



DID YOU KNOW?

The Texas ACT Council presented Brook Hill with the 2009 College Readiness Award
Please take a moment to read their comments below.

“Congratulations! This award is in recognition of your school having a significant increase in its ACT Composite score over the past five years while maintaining or increasing the number of students taking the ACT Assessment. This resulted in greater numbers of your students being college-ready as a result of your efforts and those of your staff and students. Less than 5% of the high schools in Texas were able to accomplish what you have done.

Nearly 160,000 Texas students took the ACT in 2009 which was an all-time high and Texas scores have increased substantially during the last five years which indicates that students are using their score results to make improvements to their college readiness levels as well as showing that Texas students score well on the ACT - a curriculum-based achievement test that is aligned to the Texas curriculum. These results also show that your school's faculty and staff are providing the kind of education that makes a positive difference for all students in preparing them for college and the workforce.

The Texas ACT Council is comprised of secondary and postsecondary educators who advise ACT, Inc. on the utilization of ACT programs and services in Texas schools and colleges. We would like to join the Texas ACT Council in recognizing you on this significant achievement.”

Karen L Pennell, Assist. VP and Regional Manager ACT, Inc. Southwest Region
Glen Gullikson, Director, Elementary/Secondary School Services, ACT, Inc., Southwest Region

ALL SCHOOL

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ALL SCHOOL WEB CALENDAR

The WebCalendar now allows you to select the area/category you are interested in.

After you have accessed the WebCalendar select from the category drop down menu, located just below the Month/Year, and select the category (*ALL, Athletics, Fine Arts, Lower School, or Middle/Upper School*) you would like to view.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

November 23 - 27; School resumes November 30

HOST HOMES NEEDED! *Thanksgiving Break*

We have boarding students from all over the world who need a host home for Thanksgiving Break. Please consider opening up your home and Thanksgiving experience to these students. The boarding houses close at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, November 20th and will re-open at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 29th. If you are interested in hosting one of these students please contact Christi Collins at ccollins@brookhill.org or 903-780-1930. Check out their album - **[CLICK HERE](#)**

STRING REVOLUTION BENEFIT CONCERT - *Monday, November 16*

The Brook Hill School is proud to be the host site for a truly exciting string education, community, and service event on November 16 at 7:30 pm at The Brook Hill Lower School Kimrey Gymnasium. For more information please refer to the FINE ARTS section of the newsletter.

2ND ANNUAL FAMILY PARTICIPATION

The 2nd Annual Family Participation month was another huge success! Thank You to ALL our BH families who participated with their gifts to the 2009/2010 Annual Fund. Final participation figures for October will be published in next week's eView Newsletter!

KYLE LAKE ATHLETIC CENTER DEDICATION - [CLICK HERE](#)

On November 6, 2009 the Kyle Lake Athletic Center was dedicated in memory of Kyle Lake. Kyle Lake served as the first “Athletic Director” of The Brook Hill School, praying for the school before it became a reality and serving as director of the summer camps program before the school opened its doors in 1997. A native of Tyler, Kyle was an avid soccer player. Kyle impacted thousands for Christ with his Christ-centered life, contagious personality, and effective communication style. Passionate about young people he worked diligently to help them deepen their relationship with the Lord. He was serving as pastor of the University Baptist Church in Waco, Texas when he went home, at the age of 33, to be with his Lord Jesus Christ on October 30, 2005.

LOWER SCHOOL

DRESS FOR THE WEEK - *November 16-20*

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

BOOK FAIR - *Monday - Friday, November 16 -20*

As is our tradition, we will be holding the Scholastic Book Fair Monday through Friday, November 16-20. Your student will be able to peruse the fair during the early part of the week and jot down their desires and if it's like my kids their desires will be larger than my income. Parents can then decide what they will allow by sending money with them for their day of shopping or come with them before or after school and shop with them. There will also be an opportunity after the Grandparents' Day for your child to shop with their grandparent.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY - *Friday, November 20*

On Friday, November 20, 8:30-11:45 am, we will be having our 4th Annual Grandparents' Day. At 8:15am coffee will be available to our early bird grandparents. The program will begin at 8:45am with classroom visitations following at 10:15am. The purpose of the day is to honor our grandparents. We are aware that some grandparents will not be able to attend for a variety of reasons. You may invite a grand-friend to be a surrogate grandparent for the day. Even though we love our parents, this day is exclusively for grandparents, so, unless you have been invited to serve in the classroom, assist an elderly grandparent or other activities of the day, we will not expect you to be here. Thank you for your understanding.

