

August 9, 2010

Dear Parents,

Here we are once again on the brink of another outstanding and exciting year at Brook Hill. We have been working diligently over the summer to prepare everything for what looks to be a truly stellar year. In the newsletter you will find a great deal of pertinent information that will help you make preparations for this fall. Please review all the information so that you will be aware of all the upcoming events, added features and recent changes. Should you have any questions concerning any of the information, please feel free to contact us at the school. We are looking forward to seeing you very soon.

### MEET THE *NEW*

#### Upper/Middle School Teachers & Staff



**Mrs. Lindsay Boone**  
Visual Arts (MS, US)



**Mrs. Tammy Hayes**  
Spanish (MS, US)



**Mrs. Terri Pirtle**  
Admin. Assist. MS/US Principal



**Mrs. Mary Ann Williford**  
Advanced Math (US)



**Mrs. Laura Wilson**  
French (US)



**Mr. Brett Bufion**  
Science (MS, US)



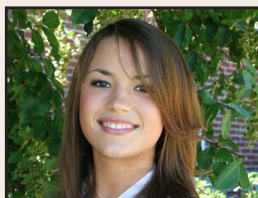
**Mr. Anthony Springer**  
Director of Corporate Sponsorships,  
Assist. Coach in Volleyball and  
Softball



**Mr. Clint Cover**  
Economics (US), Math (MS), Head  
Coach for Girls Volleyball and  
Basketball

### MEET THE *NEW*

#### Lower School Teachers



**Ms. Sarah DuPree**  
Art Teacher



**Mrs. Stacy Bell**  
PreKindergarten Teacher



**Mrs. Kelly Wilson**  
PreKindergarten Teacher



**Mrs. Katie Smith**  
1st Grade Teacher



**Ms. Hannah Bridges**  
3rd Grade Teacher



**Mrs. Kelly Simmon**  
Music Teacher

## ALL SCHOOL

**CLICK HERE**

TO VIEW THE

*NEW* ALL SCHOOL WEB CALENDAR

An activation email will be sent to you no later than Saturday, August 14 with details on how to sign up for updates on all or selected school events. Until then, you can access the new calendar by **CLICKING HERE**.

**THE SCHOOL HAS A NEW ADDRESS:**

1051 N. HOUSTON ST  
BULLARD, TX 75757

**ALL SCHOOL PICNIC**

**August 16th 6-9:00**

**CLICK HERE** for Additional FUN Information  
(games, prizes, t-shirts, food, raffle tickets - and MORE!)

**BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR**

**August 17th**

If you forgot to do it **BEFORE** school, you can come and do it on this day!

**CLICK HERE** for additional information  
(schedules, uniforms, BHPA, Booster Club, and MORE!)

*Third Annual Founder's Day Celebration*

*October 11, 2010*

*In Honor of Ben Lauderdale and Ginger Bell*

## LOWER SCHOOL

**BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS**

**CLICK HERE** for additional information on: Back-to-School fair, Open House, Web Resources, Staff List, Parent Teacher Night, School Hours, Discipline, Cadet Club Sign-up.

**FIRST DAY SURVIVAL CHECKLIST**

- Business Office** - Check with Heidi Camp – Make sure you have made all of the financial arrangements that are needed.
- Cadet Club** - Fill out response form– In order to plan for your child, we need to know when or if you will need before- and after-care. Please send the completed response form within the next seven days.
- August calendar**– Check the calendar, it will include all the activities and times you and your scholar will need to know for the month of August. Also, you can access the yearly calendar on the web at [www.brookhill.org](http://www.brookhill.org) under Parent Link.
- Purchase supplies** –A supply list is available on the web at [www.brookhill.org](http://www.brookhill.org) under the parent link to get started for the first day. Some of these items will need to be purchased again during the year.
- Purchase uniforms** – You can go to [www.academyuniforms.com](http://www.academyuniforms.com) to make your purchases.
- Lunch decisions** – You will need to decide your lunch options – 1. Bring a lunch. In this case you will need to bring a lunch carrying device (bucket, bag, or pail). 2. Purchase a lunch ticket for a semi-hot lunch. 3. A combination of both. You will need to purchase a lunch ticket from the Lower School Office or the Business Office. The menu will be available in RenWeb [www.brookhill.org/parents.htm](http://www.brookhill.org/parents.htm) under student information. You may also purchase a milk-only ticket for the days a lunch is brought. (Milk is provided with the hot lunch).
- Summer reading** – Summer reading is important, so there is a list provided on line at [www.brookhill.org](http://www.brookhill.org) under Parent Link. It is designed so you will be reading and studying about things that will be covered in the coming year's curriculum. If your child is a rising 3rd grader, choose the 3rd grade reading list.
- Pick-up and drop-off procedure** –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. Get acquainted with the procedure for drop-off and pick-up. You will need to make a name plate for your front window with your last name, first name, and

