



# THE BROOK HILL SCHOOL

## EVIEW SCHOOL NEWS

November 20, 2009

### DID YOU KNOW?

*Among our Upper School student body we have the number one twirler in the nation and the number three twirler in the world? Daughter of James and Alicia Tennison, Michaela, a sophomore at Brook Hill, has competed at the international level most recently in Australia and Ireland. We had the opportunity recently to watch Michaela demonstrate her talent during half-time after the homecoming court presentation. We are very proud of this young lady and look forward to seeing where her talents will take her.*

### WHAT DO BROOK HILL STUDENTS SAY ABOUT THEIR SCHOOL?

Luke Baker (Class of 2009) recently posted the following on his FaceBook...

*"I took one of my last religion exams and I thought I didn't do too well on it...well I just saw my grade and I got a 99 on it!  
Thank you Brook Hill!!!"*

## 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.

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

*December 21 - January 4; school resumes January 5*

### **3RD ANNUAL CADET SINGERS CHRISTMAS DINNER & CONCERT - Tuesday, December 1, 6:00pm**

This event will be held at The Brook Hill Lower School Kimrey Gymnasium, ticket cost is \$12 for adults \$8 for children. A table for 8 with Preferred Seating is \$200.

- Grab your boots & jeans and mozy on down for 'A Texas Christmas' - an amazing evening filled with great food and entertainment! Dinner: Sliced BBQ Brisket, baked beans, baked potato salad, green salad, bread, dessert & tea.
- Entertainment: Award-winning Brook Hill Cadet Singers, Heidi Faulk, Patti Eden & daughters, BH students, 2006 – 2009 Cadet Singers and The Singing Men of Tyler.
- Bring the whole family and enjoy an evening together celebrating the spirit of Christmas, Texas style! You will have the opportunity to win a UT Austin sports package, Texas park bench, Western outfit & boots and even a registered Texas Longhorn steer! You will leave having received a blessing and will be so glad that you came.
- For more information or to reserve your tickets, please call Dana Register at 903-312-3898 or Marti Krutza at 903-521-4555. Tickets will also be available to purchase at the door!

### **NEW REDUCED PRICE ON SPRING BREAK SPAIN TRIP!**

(\$400 cheaper!) Get an additional \$150 off when you mention the name of a student already signed up! Students already participating will get \$150 off for getting a friend signed up, too! See Mrs. Aycock for more details or go to [www.explorica.com/Aycock-9218](http://www.explorica.com/Aycock-9218) Sign up by November 29th to avoid late fees!

### **46 EAST TEXAS LIBRARIANS**

From 40 surrounding schools/districts 46 East Texas librarians gathered at The Brook Hill School recently for the East Texas Fall Library Summit/Forum. Members presented new trends in libraries, took a tour of the American Freedom History Museum and gained insightful knowledge during a working lunch.

#### ***Comments made by a few visiting librarians:***

- *"Thank you for inviting librarians from East Texas to your Upper School Campus. Not only are the facilities impressive, the academic program challenges students with a rigor not often found in most high schools."* Marsha Hervey, Marshall ISD High School
- *"Students at Brook Hill are very lucky to have the American History Museum. No where in East Texas can historical treasures of this importance be found. Thank you, Mr. Dement, for the pre-opening tour. I look forward to coming back to walk the Hall of the American Presidents and view the displays of American History."* Jackie Willingham, Cayuga ISD Librarian

## LOWER SCHOOL

### **DRESS FOR THE WEEK - November 30 - December 4**

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

### **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – November 23 - 27; school resumes November 30**

#### **CHAPEL – Wednesday, December 2, 9:45am**

Mrs. Page's First Grade Class will present a Christmas Chapel, "Beneath the Shining Star." The first grade students have worked diligently to bring to us a worship experience that communicates the true meaning of Christmas.

#### **FIRST AND SECOND GRADE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – Thursday, December 10, 7:00pm**

The first grade will be honoring Christ at Christmas with the Christmas Musical, "Shepherds, Sheep and A Savior". The program will be held in the Kimrey Gymnasium at the Lower School.

#### **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.

#### **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY - December 21 - January 4; school resumes January 5**

#### **GRANDPARENTS' DAY - [CLICK HERE](#)**

On Friday, November 20, The Brook Hill Lower School hosted its annual Grandparents' Day. It is always a blessing to share these times with our children and their grandparents.

