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VICTOR J. ANDREW HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER • OCTOBER 2017



SEPTEMBER ADVISORY THEME: SELF-AWARENESS

In early September, a group met to discuss ways to encourage students through school-wide projects, leadership, etc., in line with the monthly advisory themes.

The first project was **Positive Post-It Notes** to increase self-awareness. Our staff spread positive thoughts/words by writing out some post-it notes and placing them around the building as they went about their day.

2017-2018 School Calendar

Dates to Remember

October

- 9 Columbus Day – No School
- 10 Parent/Teacher Conferences
(no student attendance)
12 PM - 7 PM
- 25 PSAT Testing (Juniors)

November

- 4-5 Music Parent Craft Fair
9 am - 4 pm
- 22 No School
- 23 Thanksgiving Day - No School
- 24 No School

December

- 20-22 Final Exams (Semester 1)
- 23 Winter Break Begins



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Andrew High School Community,

As we enter October, T-Bolts have settled into a great new school year. Their theme, "Different or Alike...United we Strike" has resonated in multiple ways. Watching our kids supporting each other, trying new things, setting lofty goals, and showing their passions in multiple ways, has been a pleasure to see. It is hard to argue that Andrew High School knows how to bring a large school together as a unified, close-knit community. We are excited to begin to celebrate the Advisory Theme for October - **Empathy**. We look to reinforce this theme in multiple ways - encouraging all our staff and students to appreciate each other's differences, consider their perspectives, and understand where they are coming from (and going to)...empathy is definitely a life skill!

In October, we host our fall Parent Teacher Conferences. Please note a couple major changes. First, we do not have school on October 9th due to the Columbus holiday. Our conferences are on October 10th from noon to 7 p.m. We encourage all parents to consider setting aside time to meet with their student's teachers to discuss progress and design a plan for improvement. On another night in October, the 30th, we begin to work with our Class of 2022! All incoming freshman families are welcome and encouraged to attend this event, which is our first step in the process to become a T-Bolt!

We all know how the students love our Late Start Wednesdays! However, we need to disappoint them this one time on October 25th. That Wednesday, we are hosting the PSAT/NMSQT for our Class of 2019. This exam, a pre-assessment for the spring SAT, will have all juniors taking the exam for several reasons. First, it is great exposure to the SAT exam and will provide a score that helps set goals for performance in April. Additionally, a strong performance on the PSAT will open students up for scholarship and recognition opportunities during their senior year.

Finally, we are very proud to recognize two recipients of the Illinois School Board of Education **Those Who Excel Awards**. First, receiving recognition for **Support Service Personnel**, our School Psychologist Tammy Stamus. Tammy has been a remarkable asset to VJA for over a decade and has been an excellent resource for many families. The other recipient is "The Center" for the Team category. As you know, The Center, both administration and staff, have been a tremendous program that has impacted thousands of students over the past couple years. Both deserve the recognition and more - these groups will be celebrated in October at an event in Bloomington.

As always, it is an honor serving the Andrew community. Please feel free to reach out at any time with questions, concerns, or ideas at rnolting@d230.org.

Robert Nolting
Principal

Parent-Teacher Conferences

On Tuesday, October 10, 2017, Victor J. Andrew High School will host Parent/Teacher Conferences from noon until 7:00 p.m. Conferences are based on appointments made in advance. You can make appointments two ways:

- 1) **Access the on-line appointments:**
conference registration will take place through Skyward. Watch for an email to be sent during October for details.

Online scheduling will open on October 3rd and will remain open until noon on October 9th.
- 2) **Call the school at (708) 342-5800.**
Be prepared to provide your student's last name and ID number. We will be available to assist via phone calls only on the following dates and times
 - Tuesday, October 3rd
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 - Wednesday, October 4th
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Deans' Office

2nd Period Intervention/Enrichment Days

As a way to continue to promote the academic and social growth of our students at Andrew High School, the Deans' Office continues to take an active role with the placement of students on Black Days during 2nd period (enrichment/intervention time).

