameras, Lumens document cameras, and Airliner Smart slates.

Headsets with microphones are used by students in the library and classrooms to create dialogue for video projects or podcasts. Students check these out for use while they are in the library for classes, before or after school, or during study blocks. Teachers can check out a set to be used by students in their classroom for project work.

Flip video cameras are another example of easy-to-use equipment, featuring their own transfer and editing software that loads automatically when the camera is plugged into the computer, and USB ports that flip out of the side. These Flips make it possible for students to record a clip including dialogue, transfer the clips to the computer, and combine the clips into a movie to be presented and assessed.

The Lumens document camera is a real time video camera that runs through a multimedia projector to display the computer image onto the large screen. For language teachers, this means that an illustrated book in the target language can be displayed, and students can follow the spoken and written word as a group. For the science teacher who is dissecting a frog, the students can stay at their desks easily see all the body parts. Another nice feature is that the cameras allow the teacher to switch smoothly from the computer to the Lumens and back. Additionally, users have the ability to snap photos so the pictures taken during the activity can be used later to reinforce what was already taught.

The Airliner is a product of 'Smart' technology and interacts wirelessly with the computer display. The student or teacher is able to modify, edit, or interact with an image displayed from the computer on the screen. Unlike the 'Smart Board,' where students touch the display board, students use the slate to move objects and interact with the displayed objects.

One of our program's goals is to provide and assist teachers and students with cutting-edge technology in the Library Media Center as well as in the classrooms. This is only one of the ways that we are attempting to support the district's initiative: Compass to 2015.

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## STUDENT ACTIVITIES NEWS

Winter Sports are in full swing. Please plan to come out and support one or all of our various sports/activities. You can see all of our sports/activities listed on our activities calendar by visiting [www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net).

As we begin our winter sports seasons, this is a reminder to our patrons that parking spaces immediately outside the entrance to the gymnasium are reserved at **ALL** times for members of our administration. Please refrain from parking in these spots.

The student parking lot is currently at its maximum capacity. During the school day, no one is permitted to park in the student lot without a current 2009-2010 student parking permit.

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## **GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Applications are now available for the year-round Governor's School for the Arts program and are due by December 22nd. Information is also accessible on [www.gsa.org](http://www.gsa.org). Please note that the guidelines and applications for the 2010 Summer Residential Governor's School programs were also released by the Virginia Department of Education in October. Academic programs include Agriculture, Humanities, Math/Science, Life Science and mentorships with NASA and the Virginia Marine Institute. Gifted Advisory Board (GAB) members are now planning the annual field trip, as well as the "Toys for Tots" holiday campaign to collect toys for underprivileged children of Hampton Roads. Lastly, the next round of Gifted Program testing will be held on Monday, December 14th. If you wish to have your child tested, please contact Ms. Boubouheropoulos as soon as possible by calling 648-5300 ext. 57464.

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## **21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY LEARNING**

First Colonial is moving in all directions incorporating 21st century skills - skills that will make better students, citizens and leaders.

World History and Government teachers are having students use "photostory" in their classes to encourage technology and learning about the foundations of social studies. Ryan Schubart is using a world simulation activity for the entire school year. Veronica Gency is planning to take her US History classes to experience history first hand in Washington, D.C. There is no better way for students to see the relevance of history in their daily lives then to experience it in DC.

Students have been collaborating in Teachers for Tomorrow classes, English classes and Science classes. In Mary Wales' English classes, students had a trial using an Edgar Allan Poe's short story. Later this month, we have Susan Callahan's PE students using Flip cameras to demonstrate correct driving and safety techniques. There is also a great lesson in blogging and "Read Across America" with Carrie Knoche's class and it has a sequel piece where students create a map and begin their odyssey. The concept is very creative and incorporates multiple medias and web tools which the students will then use over the whole year. Janet Kreider's classes have been set up as companies and have an office manager. Mr. Frazier's VE class has a CPA and an ODU Accounting intern coming on the 15th (1B) to help students with the company "MiniBytes" Business Plan financials. This is really getting the community members to "take a hold" and be participants and collaborators in the educational process.

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## **READING CLASSES**

Dr. Reshefsky's reading classes visited the Wells theater in October to see Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." The students enjoyed seeing several First Colonial students in this professional production. Upon their return to school, the students participated in a reading and reenactment of the play while in class. All agreed that the experience of watching a Shakespearean play was enthralling.

