

NEWS UPDATE



Maury Teacher of the Year

The 2005-6 Teacher of the Year at Maury High School is a familiar face. Donna Bly



Donna Bly
Teacher of the Year

has been teaching biology to 10th graders and honor students here for 12 years.

When she teaches, her love of biology combines with her love of young people, especially her students. "I love being able to interact with the

youngsters at Maury, I guess that is why I am still here," she said.

Her enthusiasm carried her this year to the top of the Maury faculty, from which individual teachers are nominated and recognized monthly and yearly.

Michael Granata was Teacher of the Month in February and Moshin Bouzian won the honor in January.

"I guess I was destined to be an educator," Ms. Bly said, noting that her parents are both retired elementary school teachers. For three years she has also led "Dynasty," the Maury step team, and this year she is co-sponsor of the newly organized Maury Gospel Choir.

Message from the Principal

Let me be among the first to welcome students and parents of the **Class of 2010** to the Maury High School family. Members of the staff and I are eager to meet each of you and have you attend school at Maury. We have many interesting and exciting programs, provide a

world-class educational experience, and offer many extracurricular activities, all of which will provide you a well-rounded education.

We only ask that students and parents take the time to discuss together all

of the options open to them and then to

make committed decisions about the ones that are right for you.

Over the past several years, we have instituted a Freshman Success program to help students make the sometimes difficult transition from middle

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NJROTC Swings Into Compassionate Action

When Maury alumnus Army Pfc. Jonathan Bartlett lost his legs in Iraq in 2004, the Maury Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) immediately began raking leaves, cleaning garages, hooking up computers, building a ramp on his Norfolk and collecting funds at Maury orchestra concerts. By the end of 2005 they had raised \$6,000 to help Bartlett and an additional \$8,000 they donated for the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial planned for Washington, D.C.

The effort was typical community service for our 105 NJROTC students. This year they are raising \$5,000 for Lee's Friends cancer support center. NJROTC is the only student group to be financial sponsors of the Maury Auction. Previously the students donated \$5,000 for the new children's garden at Norfolk Botanical Garden. They routinely provide color guards for Maury programs and Norfolk Tides baseball games and raise funds each year for nonprofits working with disabled children and the homeless.

Led by MCPO Linda Fox and Capt. John Warren, students often arrive at 6:30 a.m. or stay after school to hone their military skills. For sophomore Justin Sandeen, who plans to be a fighter pilot, NJROTC "is fun and interesting and provides rewarding life experiences."

Graduation

Valedictorian

Tej Toor has been named valedictorian of the senior class. He has been accepted to MIT.

Dawn Page is salutatorian. She was awaiting word from W&M and Duke at press time.

From the principal (continued)

to high school. Please know that our teachers and other staff members are available to offer the support that you will need to meet the high demands of high school. The Freshman Success program offers "double blocking" in English 9 and Algebra I. This allows participating students the support of an additional block of instruction to help ensure success in that subject. We also use Interactive Notebooks with our ninth graders. These notebooks help students become more organized and keep track of assignments and projects. Freshman also study Steven Covey's book, *The Seven Habits of Highly*

Effective Teens, in their physical education and health classes. This book helps teens learn a variety of skills and strategies to succeed in school and in life.

For the first time next year, all incoming ninth grade students will be placed in smaller learning communities (SLCs). These communities will give students a more personalized instructional atmosphere. We have worked for over two years planning these SLCs and have visited several high schools throughout the United States where such communities are evidencing effectiveness in helping high school students be successful. To learn more

details about these communities, how they will be structured, and what they will offer for students, please read the Smaller Learning Communities Newsletter inserted in this issue of the *UPDATE*.

Once again, welcome to Maury. Please stop by any time during the summer for a visit and tour. I look forward to meeting and working with each of you and seeing you proudly wear the Maury Commodores BLUE and ORANGE!

Michael J. Caprio,
Principal

Maury High School

National Honor Society

Have you heard about the “tapping ceremony”?