Period 2 Black Days provide an opportunity for students to receive help from classroom teachers, quietly study in various locations, or participate in both academic and social enrichment activities. In order to partake in these activities, ALL students must sign up PRIOR to 8 a.m. on the day of the enrichment or intervention, and ALL students must report to the location to where they were assigned. Students who fail to sign up BEFORE 8 a.m., or DO NOT show up to the accurate location, will be sent to see a Dean who will help navigate any difficulties students may have when signing up. However, students who fail to sign up or show up consistently for an enrichment or intervention will be subject to additional conversations with the Deans.

A role of the Deans' Office is to make sure we have an efficient way to track the whereabouts of our students during school hours. Students accurately and consistently signing up for enrichments or interventions through Skyward allows for an efficient way to locate students. Furthermore, students consistently and accurately signing

up for enrichments or interventions shows personal responsibility, a point of emphasis in District 230, we expect from Andrew students.

As parents, please encourage your sons and daughters to access Skyward and schedule their enrichment or interventions every Monday. Additionally, parents can check their student's schedules each week to see what was signed up for.

August and September Review

- Deans' Office met with all students to review student expectations and behavior policies.
- Andrew High School completed state mandated evacuation and lockdown drills.
- Completed handbook and ID distribution. All students should be in possession of a handbook and ID.

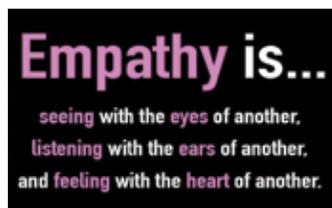
Please feel free to discuss these areas with your student for additional information



Advisory Theme

Empathy is Andrew High School's October theme for Advisories. Unlike sympathy, which simply means that you are showing compassion or pity for another person, empathy goes a step further and has you put yourself in the other person's shoes. This will give you a much better idea of what the other person is actually going through. Building empathy is how we can create positive relationships in all areas of education. By leading through example, and working together to build a positive and trustworthy environment, we can teach our children this important life-skill. In Physical Education, Health, and Driver Education classes, empathy is taught through various lessons, and daily practice is encouraged.

In Driver Education, it is important to be a safe, defensive, and calm driver. Being empathetic can help you in those stressful driving situations. During a behind the wheel lesson, both the teacher and riding student passenger display empathy through their actions, while the driver is navigating his/her way through the streets. As instructors, we understand that students are in the beginning stages of learning how to drive and that they will make mistakes. The goal is for them to learn from those mistakes. The student passenger is encouraged to provide feedback to their classmate. Being empathetic can also help during a traffic stop. Pursuant to a



new state law, a section of Driver Education includes how to act during a traffic stop. Applying empathy can help both the driver and police in that situation.

In Health Education, we discuss and practice empathy in our Mental-Emotional-Social Health unit. Empathy is a foundational understanding for future topics in Health education. Understanding what others are going through, and how to communicate effectively, is important to building solid relationships with family and friends. This also allows us to have meaningful discussions within our classes. By explicitly teaching students to be more conscious of other people's feelings, we can create a more accepting and respectful school community.

In Physical Education, one of our tenets is working with others. Empathy can teach us how to effectively work with others, whether it is playing a sport, in fitness related activities, or in life. Physical Education

has three domains of learning: cognitive, psychomotor, and affective. Empathy falls within the affective domain. As Physical Education teachers, we realize that everyone learns at a different rate and/or has different levels of cognitive and physical skill. We encourage our students to do their best and work to find opportunities for them to succeed. In Physical Education classes, we teach students how to be empathetic towards others. For example, in our P.E.O.P.E.L classes, our tutors learn and practice empathy while working with the ULTIMA students. In Challenge Education, students practice empathy through team building activities. In our Dance classes, students work in small groups to create a dance. This process helps them see and appreciate the fact that some of their classmates may be stronger in one area or have greater background knowledge than others, but that everyone has something to contribute to the process. These are just a few of the many examples.

Empathy is important because it is the foundation for building relationships with others by understanding their point of view, emotions, or physical limitations. Building empathy is how we can foster creative positive relationships in all areas of education.

High School Visit Day at Moraine Valley

October 9, 2017, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Moraine Valley Student Success Center
Building G, Room G110
9000 W. College Parkway, Palos Hills, IL.

Go to the link for more information: <https://www.morainevalley.edu/visitday/> At Visit Day, you can learn about all MVCC has to offer and get your questions answered.

