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COLLEGE SIGNING DAY

Congratulations to these young men on signing their commitment letter to college. Jacob Ruppert (Baseball) signed with Saint Xavier University; Jack Prankus (Volleyball) signed with Siena Heights University, Michigan; and Tyler Dickinson (Lacrosse) signed with Columbia College, Missouri. Way to go T-Bolts!

2016-2017 School Calendar

Dates to Remember

March

- 1 Spring Testing
(Jr SAT - Fr/Soph PSAT)
- 2 Parent/Teacher Conferences
(no student attendance),
12 PM - 8 PM
- 3 No School
- 15 Spring Parent University
7:00 PM
- 31 Early Dismissal, 1:00 PM

April

- 3 Spring Break Begins
- 10 Classes Reconvene
- 14 No School
- 21 Prom - No School

May

- 25, 26, 30 Final Exams (Semester 2)
(if NO snow days are used)
- 30 Last Day of School
(if NO snow days are used)



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Andrew High School Community,

The Ides of March....St. Patrick's Day....Spring Solstice...Daylight Savings...and, yes, National Puppy Day. All in all, there is a lot to pack into the month of March. At VJA, we are no exception - March is a very busy month of showcases, celebrations, and events that make for a fast paced, impactful month for VJA students, parents, and staff.

The VJA music program is having a special year. Arguably, the "unofficial" best, most historic year in the program's history. Our Wind Symphony hits its apex in March as it prepared to be a Showcase School in the Bands of America National Band Festival. Andrew is one of 18 bands across the US selected to participate! This is a crowning jewel moment for our band program and represents steady growth over the past several years. We invite everyone out to the Showcase Symphonic Concert on March 7th where the band will be performing its showcase performance. They will travel to Indianapolis later in the week to participate in the festival. Not to be out shadowed, but on March 14th, our entire music program will put on its annual Prism Concert. Prism features all music programs in a seamless journey through winds, strings, and vocals.

March also allows for Andrew's diversity and talent to showcase! "Dancing through Diversity" brings our many talented students whose heritage and culture showcase dances, fashions, and culture from around the globe. Project Diversity, with over 100 T-Bolts actively involved, sponsors the event and proceeds go to help humanitarian efforts from around the globe. We welcome you to come out, support, and enjoy the shows on March 17th (4pm & 7pm) and March 18th (5pm).

On March 15th, we proudly host our 7th annual Spring Parent University. This event is designed to provide valuable information to parents of all ages. This year, we redesigned the event to better target information to parents based on their student's grade level. Additionally, if your son or daughter is planning to attend prom, you must attend the pre-prom meeting at 7pm. We encourage you all to attend to receive information about prom, post-secondary planning, SAT preparation, technology for the future, and other important information.

Earlier in the day, VJA hosts its 2nd annual Senior Academy. The Senior Academy is an opportunity for our seniors to meet with experts in the field about important upcoming issues, information, and "think abouts" that will become realities in life after high school. We are very proud to have this opportunity and believe it is a unique opportunity for our seniors.

Finally, we end the month with our 2nd Annual Golden Bolts Recognition Night. This event, run by the VJA Senior Leaders, recognizes individuals from several different categories: students, teachers, support staff, and community members. This year, we have added a recognition for a Corporate Partner as well. This event is intended to recognize individuals that go above and beyond to support our school, while living up to the VJA ideals of character, persistence, and respect for others.

March is a great month for VJA! As always, please send questions, suggestions, or comments to me at rnolting@d230.org.

Robert Nolting,
Principal

Prom Parent Meeting

If your son or daughter is planning on attending Prom, a **MANDATORY Prom Parent Meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15th, at 7:00 p.m.**, in conjunction with Parent University at Andrew High School. If a parent does not attend this mandatory meeting, his or her student will not be allowed to attend Prom.

The meeting is intended to give basic information regarding Prom, as well as communicating the expectations of Andrew High School Prom goers and parents for the 2017 Prom. Additional information about the Prom Parent Meeting will be available online and through the announcements during the school day at Andrew High School.

