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Booster Auction – March 21

Denise Bashara and Mary Ruth Nottingham, this year's co-chairs, are looking forward to see everyone at the Maury Booster Association's 4th annual auction. The auction fun begins at 6:00 PM at the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club.

The 2008 auction netted nearly \$32,600 for Maury High. This was the third year the Boosters sponsored an all-

school auction. Net proceeds from the 2008 auction were distributed as follows:

73% to 49 Maury teams and clubs

18% to 12 Maury academic and athletic departments

9% for Maury Booster grant making in the school

Popular items in the previous years silent and live

auction included mountain and beach getaways, gift certificates for favorite local restaurants and services, and hand-crafted creations.



Wrestling Team Excels in District Tournament

The Maury Wrestling Team turned out an impressive showing over the weekend of February 7th at the Eastern District Wrestling Tournament at Lake Taylor High School placing 3rd behind Granby and Norview.

Seniors Joshua Woodbury and Eric Evans added two more names to the list of District Champions to wear the Blue and Orange.

Woodbury dominated the 189 pound weight class, recording 3 straight pins for his title. Evans, seeded #3, beat both the #2 and #1 seeds to claim his crown. It took Evans 4 overtimes in the Championship match to defeat his opponent 4-3,

and did so with sheer will and determination.

Junior Thaddeus Wallace who compiled a 22-4 record placed second in the 130 pound division, as well as first year wrestler

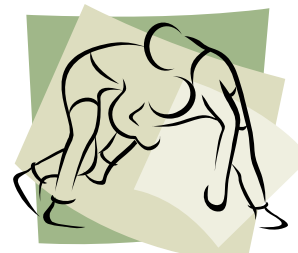
Sophomore Thomas Sloan in the 145 pound class. "A first year wrestler taking second in the district is very impressive. It really gives you something to build on, and with him being a Sophomore, we expect great things out of him in the future."

Seniors Marcus James and Kris Turner brought home the Bronze with 3rd place

finishes in the 160 and 112 pound classes.

Senior Andrew Singleton and Sophomore Nathan Tumminelli round out the list of Commodores who qualified for regional's.

So the final numbers for Maury the weekend: 4 Finalists, 2 Champions, and 8 wrestlers looking to extend their season, as they headed to Regionals



Maury Students in the Running for Top Academic Honors

Amber Bailey has been selected out of 10,000 African-American seniors to be one of the 33 semi-finalists in the Ron Brown Scholars Program. Only 10 scholarships are awarded nationally. Matthew Ambler has advanced to Finalist status in the National Merit Scholarship Program. We wish them both the very best of luck!

Senior Prom

This year's prom theme is "Red Carpet". Prom will be held at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens on May 30 from 7:30 – 11:30 PM. Please contact Ms. Kelly Beamon for more information.

District Choir Results

The Maury Choirs had 15 students and 3 alternates named to this year's District Chorus Event. The audition, which consisted of a prepared piece and a sight reading exercise, was held Saturday, November 1

Maury Booster Annual Fruit Sale

The annual Maury Booster's fruit sale, hands down, is one of the most delicious ways to benefit all Maury students! From November through April, pink grapefruit, oranges, tangerines and tomatoes are trucked directly from citrus groves in Florida to customers at Maury High School.

You can be a part of Maury's success. If each family buys at least one box of fruit

during the fall and winter fruit sale, the Boosters will have thousands more dollars to enhance the learning environment and fund special projects at Maury.

Last year, the fruit sale raised over \$13,500. This money comes back to benefit Maury High School in two ways; 1) Maury teams, clubs and academic departments with specific needs simply submit a grant application form for

review by the Boosters; and 2) Student organizations sign up to unload the truck the afternoon before the sale, and to assist customers the day of the sale, earning money for their club.

For more details on the fruits of the month, the deadlines for ordering and pick up dates, call 628-3349 or click on

www.mauryboosters.org

Ms. Vourlas Named MHS Teacher of the Year

Ms. Vourlas is the Instructional Technology Resource Teacher and Standards of Learning (SOL) Test Chair for Maury High School. As such, she serves as an instructional specialist who helps teachers use technology resources to improve teaching and learning in the classroom, manage the testing program, and support the existing data team.

In her nomination for Teacher of the Year, Ms. Vourlas is praised for her incredible knowledge about educational software. It also mentions her positive attitude when dealing with staff and students and often seeks out staff instead of the other way around. Her refreshing and contagious enthusiasm encourages teachers to want to do more with their lessons.



Go Maury!

Show your Maury spirit by purchasing t-shirts, mugs and sweatshirts from the school's DECA Chapter. Items are pictured at the booster association website and will be on sale at selected school events. To order, email [Vanessa Smith, vsmith@nps.k12.va.us](mailto:vsmith@nps.k12.va.us) or call 628-9177

Celebrating the Anniversary of the End to Massive Resistance

The art program at Maury participated in a city-wide exhibition in collaboration of the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the End to Massive Resistance. The concept and title of

the exhibit was "Unity". The show was on display at Selden Arcade. The opening reception was January 30 with Mayor Paul Fraim making a presentation.

Congratulations to the many Maury students who participated in this program

Orchestras Yard Sale and Car Wash

The Concert and Chamber Orchestras will be hosting two upcoming fund raisers.

Saturday, April 4 will be the annual deBree Avenue Yard Sale from 7 AM until Noon.

