



### DID YOU KNOW?

*Community service is an important aspect of a Brook Hill education.  
Each year every grade level at Brook Hill participates in community service.  
During the 2009-2010 school year the Middle and Upper School students served a total of 11,969 hours.*

### ALL SCHOOL

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TO VIEW THE

**NEW** ALL SCHOOL WEB CALENDAR

#### **Are these questions that you ask often?**

*"Where can I find out what's going on at the school?"*

*"How do I know if a game gets cancelled?"*

*"Can you give me directions to my child's tournament?"*

*"Can I receive e-mail notifications when events change?"*

**CLICK HERE** for instructions on how to sign up for the NEW All School WebCalendar

#### **THE SCHOOL HAS A NEW ADDRESS:**

1051 N. HOUSTON ST  
BULLARD, TX 75757

### *Third Annual Founder's Day Celebration*

*October 11, 2010*

*In Honor of Ben Lauderdale and Ginger Bell*

**ADMISSIONS UPDATE:** Thank you to everyone who submitted names of friends they thought would fit well with Brook Hill. We have been steadily admitting students this year and started the year with almost twice as many new guys as last year. We are still working with new families. God is continuing to bless us with more wonderful families who are sharing their incredible children. He just keeps blessing!

#### **BROOK HILL LADIES' LUNCH** - *First Tuesday of every month*

We are excited to announce a new tradition at Brook Hill. On the first Tuesday of every month we will have a "Brook Hill Ladies' Lunch." Our inaugural meal will be *September 7 at Cheddar's at 11:30 a.m.* It will be a fun time to get to know other moms at Brook Hill and a great excuse to eat out! Any and all Brook Hill moms are welcome, grades Pre-K through 12. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Karen Niles at [kcniles@yahoo.com](mailto:kcniles@yahoo.com).

#### **MOMS IN TOUCH** - *Every Thursday*

Every Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. join Moms in Touch for a time of prayer for our school, students, parents, and teachers. Moms meet in the Log Cabin on the main campus.

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL MOM'S COFFEES** - *Tuesday, August 31 or Thursday, September 2*

All Lower School, Middle School, and Upper School Moms are invited to enjoy coffee and muffins while meeting new friends and catching up with your friends from last year. We will meet at the home of Rod and Heather Fletcher, 10012 CR 1230, Flint, Tx. at 9:00 a.m. Pick the date most convenient for you (August 31 or September 2). For questions and directions contact Heather at [Heatherfletcher123@gmail.com](mailto:Heatherfletcher123@gmail.com).

## LOWER SCHOOL

### **DRESS FOR THE WEEK - of August 23**

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday – regular dress uniform; Wednesday-Chapel dress; and Friday –Friday casual dress.

### **PARENT TEACHER NIGHT – Tuesday, August 24th**

The Parent-Teacher night is held in your child's classroom at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of this evening is for you, the parent, to meet the teacher as he/she explains his/her schedule, curriculum, and procedures for the year. He or she will present both orally and in writing what the year's plan is for your child and what you need to know to help your child be successful. It will not be a program that will interest children. You will be less distracted if children stay at home with a sitter.

### **NEW PARENT SEMINAR – Tuesday, August 24th**

The new parent seminar will be from 6:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Place (the Gathering Place is the very first room in the 2nd-5th grade wing). This meeting will be just prior to the Parent Teacher Night. The seminar will cover a variety of protocol questions a new parent may have – pick up and drop off, uniforms, volunteering, etc.

### **LOWER SCHOOL CADET SINGERS AUDITIONS – August 30th - September 1st**

The auditions are open to all 3rd-5th grade students. Please be sure to check your Thursday Folder for more information from Mrs. Kelly Simmon.