Thank you again for supporting your students at Andrew High School.



Spring Parent University March 15, 2017

VJA is proud to present its 7th annual Spring Parent University. Parent University is designed to help parents prepare their student(s) for the challenges of high school and beyond. This year, our Parent University will have recommended offering tracks by student grade level.

Our Senior and Junior parents will begin the evening by attending the **Pre-Prom Parent Meeting**, which is required for any parent with a student attending Prom. Then the Senior parents will attend a session on **Adjusting to College Life**, and our Junior parents will attend a session on **The College Search Checklist**.



Our Sophomore and Freshmen parents will begin their evening by attending the **Future Focus – Things Are Changing at VJA, Are You Ready For It?** session. Then the Sophomore parents will attend a session on the SAT Suite, and our Freshmen parents will attend a session on **Now That I Have Completed Freshman Year, What's Next?**

As in the past, we will have a Representative Fair which will be located in the Main South entrance. Stop by on your way in or out of the building. You will also have a chance to win a raffle prize. You will receive a raffle ticket at each session you attend. Hope to see you then!

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

National Girls & Women in Sports Day

The Andrew Physical Education Department celebrated National Girls & Women in Sports Day on Tuesday, January 31st. This day is a national observance celebrating the extraordinary achievements of women and girls in sports. This year's theme was Expanding Opportunity. It recognizes the "extraordinary progress sparked by Title IX and the ongoing effort to ensure access to sports for girls and women". (source: www.ngwsd.org)

This year we were joined by Ms. Kathy Fish and Ms. Karen Erickson who shared with us their experiences growing up prior to Title IX. Ms. Fish played volleyball at Western

Illinois University (Class of '73) and received her Varsity letter about 10 years ago when the University recognized that group of women. Ms. Erickson growing up only had bowling and basketball as sports offered to her after school. When she went to Bethel University (Minnesota), she was afforded more opportunities for women to play sports. Minnesota was way ahead of Illinois in terms of equal rights for athletics.

We want to thank Ms. Fish and Ms. Erickson for sharing their experiences with us. As one student said, "It is hard to imagine that those opportunities were not there for girls."



Mackenzie Welsh:

Challenging Summer Camps

Mackenzie Welsh, Junior at VJA, was selected to attend the National Student Leadership Conference in Psychology and Neuroscience at Harvard University this summer.



Mackenzie is enrolled in two different and challenging medical camps this summer. She has always striven for leadership positions. Ever since Mackenzie was 5 years old and received her first Discovery Dr. Kit, she fell in love with the medical field.

At both summer camps, she will be conducting research, and meeting with prestigious doctors such as the U.S. General Surgeon.

Way to go Mackenzie!

Scholarship Opportunities

Scholarship applications continue to arrive in the Guidance Office throughout the spring months. Students are encouraged to stop in and review the latest announcements. Many of these awards have specific requirements. If you meet the requirements, you should consider applying. Scholarship information is also on the VJA website under Guidance.

Scholarships Awarded

If you have been awarded a scholarship, please let Mrs. Driscoll know by emailing her at ddriscoll@d230.org.

Include the following information:

1. Name of University or organization awarding the scholarship
2. Title/name of the award or scholarship
3. Amount of the award for each year over 4 years (if applicable)

The amount of the awards will be kept confidential. The district uses the totals for statistical data. You are not required to share the financial information if you do not wish to do so.

Summer School

Summer School registration is currently in progress. Students can

sign up for summer school by visiting their counselor. Registration information and course approval may be obtained from the Guidance Department. Whether your student is getting ahead or catching up, it is wise to register now in order to reserve a spot in the class. Classes will only be offered if there are enough students who enroll. Summer school will be offered at Sandburg High School this year, with the exception of a few courses to be held at Andrew. For more information, please ask your student to speak to their Guidance Counselor or click on the Summer School tab at <http://chsd230.edu.k8.me>



Prime Time for College-Bound Juniors

March is a great month to have your junior son or daughter make an appointment with his or her counselor to discuss college plans. Students interested in selective colleges are especially encouraged to make an appointment to begin preparing for the application process that will begin next August. Parents are always welcome to join students for this appointment in order to discuss the college selection and financial aid process. It takes time and energy to

find the right college match. Counselors recognize that this is a family decision. However, they can be helpful in sorting out the priorities and finding colleges that are the best fit for each child. Remember, when your child returns from summer vacation, he or she will be expected to have a short list of colleges ready for application. Most applications should be completed by the end of October of the student's senior year.