grade level of your scholar. Some clip it to a plastic pants hangar (the one with the clips) to hang on their rear view mirror when they are in the car pool lane. The first week you will be able to park and accompany your child into the school. We will start the pick-up and drop-off procedures on Wednesday afternoon, August 18.

### **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Wednesday, August 18th. School will begin at 9:30 a.m. and dismiss at 3:20 p.m.. Students are to wear their Chapel dress uniform.

### **DRESS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 18th -20th**

Wednesday – Chapel dress, Thursday-regular dress uniform, and Friday-Friday casual dress (please refer to the guidelines for casual dress Fridays in the Parent Survival Guide).

### **PARENT SURVIVAL GUIDE**

Parents, please be sure to go to the BH website and print out a copy of the Lower School Parent Survival Guide ([www.brookhill.org/PDF/LS%20Handbook.pdf](http://www.brookhill.org/PDF/LS%20Handbook.pdf)). You will find lots of helpful information in this guide. The LS uniform code guidelines are included along with information on drop-off and pick-up procedures, information about tardies, medications, etc. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tammy Stephenson in the LS Front Office at 903-894-4164.

### **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.

## **MIDDLE/UPPER SCHOOL**

### **MS/US NEW PARENT ORIENTATION**

An orientation for all new MS/US parents will be held on **Thursday, August 12, at 6:30pm** in the Lecture Hall of Founder's Hall. This includes all sixth grade parents. Please note that this is for parents only. Students will have an orientation on the first day of school. If you have questions or are unable to attend, contact Julie Hanks [jhanks@brookhill.org](mailto:jhanks@brookhill.org) or (903) 894-5000 Ext. 1021.

### **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

All students should meet in The Commons at 9:30am. The dress for the day is Chapel Dress. The general schedule for the day is as follows:

Fellowship	9:30 am
Praise & Worship	9:45 am
Welcome Address	10:00 am
Prayer	10:10 am
Firing of the Cannon	10:15 am
Orientation Sessions begin	10:20 am
School ends	3:40 pm

### **NEW WEDNESDAY START TIME**

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

### **NEW APPOINTMENT - Worldview Director**

To address both Biblical and theological illiteracy, Brook Hill has appointed its upper school Bible teacher, Stan Ward, as Brook Hill's first worldview director. Ward is a MDIV graduate from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a PhD student at Dallas Baptist University. Attempting to correct Biblical and theological illiteracy has been a concern of Mr. Ward's for several years. For example, he recently started a YouTube project to address Biblical and theological illiteracy through the medium of

the internet ([www.youtube.com/napkintheology](http://www.youtube.com/napkintheology)). According to Mr. Ward, “*This new position as Worldview Director is the next logical step in creating a sound Bible curriculum for Brook Hill. By working with both parents and faculty, I can help inform the assumptions they bring to every day life. I honestly believe that Brook Hill is concerned about parents as well as students, and this gives us a chance to provide even more support for a Biblical worldview at home, not to mention the benefits of a faculty grounded in solid Christian thinking. I’m really excited about the possibilities.*” Stan Ward will officially start his duties as worldview director with the fall 2010 semester. Stan will coordinate faculty worldview training for both upper and lower school faculty. He plans to work with both campuses to ensure consistent Christian thinking across Brook Hill’s curriculum.