### **RIGGS ORIENTATION - Thursday, September 2nd**

Riggs Orientation – There will be a phonemic awareness orientation for parents of Kindergarten through 3rd grade students from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The Writing and Spelling Road to Reading and Thinking (Riggs Institute) is the foundation program for our phonemic awareness, spelling, vocabulary, and language arts program. This evening will give you, the parent, important information on how you can help your child build a solid foundation for spelling, reading, and vocabulary development. The evening will take away some of the mystery for the program and will give you a sense of its importance as your child learns to read, spell and write.

### **INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PICTURES – Wednesday, September 8th**

Life Touch will be on the LS campus to take school pictures for all grade levels. We will begin with Pre-K and work our way up to 5th grade. If any moms would like to help with the picture process, we need several to help gather the students from their classrooms straighten and tuck in clothes, comb and place hair, etc... If you would like to help, please let Mrs. Stephenson know via e-mail at [tstephenson@brookhill.org](mailto:tstephenson@brookhill.org) by Monday, September 7th.

### **UNIFORM VIOLATIONS**

This week we are showing grace with all aspects of the student's uniforms. Listed below are some of the things that we are seeing with regards to dress violations.

#### Regular Dress:

- Socks must be predominately white (a small logo like a Nike woosh will be acceptable)
- Length of predominately white socks will not be an issue (they need to wear socks though)
- Stone or putty colored pants, shorts, skorts, etc... are not permitted. Khaki and navy are the only colors of choice.
- Belts – must be black or brown leather.

#### Chapel Dress:

- Shorts are not allowed as part of the Chapel dress code.
- Girl's socks are to be white.
- Chapel shoes are to be black, brown, or tan leather – all one color and not an athletic shoe.
- Skorts should be one of the two styles found at Academy Uniforms. Just being a khaki color is not sufficient.

Beginning Monday, August 30th, we will begin enforcing our uniform policy. We will be sending home notes during the week of 08/30-09/03 with any uniform violations your student may be having. Uniform violations must be corrected by Tuesday, September 7th as we will begin enforcing the consequences to the violations. Please see your Parent Survival Guide for details. <http://www.brookhill.org/parents.htm>

### **TARDIES AND ABSENCES**

- Tardies – We will begin taking tardies on Monday, August 30th. A student is considered tardy if they are not in their seat when the tardy bell finishes sounding at 8:20 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday or at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. Please see your Parent Survival Guide for details on tardy consequences.
- Absences – If your child is sick and isn't able to attend class, please e-mail your teacher to let them know. You can go to the website at [www.brookhill.org](http://www.brookhill.org), go to Parent Links, to Staff Directory and you will see your teachers e-mail address. You may also "cc" Mrs. Stephenson in the LS Office at [tstephenson@brookhill.org](mailto:tstephenson@brookhill.org).

## LUNCH WITH YOUR STUDENT

We welcome parents to come and enjoy lunch with their student(s). If you would like to have a hot lunch along with your student, we ask that you call the Lower School Office by 8:45 a.m. so that you can be included in the daily lunch count. If you cannot contact the office by 8:45 a.m., you are welcome to bring your lunch and join your student in the Dining Hall for lunch. Once you arrive at the LS, please come to the front office for a visitors tag and a lunch ticket (if you are purchasing a school lunch). Guest lunches are \$4.00 per person.

## VISITORS

We always welcome parents at the LS. We simply ask that you stop by the Lower School Office to sign in and receive your official visitors tag. Visitor's tags are required beyond the rotunda. You do not have to sign in for Wednesday morning Chapel. We will begin the "official" signing in on Monday, August 23rd. You will see a sign that directs you to the LS Office should you need to go past the rotunda. Please be sure to wear your visitor's tag so that it is visible on you at all times.

## DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

In order to keep our boarding students safe as they walk from their houses to classes and to keep the families of the boarding parents who live and play in that area safe - there should be no Lower School traffic using that road to drop off, pick-up, or visit the Lower School Campus. The only traffic to use that road should be boarding house traffic and maintenance.