Juniors and Spring Break

Many families find that Spring Break provides the perfect opportunity for juniors to visit college campuses. Often, families who plan ahead can visit four to five schools in the same geographical area over two to three days. It is important to call schools in advance. In many cases (especially at private schools) the college may offer

free housing to students who want to stay overnight for a sample of dorm life. Because many schools are not on break at this time, a visit now is much better than during the summer when campuses are relatively vacant. If you need a list of questions to ask when you visit, please see your counselor.

Getting Into College - Some Helpful Tips

Whether your child is trying to get into Harvard, or any other college, admissions committees will be asking five basic questions: How difficult was the curriculum chosen by the student? How well did he or she do in that curriculum? How did the student do on college entrance exams? What activities outside the classroom did the

student join? What was the quality of the involvement in those activities? While the questions are simple, the answers may be complex. Helping your child stay focused on these questions will ensure the greatest number of options after high school. If you have questions about college planning, please contact your child's counselor.

Passing Required Classes

As Summer School approaches, parents are reminded that students must pass both semesters of a required class in order to move on to the next level. For example, students who fail either semester of

Freshman English must repeat the failed semester before moving on to Sophomore English. Summer School is strongly encouraged for students in this position.

Children at Risk

Parents are reminded that they are always welcome to share their concerns regarding the welfare of children with the Guidance staff. Prevention is the important word on this topic. If you have a concern, please do not hesitate to contact your child's counselor. The Guidance staff is always

willing to contact teachers, speak to their students, or facilitate a meeting or referral to specific services when necessary. We work in partnership with parents and students to provide the best possible learning environment for the children and families that we serve.

Senior Recognition

Congratulations to the following Seniors that were recognized at our Senior Academic Recognition ceremony in February.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS:

Mark Pappas (Applied Tech), Colin Minogue (Art), Tyler Nebes (Business Education), Valerie McEldowney (English), Reilly Marino (FACS), Alexandria Valdez (Mathematics), Thomas Shermulis (Music), Vivian Cui (PE and Health), Brooke Zidek (Science), Kevin Gallagher (Social Studies), and Mara Maday (World Language).

NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED:

Ryan Sadowski, Robert Slawik, and Alexandria Valdez.

ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS:

Alexa Aird, Autumn Aird, Virina Akhnoukh, Amira Alburei, Alex Anil, Kaitlyn Bauman, Nicholas Bobber, Victoria Borak, Zachary Campbell, Claire Cavarretta, Nicholas Chase, Liam Clancy, Alexander Clausius, Santeh Cox, Quin Cronin, Kathryn Dempsey, Auzin Farnia, Ronald Fiala, Kevin Gallagher, Christopher Gill, Jessica Gomez, Rachael Gromen, Brittany Grupka, Colin Harrison, Andrew Haynie, Daniel Heilbron, Kaileen Herman, Brett Hofer, Cassie Hoppenrath, Bilal Joudeh, Abdulmalik Kareem, Taylor Kassis, Paige Kateeb, Thomas Kelly, Christina Kurek, Matthew Lasak, Allison Linder, Eunis Lukose, Jennafer Malak, Annmary Mathew, Valerie McEldowney, Bridget Melody, Ciara Murphy, Richard Novaski, Atticus O'Connor, Elizabeth O'Hearn, Joseph Oswald, Kyle Palucki, Mark Pappas, Parth Patel, Holly Pelnar, Audia Poiry, Jonathan Potempa, Avinash Rao, Natasha Robinson, Rebecca Rochacz, Ryan Sadowski, Alena Santangelo, Emily Sherman, Joseph Siano, Robert Slawik, Gabrielle Strunka, Ryan Summers, Kim Kelsey Tupas, Alexandria Valdez, Christopher Volk, Matthew Welsler, Thomas Windle, Joseph Zajac, and Brooke Zidek.