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## **ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

The Advanced Technology Center (ATC) will host an Open House for Middle and High School Students and their Families on Wednesday, December 9, 2009. Families are invited to join us from 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM. Guests are welcome to visit all of our classes for tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students and to attend a Planning Ahead session. The ATC offers courses in: Information Technology, Telecommunications, Engineering/Manufacturing, and Marketing Education. Find out how students can earn nationally recognized certifications for FREE as well as earn three to six high school credits.

In addition to the above, visitors can register for our drawing....FREE software from Microsoft. You could be one of the winners!

For more information visit: [www.imagineinnovatecreate.com](http://www.imagineinnovatecreate.com) or call 648-5800 ext. 0. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Ann Marie Garvey at [amgarvey@vbschools.com](mailto:amgarvey@vbschools.com)

## **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

First Colonial High School teachers James Godfrey, English teacher and Tammy Schubart, Guidance counselor received the "I Make A Difference Award."

Mark Butts, First Colonial art teacher and basketball coach was just inducted into Virginia Wesleyan's Second Class for Athletic Hall of Fame. Mark '79 shares the single game scoring record and owns the no.2 single-season scoring record.

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## **CITIZENSHIP AWARD**

12<sup>th</sup> grader Ethan K. has been selected for the October Citizenship award. Congratulations!!

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## **FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY**

### **Congratulations to our 2009-2010 officers:**

President: Marlana R.

Co-Vice-Presidents: Tiffany D. and Mariah J.

Secretary: Grace L.

Historian: Anne-Gray H.

Baypointe Chair: Alicia S.

Publicity: Diana W.

The French Honor Society has been busy with several activities. We recently sold Hunt Club tickets as a fundraiser for the Megan Christenson Memorial Scholarship. This month, we will start the "Adopt a Grandparent" program at Baypointe Medical Center, as well as continue our monthly Bingo games with the residents. Next month, we will host a Christmas party for them and sing French Christmas songs.

Jennifer A. Inglis McKendree at [jamckend@vbschools.com](mailto:jamckend@vbschools.com)

## MOCK ELECTION RESULTS FOR FIRST COLONIAL

This year, First Colonial participated in the Youth Leadership Initiative's Mock Election. Statewide, Bob McDonnell was claimed the winner with 51 percent of the votes which almost mirrored FC's votes at 50.42%. The 82nd district was very close with 219 to 217 votes for Schmidt and Purkey. Teachers were going back to the classrooms ready to discuss how one (or two) votes can make a difference and how the independent candidate Parmele may have influenced the 82nd district. The most surprising results were that First Colonial Government teacher Joe Tucei beat out incumbent Phil Kellam for Commissioner of Revenue. Teachers were added to the ballot for any election that was not competitive. In all, 624 Students and staff voted at FCHS during the mock election.

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## USED BOOK SALE

In January, The PTSA will be holding its annual Used Book Sale to fund its drug and alcohol-free All-Night Grad Night celebration for graduating seniors. The sale features thousands of like-new books by best-selling authors in all genres as well as gently-used CDs, DVDs, videos, audio books and computer games. With its huge selection and low prices, the sale has become a highly-anticipated community favorite. We will begin collecting books in January for the sale. Please save items to donate!! Thanks in advance for your support of the First Colonial PTSA and its students!

Barbara Hudson at [bhudson@cox.net](mailto:bhudson@cox.net)

## COMMUNITY SERVICE FAIR RESCHEDULED

FC's **Community Service Fair** scheduled for Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to the storm and school being closed. We are tentatively rescheduling for early spring due to interest from our community partners.

To date, the following organizations are anxious to talk with students about potential volunteer opportunities: Access Aids Care, American Cancer Society, Cerebral Palsy of VA, Va. Beach Dept. of Emergency Medical Services, Equi-Kids, First Landing Foundation, Girl Scouts, Great Neck Library, Judeo Christian Outreach Center, Mercy Medical Airlift, Operation Smile, Samaritan House, Salvation Army, Seton House Shelters, Virginia Zoo, VB Parks & Recreation, Va. Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau, Volunteer Hampton Roads, American Diabetes Association and more!

Please feel free to contact them directly if you have an interest in volunteering. You may also email me for specific contact information. **Remember .....every service hour counts!!**

LaVeryl Brown AT [Brown\\_3624@yahoo.com](mailto:Brown_3624@yahoo.com)

## THANK YOU

Thanks to all the FC staff, families and friends who helped to make our BJ's fundraiser a success. We raised over \$400 for the FCHS PTSA!!