Saturday, May 9 will be the Car Wash at the Ghent Auto Care on Colley Avenue & Westover Ave. Please come out and support these wonderful musicians.

Creative Writers

Ms. Doran is pleased to announce that several members of the creative writing classes at Maury were recently selected to appear in Poetic Power's Spring Poetry Anthology to be released later this spring. The students were required to write an original poem and submit it to the contest of their choice.

Maury Celebrates Black History Month

The Maury Chorale was invited by the mayor's office to sing at the Governor's Luncheon for the Norfolk 17 on Monday, February 2 held at First Baptist Church on Bute Street. The select 20-voice ensemble performed the National Anthem and "Marchin' to Freedom." Prior to that on the same morning, the Maury Chorale performed the same program at Maury's Assembly for the End of Massive Resistance. Directed by Teresa Jasper, the Maury Chorale enjoys being of service to the community in addition to their regular concert schedule. They also performed at the Norfolk End of Massive Resistance Celebration on Martin Luther King Day at Chrysler Hall.

Kudos and many thanks to Pam Lassiter (Mask Making), Ezra Washington (AfroBrazillian Drumming/Capoeira) and Donna Williams (Caribbean Dance) for the amazingly interactive workshops in celebration of African

American culture and experience. A very diverse group of students attended, and they were all excited, engaged, and energetic.

Maury High School honored Black History Month though a number of month-long activities under the theme "Be the Change" ... They began with a Black History Assembly entitled "Be the Change ... Stop the Violence", which examined the history of violence in the African-American community from the slave trade to the enforcement of Jim Crow and segregation laws to what has evolved into self-inflicted violence and solution to that self-inflicted violence. Guest speakers included the Rev. Todd C. Davidson, former teacher and administration with NPS and current VBPS school board member, and the Rev. Dr. Kurt Huston.

Each Wednesday in February there have been "Be the Change" workshops that have offered students alternatives to violence as

well as expose them to African-American influences in the arts and literature. A few of the workshops included African mask making, African and Carribean dance, poetry and spoken word, blues and jazz music, and jewelry making. Special workshops at the end of the month will focused on hip-hop culture with classes in hip-hop and break dancing, music production, and DJing and MCing.

The month's activities ended with the "I Am the Change" Showcase, which includes students' display of positive fashions, talents, and their work in the various workshops.



Maury Invitational 2009 Champions Showcase


The boys and girls soccer teams at Maury are hosting the Maury Invitational March 17 – 20 at Powhatan Field. This four-day high school soccer event is designed to showcase the very best high school soccer teams in Hampton Roads. Players from Kellam, Landstown, Hickory and

Maury will be participating. Check out maurysoccer.com for games times and more details.

Thursday and Friday are Local Soccer Club nights, any player who comes out wearing their club jersey gets in free!



Maury Auction Baskets

Organization	Theme
Kershasky's English Class	Bella Italia - A Trip to Italy
JV Cheerleaders	Day at the Spa
Culinary I	Grill In
Culinary II	Just Grilling
Senior Class '09	Kitchen Essentials
Girls Lacrosse	Girls Off to College
Visual Media Club	Visual Media
Chamber Orchestra	Baby Basket
Concert Orchestra 	Corporate Woods Drive
PTSA	An Evening Out
Chorus	It's Easy Being Green
FEA	Baker's Delight
Varsity Cheerleaders	Children's Basket
Varsity Sailing	Make Your Own Sushi
Girls Soccer	Sweet Sixteen
FCCLA	Movie Basket
AP Psychology	Real Cooking
Debate	Casino Night
Charlie 10 team	A Date at the Beach
DECA	Maury Spirit
Boys Tennis	Boys Off to College
Boys Soccer	Bleacher Creature Comforts
Track & Field	Everything UVA
FBLA	Spa & Relaxation
Arabic	Arabian Nights
Boys Swim team 	Weekend at Wintergreen with 2 rounds of golf at Devil's Knob Golf Course and \$100 dinner gift certificate

Junior Ring Dance

The Junior Ring Dance will be held on May 9th at The Harrison Opera House. This year's theme is Casino Night. Questions can be e-mailed to the sponsors, Ms. Kershasky or Ms. O'Connor



Organization	Theme
Field Hockey	Cocktails
PINK Club	IN THE PINK
Girl's Varsity Basketball	A Little REST and RELAXATION
Junior Class of 2010	A Teen Night Out (or IN)
Boys Varsity Basketball	UVA
Boys Jr. Varsity Basketball	Va. Tech
JV Baseball	Everything for the Beach
Varsity Baseball	Fishing Trip
Alpha 10 Team	Doggie Basket
Varsity Softball	Just for Two
JV Softball	Starbucks Coffee
Model UN	International Foods
Social Studies	Dog Lovers Basket
Girl's Golf	Practically <i>Par</i> -fect
German Club	From Germany With Love!
Girls Swim Team	Early Morning Practice
SCA	Everything But The Puppy
Varsity Football	Pre-Homecoming & Starbucks
Girls Tennis	Gift Wrapping For All Occasions
Boys Volleyball	Volley for these Jollies
Boys & Girls Cross Country	Carb Loading
English Dept.	Mother's Day Basket
National Honor Society	A Novel Experience: The Book Lover's Basket
Skate Club	Wine Basket
Boys Lacrosse Team 	Beach House & Stuff

 Live Auction Item



Booster Who's Who:

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