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD:

Kevin Gallagher, Reilly Marino, and Alexandria Valdez.

TOP 10%:

Virina Akhnoukh, Maya Avalos, Victoria Borak, Claire Cavarretta, Nicholas Chase, Liam Clancy, Maeve Collins, Thomas Doyle, Colin Harrison, Brett Hofer, Abdulmalik Kareem, Thomas Kelly, Jennafer Malak, Claire Meskill, Ciara Murphy, Joseph Oswald, Mark Pappas, Parth Patel, Darina Postupaka, Jonathan Potempa, Hannah Sartor, Leah Schissler, Dominique Sedorook, Lamya Tarawneh, Kim Kelsey Tupas, and Margaret Wood.

TOP 5%:

Autumn Aird, Alexa Aird, Alexander Clausius, Kathryn Dempsey, Auzin Farnia, Rachael Gromen, Kaileen Herman, Cassie Hoppenrath, Taylor Kassis, Annmary Mathew, Valerie McEldowney, Richard Novaski, Holly Pelnar, Avinash Rao, Erin Reda, Rebecca Rochacz, Ryan Sadowski, Emily Sherman, Matthew Welsler, and Joseph Zajac.

TOP 1%:

Kevin Gallagher, Jessica Gomez, Eunis Lukose, Bridget Melody, Alexandria Valdez, and Brooke Zidek.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD:

Autumn Aird, Alexa Aird, Chloe Banlaoi, Claire Cavarretta, Kevin Gallagher, Taylor Kassis, Michael Letz, Valerie McEldowney, Thomas Mittler, and Margaret Wood.

Nurse's Office Important Reminders from the Nurse's Office

Nurse's Office Alert:

Attention Junior Parents/Guardians (class of 2018)

Two doses of Meningococcal vaccine are required for entry to the 12th grade. Only one dose is required if it was given after the 16th birthday.

The following action is needed from you at this time:

- If your child has received 2 doses of meningococcal vaccine, please bring your physician verified immunization record to the Nurse's Office.
- If your child received 1 dose after their 16th birthday, bring your physician verified immunization record to the Nurse's Office.
- If your child has not had this required vaccine they must have it and bring the verification of having received it to the Nurse's Office.

Proof of having received the **Meningococcal** vaccine should be submitted to the School Nurse as soon as the vaccine is given. Failing to complete this process prior to Schedule Pick-Up in August will result in your child being unable to receive a schedule, or begin the school year on the first day of class.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Nurse's Office at (708) 342-5858. Fax (708) 737-7725

Attention Incoming Freshman Class of 2021

It's never too early to start thinking about the required school physical and immunizations for high school.

Call your doctor to schedule your appointment early to avoid delays in Schedule Pick-Up in August. Forms can be located on the VJA Nurse's Page on the school website: <http://andrew.d230.org/resources/nurses-office/>

A packet with information and required forms was distributed at Freshmen Registration on Saturday, February 4, 2017. Completed forms are due to the Nurse's Office by June 1, 2017.

Asthma Health Alert

New Illinois Law requires an Asthma Action Plan to be completed by a physician for all asthmatic students beginning January, 2017. Please submit completed forms to the Nurse's Office as soon as possible. Any questions, please call the Andrew Nurse's Office at 342-5858.

March is Poison Control Month

The Poison Center hotline number is **1-800-222-1222**

The phone call is free and it is confidential.

The website for information on poison control is: illinoispoisoncenter.org.

