



# The Cavalier Chronicles



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The W.T. Woodson mission is to create an environment where all students achieve and maintain high levels of academic performance, value learning, appreciate diversity, and demonstrate responsible citizenship. This newsletter is published by the PTSO.

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## From the WOODSON PTSO PRESIDENT... Welcome to the 2012-13 School Year and Welcome Back to Woodson!

My name is Donna Greer and I have the pleasure of being your Woodson PTSO President for this present school year. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of you back to a new school year. I know that I speak for my whole PTSO board when I say that we are excited for the start of what looks to be another great school year for W.T. Woodson.

Our fall sports are up and running, and the faculty and staff are already at work preparing for the upcoming year. And what a year it will be with Woodson's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Keep watching, as there will be plenty of activities to celebrate this wonderful milestone.

I would like to personally encourage each of you to get involved at Woodson this year — whether with the PTSO, Athletic Boosters or any other aspect of the school. There are many volunteer opportunities available for you. Senior parents, we have a few important openings including chairman positions for both the Cavalier Cruise and Baccalaureate. Without your help, we may be forced to cancel these two events. For all parents, a parent volunteer is needed to help the Safety and Wellness committee. I encourage you to please consider volunteering for these important positions.

I would also like to extend a welcome to all of you to join our monthly PTSO meetings, which are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Woodson Library. The first meeting is September 11.

Please contact me at [donna.greer@verizon.net](mailto:donna.greer@verizon.net) with any questions, comments or concerns you may have. Have a great year!

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**First Day of School** - Tuesday, September 4  
**PTSO Meeting** - Tuesday, September 11, 7:00 pm  
**Back To School Night** - Thursday, September 27  
**Homecoming Game & Activities** - October 5 - 6

## WOODSON HIGH SCHOOL & WOODSON PTSO NEED YOUR HELP!

So, the kids are in high school and now you think that opportunities to volunteer at the school are few and far between, right? And, like most of us, you are kind of relieved and kind of sad. Well, take heart! There are many opportunities to volunteer in high school and still be an active part of your child's educational experience!



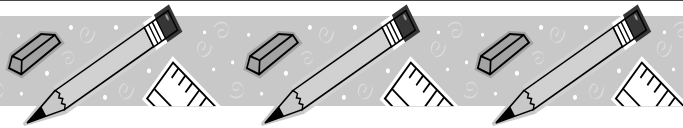
Please take a moment to look at and complete the

Volunteer Form included in your Back-to-School packet. There are many opportunities to help. And, whatever time you can contribute will truly make a difference at Woodson High School! Please contact [volunteers@woodsonptso.org](mailto:volunteers@woodsonptso.org) with questions. Thank you for your support and your time!

## FOLLOW CAVALIER SPORTS ON FACEBOOK & TWITTER

Stay in touch with the latest information on all Woodson sporting events. Find out about last-minute schedule changes, scores and more.

Facebook: Like us on [woodsonathletic](https://www.facebook.com/woodsonathletic)  
Twitter: Follow us on [woodsonathletic](https://twitter.com/woodsonathletic)



## WHY JOIN THE W.T. WOODSON PTSO?

The answer is: *(Insert your child's name here)!*

The W.T. Woodson PTSO exists to support the education of **your student** at Woodson High School. How do we do that?

- ◆ Through **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** that supports the school's programs. Last year, the dues paid by PTSO members and parent donations helped us award \$9,000 to support the Arts, Music, Athletics, Library and Academic programs at Woodson.
- ◆ By acting as **ADVOCATES** for our school in those issues that would affect the quality of our educational environment. Last year, the W.T. Woodson PTSO spearheaded the initiative to add Honors classes to the FCPS curriculum, which will benefit all County students this academic year. In the 2012-2013 year, your PTSO will be working hard to find an appropriate venue for the 2013 and 2014 Cavalier Cruises in the event that Oak Marr closes for renovation, as well as playing an active role in celebrating Woodson's 50th anniversary.
- ◆ By providing **VOLUNTEERS** to support school staff in the Career Center, Attendance Office, Guidance Office and the Clinic, as well to serve as hosts at award ceremonies and appreciation luncheons for our fantastic teachers and staff.

But a PTSO cannot exist without members! We encourage you to join today to be a part of this active organization and to help support our great school!

To join, pay dues or make donations, please visit the Woodson PTSO website [www.woodsonptso.org](http://www.woodsonptso.org).