Joan Pleasants at [jwpleasants1@cox.net](mailto:jwpleasants1@cox.net)

## **FCHS LITERARY ARTS MAGAZINE; *Impressions***

Please encourage your child to submit material to the Impressions staff for 2009-2010. We will graciously accept the following material: poetry, prose (fiction/non-fiction), art, music, photography, film, etc. We meet the first and third Wednesday of each month in room 315 at 2:05. Our meetings for the month of December will be December 2 and December 16, respectively. All meetings will end in time for students to ride the activity bus home or they may end earlier. We have organized the editorial staff.

Please see Mr. Bennett in room 315 or email him at [paul.bennett@vbschools.com](mailto:paul.bennett@vbschools.com). Please view the last edition of Impressions; <http://www.fclitmag.com/>

## **FCHS SURFRIDER CLUB; FCSC**

The First Colonial HS Surfrider Club will hold its first meeting during the Patriot Primetime scheduled for December 21, 2009. The location is **TBD**. We will discuss possible options for a contest, school surf movie, and the formulation of a team. All interested wave riders are encouraged to attend.

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## **2010 BUILDING FUTURES GRANT WINNERS**

Two Teachers at First Colonial High School were awarded a 2010 Building Futures Grant. Janet Kreider, business teacher won \$500 with "Creating and Implementing The Company" project. Michelle Gagliardi, technology education teacher won \$710.00 with her Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Training Lab.

They were recognized November 9th in a ceremony at the Sandler Center of Performing Arts. Congratulation.

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## **SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY**

The SHS (Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica) is proud to sponsor the following activities again this year:

1. Provide a Thanksgiving dinner to a FC family.
2. Buy Christmas presents for a needy family.

Also, our students are helping us with tutoring after school Monday-Thursday. Thanks to all of them for their efforts in getting this program started. Information regarding the applications deadline for new members will be announced in December.



¡Gracias!

Alba Clare and Maria Fernandez-Becerra at [Maria.Fernandez-Becerra@VBSchools.com](mailto:Maria.Fernandez-Becerra@VBSchools.com)



## IMPORTANT TEST INFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS:

### **Test Schedule: 2009-10**

DATE	TEST	STUDENTS TESTING
January 13	SOL Algebra 1X	Algebra IX students
January 7 and 8; 14 and 15	SOL Non-Writing SOLs	<p><b>Students who need to retake</b> an SOL test for verified credit</p> <p><b>Transfer students</b> who need an SOL test for verified credit</p>
February 8-12	Expedited Testing for Non-Writing SOLs	<p><b>Students who scored between 375-399</b> during January Testing</p> <p>Students who meet other expedited test requirements</p>
March 2 and 3  March 1-4	SOL English Writing  SOL Term Graduate English Writing	<p><b>English 11 students*</b></p> <p><b>Term Graduates:</b> Students who intend to graduate by August 2010 and need the English Writing SOL</p> <p>*Note: English Writing is a two-part test administered on two days. Students must take both parts to receive a score.</p>
April 19-23	 SOL Term Graduate Testing	<b>Term Graduates:</b> Students who intend to graduate by August 2010
<b>SOL Spring Testing</b> May 18: Geography May 18: World History II May 19: Earth Science May 19: Chemistry May 20: English Reading May 21: Algebra I May 21: Algebra II May 24: VA & US History May 25: Biology May 26: Geometry May 27: World History I	SOL Non-Writing Classes    Adjusted Bell Schedule: TBA	<p><b>Students enrolled</b> in an SOL class</p> <p><b>Students who need to retake</b> an SOL test for verified credit</p> <p><b>Transfer students</b> who need an SOL test for verified credit</p>
June 7-10	Expedited Testing for Non-Writing SOL tests	<p><b>Students who scored between 375-399</b> during May testing</p> <p>Students who meet other expedited testing requirements</p> <p>Note: Seniors who take a paper/pencil test will not be able to walk as the score will not be available.</p>

**\*SOLs for Transfer Students**

Virginia schedules 12 SOL tests:

English 11 Reading; English 11: Writing  
US History; World History I;  
World History II; World Geography

Algebra I; Algebra II; Geometry  
Biology; Chemistry; Earth Science

Students who have transferred into the Virginia Beach City Public Schools with class credit in any of the 12 subjects listed above and need to take the corresponding SOL for verified credit should take the SOL in January. Check the SOL Test Schedule listed above. Transfer students must have completed and passed the class to qualify for testing.