Andrew Athletics Update

When March arrives, the spring sports teams look for places to practice and yearn for the warmer weather that is to come later in the spring. Sports in the spring have to fight through the toughest conditions that we place on our teams. They normally start when there is snow on the ground, play in freezing cold, dodge raindrops and gusty winds, and then when it finally does get nice, the season is over. This year with the later spring break and the weather anything but predictable, it is time to gear up for the season and get ready for conference runs. When May arrives, our Thunderbolts will be competing for greatness!

A few updates from the winter season. The boys' bowling team sent senior Ethan Gerald to the state finals again in O'Fallon and found the competition fierce! Very proud of all the efforts from the boys. We also want to congratulate the varsity dance team for a 9th place finish at the IHSA finals and a 14th place finish at a national competition in Orlando! Great effort and character all season long! At the time of publish our girl bowlers, and regional champ Amber Furman, look to continue to make waves as we host the sectional meet. Five wrestlers, Luc

Valdez, Robby Precin, Luke Gardner, Rocco Iannatone, and JP Migawa all qualified for sectional competition. Congrats to Robby, Luke G., and Rocco and their regional titles!

Other winter teams have not completed their season as of this writing. Boys' basketball is still in the IHSA state series and will look to make it difficult for teams who want to continue into regional play. Boys' swimming and diving has the depth and talent to send some athletes into the state finals and have high hopes of making the final day in a couple of events. Girls' hoops and senior Morgan Lenderink, girls' gymnastics, and all our teams made Andrew Nation very proud this winter with their style of play, dedication, and determination.

Just a quick reminder about the Andrew Athletic social media options: www.athletics2000.com/andrew is the location for daily updates, scores and cancellations. Additionally, you can find rosters, pictures, and articles about all of our varsity teams. On the front page is a link for directions to our playing sites throughout the year using a Google map. Simply click on a location, type

in your address, and it will find a route for you to take. Another site to visit is the SouthWest Suburban Conference (SWSC) site at www.athletics2000.com/swsc. Here you will find the conference standings for our varsity and sophomore teams, as well as the rest of the conference schedules. You can also look through our archives and find results from the varsity conference seasons and champions. We are on twitter as well @vjabolts. Finally, a site that has all of the information about all high schools in the state is the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) website at www.ihsa.org. Here you can follow all high school teams through the state series. You will also find information and directions to every high school in the state in the school directory. These sites will help you to know faster and more accurately where and when the athletes participate. They have a lot of information to offer.

Summer camp information will be coming soon, so look to sharpen those skills and prepare for greatness this summer with our programs and coaches! A great way to keep active and enjoy the weather that we know will turn for the best!

Deans' Office

Progressive Discipline

When speaking with students, we often use the phrase, "taking personal responsibility for your actions". This point of emphasis plays a large part in the social development of our high school students. One way the Andrew High School Deans' Office, and District 230 as a whole, promotes the concept of taking personal responsibility for actions is through our progressive discipline system.

Generally speaking, each time a student is issued a referral for either attendance reasons or behavior reasons, the student will see a Dean. Based on the information in the referral from the teacher, and the information from the student, the Dean will determine the consequence for the student's behaviors. Some of the possible consequences include one hour or three hour detentions, period in-school assignments, all day in-school assignments, or possible out of school suspensions from school if the behavior meets certain criteria.

Students accumulate disciplinary points based on these consequences. As points increase, actions are taken from the Deans' Office. Parent calls, parent meetings, or involvement of other PPS staff, are a few examples of these actions. However, a specific action occurs at 20 disciplinary points.

When a student reaches 20 disciplinary points, the student and parent are required to meet with a Dean, Counselor and Social Worker. During this meeting, the student is placed on administrative probation. While on administrative probation, a student is removed from co-curricular activities, is placed on pass restriction, and is not allowed to attend social activities like dances, sporting events, or theatrical performances.

The idea of progressive discipline is student-centered, because, ultimately, students are in control of how many points they receive. Getting to class on time and behaving properly will result in zero referrals and zero points. A student who does have issues with getting to class on time, or may behave inappropriately during the school day, can generate points, but they can also have their points reduced.

