



# CAVALIER COURIER

Princess Anne High School

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September, 2009

## A Message from Pat Griffin, Principal...

Welcome to Cavalier Country. I am extremely proud of our 1870 students as they made their way back to school, found their classrooms, and went about their business of becoming focused on their studies. Judging by the first two weeks of school, we have another great group of young people, and I am looking forward to the year ahead.

Our staff is committed to providing your son or daughter with the best possible education; however your participation in his or her schooling is essential for success. We ask for your partnership in helping us work towards our school theme, "Academic achievement...our number one priority!" Encourage your student to come to school daily, to do his/her homework daily, to be on time to every class, and to be responsible for his/her behavior. Please contact the teacher at the first sign of a problem so we can work together to help your student succeed.

Please attend our Open House, Tuesday, September 29. This is the first and most crucial step in forming the home/school partnership! Follow your student's schedule, meet with your student's teachers, join the PTSA, tour our building, visit the Library Media Center, and enjoy the festivities and food in the Cavalier Food Court. Let us continue to work together in the true PA spirit and tradition to provide your son or daughter with a happy, safe and productive high school career.

**PTSA "OPEN HOUSE NIGHT"**

**September 29, 2009**

**6:30 P.M.**

**PAHS AUDITORIUM**

**School Planning Council Openings (SPC)** - The Princess Anne High School Planning Council has several openings for parents and/or community members. The SPC meets quarterly. Its purpose is to monitor the school's objectives and help oversee the Continuous Improvement Plan for accreditation. If you are interested in serving on the SPC, please submit a letter of interest to Mrs. Griffin, principal.

**MySchool Mail - Cavalier Courier** will be mailed every Friday as an "e-newsletter" this year. Please subscribe by clicking the *MySchool Mail* logo on the PA Home Page, [www.princessannehs.vbschools.com](http://www.princessannehs.vbschools.com), then scroll down the next page and "subscribe" to *Cavalier Courier* to keep up with all the weekly news from PAHS. After you subscribe you will receive an email in your Inbox asking you to confirm your subscription. Depending on your spam filter settings, it may go to your "junk mail", so please check that mailbox also. The sender would be listed as "The Weekly Newsletter from P...", "and the rest of the address may be truncated. The subject would say "Confirmation." Please open that email and reply according to the directions in order to start receiving *Cavalier Courier*. This is important because we have several hundred subscribers who have not confirmed yet.



**Cell Phones** - Cell phones continue to be a problem. Please talk to your son or daughter about his/her cell phone. It is best to turn the phone off and leave it at home, in the car, or in a locker and make sure all alarms on the cell phone are disabled. We have already suspended several students, in accordance with School Board Policy. We want our students in class, not in ISS!

**Dress Code** - Parents and students are reminded that shorts must have at least a 4 inch inseam, and skirts must be at least finger tip length when arms are extended by one's side. Fronts, shoulders and backs must be covered for males and females. Please refer to the dress code policy in our student planner. Offenders will wait in ISS until proper attire can be brought to school.



**AlertNow** is a powerful and convenient notification system that will allow PA and/or the school district to send important information and emergency information quickly to your phone and/or e-mail account. Please note how we will communicate with you using Alert Now.

- For **non-emergency** messages, you will receive a telephone call most likely to your home phone.
- Should a school **emergency** occur, in addition to being called at home, you will also be notified through the various phone numbers you have included on your child's registration form.
- In addition to being notified by phone during a school **emergency**, you will also receive messages via e-mail.
- This new notification system has the capability of calling five of your phone numbers (home, alternate or cell, and work) and sending messages up to five different e-mail accounts.
- **Multiple phone numbers** and e-mail addresses will only be used to notify you during a school **emergency, closing, or cancellation.**

Our school staff will be using *AlertNow* throughout the school year to keep in touch with parents about **important** events taking place at PA. Here is what you need to know about receiving AlertNow calls

- If you have Caller ID, for a non-emergency message, the school's main number 757-648-5600, will display.
- If you have Caller ID, for an **emergency** message, 757-263-1000 will appear in the display.
- Be sure to say **hello** when you answer the phone. The technology must hear a voice to deliver the message.
- *AlertNow* will leave a message on any answering machine or voicemail.
- If the *AlertNow* message stops playing, press any key 1-9 and the message will replay.
- If an e-mail is sent, the subject line should read **Virginia Beach City Public Schools.**

You will receive an Alert Now message next week reminding you of our September 29<sup>th</sup> Open House. This message will be sent to your home phone or the phone number you have provided us as being your primary phone. If you do not receive a call from the *AlertNow*, **by Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**, please notify the school.

