



DID YOU KNOW?

The Academic Guidance Office at The Brook Hill School publishes *The Compass* bi-monthly and electronically distributes the newsletter to Upper School families. The newsletter highlights general announcements from the Academic Office, college admissions updates, upcoming events both on- and off- campus, scholarship opportunities, and summer programs.

Wondering what your child can do now to get ready for the college admissions process?

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ALL SCHOOL

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TO VIEW THE
ALL SCHOOL WEB CALENDAR



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

December 21 - January 4; school resumes January 5



CHRISTMAS AT THE BROOK - [Click Here](#)

On Tuesday, December 8, the annual Christmas at The Brook celebration was held in The Commons. The festivities began at 6:00 p.m. with parents and friends gathered around the brightly decorated Christmas tree in the Commons where Patti Eden and the choir lead the assembly in some favorite carols. After the carol sing-a-long, guests were treated to more festive holiday music as the choir and orchestra performed their annual Christmas concerts. SOFA provided seasonal refreshments including sweets, hot chocolate and hot apple cider. SOFA also did its part to help with holiday shopping by providing about 60 finely decorated gift baskets, most of which were sold by the end of the evening. All proceeds from the sale of the baskets are used to support the Brook Hill fine arts programs. A great time was had by all as the Christmas season was enthusiastically ushered in.

CHRISTMAS CHAPEL – [Click Here](#)

On Wednesday, December 9 the Middle and Upper School students joined the Lower School students for an all-school chapel in the Kimrey Gymnasium. This was a special Christmas chapel with Christmas carols and holiday readings plus a special performance by the Brook Hill Cadet Singers.

LOWER SCHOOL

DRESS FOR THE WEEK - *December 14-18*

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday – regular dress uniform; Friday - Christmas attire is acceptable.

NO CHAPEL – **Wednesday, December 16th**

There will be no chapel on Wednesday, there will be a Christmas Chapel on Friday, 18th.

CHRISTMAS CHAPEL - **Friday, December 18th**

We will gather in the Kimrey Gymnasium at 8:45 for Christmas Carols and a Christmas Story.

3RD-5TH GRADE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – *Thursday, December 17, 7:30pm*

The third, fourth and fifth grades have tirelessly worked on their Christmas offering, “*Christmas Hang-ups*,” a dramatic musical, to not only delight all of us but also to honor and worship the Christ of Christmas. The program will be held in the Kimrey Gymnasium.

EARLY RELEASE – Friday, December 18, 11:45am

There will be NO AFTER SCHOOL CADET CLUB.

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2ND QUARTER HONORS - Wednesday, January 6

Upon returning from the holidays we will have our Honors Ceremonies. If your child is receiving an honor you will be called prior to that day.

9:45am – 10:30am Pre-K thru 1st grades ceremony
10:45am – 11:30am 2nd – 5th grades ceremony

FIRST AND SECOND GRADE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – [Click Here](#)

On Thursday, December 10 the first grade honored Christ at Christmas with the Christmas Musical, “Shepherds, Sheep and A Savior.”

2ND GRADE CHAPEL - [Click Here](#)

The chapel presentation by Mrs. McKenzie’s 2nd grade class was about the book *A Hat for Ivan* by Max Lucado. The story teaches us about wearing the “hat” God intended us to wear. It shares how to discover the gifts God has given you and to try to not wear yourself out trying to be like everybody else.

MIDDLE/UPPER SCHOOL

VICKSBURG TRIP - [Click Here](#)

This year’s 12th grade United States History class from The Brook Hill School recently traveled to Mississippi as a part of their studies of the War Between the States. Each year, students in Steve Dement’s class visit the locations of the Texas’ troops on the Vicksburg battlefield, then the group travels to Natchez where they enjoy dinner at Monmouth Plantation. The tour concludes with a visit to Frogmore Plantation, a working cotton plantation since the early 1800’s.

EXAM SCHEDULE - December 14 - 18

Students WILL NOT be released early from any exam.