Mr. Ward encourages all Christians to be dissatisfied with Biblical illiteracy: “*We all know the value of reading and writing. I contend that the discipline of Christian thinking is every bit as important for Christ-followers.*”

## **NEW PROGRAM - SPRING POTENTIAL AND REALITY COURSES (SPARC)**

SPARC Week is a week of alternative educational courses offered during the spring semester at Brook Hill. This particular school year SPARC Week will occur during the week of March 21st through the 25th. The purpose of the week is to make available to students a variety of courses that are not typically offered during the regular school year, which when taken, will expand and enhance a student’s educational experience, as well as strengthen their transcript. It also allows student an alternative educational setting, whether that is in a museum in Dallas, under the hood of a car, or on an international mission trip. Additionally, this week affords teachers the opportunity to teach on a subject that they enjoy but might not otherwise be able to teach, like Financial Management for Teens or Self Defense, for example.

Each course is treated as a regular academic course and is awarded credit upon the student’s successful completion of the courses taken. ½ day courses receive a 1/4 semester credit, while full-day courses receive a ½ semester credit. Each course is described by a syllabus that the teacher of that course creates lining out the particular requirements and educational components. Some courses will be awarded credit on a pass/fail basis while others will have assignments, reports, quizzes and tests. These sorts of details will be determined by each teacher.

A student may choose to take one full-week course or two half-day courses. If a student chooses to take two half-day courses at least one must be academic in nature, e.g., Creation and Apologetics while the other may be more hands on, e.g., Self Defense. Both course selections may be academic, but both courses may not be hands-on.

Since some courses may involve international travel, and to insure that each student signs up the classes that most benefit him or her, each student’s SPARC Week schedule must be approved by his parent or guardian.

## **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**

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 in which the student is ineligible for backwork time or meet with the Director of the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) at least twice a week, 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**

## ATHLETICS



**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**

### **NEW - STARTING GIRLS SOCCER FOR 2010-2011 SEASON**

The Brook Hill Athletic Department will begin Varsity Girls Soccer during the 2010-2011 school year. Varsity Boys Coach David Collins will serve as Head Varsity Girls Soccer Coach, and TJC National Coach of the Year, Cory Rose will be the Official Team Consultant.

Coach Collins began the Women’s Soccer program at East Texas Baptist University after serving as an assistant for the Men’s Soccer Team from 1996-2003. During that seven year time span, the men’s team won “back-to-back” National Championships. In Coach Collins’ third season as the Head Coach of the women’s team, they qualified for the conference playoffs and Coach Collins was named American Southwest Conference Coach of the Year.

In his seven seasons directing the Brook Hill boys’ team, The Guard has posted a record of 89-31-16 and played in the TAPPS 3A State Final Four Soccer Tournament for two seasons in a row.

“Coach Collins is the right man for the job of beginning our Varsity Girls Soccer Program,” BH Athletic Director Wally Dawkins notes.

“He has experience in beginning a program from scratch like he did at ETBU, and he has proven to be a very successful soccer coach at every level. His abilities to not only coach but to mentor our girls, as well as coordinate both programs, will prove invaluable.”

Dawkins continues, “Adding Cory Rose to the mix as our official team consultant will only strengthen our girls’ soccer program.

Beginning girls’ soccer in addition to other steps we are taking, like adding personnel and upgrading our facilities, clearly shows a strengthened commitment to having a first class girls’ athletic program.”

For more information on this and upcoming changes, please contact Wally Dawkins at 903-894-5000.

### **GUARD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (GAP)**

The Brook Hill Athletic Department is excited to announce the creation of the Guard Assistance Program or *GAP*. *GAP* is designed to aid students, faculty, and staff in promoting academic excellence, outstanding behavior, and to establish a sense of pride in the facilities of The Brook Hill School.

*GAP* will be used as a tool by teachers, coaches, administrators and staff, to better facilitate the need for accountability academically and behaviorally and to instill in our student athletes respect for the facilities provided for athletics.