OR

Send a check for the **total** amount (\$15 per adult and \$5 per student member) payable to:

**W.T. Woodson PTSO**, 9525 Main St, Fairfax, VA 22031-4099.

If you have questions on joining the PTSO, please contact Susie Morningstar at [srcsjm@aol.com](mailto:srcsjm@aol.com).

## MONTHLY COFFEES WITH PRINCIPAL YOST



All Woodson parents are invited to share coffee and muffins with Principal Yost. The monthly coffees on the third Wednesday of each month consist of informal conversations about any and all things Woodson related. It can be a good way to get your finger on the pulse of what is happening at your child's school. No RSVP is required. And, we invite you to come and bring all your questions — and your travel coffee mug! Watch WEmail for dates.

## 2012-13 STUDENT DIRECTORY

Student Directory forms for 2012-13 are DUE at Cav Kick-Off and will be accepted until September 13.

Please keep in mind that the Student Directory Form is the only method to change/add E-mail addresses that appear in the Student Directory.

Directories will be sold for \$5 at Back-to-School Night and in the Main Office.

## STUDENT DRIVER IN YOUR FAMILY?



**Did you know?** Virginia requires students to complete 45 hours of behind-the-wheel driving with a "qualified" driver *before* they can obtain a license.

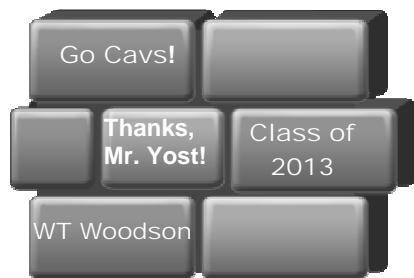
For your peace of mind and of those around you, Woodson's PTSO offers highly visible yellow & black "STUDENT DRIVER" car **magnets** to post on all sides (driver's door, passenger door, front & rear) of the vehicle your student drives. You'll appreciate the added awareness of other drivers to your student's driving trials and tribulations. You can purchase these popular car magnets at major school events or in the Woodson front office. The price is **\$8 each or 3 for \$20**. (*Compare to the online price of \$14.95 each, plus shipping*)

Why not get them now so you are prepared for when your student starts driving! Contact Regina Printz at [rprintz@hotmail.com](mailto:rprintz@hotmail.com) if you have questions.

**W.T. WOODSON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO  
BUY A BRICK PROGRAM**

The Woodson PTSO will continue to raise money to help fund various beautification projects and other programs at the school. As work continues, the brick plaza will contain benches, trees and planters.

The brick courtyard in front of the School, between the main entrance and the auditorium, still has plenty of room for bricks for you to remember your special student or your student's favorite teacher.



Individual bricks cost: \$100

**DEADLINE TO ORDER A BRICK IN TIME TO BE INSTALLED FOR GRADUATION: MARCH 31, 2013**

Engraved bricks will be intermixed

with regular paver bricks. And, they make great graduation presents for your Seniors!

If you have questions, please refer to the Brick Order form in your Back-to-School packet or contact Andrea Tembreull at [temfam3@yahoo.com](mailto:temfam3@yahoo.com).

**Keep Alert for More on Cav Cruise 2013!**

**The Cruise is Scheduled to Depart Thursday, June 13.**

**The Cruise still needs a Captain!**

**Please volunteer!**

**[www.woodsonptso.org](http://www.woodsonptso.org)**



**SIGN UP FOR THE MOCK ACT/SAT EXAMS — COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM PREP!**

Woodson's PTSO "mock" exam program offers full-length ACT and SAT exams to help prepare students to take these college entrance exams. The exams are administered by Princeton Review, which also hosts a score-back session providing students with the mock exam scores, information on how to interpret them and test-taking tips. Although these are full-length "real" tests, the scores are not official, not reported to The College Board/ACT or any college, and should not be confused with PSAT, ACT and SAT exams offered throughout the school year.

*For information on PSAT and SAT, visit [Collegeboard.org](http://Collegeboard.org); for ACT, visit [ACT.org](http://ACT.org); and for information on both, visit the Woodson Career Center!*

The mock ACT and SAT exam program is geared primarily to juniors, although younger students are welcome to register.

This year, we are again offering a "combined" ACT/SAT (the Princeton Review Assessment), which allows younger test-takers an opportunity to get a "taste" of the nature of each exam and their own testing preparation.

For more information, see the flyer enclosed in your Back-to-School packet; information will also be posted to the PTSO website.