Test scheduling questions? Contact Mrs. Crommelin at 648-5323

Does my child need an SOL verified credit? Contact your child's guidance counselor.

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**SOL STUDY BLOCK TUTORING**

Let us help you  
"Make the Grade!"

SOL tutors are ready every Monday - Thursday to help students succeed in the following classes:

**Algebra I (and Intro to Algebra and Algebra 1X) Earth Science English Geography  
Geometry (and Intro to Geometry and Geometry X) World History 1**

**Blocks 2 & 3, Monday through Thursday**

	<b>A Day Room</b>	<b>B Day Room</b>
Block 2 9:05-9:55	215	Cafeteria
Block 3 10:45-11:30 11:35-12:20	602	302

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**PTSA FUNDRAISING AUCTION**

Online Auction Open! Let the Bidding Begin!

Please Support the PTSA - Scholarship Committee. Check out The First Colonial High School Auction. The Auction is now open and ready for bidding. There are many interesting and exciting items to bid on. So, please tell your friends, family, and community we need their support!! The auction will run from November 23, 2009 to December 18, 2009, with proceeds going to First Colonial High School PTSA. Our goal is to support scholarships for seniors in the class of 2010. Let the bidding begin!

<https://www.cmarket.com/auction/AuctionHome.action?auctionId=100014257>

Carole Sharpe @ [sharpem@aol.com](mailto:sharpem@aol.com)

## REFLECTIONS

The PTSA Reflections Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the 2009-10 Reflections contest. We had a record number of entries this year and the quality of work was outstanding! First place winners have been sent to city-wide judging. All winners listed below will be awarded their prizes and honored at a reception in Feb/Mar 2010 (invitations will be sent to each student). Congratulations to all our FC students.

### Photography:

1<sup>st</sup> - TJ O.

2<sup>nd</sup> - Alex R.

3<sup>rd</sup> - Carly K.

Honorable Mention - Rachael L., Summer C.,  
Katelyn O., Brooke P., Megan B., Austin H.

### Visual Arts:

1<sup>st</sup> - Peyton R.

2<sup>nd</sup> - Elizabeth W.

3<sup>rd</sup> - Katherine S.

Honorable Mention - Addie W., Elizabeth H., Angel M.

### Film Production:

1<sup>st</sup> - Lisa A.

2<sup>nd</sup> - Townshend H.

3<sup>rd</sup> - Lexie D.



Diane Yates at [gryates1@cox.net](mailto:gryates1@cox.net)

### Literature

1<sup>st</sup> - Shauna R.

2<sup>nd</sup> - John W.

3<sup>rd</sup> - Shelby W.

Honorable Mention: Hanna M.,  
Courtney S., Tyler B., Evora M.,  
Kyla B.

### Dance

1<sup>st</sup> - Adi F.

### Music

1<sup>st</sup> - James B.

2<sup>nd</sup> - Karl M.

3<sup>rd</sup> - Terrance H.

## FIRST COLONIAL HIGH SCHOOL GREEN TEAM

The First Colonial High School **Green Team** participates in a variety of activities to improve our school by making it a more eco-friendly based community. Last year's team focused on keeping our school aware of its environment by placing poster and signs encouraging recycling and reminding people to avoid littering. We have spent countless hours collecting and disposing of trash in our schools courtyard. We also worked on our learning garden project and supported wildlife by growing baby oysters to be released into the Lynnhaven River. It is our team's responsibility to keep your school **green**.

This year we plan to resume a program for our technology-equipped students, which is not only **100% green**, but provides items such as phones and laptops to people less fortunate. Anyone can donate old, used, or broken iPods, mp3 players, cell phones, cameras, laptops, or related technological device to the main office. We accept broken or working items, but we request that you do not bring any full size computers or desktops. The devices will be sold to a program where they can be repaired and given away to people in need. The funding of such items will be donated to our First Colonial **Green Team** and go towards making the school a **greener** place.

Humanity has recently begun discovering the effects of pollution. The destruction of our environment and the creatures inhabiting it will create a major impact on the world. The green team would like to help to fix these problems by making our school a more environmentally-friendly place. Please join us in taking a step toward making a difference by recycling your old electronic devices. **Go Green!**

**Sara C., Secretary, and the Green Team**

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## FIRST COLONIAL SPIRIT WEAR

Looking for ideas for holiday gifts?  
----- How about FC Spirit Wear?

Do you have a soon to be rising 9th grader?  
----- Get them into the FC Spirit!