Would you like to know what it takes to be a member of perhaps one of the most academically elite groups in high school?

Interested in achieving the goal of becoming a member of the National Honor Society?

Consideration begins spring of your sophomore year and you must meet these criteria to be considered:

Earn an overall 3.3 grade point average. Complete an application and demonstrate character, leadership and service. For details call the guidance department, 628-3369.

Planning to take the SAT or ACT this spring or fall?

Log onto www.collegeboard.com or www.act.org for registration information and test dates

Guidance News:

Attention first time ninth graders:

Beginning with the 2005-2006 freshman class weighted credit will be given for any classes designated as “Honors”. You will find an additional .01 added to your GPA each semester for each “Honors” designated class credit.

Sports

Special Efforts

The girls basketball team went to the quarter finals of the state tournament.

Football players **Dyrr McCain** and **James Butts** placed in the January U.S. Army National Combine.

Menilik Tadesse, a junior, qualified for the state wrestling tournament by placing 4th in the region.

Winter Sports Recap:

Basketball

Boys District Tournament Champs

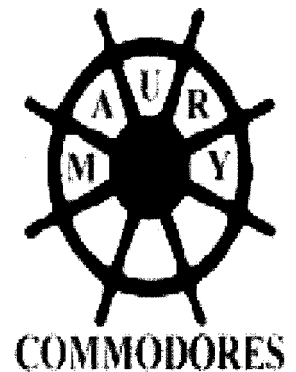
Girls District Regular Season Champs Eastern Regional Runner-ups

Swimming

Boys District Champs Girls District Champs

Wrestling

District Runner-ups



Thanks to the Maury Booster Association for recent grants that:

- *Paid for wall maps in social studies classes
- *Bought a computer for digital photography students
- *Provided funding for the chorus
- *Helped to purchase medals for honor graduates
- *Bought lacrosse team helmets
- *Covered the cost of the Maury UP-

Maury Booster Association www.mauryboosters.org

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Schedule of Events

• **Art Show**

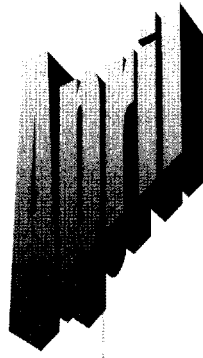
Don't miss the annual Maury Student Art Show April 3 and 4 from 7:30 to 1:00 in the school auditorium. It is open to the public.

• **Fruit Proceeds**

The Maury Booster Association thanks everyone for a successful sale, with \$14,000 raised for educational needs at Maury. Special thanks go to the band, orchestra and volunteers Martha Ambler, Sandy Livsey, Kay Goodbout and Ellen Moss.

Prom Nights

Seniors gather May 13 at Norfolk Botanical Gardens at 8 p.m. Their theme is "Red Carpet Affair—Hollywood." Juniors celebrate April 29 at the Selden Arcade, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Their theme is "A Night in the City."



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
						SAT
						Testing
2	3	4	5	6	7 No School	8
	23rd Annual Student Art Show 7:30—1:00	Art Show continues	Girls' tennis final matches	Fruit Pick-Up	Teacher Records Day	ACT Testing
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	SPRING		BREAK			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			Boy's Tennis Ends			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
						Junior Prom
30						7:30

Sazio Golf Tournament

Former Maury football players are organizing the Jerry Sazio Golf Tournament on Friday, May 12, at noon, to raise funds for college scholarships for Maury football players.

The scholarships honor Sazio, the former Maury High football coach. Registration costs \$75, which includes dinner and awards. Registration forms are in the Maury office. Checks can be mailed to Roger Carr, 1901 Thomas Bishop Lane, Virginia Beach, 23454.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 AP Testing begins	2	3 Track & Field make-	4	5	6 SAT Testing
7	8	9 Teacher Appreciation Day	10	11	12 Soccer, baseball and softball final games Sazio Golf tournament	13 Senior Prom 8:00
14	15 SOL Testing begins	16	17	18	19 Progress Reports	20
21	22	23	24	25 Chorus Concert 7:00 PTSA meeting	26	27
28	29 No School Memorial Day Holiday	30 Honors Assembly	31			

Help!