Students who do not receive consequences for 30 school days are automatically rewarded by having 4 points subtracted from their total. The potential for reduction puts the student in control, and hopefully motivates the student to alter his or her behavior moving forward.

TPPO

Please join the **TPPO (Thunder Pride Parent Organization)** at their monthly meetings. This is a great organization made up of T-Bolt parents. The membership fee is \$10.00.

If you have not yet signed up, you can still do it through your Skyward Parent Login / Fee Management / Add a Fee / Thunder Pride Parent Organization (payment can be by credit card or mail in a check / Attn: TPPO).

Among other great things this organization does, they also award scholarships to some seniors at the end of the school year. The schedule of their upcoming meeting dates for 2016-17 are: March 6th, April 10th, and May 1st. Joining this organization is a great way to be involved with VJA. **Please consider joining and coming out to a meeting.**

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Plan to attend our monthly Athletic Booster Club meeting. All members are invited. It is also a great way to become involved. All spring sports team reps are encouraged to attend. This is how we know about your sports team. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Room 220.

WANTED: New Directors for 2017-2018 Season. We are currently looking for next year's **Concessions, Membership, and Spirit-Wear Director.** Please contact Rena Sheehan at renaespo@aol.com if you are interested.

Spirit-Wear: We have a wide variety of long sleeve and short sleeve t-shirts, hoodies, crew neck sweatshirts, sweatpants, UA baseball caps, knit hats, duffle bags, decals, and lawn signs. For information, please contact Keri Malone at kmalone0926@gmail.com or 708-334-1795, or contact Stacy Summers at ssummers1022@gmail.com or 708-802-3703. Winter program books will be for sale.

Athletic Scholarship Forms: Students whose family has joined the Athletic Boosters by December 1st can be considered for scholarships. Attention **SENIOR ATHLETES:** pick up, fill out, and turn in your scholarship application for the Booster Club's scholarship drawing. The forms are not part of the common scholarship

application. Please pick up forms at the monthly Booster Club meeting, Guidance Office, or Athletic Office. March 1st the deadline for scholarship forms.

MATZ FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP: Attention **SENIOR VARIETY SHOW CAST MEMBERS:** pick up, fill out, and turn in your scholarship application for the scholarship drawing. The forms and requirements are in the Guidance Office, or you can also get them at Booster Club meetings. We are not part of the common scholarship form. March 1st is the deadline for scholarship forms. The scholarships are \$500.

SPECIAL THANKS: Thank you to the directors for their help in all of our winter sports concessions. Athletic Boosters are also grateful to the parents and teams who helped with basketball, cheer, and wrestling concessions. We very much appreciate you volunteering your time. We could not be a success without parent involvement. We hope to continue our success with your help in the future.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Rena Sheehan at renaespo@aol.com.



REMEMBER YOUR TIME LEADS TO YOUR ATHLETE'S SUCCESS!

Our website is: www.andrewathleticboosters.org

There is a link on the VJA main website or <http://www.athletics2000.com/andrew/>

MUSIC BOOSTERS

There's no down time when you're a member of the VJA Music Department! All the winter programs are under way with rehearsals and competitions. First we have the Winter Guard with 14 of Andrew's most talented dancers. They have been rehearsing since November and have had two shows so far in which they have placed 2nd at Naperville North Invitational and 1st at the Lincoln Way West show! What a great start. We can't wait to see how the season develops for these young ladies. Andrew Percussion is also hard at work on their show "Disarm". They have been practicing since November and took their show on the road for the first time on February 11th to New Palestine High School in Indiana. There will be a free show featuring the 2016 gold medal winning ensemble for all to come see at Andrew on Saturday, April 1st at 7 p.m. before they set out to compete in the World Finals in Dayton, OH, the following weekend. I'm sure it will be a packed house for these groups!

Next, we would like to congratulate all of the students who participated in the ILMEA. Special congratulations go out to John Sikorski, Tommy Schermulis, and Phillip Baggio for their selection for the honor concert for the ILMEA All State Conference! Very talented young people!