ASVAB at Andrew

Students interested in careers in the military are invited to take the ASVAB exam on October 10th. The results of this intelligence and career exam may provide useful information to students who take it, and does not require the student to enlist in the military. Interested seniors should sign up in the Guidance Office.

College Visits On Andrew Campus

The VJA Guidance Office has expanded the number of college visits available to students during the school day. These visits are all held at Andrew High School in the College Career Center, and are a great opportunity for students to learn from college admissions representatives from a large variety of colleges and universities. All students are encouraged to attend at least two of these visits per year so that they can:

1. Get first-hand knowledge from college representatives about specific majors, programs of study, admissions requirements, scholarship/financial aid opportunities, and campus life;
2. Get a feel for the different types of schools available to them;
3. Gain a better understanding of what high school students can do to be more attractive to colleges and universities.

Students/Parents can view a list of upcoming visits, as well as sign up for visits, by going to the Guidance home page of the VJA website - click on College Representative Visit Calendar located at <http://andrew.d230.org/college-visit-calendar>. This link will also be emailed home weekly to families with a list of upcoming visits.

College Application Deadline Approaching

Victor J. Andrew's Guidance Department encourages seniors to apply to those schools they are interested in by November 1st. Transcript requests should be completed by October 15th in order to meet this deadline.

Several schools have notified us that their priority application deadline falls between November 1st and December 1st. Scholarship or talent grant money often has an early deadline between December 1st and February 1st.

Each college or university handles these

dates in its own way. Because there are so many different schools with different deadlines, it is important for each senior and their parents to check those schools to which they are applying for specific deadlines.

Many schools accept applications after December 1st, so no senior should think that they have missed the opportunity to apply to college if they send in their application after the November 1st date. It is important for students and parents to continue to communicate with their counselor regarding post high school plans.

FAFSA

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

The **FAFSA**, officially known as the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, is the form that families fill out to apply for federal grants, loans, and work-study funds for college students. Completing and submitting the FAFSA® form is free, and it gives students access to the largest source

of financial aid to pay for college or career school. Parents and students can submit the FAFSA on or after October 1, 2017, for the 2018-19 school year. The FAFSA, and more information, can be found at FAFSA.ed.gov.

Moraine Valley College & Career Fair

Over 150 college representatives, and numerous vocational and military representatives, will be on hand on Wednesday, October 11th, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Moraine Valley College & Career Fair. This is a great opportunity for students to visit the Moraine Valley campus and meet with representatives from various colleges and trade schools. Financial aid information will also be available.

Students and parents are encouraged to arrive as early as possible to take advantage of this annual opportunity. A list of colleges and universities can be obtained at morainevalley.edu/ccn.

Moraine Valley will be at Andrew High School in the cafeteria on October 16th and December 4th, during all lunch hours to answer student's questions.

National College Fair Comes To Chicago

The National Association for College Admissions Counseling is proud to host one of the country's largest college fairs right here in Chicago.

The fair, open to the public and free, allows students to connect with hundreds of colleges all in one place. The fair will be held from 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 14th at McCormick Place.

Moraine Valley Adopts New Placement Exam

Last year, ACT announced that the Compass placement test would be phased out beginning this fall. Since that announcement, MVCC faculty and staff have evaluated several alternative assessment options.

Last September 19th, Moraine Valley began administering ACCUPLACER, a similar test from the College Board, as the college placement test for all students.

College Planning Is A Smaller College A Better Fit For Your Student?

In a community like ours, with a strong state university system and community college available, smaller private schools can sometimes be overlooked. But take a closer look, smaller colleges and universities are often the perfect fit for your individual student.

A good place to start is by considering what kind of individual your student really is. Would they learn best in an environment of smaller class sizes with professors who know them? Would your student enjoy a close learning relationship with a full professor who can become a professional mentor as they move into their major course of study? Would your student enjoy working on a research project with a full professor? Would your student benefit from being well known so they can be personally recommended for internships, entry-level positions, or graduate work upon graduation? Would your student thrive in an atmosphere of close community and a clearly defined school identity and mission?