Tests will be administered:

- Saturday, October 23  
Rain date: October 27  
Score-back session: November 8
- Saturday, February 16  
Snow date: February 23  
Score-back session: March 16

If you have questions, please e-mail Lorraine Reilly, Mock Exam Coordinator at [cedge20@verizon.net](mailto:cedge20@verizon.net).

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Do you have 3 hours, once a month to donate to the school? Volunteer to sell SCRIP! Or Volunteer to help with Cav Cruise or Baccalaureate!

**Learn more at [www.woodsonptso.org](http://www.woodsonptso.org)!**

## FROST-WOODSON SPECIAL SERVICES

Frost-Woodson Special Services is a parent-student-teacher interest group, affiliated with both the Woodson PTSO and the Frost PTA, whose goal is to provide information and support to students receiving special education services and their families. We started working as a single effort in the 2010-2011 school year, and continue to reach out to Woodson Pyramid feeder schools and other Fairfax County special education groups.

“Special education services” comprise a range of supports, most typically delivered via an individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 (accommodations) plan.

As students progress through secondary education, and when planning for the transition to postsecondary life, our group provides essential assistance in helping identify resources and information. In addition to maintaining a Yahoo! group listserv, we work with parents and teachers at Woodson and its “feeder” schools to present special-interest programs and ensure families have easy access to information and services.

During the last school year:

- ◇ We hosted a student/parent program on planning for postsecondary success. This program featured a well known author offering tips on social, academic, and living skills essential for students interested in pursuing postsecondary education.
- ◇ Our listserv featured: postings and messages about local conferences, workshops and webinars for teachers, parents and students; tips on preparing for school-year and summer transitions; self-advocacy training for students; and links to county, state and federal resources, disability law and news stories about students with disabilities, special education demographics and postsecondary possibilities.
- ◇ Our listserv files continued to grow to include articles on ADHD and learning disabilities, parent resources, College Board/ACT testing accommodations, postsecondary transition and material geared to help student self-determination and self-advocacy.

Membership in the Yahoo! group listserv is confidential; postings are public; files are accessible to members only. Visit the listserv at

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WoodsonSpecEd/> (or follow the link from the Woodson PTSO website) to view representative postings or to join the listserv.

If you have trouble joining, or have questions about our activities, please e-mail Lorraine Reilly, Woodson PTSO Special Education Liaison, at [cedge20@verizon.net](mailto:cedge20@verizon.net).

## BUY SCRIP AND HELP WOODSON — HELP GET FREE MONEY FOR WOODSON!

**Scrip is Grocery Gift Cards & Free \$ for Woodson**  
Want an easy, no-cost way to earn money for Woodson organizations? Buy Giant, Safeway, or Shoppers Food Warehouse gift cards through the PTSO. You buy the gift cards, the PTSO gets 4% of the purchase price back and you can designate which Woodson organization, sport or class benefits from your purchase. Giant, Safeway and Shoppers Food Warehouse gift cards are sold in denominations of \$100, \$50 and \$25. All are sold at face value with *no* added fees, and are treated as cash at the store.



SCRIP is sold in the Woodson Library every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (when school is in session) from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Order forms are available in the library and main office. Either cash or checks are accepted as payment.

### Ways to purchase Scrip:

- Stop in the Library during the above-specified hours to make your purchase.
- Or, have your student drop off your order form in the office anytime, and then arrange for pickup during sale hours in the WTW Library.
- Or, fax your order to the main office at 703-503-4697, and then arrange for pickup during sale hours in the WTW Library.

When you buy **\$200 of Scrip**, you get to spend **\$200** at the store, **AND \$8** goes to your favorite WTW activity! Plus, **your donation doesn't cost you a cent!** This 4% return is too good a deal to pass up. And, Woodson and your student benefit directly. See the Scrip information sheet in your Back-to-School packet or contact SCRIP coordinators, Regina Printz, 703-503-8208 or [rprintz@hotmail.com](mailto:rprintz@hotmail.com) or Linda Vasquez, 703-268-5068 or [lfvasquez88@gmail.com](mailto:lfvasquez88@gmail.com).



**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE**

W.T. Woodson High School is celebrating its 50th anniversary this school year!! We are SO excited for the ageless, memorable and FUN activities to come!

**Homecoming Weekend will take place on Friday, October 5 and Saturday, October 6.** Just look at what the weekend has in store!