The Music Department is busy getting ready for one of the biggest honors they have ever

been awarded, the Music For All National Festival! This event is taking place from March 9th-11th in Indianapolis, IN. The Wind Symphony at VJA has never been chosen to participate in this event before, and they have been rehearsing their show since they were invited earlier in the school year. Over 65 bands sent in their audition pieces with only 16 bands from around the country selected to perform. The young performers will have a great experience as they spend the weekend listening to other award winning high school bands, and many social events that are planned as well. We would like to also congratulate two students from VJA selected to perform with the honor band that weekend as well. Senior, Thomas Shermulis on bass clarinet, and Sophomore, Cameron Bilek on the flute, amazing work! The Music Department will be holding a preview concert in the Performing Arts Center on March 7th at 7 p.m. to send off the group.

The Jazz band is underway as well this winter with two groups practicing - the Jazz band and the Jazz Ensemble. The group will perform at VJA in the Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. on March 21st. This is a free show and all are welcome. The Ensemble will also perform at Fitzgerald's in Berwyn on Sunday, March 19th (time has yet to be determined). This will be posted on VJAMusic.com soon.

The Music Department is also hosting our 4th

annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 19th, from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. at VJA. This event will feature our Jazz Bands and Jazz Choir. We will be raffling off several great gifts and we are expecting a visit from the Easter Bunny! Tickets are \$6 presale from any band or choir student, or \$8 at the door. All are invited to come and spend the morning raising funds for a great program, and listening to some talented young jazz musicians.

Also, the Prism concert is taking place on Tuesday, March 14th at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at VJA. This concert features all 3 bands, the Orchestra, and all of choir together on one stage! Please mark your calendars for one of the best nights of music all year!

Finally, we are busy welcoming our new freshman class of 2021 to the Andrew Music Department with auditions for next year's band placement. With so many Music Department opportunities, there is sure to be something for everyone interested in music. If your incoming student is interested in learning more about the department, please feel free to email Mr. Iwinski at miwinski@d230.org with any band questions, or Mr. Moan at cmoan@d230.org with any choir questions. We look forward to welcoming all new members!

Our March Music Parent Meeting will take place on Monday, March 13th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room; hope to see you all there!



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D230 Relay For Life

This year District 230 Relay for Life is turning 20!!! For the past 20 years, District 230 has raised over 4 million dollars for the American Cancer Society. Our Relay event has been among the top All-Youth Relay Events in the Nation, and we want our 20th year to be our biggest and best yet!

Here are ways to help us make this year special:

- **Encourage your students to participate.** Relay For Life is a fun, overnight event with music, games, contests, bounce houses, and more, to honor and remember those faced with cancer. The overnight experience reminds us that cancer never sleeps and neither should we. We need to work around the clock to make sure that we discover a cure for this disease to make sure that no one has to hear the words, "You have cancer," ever again.
- **Encourage survivors to attend our survivor dinner and opening ceremony.** This year, our event takes place on May 5, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. at Sandburg High School. The dinner itself is located in the Grill area. Survivors and their caregivers are welcome! If possible, survivors should register at relayforlife.org/D230il. However, walk-ins are always more than welcome! The opening ceremony will take place at approximately 8:00 p.m. at the football field (weather permitting), and it will conclude in approximately one hour with a survivor lap around the track.
- **Participate in local percent back nights and fundraisers.** From now until the day of the event, we will be having percent back nights at local stores and restaurants. Please keep an eye out for flyers on social media, announcements at the schools, and flyers around town. If you have a company that would like to host a percent back night or fundraiser for our event, please feel free to contact Kristen Kolwelter at kristen.kolwelter@cancer.org or (708)633-7771.

Thank you to everyone in the schools and the community who has played a role in this event in the past 20 years! We could not be the event that we are today without you, and we hope that you help us celebrate an amazing 20 years of fundraising for the American Cancer Society. Help us honor those who continue to fight their battle with cancer, and remember those we've lost by being a part of District 230's Relay for Life this year.