If the answer is yes, then perhaps it is important to take a look at the many wonderful private colleges and universities available. For most families, private education is an investment in the future. Often the costs are double or triple those of public institutions. However, most private schools work very hard with individual families to bring the family contributions through scholarships, grants, work-study, and loans, close to that of a public institution.

If your student would like some assistance reviewing their college options, have them contact their guidance counselor.

Senior Post-Secondary Planning Meetings

Guidance Counselors met with seniors during select advisory times in August and September to review important information regarding plans for their senior year and beyond. Counselors are also meeting one-on-one with seniors to discuss post-secondary planning, and there will be an assembly for all seniors on October 25th. Please talk to your son or daughter about these meetings, as we encourage parents to be as much a part of the planning as possible.

You can always contact your student's counselor if you have questions about post-secondary planning. Ask your senior to see the packet of information that they received from their counselor, as it contains valuable information about the post-secondary planning process. Packets are also available on the school website under Guidance. Lastly, please consider following us on Twitter @vjaguidance where we post important event information as well as deadlines.

AP Test Registration



Students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses are encouraged to take the College Board AP Exam administered in May. The fee for each exam is \$95. More details regarding the registration process will be forthcoming.

Are You and Your Student Looking at Highly Selective Colleges?

Each year thousands of students and their parents opt for a more challenging route to a college/university education: the highly selective college. Colleges and universities are considered highly selective because the ACT/SAT scores that they require for admission are considerably higher than most colleges (ACTs upwards of 33 and SATs in the 1400s and above). These institutions often require highly challenging college admission essays, straight A grades, and additional out-of-school enrichment experiences such as attendance at summer workshops, classes at colleges, and/or leadership experiences.

While the idea that attending an "Ivy League" school serves as a ticket to success still prevails, it is becoming more evident that what's crucial is not so much where a bright and talented student chooses to attend university, but that whatever college or university they select is an excellent fit for them as a student and as a person. Remember that for this type of student, graduate school is often the next step. For top tier graduate schools, the name of your undergraduate alma mater is only one of

many factors considered in the admissions process. With that in mind, here are some highly selective colleges and universities that you and your student may want to investigate.

Depending on your geographic preferences, each region of the country can boast dozens of highly challenging college institutions. In the Midwest, most people think of Northwestern and the University of Chicago first. They are excellent choices for some students, but other colleges are also of similar caliber and are not to be missed. Schools such as Macalester in St. Paul, Minnesota (alma mater of U.N. Secretary Kofi Annan), Washington University in St. Louis (known for strong schools of liberal arts, engineering, and architecture), and Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio (one of the premier liberal arts schools in the country with an impressive writer's school) may be worth investigating.

The South offers excellent and highly selective schools, Emory in Atlanta, Georgia, Duke in North Carolina (a top medical research school), as well as Johns Hopkins in Baltimore (the dream school of many a

young medical student). The East Coast holds bragging rights to the well known Ivies such as Princeton (New Jersey), Harvard (Massachusetts), Yale (New Haven, Connecticut), and Brown (Providence, Rhode Island), but other excellent schools abound in this area: Colgate in Hamilton, New York, Skidmore in Saratoga Springs, New York, and Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts, seek and gather many of the nation's best and brightest students.

Finally, if you and your student are thinking of extending your college search even farther, consider the top university in the West, Stanford University (regularly in neck and neck contention with the East Coast Ivies for top students), Claremont Colleges (an extended system of colleges in California, which includes acclaimed Harvey Mudd College) and Rice University, where students and staff share an emphasis on student-faculty cooperation, interaction, and mentorship relationships.

Yes, the search can be overwhelming, but it is well worth the time and energy to get just the right fit for your son or daughter.

Andrew Athletics Update

It is hard to believe that the fall sports season is over half way done. With the turning of the leaves, open gyms, and pre-season conditioning for the winter sports starting, we realize that it is time for the IHSA State Series to begin.

The golf teams are the first teams to complete their season, as they enter regional play in the IHSA State Series in the first week of October, culminating with the state finals in mid-October. Throughout the course of the season, the boys' golf team has received some great scores from seniors Mohan Raval and Scott Youngbrandt, as well as some of the younger players! Character and determination have been driving forces behind the success of the team as they look to finish on a strong note in the SWSC conference tournament, and to play their way downstate in the IHSA state series.

