

## Mason Girls CC Defend State Title Saturday

The defending Virginia A state champion George Mason High School girls cross country team heads to Great Meadow in Warrenton this Saturday in hopes of keeping its title for a second consecutive year. Last week in Charlottesville, the Mustangs breezed through the Region B championship defeating Strasburg, Page County and Clarke County. The Mustangs finished with top honors despite the loss of top runner Natalie Young to an injury earlier in the season.



The defending state champion GMHS girls cross country team.

"The girls really pulled it together and made it look easy to win," Coach Julie Bravin said.

In addition to the entire GMHS girls cross country team, the boys team, led by senior Miles Butler, will also participate having a 4th place regional finish.

### FCC-TV Spotlight: F@cetas

Tune in to Falls Church City Television (FCC-TV) to watch *F@cetas*. This Spanish-language news program features topical stories important to the residents of Falls Church. Updated weekly, *F@cetas* covers current events, music, politics, and many other interesting subjects. You can watch *F@cetas* on FCC-TV at the following times:

- Mondays at 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
- Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.

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### BIE Partner of the Week Rory Dippold Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School

**School involvement:** Seventh grade teacher and student council (SCA) advisor at Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School. He has hosted community members who spoke to classes about government, immigration and economics. He brings SCA members into the community to volunteer. He is working with Robek's on a fundraiser for student council projects.

**Why Rory is a BIE partner:** "As a teacher, it is great to know that there are so many community resources in Falls Church to support what we are teaching students in the classroom."

For more information about sharing your expertise through the BIE Partnership, visit [www.fccps.org](http://www.fccps.org) or contact Marybeth Connelly at [connellym@fccps.org](mailto:connellym@fccps.org).



### Foundation Footnotes

#### Donated items wanted for auction at Quinn's

The Falls Church Education Foundation will hold a reception and auction on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at Quinn's Auction House in Falls Church to benefit the foundation's annual fund. Donated items of interest include antiques, artwork, and jewelry. If you are interested in donating an item, contact FCEF board member Laura Nunley at [lauranunley@verizon.net](mailto:lauranunley@verizon.net).

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## 12th Annual GMHS Phantom Ball Underway

How many times have you said, "Do I actually have to go to the ball? Couldn't I just send a check?" The George Mason High School PTSA says, "Yes you can!"

The 12th Annual GMHS Phantom Ball, to benefit the 2010 All Night Graduation Celebration, is exactly your kind of event. There's no dressing up and no need for a babysitter, because there is nowhere to go. Instead, you get to take the night off and know that the price you paid for a Phantom Ball ticket will be used to create a safe, drug and alcohol-free graduation celebration for the Class of 2010. Most Falls Church residents should have received a Phantom Ball "invitation," which can be returned with checks, or contributions may be made directly to:

George Mason High School, ANGC 2010  
Attn: GMHS PTSA  
7124 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22043

Phantom Ball donation forms are also available at: [www.georgemasonptsa.com/Forms.html](http://www.georgemasonptsa.com/Forms.html).



### Calendar for November 12-19, 2009

#### Testing

11/16 - 11/25 SRI Reading Test (GM)

#### November

- 12 Professional Day (Schools Closed/Day Care Open)  
7:00 p.m. School Health Advisory Board (MEH)
- 13 Professional Day (Schools Closed/Day Care Open)  
5:30 p.m. Pre-Game Tailgate (GM)  
7:30 p.m. Manassas @ Mason  
(Football – Last home game)
- 16 2nd Quarter Begins  
6:00 p.m. EIP/HEP Tutoring (GM)
- 17 6:30 p.m. Wrestling Dinner (GM)
- 18 Senior Class Blood Drive (GM)  
6:30 p.m. ESOL Advisory Committee (CO)  
7:00 p.m. Extended Day Care Advisory Board (TJ)  
7:00 p.m. Elementary PTA (MD)
- 19 7:45 a.m. BIE Partnership Council (MD)  
7:30 p.m. "Little Shop of Horrors"- Opening Night (GM)  
7:30 p.m. Family Life Education Advisory Committee (MEH)

For more calendar information, visit [www.fccps.org/calendar](http://www.fccps.org/calendar).  
(MD) Mt. Daniel School (TJ) Thomas Jefferson Elementary  
(MEH) Mary Ellen Henderson Middle  
(GM) George Mason High (CO) Central Office

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