## MIDDLE/UPPER SCHOOL

### SIGNING UP FOR DUAL CREDIT COURSES?

- TJC will be enrolling students in FALL TJC classes only on August 24, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Please check the Dual Credit Packet - sent in an earlier e-mail - for a list of FALL and SPRING classes to determine if you will need to register this semester.
- You will receive additional information regarding the Jacksonville College registration as soon as it is received.

### SPRING BREAK 2011 - ITALY!

Our Brook Hill Spring Break Italy meeting will be on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in Mrs. Estes room (Lauderdale #208). If you and/or your student are interested in travelling with us to Italy please come by and join us. You can find the cost of our trip, the itinerary & all of our trip information at [www.explorica.com](http://www.explorica.com). You will need to use the code: Estes-8850 to access the information. **CLICK HERE** for additional information.

### FIRST DAY ORIENTATION

Opening Day 2010 took on a different face this year. In addition to the traditional opening worship and praise, Headmaster welcome, firing of the canon and group picture, students spent time in their advisory groups getting reacquainted and welcoming new students. Additionally, all students attended orientation sessions throughout the remainder of the day. Administrators and teachers spoke to students about new programs and updated policies: dress code, eligibility/exams/summer school, cheating and plagiarism; discipline and the new GAP and ACE programs. Although a lot of information was communicated in one day, teachers and students will now begin the year working from the same set of expectations. Parents and students should download and read the student/parent handbook in full. It can be accessed from the Parent Link page of the school website or **CLICK HERE**

### FISH CAMP

The Freshmen and Seniors got together for the second annual Fish Camp on Friday. They started the day by getting to know each other followed by some sage advice from the seniors – "What I Wish I Had Known as a Freshman." From there they all watched a film followed by a discussion with Mr. Rhoads on God's intentions for them as students this school year. Everyone then had lunch, with seniors serving, and wrapped up with senior devotionals from Edwin Link, Page Ferrell, McKenzie Harken and Reagan Dismukes. Then came some friendly competition in the gym allowing the two classes another opportunity to bond and build relationships. It all ended with an ice cream sundae party and comments from the Freshmen on what they had learned and how they had benefitted from Fish Camp. With these new friendships in place, the Freshmen begin the new school year more confident, knowing that they can call on their senior buddies should they need a helping hand.

### NEW WEDNESDAY START TIME

MS/US will now start at 9:25 a.m. on Wednesdays. All other days will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:35 p.m., except Fridays, which still ends at 2:40 p.m..

## NEW - ACADEMIC CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE

Academic Center for Excellence – The Academic Office is excited to announce the creation of the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) and its academic support coordinator, Mrs. Michelle Rozell. Mrs. Rozell will continue to teach, but will also coordinate efforts to ensure the success of every student on the Brook Hill Middle and Upper School campus. [CLICK HERE](#) for details of the program.

## MAJOR HANDBOOK CHANGES

- **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS - Class of 2011**

4 credits in English	3 credits in History	½ credit in American Government
½ credit in Economics	4 credits in Mathematics	4 credits in Science
3 credits in a Foreign Language	1 credit in Fine Arts	1 credit in Physical Education
½ credit in Logic & Rhetoric	½ credit in Speech	2 credits in Core Electives
2 credits in Bible (grades 11, 12 or elective alternatives if transfer student)		

- **TARDIES AND ABSENCES**

Three tardies will result in one absence. This can be offset by serving detention.

- **CHEATING CONSEQUENCES**

1st Offense: Zero for the assignment and one day suspension

2nd Offense: Zero for the assignment and two days suspension

3rd Offense: Zero for the assignment and a meeting with the student, parents, and the Headmaster to discuss the student's future at Brook Hill.

- **ELIGIBILITY AND BACKWORK TIME**

Ineligible students will be required to meet with the teacher of the class or classes in which the student is ineligible for backwork weekly until that student becomes academically eligible again.