The Andrew girls' golf team led once again by youngsters Morgan Kozar and Emily Spain, and senior Lillian Early, look to continue to post great scores as the season winds down and post season SWSC Conference Meet and IHSA Regional Tournament begin. They will call upon their experiences at the Varsity level throughout the year to continue and highlight their hard work and improvements.

The girls' varsity tennis team has been hard at work preparing for the IHSA State Series! Some early success has the girls confident to take on the field and compete in the SWSC Red and eventually IHSA Sectional!

Lily Darman, Kaeli Maas, and doubles players, Sami Bockstahler, Hannah Mayo, Sam Guzik, Haley Kamholz, Cassidy Bohne, and Mira Mascolino-Carr all bring their talent and determination to the courts.

This year boys' soccer has been working hard to take a deep run during the IHSA State series! With some early season tournament experience, the Bolts are looking to make a statement as they rampage through the SWSC and eventual state series!

Playing with passion and grit, the boys are led by Dan Repa, Ben Bednarczyk, goal keep Andres Aguilar, and a host of other experienced players including seniors Alex Trujillo, Colin Prochnow, Fernando Prado, Mario Perez, David Moreno, Austin Keate, Mohamed Hamad, Connor Gountounas, Nick Garcia, and Amin Allabadi. Talented juniors and some sophomores contribute as well, and are hungry for success.

The girls' cross-country team has been steadily improving as the season progresses. Based on some regional success last season, they are poised for more! The team's core consists of excellent senior experience, with a fresh mix of youthful runners as well. Olivia Teshar, Sam Termunde, Kristina Karstensen, Abigail Hamilton, Bryanna Decicco, Clare Carey, and Abbey Brueggemann round out senior leaders! These girls lead the way for the Lady Bolts and are a constant positive influence on the younger girls. The ladies look to continue to cut times as SWSC conference and regional will be held on familiar ground at TurtleHead Lake in October!

The boys' cross country team also has high hopes for this season. Talented and committed seniors look to continue to drop times and gain experience at the early season invitationals. This group should be ready to contend for the conference championship in October, and then hopefully make a push to earn a team spot at the IHSA state meet! Eric Ballard, Aidan Bennett, Tim Kraficisin, Kyle Roberts, Matt Rodriguez, Jack Schiller, Jonathan Visperas, Joe Waldron, Pat Waldron, Brian Weber, Josh Willner, and brother Mike, lead the way and clear the paths for the team! The boys' and girls' cross country teams host the SouthWest Suburban Red Division meet on October 14th at Turtlehead. The IHSA State Series will follow this meet over the next three weeks (we will host the IHSA Regional on October 21st) with the state finals in Peoria!

As we enter the month of October, the boys of fall, and 2nd year head Coach Adam Lewandowski, will be looking to treat T-Bolt

Nation to some exciting Southwest Suburban Conference games as the Thunderbolts battle Homewood Flossmoor and Lincoln-Way West in the final games of the regular season. Come on out and support your T-Bolts as they are led by seniors, Tom Piekarz, Austin O'Connor, Kyle Manzi, Cole Griffin, Josh Dyke, Mike DeHaan, and a host of other intense and focused teammates! The T-Bolts are hoping that October finds them in a position to compete for a spot in the IHSA State playoffs!

Girls' swimming and diving will use October to get ready for the end of season activities. They are hosting their Annual Varsity Invite on October 6th and 7th. On October 27th and 28th, they will be entered into the SWSC Red Division Conference meet at Lincoln-Way Central. This year's seniors are very hard working, talented and determined to succeed; they will definitely be missed when they leave at the end of the year. Swimmers to watch include senior Caitlin Herald and junior Bailey Murphey. The varsity team will look to get geared up and tapered down for the IHSA Sectional meet in November, with the state finals the week after.

The month of October begins to wrap up volleyball's regular season with all levels working hard to improve and finish strong. With the season in full swing, the T-Bolt Volleyball team is led by the determined and talented seniors Iyanla Thigpen, Anastasia Thelen, Sam Cossidente, Jackie Buryj, and Kelsey Burke. With a strong mix of underclassmen, the Bolts look to make some noise during the invite stretch and SWSC play. Also, watch for the Bolts during the IHSA series as they fight for a chance to play on their home court for the Sectional Finals in late October!