Volunteers are needed for school projects and events. For details on volunteering at Maury, check the website www.mauryboosters.org or send e-mail to mauryvolunteers@gmail.com

Last Week

- June 12-14**
 Early Release days during last week. Dismissal at 11:25 a.m.
- June 13**
 Graduation for Seniors, 5:00 at Chrysler Hall
- June 15**
 Students' last day of school. Dismissal at 9:25 a.m.
- All calendar events are subject to change, so please check the Maury web site.

Web Alert for Parents:

Soon you will be able to monitor your child's grades and attendance via the web. Use the "parent access" feature of the [NPS eSembler automated teacher grading system](#) to: view all assignment and test scores for each of your child's classes, monitor attendance or arrange to receive an e-mail if your child's class grade falls below a certain value. Soon details will be sent home.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	
				Junior Class picnic	SAT Testing	
4	5	6 Sports Awards Ceremony (6:30) Orchestra concert (7)	7	8	9	10
	Senior Exams					ACT Testing
11	12 Early Release	13 Early Release	14 Early Release	15 Last Day and Early Release	16	17
	Exams begin 9-11 grades	Graduation 5 p.m. Chrysler Hall				

Congratulations

Junior **Emily Raver-Lampman** garnered rave reviews in area publications for her lead role in "Little Shop of Horrors" produced by the Governors School for the Arts.

Seniors **Tej Toor** and **Hannah Woodlan** are finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Senior **Sierra Jackson** was a finalist in the National Achievement Program.

Heather Marchese and **Jason Sandeen** were named Maury's Ms. and Mr. NJROTC at the annual military ball in February.

What's Happening with the Maury PTSA....

Membership: As of March 1, **450** individuals have joined the PTSA.

Cultural Arts: The PTSA sponsored three programs at Maury:

Creative Writing Project with Toni Wynn

Slam Poet – Soul Portraits

Tap Team II – Hoofin’ in America

Reflections: All of the Maury entries to the Norfolk Council earned first place. These children also received recognition at the regional level of competition.

Lina Kuhn – Literature

Jessica Wassenaar – Photography

Apollo Simon – Fine Arts

John Ford – Musical Composition

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Nominations for next year's Maury PTSA officers are being accepted. Please submit names to our website or call the school.

Languages Build Bridges Across the World

Foreign Language Week was celebrated March 6 – 10th with the national theme: Languages: Bridges to Communication.

The host of activities included hall banners & posters, the flag raising each day with a flag representing each of the languages taught at Maury (Spain, France, Germany, Italy, & Japan), a Multicultural Fest with exhibits for each language in the cafeteria during the lunch blocks, daily announcements regarding students' travel and achievements, film fest in the various classes, and a Maury Poster

Contest.

During Spring Break many foreign language students will be traveling to Spain, France, Germany and Italy.

Peter Kolb, an AP Latin student, left on March 10th to spend the rest of the year studying in Japan, as part of a study abroad program.

Matthew Paluszek & Fred Freeman are being sponsored by the Lions Club and will do a home-stay exchanger program in Italy this summer.

Zoe Hickox, for the second consecutive

summer will do a home stay exchange in France this summer.

Chelsea Morton has been accepted by the "School Year Abroad Program" to spend next year studying in Italy.

The following students placed on the National German Exam that was given in January 2006:

1st Place – **Madeline Karp**

2nd Place – **Lucila Dunnington**

3rd Place – **Victoria Lannetti**

National

Foreign

Language Week

Theme:

Languages:

Bridges to

Communication



Maury orchestra and chorus students will spend spring break cruising the Caribbean and performing ship-board.

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