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MIDDLE/UPPER SCHOOL

CONGRATULATIONS to Jeremy Chappelle and Sarah Mullicane, Homecoming King and Queen!

STUDENT ID'S

Photo ID's for students in grades 6th-11th may be picked up from Mrs. Hanks in Founder's Hall. Those students who are having photo retakes made will have an opportunity to purchase their ID's at a later date.

LOST AND FOUND – *November 16-20*

There is a large amount of clothing and books that has been in our lost and found boxes for several weeks. If your student has "lost" something, now is your chance to see if it has been "found". During the week of November 16-20, tables will be set up outside the offices in Lauderdale, Ornelas, and Founder's. You may come by and check for lost items or send your student. All items not claimed by the Thanksgiving holidays will be donated to the used uniform shop or used textbook sale. Please remember to write your student's name in all articles of clothing and books!

TYLER AREA COLLEGE FAIR - *Tuesday, November 17*

On Tuesday, November 17, 2009 from 6:00-8:00pm, Tyler Junior College will be hosting the Tyler Area College Fair in the Gentry Gym of the Ornelas Health/PE Center. This event will give students and parents an opportunity to interact with college representatives and get valuable answers to college admission and financial aid questions. ALL upper school students and parents are encouraged to attend!

PHOTO RETAKES—MS/US – *Wednesday, November 18*

LifeTouch will be on campus at 10:30 am to do photo retakes. This is for those students (grades 6th-11th) who were absent on the original picture day or students who purchased a packet and did not like their photo. If you wish to purchase a package, order forms were sent home with students through their Humanities class. Packages must be paid for on picture day. Those students who purchased a packet in September must return their picture packet in order to be eligible for a retake. If you have any questions, contact Julie Hanks, jhanks@brookhill.org (903) 894-5000.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES - *November 21, December 10, 12*

- **Saturday, November 21**-- "Cowboy Cookout" benefitting the Tyler Type 1 Diabetes Foundation at Calvary Baptist Church in Tyler (Old Jacksonville Rd. and Grande Blvd.). Need volunteers to work two-hour shift: 9:30 am - 11:30 am (set-up); 11:30 am - 1:30 pm (serving meal); and 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm (clean-up). Sign up with Mrs. Hanks in Founder's Hall
- **Thursday, December 10**—Holiday dinner at Briar Cliff Health Center (3403 S. Vine in Tyler—off Old Jacksonville)—Need set-up crew beginning at 4:00 and then servers from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm. Wear black pants and white shirt. Sign up with Mrs. Hanks in Founder's Hall.
- **Saturday, December 12**—Salvation Army needs bell ringers! 10:00 am - 8:00 pm at Macy's in Tyler. Work a two-hour shift. Wear BH apparel. Sign up with Mrs. Hanks in Founder's Hall.

FORMER CADET SINGERS WANTED! – November 30 & December 1

All former Cadet Singers are invited to rehearse on Monday, November 30, 4:15 pm-4:30 pm, and sing at the concert on Tuesday, December 1, 7:00 pm. Sign up with Mrs. Smith in Ornelas Hall or contact Mrs. Faulk.

TOP TEN

On Thursday, November 5, 2009 the following list of our seniors were selected as the TOP TEN to attend the Top Ten Breakfast at Tyler Junior College.

Jenny Anderson
Soo Young Choi
Jamee Eslicker
Tommy Huynh
Hysoan Jung
Ji Hyun Kim
Kyle Tabler
Sarah Thigpen
Megan Troxell
Jeongmin Yu

HISTORY IN GAME FORM - 6TH GRADE - [CLICK HERE](#)

Sixth grade history students of Patti Eden wrapped up their study of The Middle East with a project in which teams of students made their own games to review the information learned in the unit. Some students created board games similar to Candy Land (Muslim Land and Middle East Land), while other created their own form of Middle East Bingo and Wheel of Islam. The students took turns explaining the rules of their games and then each team rotated and played all the games to review for the test that followed.