Although they have no IHSA competition in the fall, the cheerleaders are wrapping up their fall season and are looking for big things come winter! The team is tirelessly working to improve their stunting and tumbling skills to "wow" the crowd and keep the T-Bolts going!

The pom pon squad is looking for another exciting fall as they plan for the winter. The squad will continue to entertain the crowds during half time of all the home football and basketball games. They will attend the SWSC Competitive Dance Conference meet in January, as well as host the IHSA Competitive competition early this year in November! Good luck ladies - dance, spin and shine!

Nurse's Office

Orland Township will be offering flu shots to residents from September 18th – November 5th.

Residents 19 years of age and older will pay \$25.00. All children, 18 years of age or younger, may receive the vaccine free of charge if uninsured, underinsured (insurance does not pay for flu shots), Medicaid eligible or Native American. Vaccines will be given on Mondays from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Several weekend dates are available.

No appointment is necessary.

Please call 403-4222 or visit www.orlandtp.org for further information.

TPPO

We would like to thank our existing members, as well as our new members and school administration, for making our Ice Cream Social a success. We look forward to working with you throughout the school year at our events.

Check out our Facebook page at Victor J. Andrew High School TPPO. It has information about upcoming TPPO and school events. If you would like to join the TPPO, please send an email to Tracie Zaghoul at 6zags@att.net to request a membership form.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 2nd at 7:00 p.m.
Hope to see you there!

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Plan to attend our monthly Athletic Booster Club meetings. All members are invited. **Our next Booster Club meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11th at 7 p.m. The room location will be posted at the front desk. We ask all fall team reps to attend. It is also a great way to become involved. We will have a raffle for all who attend the meeting. The winner will receive a donation to your fall sports team. Please come and see what we are all about.

Please join our **Benefit Mobile** campaign. It is a great way to give back to the Athletic Boosters while you do your every day shopping. Download the app today.

Athletic Booster Club website:
www.andrewathleticboosters.org

We need:

- One Fall Boys Soccer Concession Assistant for only 5-7 games
- Two Football Concession Assistants for Sophomore games 3:30 p.m. -7 p.m. for 5 games (SHOULD BE A VARSITY FOOTBALL PARENT)
- One Football Concession Assistants for Varsity games 7 p.m. - Clean up for 5 games (SHOULD BE A SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL PARENT)
- One Winter Girls' Basketball Concession Assistant for approximately 6 games
- One Spring Girls' Soccer Concession Assistant for approximately 7 games
- One Spring Girls' and Boys' track Concession Assistant for 3 meets.
- Two Spring Lacrosse Concession Assistants for approximately 10 games, and State Finals

Senior Scholarships: Remember one of the criteria for eligibility for the scholarship

is volunteering to work in the concession stand for fall.

Spirit Wear: Our new spirit wear collection will be available at all home football games. If these events are not convenient for you, please contact Missy Geibel at missygeibel@ymail.com or Robin Murphy at robinmurphy23@att.net

Program Books: Program Books are available at all home football or soccer games, and at Booster Club meetings.

Andrew Athletic Booster Club website:
www.andrewathleticboosters.org

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

Concessions: Concessions are going well this year, but as usual we are always in need of extra volunteers. If you would like to help before or during any home football game, **we really need you.** Please contact Rena Sheehan at 708-614-0321/renaespo@aol.com.

Andrew Booster Club Members:
Don't forget your entry to the last home football game on October 13th is free.

Breakfast with Santa: Breakfast with Santa will be held on Sunday, November 26, 2017. Please contact Debbie Clausius at debrihclausius@msn.com

THANK YOU to all of the Officers and Directors of this Club. They put in countless hours without much acknowledgement. In addition, **THANK YOU** to all parents who donated their time and effort to help support the Andrew Athletic programs and the Booster Club. This Club can only be successful when parents get involved. 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.

MUSIC BOOSTERS

The VJA Marching Thunderbolts were very excited to take this year's production "A Beautiful Chaos" on the road with their first competition of the season at the Lake Park Lancer Joust on September 9th. After months of practicing on our own field, we finally got to take the show on the road as they say. We wish the Marching band the best of luck and cannot wait to see how the show looks put together with new uniforms and all the props!



