

TALON CHALLENGE III



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Denver/Forest City – Lincoln Charter School and Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy are pleased to announce their plans for the 3rd Annual Talon Challenge on February 3, 2012. The Talon Challenge is a K-12 event centered around middle school and high school basketball games between the two schools. The proceeds from the Talon Challenge will directly benefit the V Foundation, a NC-based non-profit organization that supports cancer research.

Historically (over the past two years) during the Talon Challenge both schools have accomplished the following: approximately \$10,000 has been donated to the V Foundation, several hundred pints of blood have been donated, and students have run over 100 miles from campus to campus. LCS and TJCA are planning several events leading up to the basketball games on February 3. First, both schools are hosting blood drives in conjunction with the Red Cross – they will be competing to see which school can donate the most pints of blood. Grades K-5 will be designing posters to raise cancer awareness and all grades will be participating in curriculum activities to increase students' understanding of cancer. Also, on February 1, both schools will facilitate a “game ball run” between the campuses – starting at TJCA in Forest City, NC and ending up at the game location—Lincoln Charter Denver MS/HS campus, Denver, NC. All campuses of LCS and TJCA will be destination points along the run. This run will be completed entirely by LCS/TJCA students and will cover almost 70 miles! LCS and TJCA are accepting donations toward the game ball run – 100% of pledges will go directly to the V Foundation. Talon Cards are available (suggested donation of \$1) from all school offices—these allow for recognition of anyone whose life has been touched by cancer. Finally, LCS and TJCA will be selling t-shirts, all proceeds will benefit the V Foundation. T-shirts are available for pre-sale until January 19.

A system of points will determine the winner of the Talon Challenge trophy, points will be awarded to TJCA or LCS based on the following:

10 points given to the winner of each basketball game, 10 points given to the school with the most donated pints of blood, and each school's chief administrator receives a free throw attempt for each \$100 raised – one point for each made free throw. The school that accumulates the most points will take home the TC trophy.

The schedule of events for the week is:

January 31 – Red Cross Blood Drive at LCS – Denver MS/HS 10-2:30pm

February 1 – Red Cross Blood Drive at LCS – Lincolnton 10-2:30pm

February 1 – Game ball run starts from TJCA—Forest City, NC

February 3 – All events held at LCS—Denver MS/HS (7834 Galway Lane, Denver)

3:30 – MS Girls Basketball Game

All of the following times are approximate

4:45 - MS Boys Basketball Game

6:00 – JV Boys Basketball Game

7:30—Varsity Women's Basketball Game

Game Ball Run-in—immediately following Varsity Women

9:00 – Varsity Men's Basketball Game

To learn more about the Jimmy V Foundation, please visit <http://www.jimmyv.org/>.

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