DNA MODELS - 7TH GRADE LIFE SCIENCE - [CLICK HERE](#)

Our seventh grade life science class just completed their DNA models. Would you believe one is taller than the students? Kudos to Adam Traylor for going above and beyond on his project. Please take a few moments to look at our students' smiling faces proudly displaying their work.

STARFISH DISSECTION - 9TH GRADE BIOLOGY - [CLICK HERE](#)

The Brook Hill 9th grade biology class was in the lab completing their starfish dissection. The students were working on their dissection skills as they studied the internal anatomy of the digestive system, the reproductive system and the water vascular system. The students also worked on perfecting their microscope skills as they made cover-slips to view gonads.

DUAL CREDIT ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY CLASS - [CLICK HERE](#)

The Brook Hill anatomy class is working very hard in the lab. They have started the largest dissection they will complete this year, the cat. It is understandable that this will turn some students' stomachs who might not be taking Anatomy this year; however, most people would be shocked at how much can be learned about the eleven systems of the human body as they study the cat's systems.

The students have already learned all the bones of the body and this next week they will begin learning all the muscles of the human body and cat. "This is no small feat", says Mrs. Estes, "the students work very hard and help prepare each other, so I have no doubt they will be successful."

ALUMNI NEWS

WHITNEY CLEMENTS - Class of 2007

Junior Whitney Clements of the University of Texas at Tyler has been named to the 2009 Volleyball Academic All-District third team by *ESPN The Magazine* and the College Sports Information Directors of America. Whitney completed her third year with the Patriots by leading the team in assists with 514. Off the court, she has been equally successful. The special education major received both Academic All-American Southwest Conference and ASC Distinguished Scholar-Athlete team honors in 2008 and currently boasts a 3.82 overall grade point average. She is now the first volleyball player in UT Tyler history to be named to an *ESPN The Magazine*/CoSIDA Academic All-District team and the 16th Patriot in three years to earn the honors.

CHRISTOPHER SCHEEL - Class of 2006

Christopher J. Scheel has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Washington. The 32 days of training provides professional training and evaluation for all cadets in the aspects of military life, administration and logistical support. Although continued military training and leadership development is included in the curriculum, the primary focus of the course is to develop and evaluate each cadet's officer potential as a leader by exercising the cadet's intelligence, common sense, ingenuity and physical stamina. Upon successful completion of the course, the ROTC program, and graduation from college, cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army, National Guard or Reserve.

FINE ARTS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to these Brook Hill School orchestra students: violinist, Sarah Mullicane; violist, April Peddy; cellists, Ju Hee Seo and Mason Lieberman; and string bassist, Daniel Sharpless for making the 2009 TMEA All-Region High School Orchestra! Saturday, October 24, 2009, these students competed with over 100 students from public, private and home schools to earn a spot in the TMEA All-Region High School Orchestra. Several Brook Hill Orchestra winners also earned top placement in the Region Orchestra: Daniel Sharpless – first chair bass; Mason Lieberman – first chair cello; Ju Hee Seo – 2nd chair cello; and April Peddy – 2nd chair viola. Our Brook Hill Orchestra Region winners will perform with the All-Region Orchestra on Saturday, December 5, 2009, at the Robert E. Lee High School auditorium at 4:30 pm. Admission to the concert is free and open to the public.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to six Brook Hill MS orchestra students for making the 2009 Texas Music Educators All-Region Middle School Orchestra! Brook Hill MS Region Orchestra winners are bassist, Daniel Priddy; cellists, Malik Flemming, Jonah Gonzalez, Matthew Kimball; and violinists, Mimi Jackson and Taylor Strickland. These students competed on Saturday, November 7th with string students from more than 8 public school districts, private and home schools to earn a place in the 2009 All-Region Middle School Orchestra. Our Brook Hill Upper School and Middle School Region Orchestra winners will perform at the 2009 All-Region Orchestra concert on Saturday, December 5th. The 4:30pm performance will be held at Lee High School, is free and open to the public.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to members of the Brook Hill Upper School Choir. The TMEA pre-area vocal auditions were held at Whitehouse High School on Tuesday, November 12. This was the second round of auditions in the all-state choir process. Both public and private school students from all over East Texas competed for five spots in each section in order to advance to the final round of auditions to be held at Texas A & M Commerce in January. Senior Brook Hill student, Erica Eden, earned first chair in the Soprano I section and freshman, Michael Ayers was chosen as the first alternate in the Tenor II section.