MS/US Semester Exam Week Schedule December 14-18, 2009				
Mon, Dec 14 Final Review Day	Tues, Dec 15 Exam Day	Wed, Dec 16 Exam Day	Thurs, Dec 17 Exam Day	Fri, Dec 18 Exam Day
B block review (8:30-9:20)	B block exam (8:30-10:00)	D block exam (8:30-10:00)	F block exam (8:30-10:00)	H block exam (8:30-10:00)
Break (9:20-9:35)				
C block review (9:35-10:25)	Break (10:00-10:30)	Break (10:00-10:30)	Break (10:00-10:30)	Early Release at 10:00 NO LUNCH SERVED
D block review (10:30-11:20)				
MS Lunch (11:25-11:55) - US E block review (11:25-12:15)	C block exam (10:30-12:00)	E block exam (10:30-12:00)	G block exam (10:30-12:00)	
MS E block review (12:00-12:50) - US Lunch (12:20-12:50)				
F block review (12:55-1:45)	Early Release at 12:00	Early Release at 12:00	Early Release at 12:00	
G block review (1:50-2:40)	NO LUNCH SERVED	NO LUNCH SERVED	NO LUNCH SERVED	
MS H block review (2:45-3:35) - US H block (2:45-3:35)				

FINE ARTS

EAST MET WEST AS EAST TEXAS ... [Click Here](#)

String student musicians partnered with award-winning high school string troupe, *Revolution*, from Abilene on Monday, November 16th for a "String Revolution" event held at The Brook Hill School to benefit severely ill Jacksonville string luthier, Scott Becker.

For years, Jacksonville string luthier Scott Becker of the Becker Violin Shop has been battling illnesses that has baffled doctors and, to this day, remains a mystery. To compound the difficulties of an undiagnosed illness, Becker and his family do not have insurance to help him in his battle.

The East Texas string community held a benefit event for Scott to help with his medical needs and to show their "love and appreciation" to the Beckers. *Revolution*, under the direction of Darcy Radcliffe and David Keown, held daytime string clinics with East Texas-area string musicians. The benefit event culminated with an exciting and energetic evening concert featuring *Revolution* with East Texas string students joining them on two pieces. All the clinic fees, ticket proceeds and donations went to the Scott Becker Benefit fund.

ATHLETICS



Brook Hill Football website, www.brookhillfootball.org, is up and running, and each of our other sports pages will be completed soon. Another way to get to the website is to simply navigate through our website, www.brookhill.org.

VARSITY SOCCER

The Varsity Soccer team got the 2009-10 campaign off to a great start with a 4-0 win over Van. The Guard was led in scoring by Josh White with two goals, and Gordon Chang and Preston Swink each had one. We play our next game Saturday at 2pm vs. Irving the Highlands in Herrington Stadium.

CAT CLAW TOURNAMENT in Abilene

Varsity Boys Basketball Team knocked off the host team in the Abilene Wylie Tournament Thursday with a 44-37 victory. The Guard lost their 2nd game of the day to the state's #4 AAAA team Lubbock Trinity 33-30. Brook Hill is now 5-2 on the season.

GAMES PLAYED - Scores

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- JV Boys Basketball vs Overton W 58-37
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs Overton W 67-44

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

- Middle School Girls Basketball A Team vs Murchison W 35-25

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

- Varsity Boys Basketball Ft. Worth Brewer Tournament
 - vs Springtown W 52-41
- Varsity Girls Basketball Union Grove Tournament
 - vs Christian Heritage W 55-21
- Middle School Girls Basketball Classic
 - A Team vs Frankston W 33-16
 - B Team vs Grand Saline W 29-18
 - A Team vs Grand Saline W 35-9

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

- Varsity Boys Basketball Ft. Worth Brewer Tournament
 - vs Burseson L 46-29
- Varsity Girls Basketball Union Grove Tournament
 - vs Union Grove L 29-33
- Middle School Girls Basketball Classic
 - JV vs Gladewater L 32-41
 - A Team vs Mt. Enterprise L 13-25

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

- STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP vs Waco Reicher L 28-35

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

- Varsity Boys Basketball Abilene Wylie Tournament
 - vs Wylie W 44-37
 - vs Lubbock Trinity L 30-33
- Boys Basketball Invitational
 - JV vs Troup W 64-48
 - 7th grade vs Rains W 37-31
 - 8th grade vs Rains L 40-38
 - Varsity Soccer vs Van W 4-0

GAME SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

- Varsity Boys Basketball Abilene Wylie Tournament
- Boys Basketball Invitational

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

- Varsity Boys Basketball Abilene Wylie Tournament
- Boys Basketball Invitational
- 2:00 – Varsity Soccer vs Highlands - Home

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

- Varsity Girls Basketball Teneha Tournament
- Varsity Boys Basketball TJC Tournament

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

- Varsity Girls Basketball Teneha Tournament
- Varsity Boys Basketball TJC Tournament

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

- Varsity Boys Basketball TJC Tournament

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

- Varsity Boys Basketball TJC Tournament

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THANK YOU!