## FINE ARTS

SOFA (the Supporters of Fine Arts booster club) is entering its fifth year of active service in support of the award-winning fine arts programs of The Brook Hill School. SOFA does a great job of organizing our volunteer army and raising funds for our kids and educators so we can continue to set a standard of excellence in the area of fine arts education. We need your help as we make plans for the 2010 – 2011 Fine Arts season. Not only will you make a difference in the lives of many young people by sharing in our efforts, but you will make some great friends and some wonderful memories along the way. Please contact the 2010 President of SOFA, Mrs. Karen Parker-Kilgore ([kpkil@aol.com](mailto:kpkil@aol.com)) or the Director of Fine Arts, Mr. Glenn Ballard ([gballard@brookhill.org](mailto:gballard@brookhill.org)) for more information or to include your name among our distinguished member volunteers.

I am pleased to announce our selection for the 2010 Twelfth Annual Dinner Theatre production. It is a very funny murder mystery titled “Monday Always Leads to Murder.” It revolves around the main character, a bumbling private detective named Harry Monday, who is something of a cross between Dick Tracy and Columbo (the role created by Peter Faulk several years ago). We will hold auditions for the play on August 25 and 26 in Room 105 from 4:00 to 5:00. All interested students should contact Mr. Ballard for more details.

## American Freedom MUSEUM

Open Saturdays, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, to visit the website - [CLICK HERE](#)



For updated schedules with locations and map directions, please click on the sport you are interest in.

- [7th Grade Boys Football Schedule](#)
- [8th Grade Boys MS Football Schedule](#)
- [Varsity Football Schedule](#)
  
- [7th Grade Girls Volleyball Schedule](#)
- [8th Grade Girls Volleyball Schedule](#)
- [JV Girls Volleyball Schedule](#)
- [Varsity Girls Volleyball Schedule](#)

### **VOLLEYBALL - Coach Clint Cover**

The volleyball team competed in the Eustace tournament Thursday, August 19 and did a great job. Here is the article from the Tyler paper.

*Brook Hill Goes 2-1: EUSTACE - Bullard Brook Hill went 2-1 on Thursday in the Eustace Tournament, defeating Mildred 2-0 and Mabank 2-1 while losing to Palestine 2-0. **Alyssa Eden** supplied four kills and six blocks for the Lady Guard, **Amy Jo Teague** chipped in 10 kills and MC Selden had eight assists and four kills. **Brook Hill will compete in the gold bracket of the tournament on Saturday.***

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS**

**Beginning Monday, August 23rd.** Middle School Athletics will be in full swing. All MS Athletes, male and female, should report Monday wearing Navy Blue shorts and White T-shirts and bring a White shower Towel with them Monday morning.

- Volleyball and Football practice starts at 7:45 a.m.; athletes should arrive around 7:30 a.m.
- Students in BFS, the Bigger, Faster, Stronger Program for athletes not playing football or volleyball, should arrive around 8:15 a.m. as workout begins at 8:30 a.m..

The Athletic Booster Club will serve "On the Run" breakfast items after morning practice on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays, including Sausage Biscuits, Pop Tarts, Breakfast Bars, 2% and Chocolate Milk, and Sunny Delight. Other items will be added as we go. This is for them to eat after athletics before they go to their first academic block if they would like something in their "tummies." Most items will run between \$1.00-\$2.00.

### **PARENTS OF ATHLETES MALE AND FEMALE GRADES 7-12 - Monday, August 30**

A mandatory meeting requiring one or both parents will be held on Monday, August 30th at 7:00 PM for all whose child is an athlete in grades 7-12, male and female. The meeting will consist of an informational discussion of Athletic Department policies, expectations, and guidelines as well as a question and answer session with Brook Hill Athletic Director Wally Dawkins. The meeting will also afford parents the opportunity to receive a copy of the newly updated Brook Hill Athletic Handbook, pick up the necessary TAPPS forms, and receive information on equipment that is to be purchased by each athlete.