STRING REVOLUTION BENEFIT CONCERT - *Monday, November 16*

The Brook Hill School is proud to be the host site for a truly exciting string education, community, and service event. This ministry service will raise funds to benefit Jacksonville string luthier Scott Becker of the Becker Violin Shop. For the past nine years, the Becker Violin Shop has been a primary source for string instruments at Brook Hill. Mr. Becker has been very ill for the past few years to the point that his illnesses have interfered not only with his work, but even with normal daily life. After numerous tests and various doctor visits, his illnesses remain a mystery and undiagnosed. Sympathizing with their stress and hardship, especially with having no health insurance and little medical progress, it is the desire and intent of the East Texas string community to hold a benefit event for Scott Becker to assist with his medical needs and to express our love and appreciation to the Beckers.

Monday, November 16, 2009, the East Texas string community will come together for a “String Revolution” featuring state and national award winning high school string troupe, Revolution from Abilene, TX, under the direction of Darcy Radcliffe and David Keown. The event will be held at The Brook Hill Lower School gym and include East Texas string students from private, public and home schools participating in string clinics with Revolution, concluding with an exciting evening concert with clinic participants and Revolution. You can check out Revolution’s style at www.revolutionstrings.com. All clinic fees and ticket proceeds will go toward the Scott Becker benefit fund. Please join in supporting this ministry effort by attending the exciting String Revolution concert. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

It is wonderful to have this opportunity to benefit one who serves so many and is now in great need. This is a tremendous music education and ministry opportunity and all are invited to participate. For more information, contact Mrs. Jamie Reason at The Brook Hill School, jreason@brookhill.org or 903-894-5000. **CLICK HERE** for a flyer.



ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:30 – V. Football vs Dallas Lutheran W 55-9

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

4:30 – MS Football vs Arp L 42-44

5:00 – MS Girls B Team Basketball vs Jacksonville

6:00 – MS Girls A Team Basketball vs Jacksonville

6:30 – JV Football vs Fairfield L 7-14

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:30 – V. Football vs Coram Deo Academy W 54-0

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

5:00 – V. Girls Basketball vs ETCA W 48-24

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

4:30- MS Girls A Team Basketball vs G.Shepherd W 23-6

5:30 – V. Girls Basketball vs Good Shepherd W 37-28

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

4:30 – V. Girls Basketball vs Union Grove – Home

5:30 – JV Girls Basketball vs Union Grove – Home

7:30 – V. Football Bi-District Playoff vs Ft. Worth Calvary - Home

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1613th Annual Golf Tournament

11:30 – registration and meal

12:30 – Scramble starts

4:00 – MS Girls Basketball B Team vs Good Shepherd – Home

5:00 – MS Boys Basketball B Team vs Henderson – Home

6:15 – MS Boys Basketball A Team vs Henderson – Home

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Brook Hill Classic – Girls JV/V Tournament

5:30 – JV vs Malakoff JV

6:45 – V. vs Malakoff V.

5:00 – MS Boys Basketball vs Tatum – Home

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Brook Hill Classic – Girls JV/V Tournament

5:30 – JV vs Cushing JV

6:45 – V. vs Cushing V.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Brook Hill Classic – Girls JV/V Tournament

12:30 – JV vs Arp JV

1:45 – V. vs Arp V.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

V. Boys Basketball Burger King Classic

2:30 vs Slocum

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

V. Boys Basketball Burger King Classic

8:00 vs TK Gorman

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THANK YOU!