After our first competition, we hosted our 3rd annual VJA Marching Band Invitational on our home field. There were 20 schools visiting us this year, with our very own Marching Thunderbolts closing out the show. A big thank you to La Patrona food truck, Texas Roadhouse, and TCBY for providing tasty treats! We had a wonderful day filled with amazing musical performances!

Homecoming was on Friday, September 29th, with the Marching Thunderbolts in the Homecoming parade, followed by a performance during the varsity football game.

The Marching Thunderbolts take their show on the road again after Homecoming, starting on October 7th at Lincoln Way, and followed by ISU for the state competition on October 14th. We will wrap up our season on October 21st in Indianapolis for the Super Regional Competition performed at Lucas Oil Stadium.

The weekend of November 4th and 5th, we are having our annual Music Fall Craft Show at VJA from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday, and 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Sunday. We are hosting at least 80 vendors from the local area and from around the Midwest. If you or someone you know is interested in securing a space, please contact Dorris Burch at andrewcraftshow@gmail.com. Please, try to come out to support this great event and fundraiser; you may even be able to cross some gifts off your list for the upcoming holiday season!

Finally, the Music Department is gearing up for the first concerts of the year. The fall Choral concert will be Wednesday, October 4th at 7 p.m. in the Performing Art Center at VJA. The fall Band concert will be November 7th at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. The Prism/Holiday Concert will be Thursday, December 14th at 7 p.m. We are looking forward to hearing all the great pieces everyone is working on.

Please consider attending the Andrew Music Parent meeting on Wednesday, October 25th at 7:30 p.m., and also Wednesday, November 15th at 7:30 p.m., in the choir room to keep up to date with all the news from the Music Department.

YOUR TIME IS YOUR ATHLETE'S SUCCESS!



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The other recipient is "The Center" for the Team category. As you know, The Center, both administration and staff, have been a tremendous program that has influenced thousands of students over the past couple years (this year's tutors are

pictured). Both deserve the recognition and more - the staff will be celebrated in October at an event in Bloomington. The staff that were recognized for their contributions in The Center are: Lori Dee, Alyssa DiBenedetto, Charles Even, Aaron Horn, Hanan Mustafa, Joe Nemeth, Dan Schwarz, Kate Sucech, Sara Sweeney, Tim Dalton, and Mary McCarthy.

This year's student tutors are: Bethany Abrams, Noor Abuseini, John Akhnoukh, Lena Alowisi, Elizabeth Baier, Kristian Banlaoi, Nicole Bath, Victoria Belotti, Kelly Bissell, Jay Bushnell, Samantha Calderon, Gina Canavan, Alexa Caponigro, John Condon, Brianna Cozzolino, Jenna Dahbur, Lily Darman, Joseph DeHaan, Allie Dempsey, Kristen Diaz, Samuel Dovgin, Haumza Dweik, Omar Elhayes, Darryl Farrow, Maggie Garand, Ryan Garbrecht, Adele Gedig, Kyrolos Georgey, Anna Gregg, Samantha Guzik, Dima Hamad, Jana Hamad, Tatum (Tate) Hammerschmidt, Elle Kakalettris, Khadijah Kareem, Connor Keating, Amy Kowal, Jonathan Carl Laxamana, Olivia Lehnert, Corlin Leonard, Marti Marie Maday, Adam Mannion, Madeline Mertdogan, Danae Meyers, Hannah Michalczak, Amaan Mirza, Caitlin Morris, Bailey Murphy, Hala Nasereddin, Janelle Paras, Hinal Patel, Payal Patel, Owen Reidy, Cassidy Richerme, Rachel Rulla, Abdelmuti Safi, Ayah Salah, Abigail Skarbek, Christina Soltis, Gabriela Sportiello, Timothy John Subang, Olivia Tesher, Kaitlin Tholl, Fawaz Tirmizi, Brigid Tunney, Anna Vogler, Samantha Warpecha, Nicole Wojcik, Jon Zaghoul, Vera Zakhari, and Nor Patricia Zarate. Congratulations to all!



Staff Tutors



Student Tutors