**Official SAT Online Course** - Students in Grades 9 through 12 can register for College Board's Online SAT Prep Course to help them prepare for the SAT and PSAT. Students practice answering the same types of questions they will answer on test day. Upon registering for the course, students receive a unique access code that makes the online course available from both school and home. See Mrs. Raines in Room 200 to check out a copy of the *Official SAT Study Guide* and receive a personal access code with instructions for accessing the Online SAT Prep Course.

## School Picture Information

**Seniors** - If you have not taken your portrait for the yearbook (**boys-tuxedo, girls-drape**), you may sign up to do so at school. Prestige by Lifetouch will be at PAHS on October 12, 2009 from 7:30-2:00. There is a sign up sheet located on the SCA bulletin board. All portraits for the yearbook must be taken by Prestige by Lifetouch. Sitting fees are as follows: **Free**- 2 poses, no proofs will be mailed home. Lifetouch will select the best pose. **\$5.00**- 2 poses, proofs will be mailed home. **\$20.00** - 6-8 poses, proofs will be mailed home. Seniors must select yearbook pose by October 30, 2009.

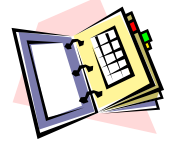
**Underclassmen** - Pictures will be taken on September 30 and October 1 through English Classes. If a student does not take English, he or she must make arrangements to take a picture on either day. Pricing information will be distributed to students a few days before picture day. All pictures will have a blue background. **Underclassmen Make up Day- October 29, 2009.**



## TO PRINCESS ANNE HIGH SCHOOL. . . .

Custom Designed Sportswear Sale by Harbour Graphics- a great opportunity for all of our students, parents, faculty and staff members to get custom imprinted Spirit items that say something unique about him or her while displaying pride in our school. This event will take place on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, during Open House. Don't Miss It! Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the PTSA to support programs here at PAHS.

**Student Planner/Handbooks** – All students have a daily planner that they must carry with them at all times. The planner includes the student handbook, the A/B year calendar (which never changes, not even for hurricanes or snow days), sports schedules, study tips, and the daily calendar for writing in homework and various assignments. Check your student’s planner to see what his or her homework is. Also, the teacher may write notes to you, the parent, in the planner. We want the planner to be a well-used study tool and resource for parents and students. Please take care of these planners. The replacement cost is \$5.00, and we often run out during second semester.




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## FYI From the Guidance Department. . . .

Guidance Office Hours – 6:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Phone 648-5600 Extension 85611

Guidance Counselors

Mrs. Delaney – Students A – C

Mr. Waite – Students D – Han

Mrs. Hummer – Students Har – L

Ms. Gorham – Students M – R

Ms. Mitchell – Students S – Z




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## PA IS PROUD OF . . .

**Ebony Gibbs** for being selected PA’s Senior of the Summer!

**Kristin Emodi and Ashley Shah** for being selected as Neptune Festival Princesses

**Keyona Allen, Morgan Davis, Alexis Ciccone, Samantha Freeman, and Monay Harrell** for being named as UCA All American Cheerleaders.

**Julie Coursen and Matt Wagner** for being named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists.

**Mrs. Betsy Dijulio** for being named 2009-2010 Princess Anne High School Teacher of the Year and the Virginia Beach Schools Teacher of the Year.



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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ!

State law and city of Virginia Beach School Board Policy 5-66 allow the release of high school junior and senior directory information to representatives of the military for recruiting purposes. Directory information may include the student’s name, sex, address, telephone listing, date of birth, and other similar information; **however, Virginia Beach City Public Schools provides only name and address on a mailing label.**

A parent may deny the school permission to release the directory information for a student. If you wish to deny the release of such information, complete the tear-off portion of this letter and return it to Mrs. Pat Griffin, principal, on or before **November 7, 2008**. If you have not notified the school by that time, the mailing information will be available for release to representatives of the military.

In accordance with School Board Policy 5-66, I wish to deny permission for directory information for my child,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to be released to the representatives of the military for the purpose of recruiting.

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 Signature of Parent

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*Student’s Last, First, Middle Name (Please Print)*

**Note: Please return this form to Mrs. Griffin, principal, on or before November 7, 2009.**