We sell Spirit Wear every Friday at school outside the cafeteria  
10 am and 1 pm.

If you cannot make it to school,  
we'll be happy to work around your schedule.

### Contact:

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Mary Ryder	641-2195	<a href="mailto:teamryder@verizon.net">teamryder@verizon.net</a>
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Gail Cope	481-5567	<a href="mailto:cope8@cox.net">cope8@cox.net</a>

Please contact for availability of size and colors. They are moving fast!

We accept cash or check only.  
Checks made out to: FC PTSA with phone number and drivers license.

### FC Spirit Wear Products:

- \$10 - Regular T-Shirt: White, Light Blue
- \$10 - Tank tops: Black, White, Navy
- \$15 - Regular Long Sleeve T-Shirt: Yellow, Navy, and Neon
- \$16 - Acid Wash T-Shirt: Black, Navy
- \$15 - Ladies Cap Sleeve: Various Colors & both screenings
- \$16 - Ladies Burn Out: Various colors & both screenings
- \$18 - Ladies Long Sleeve: Various Colors & both screenings
- \$20 - Crew Neck Sweat Shirt: White, Navy, Grey, Light Blue
- \$25 - Pigmented Dyed Crew Sweat Shirt: Goldenrod, Periwinkle, Bay (Faded teal), & Navy
- \$25 - Hoodie Sweat Shirt: Black, Grey, & Carolina Blue
- \$30 - Zippered Hoodie: Black, Navy
- \$15 - Sweat Pants: Navy, Black, Grey
- \$10 - Soffee Shorts: navy, Grey
- \$12 - Ball cap: Navy, Light Blue
- \$10 - Knit Beanie: Navy, Light Blue
- \$15 - Toddler Sweat Shirt: (2t, 4t, 5/6) Pink, Navy
- \$15 - Tote Bag: White with Navy stripe
- \$22 - Adult Men's & Ladies' Polos: Various colors
- \$18 - Ladies' embroidered T-Shirt: Black, White, Lavender, Blue, Purple
- \$32 - Fleece Jacket: Navy, Grey

\$2 – Additional charge for all 2X and larger sizes.

Gail Cope at [cope8@cox.net](mailto:cope8@cox.net)



## GRADFEST 2010 - "Dream a Dream... Your Very Own Dream"

First Colonial High School is gearing up for its Gradfest event on **June 19** and asking for your support. The two highest risk nights for teens are prom and graduation. It is *NOT* enough to tell our teens to "Just say, 'No!'" We *must* give them an alternative to which they can and will say, "Yes!" Gradfest gives them a wonderful memory, keeps them alive, and provides an alternative to which they can and *will* say, "YES!"



This year our theme is Dream. As Van Halen says in their song, Dreams, "Reach for the golden ring... Reach for the sky... Baby just spread your wings." Let's send the children in our community off to spread their wings with one last safe memory together. As they dream about the endless possibilities in their futures, let's dream of an All-Night Alcohol-free and Drug-free Celebration to keep the children in our community safe and tragedy free on one of the highest risk nights of their lives.

Gradfest was initiated by the collaborative efforts of the Department of Education and the Virginia State Police. The Department of Motor Vehicles has statistics that prove our program works!

We truly depend on the generosity of the members of our community and our First Colonial family to help provide this alternative activity for our teens. Please help support our graduates with a financial donation to the First Colonial Gradfest Committee.

Levels of Sponsorship: \$1000+ = Platinum, \$500+ = Gold, \$250+ = Bronze, \$100 = Silver, and \$50+ = Family and Friends

All donors will be publically recognized in our Beacon ad and will have signage at all Gradfest events. In addition, Platinum and Gold Gradfest donors will have a special notation in the Graduation flyer given out on Graduation Day.

If you would like to help and/or would like to make a donation, please fill out the form below or email Barbara Hudson at [bhudson@cox.net](mailto:bhudson@cox.net)

- I would like to volunteer on one of the Gradfest committees
- I would like to work Gradfest night
- I am interested in Sponsorships or can donate goods (food or prizes)
- Enclosed is my personal tax deductible donation

Please make checks payable to "FC PTSA" – put Gradfest in the memo line.  
Mail to: GRADFEST, 3209 High Borough Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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## **PTSA LINKS TO THE FIRST COLONIAL WEBSITE**

[www.firstcolonialhs.vbschools.com/ptsa.htm](http://www.firstcolonialhs.vbschools.com/ptsa.htm)

[PTSA Membership Form](#) – Please support FC and join the PTSA.

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