**Friday, October 5**

**8:00 am Golf Tournament**  
Westfields Golf Club

**4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Tours of Renovated High School**

**6:00 pm Homecoming Parade**  
Parade will begin at Pickett Rd, continue through Starlit Ponds, then head south on Olley Ln, turning onto Chestnut Knolls Rd, through Old Creek, turning on Whitacre Rd and will end at Pat Cunningham Stadium for our Pep Rally. Watch for the balloons along the parade route!

**After the Parade Pep Rally & Bonfire**  
A DJ will entertain us with tunes from the past 50 years. The concession stand will be open for food service and drinks. Parking will be available at Frost Middle School.

**Saturday, October 6**

**10:00 am - 12:00 noon Tours of Renovated High School**

**11:00 am - 1:00 pm Taste of Woodson & Fun Fair**

Stop by and check out food from some of our local restaurants, offering samples of the best of their menu, from \$1 - \$5. Tickets will be on sale at the event. A Fun Fair in the basketball court area will offer fun for all children of all ages. The Taste of Woodson will be held in the East parking lot near the Softball field. Parking will be available in front of the school and at Frost.

**1:30 pm Homecoming Game**

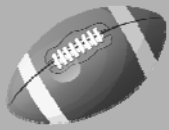
Cheer on the Cavaliers as they host the Titans of TC Williams. This promises to be a memorable game, as we celebrate with our alumni from the past 50 years. Tickets will be available at the gate for \$5. Or, better yet, become a W.T. Woodson Booster member and get free entrance to all regular season home games for the entire school year! Booster packs cost: \$200 for family pack of 4, \$150 for 2 person pack. Learn more at [www.wtwoodsonsports.org](http://www.wtwoodsonsports.org), click on "Booster Membership Application."

**8:00 pm - 12:00 am 50th Anniversary Gala & Inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame Fairview Park Marriott**

The weekend will wrap up on Saturday evening with the 50th Anniversary Gala at the Fairview Park Marriott! The Gala will be a festive evening featuring great food, music and the chance to reconnect with friends, classmates, teachers, administrators and coaches! Plus, you'll be the first to meet our Athletic Hall of Fame inductees. Also, you'll have the chance to the tunes of DJ Jarrod Wronski (a 1995 Woodson grad) and bid on an exciting array of Silent Auction items.

Please tell your family, friends and neighbors about the exciting 50th Anniversary celebration. All of us at Woodson are looking forward to seeing you at this once-in-a-lifetime event!

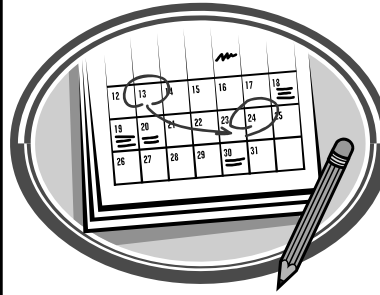
Please visit the Woodson Boosters website [www.wtwoodsonsports.org](http://www.wtwoodsonsports.org) and click on "50th Anniversary Homecoming" to register or to learn more about the festivities. You can also like us on Facebook or e-mail us at [woodsonathletic@yahoo.com](mailto:woodsonathletic@yahoo.com).



## 2012 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 30 7:30 PM @ Chantilly  
 Friday, September 7 7:30 PM Home vs Madison  
 Friday, September 14 7:30 PM @ Oakton  
 Friday, September 21 7:30 PM Home vs Lee  
 Friday, September 28 7:30 PM @ West Springfield  
 Saturday, October 6 1:00 PM Homecoming vs T.C. Williams  
 Friday, October 12 7:30 PM Home vs Annandale  
 Friday, October 19 7:30 PM @ West Potomac  
 Friday, October 26 7:30 PM Home vs Lake Braddock  
 Friday, November 2 7:30 PM @ South County

**Be sure to order your Booster Pass before the game!**



## SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

September 12 7:00 pm **Senior Parent Night**  
Cavalier Hall

September 27 5:30 pm **Back to School Night**  
*(Don't forget \$5 for the Student Directory!)*

October 10 7:00 pm **Financial Aid Night**  
Cavalier Hall

October 13 **PTSO-sponsored MOCK ACT/SAT Test**  
*(Great practice opportunity and fundraiser for PTSO!)*

October 17 **PSAT Testing**

October 21 7:30 pm **Fair Oaks College Fair**



Visit [WTWOODSONSPORTS.ORG](http://WTWOODSONSPORTS.ORG)  
to view schedules for all Woodson Cavaliers fall sports teams.

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