



# Heads Up

February 21, 2014

**Come out and support Osprey Basketball!** Our Varsity Basketball teams will play this Friday in the ISAC tournament at Christchurch School. The girls will play Ware at 3:30 pm for 3rd place and the boys will play SCW at 7:15 pm for the Championship. Next week will be the last game of the season for the Varsity Boys, Varsity Girls, and JV Boys. All three teams will travel to Millwood School in Richmond on Friday the 28th.

**Teaching Technology:** We all know that if you have a technology problem, you need to go find a 10-year-old. With that in mind, the Teaching Technology activity group decided to take their expertise on the road. The first week they met, the students created technology "cheat sheets" explaining the use of and how to troubleshoot everything from a smartphone to a Wii. Armed with those, we traveled to RV-C to help anyone who wanted to stop by. The students were great teachers, and there are some very tech savvy seniors out there now! Watch out, kids, we may have to change the saying about finding a 10-year-old.

**Fifth grade creativity:** Recently, fifth graders completed the novel *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt. The students enjoyed discussing the idea of immortality, even though most believed they would not like to live forever. Natalie Babbitt is a very descriptive, detailed writer. Fifth graders took her words and completed projects based upon descriptions delivered through Babbitt's writing style. Our end of the novel projects highlighted the artistic, creative talents of the fifth grade. Many students recreated the book jacket, illustrated scenes, wrote poetry and plays about *Tuck Everlasting*. The cumulation of projects would have made Babbitt proud!

**Design Dilemmas:** (By Millie Tompkins and Audrey Biringier)  
This week, we began our biggest challenge in 7th grade Pre-Algebra yet: the dream house challenge. Students in past years have had to design their own houses. However, this year, we asked the 3rd graders to play the role of client. The Pre-Algebra students will be the "architects" and help the 3rd graders create a functioning house under a budget (that was given randomly to 3rd graders) ranging anywhere from \$200,000 to \$400,000. This project will last about 6 weeks, with several deadlines along the way. Third graders gave their architect some ideas, then the 7th graders have to create a design, an architectural scaled drawing, a 3D CAD Model (an online model), and a 3D foam board model. Not only will the 7th graders be working with geometry, ratios and proportions of the drawing to the house, but they will also be working with money to find out how much the house, flooring, and appliances cost. The architects also have to use simple logic and good principles of design. For example, if a client requests an architect to create a flat roof, the architect might say, "Wouldn't it be more logical if the roof was peaked so that rain wouldn't sit on the roof?" They also have to do some reasoning and convincing if a budget is really low. Wish the 7th graders luck as they start this diverse project!

**Families of Rising 6th, 7th, or 8th Grade Students:**  
This fall Chesapeake Academy hosted two students from Faces & Our Culture, an 8-week cultural exchange program based in Guatemala. Currently there are 18 independent schools in Virginia participating in the Faces & Our Culture Program. This year our two participants, Anika and Danny, enjoyed the rich offerings at CA - from teaching Spanish to Pre-K 3&4 students, to sharing

cultural lessons in middle school, to participating on athletic teams...their time with us was truly an exchange of cultures and we hope to continue to offer this opportunity to the CA school community. Chesapeake Academy has an opportunity to host 2-3 middle school students from Guatemala during the fall of 2014-15. If you have a child enrolled for rising 6th, 7th, or 8th grade and are interested in learning more about hosting a student from October – December 2014, please contact Hilary Scott at [hscott@chesapeakeacademy.org](mailto:hscott@chesapeakeacademy.org).

**Midnight in Paris Auction Update!** (by Adrienne Bugg)  
Hey Chesapeake! Even though this warmer weather is temporary, it makes me even MORE excited about this year's auction, Midnight in Paris. The items will be online April 1st so we need your procured items/item descriptions and donations by March 17th. No foolin', we gotta get crackin'! Specifically, we are looking for more ads, more silent auction items and anyone with connections to DC, New York, South Africa (yes, we have a South Africa trip in the live auction arsenal!). Contact Catherine or me for more information. It's gonna be AWESOME, so get fired up!!

**Reminders!** Enrollment Agreements and deposits for 2014 -15 are due on or before Thursday, February 27 at 5:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Richard Abbott or Hilary Scott.

For families seeking 2014-15 financial assistance consideration, all documents are due on or before March 4, 2014. Please visit [www.chesapeakeacademy.org/adm\\_FA.html](http://www.chesapeakeacademy.org/adm_FA.html) for information regarding the financial assistance process.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

**Wednesday, February 26:** Tag day

**Thursday, February 27:** Enrollment Agreement/deposit due

**Friday, February 28:** Final Friday (BoxTops and ink cartridges due!)

**Wednesday, March 5:** Dress uniform; 6th grade VMFA field trip

**Thursday, March 6:** Richmond Symphony field trip (4th-8th graders)