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## Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser Prompts “Jar Wars” at Van Wyck

By Franca Petrillo

When Matthew and Chris Zhang came to me and asked that I help them with a fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis, I had no idea how successful it would be. Matthew and Chris were motivated. They wanted to raise money to donate to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to help find a cure because they have a six year old cousin who has the disease.

From October 9, 2007 through October 23, 2007, Matthew, Chris, and their friends Matthew McNamara, Dan McCarthy, Conrad Burke, AJ Nandi, and Brandon Horton promoted “Jar Wars” over the PA system. Each participating homeroom was given a jar in which students placed their donations. It was a competition to see which homeroom would raise the most money. Twice a week the boys would announce the homeroom which was in the lead. By the end of the two weeks, Van Wyck had raised \$3,860 to donate to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

I attribute the success of this fundraiser to the leadership, motivation, and enthusiasm of Matthew and Chris. These two students gave up free time to organize and promote the fundraiser so that it would be a success. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade winning homeroom was awarded a pizza party from Pizza Village, and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade winning homeroom was awarded a bagel breakfast. Proceeds were donated by the Van Wyck PTO and Sam’s Club. Bagels were purchased from Fishkill Bagels at a discount. An additional breakfast and goodie bags were given to the two homerooms that were very close to the winners. Thanks and gratitude to Mrs. Zhang who organized all of the awards given to our students.

Due to Matthew and Chris’ efforts, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will be able to continue seeking a cure. I applaud the boys for all of their hard work.



# John Jay FBLA Winter Coat Drive is a Great Success!

By: Robert Wehmann

During the week of December 3rd, the members of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) at John Jay High School organized and conducted its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Coat Drive. The Coat Drive was a terrific success. Over 100 winter coats were collected from students, faculty, and the John Jay community. All of the items were donated to the Family Partnership in the City of Poughkeepsie. Our neighbors in need will dress warmer this winter.

FBLA members extend their many thanks to faculty and friends for all of the support received in this worthwhile effort to assist our community.



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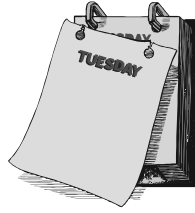
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# Dates to Know



## JANUARY:

- BOE meeting - January 14, 2008 (WJH & FP)
- pay day - Jan. 18, 2008
- no school - January 21, 2008
- BOE meeting - January 28, 2008 (GY & BR)

## FEBRUARY:

- pay day - Feb. 1, 2008
- Superintendent's Conference Day - February 6, 2008
- BOE meeting - February 11, 2008 (VW & SR)
- pay day - Feb. 15, 2008
- no school - February 15, 2008
- no school - February 18, 2008
- BOE meeting - February 25, 2008 (MC & OG)
- pay day - Feb. 29, 2008

## MARCH:

- BOE meeting - March 3, 2008 (JJ)
- pay day - March 14, 2008
- BOE meeting - March 17, 2008 (EV, VR, & KR)
- no school - March 21, 2008
- no school - March 24, 2008
- Superintendent's Conference Day - March 25, 2008
- pay day - Mar. 28, 2008

## APRIL:

- *General Membership Meeting - April 7, 2008*
- BOE meeting - April 7, 2008 (WJH & FP)
- pay day - Apr. 11, 2008
- Spring Recess - April 14 - 18, 2008
- BOE meeting - April 22, 2008 (GY, BR, & VR)
- pay day - Apr. 25, 2008

## MAY:

- BOE meeting - May 5, 2008 (RCK, FS, & SR)
- pay day - May 9, 2008
- *WCT Recognition Dinner - May 16, 2008*
- BOE meeting - May 19, 2008 (VW, JJ, & OG)
- pay day - May 23, 2008
- no school - May 23, 2008
- no school - May 26, 2008

## JUNE:

- pay day - June 6, 2008
- BOE meeting - June 9, 2008 (MC, EV, KR, & OG)
- pay day - June 20, 2008
- pay day - June 26, 2008

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