#### **PreK GREAT BOOK WEEK - [CLICK HERE](#)**

During Great Book Week Mrs. Haugh's PreKindergarten students teamed up with Mrs. Ponce's 4th grade students and had a great time together. The two classes did many things together during the week: reading the book *Walter the Baker*, making pretzels, and the older students also took time out of their busy day to read stories to the younger ones. On parade day the 4th grade students cheered on their new PreK friends as they marched in the parade. The PreK students and 4th grade students had a fun week and made new friends.

#### **BARNYARD MOOSICAL - PreK & K - [CLICK HERE](#)**

The moosical drama was presented on November 10 by the PreK and Kindergarten students. You will enjoy a unique look at a typical barnyard with neatnik pigs, gourmet goats, moosical cows, and dancing chickens.

#### **BOOK PARADE - [CLICK HERE](#)**

Grades PreK through 3 participated in a small parade that was held in the Kimrey Gymnasium on Friday, October 30th.

## MIDDLE/UPPER SCHOOL

### COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES - *December*

- ***December 4, 5, and 6*** - "Flicks for Funds" benefiting PATH. Volunteers needed to work shifts at 411 West Front Street in Tyler - cashiers, restocking donated movies, etc. More details available from 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.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS

- All MS students were given their community service reports before the Thanksgiving holidays. These were distributed through their Humanities classes. Their report shows the hours that have been turned in and recorded and also outlines what the grade level requirements are for the year.
- US students will receive their reports after the Thanksgiving break. If you would like to see the CS hours recorded to date, log into your RenWeb account, click on the family information, and then click on the student you wish to check. There will be a tab located above the photo that says "community service". Click on this to see the hours. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Hanks at [jhanks@brookhill.org](mailto:jhanks@brookhill.org).

### VETERANS DAY - [CLICK HERE](#)

On Wednesday, November 11 during chapel our Seniors in Mr. Dement's history class took the opportunity to honor local veterans.

### BUGS & MORE BUGS - [CLICK HERE](#)

The Brook Hill School's ninth grade biology students just completed the largest project of the year, the bug project. The purpose of this massive project is to teach the students the classification system which is very similar between various branches of science. The students will understand how to use a dichotomous key and know how to journal and organize their data properly.

The tools are essential in science fields, especially for any student with an interest to pursue a graduate degree or research. In addition to the skills listed above, a student will also learn how to present and display their data.

Many colleges have their students prepare a collection while taking botany. The students are graded on the exact same concepts that they are learning at Brook Hill in freshman biology. Some of the college biology classes will also require bug collections for the same reasons.

### BH OLYMPICS - [CLICK HERE](#)

Take a few moments and enjoy the pictures - the students and teachers enjoyed the day and the fellowship!

### "WHAT IS THE CHURCH?"

Sophomore Humanities students engaged this question recently with guest speakers from various historical Church backgrounds. [CLICK HERE](#) to read more about what they learned.

## FINE ARTS

### GENNY WOOD MEMORIAL FINE ART SHOW - [CLICK HERE](#)

On November 7 around 30 artists from East Texas participated in the art show held at Bullard First United Methodist Church. Among the participants were Brook Hill's Upper School art students and string orchestra. The purpose of the show was to raise money for the Mission House of Bullard. The Mission House has fed, clothed, provided medical care, and school supplies for over 6,000 people from January to October 2009. This year's Art Show raised \$2,000 more than last year!



*The new Brook Hill Football website, [www.brookhillfootball.org](http://www.brookhillfootball.org), is up and running, and each of our other sport's pages will be completed soon. The timing is great as the football team will be entering the second round of the playoffs this Saturday. Another way to get to the website is to simply navigate through our website, [www.brookhill.org](http://www.brookhill.org).*

## ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

4:30 – V. Girls Basketball vs Union Grove W 38-35  
 5:30 – JV Girls Basketball vs Union Grove L  
 7:30 – V. Football Bi-District Playoff  
 vs Ft. Worth Calvary W 61-6

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

4:00 – MS Girls Basketball B Team  
 vs Good Shepherd L 10-19

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

5:00 – JV Girls Basketball vs Cushing L 12-26  
 6:00 – V. Girls Basketball vs Cushing L 48-74

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Brook Hill Classic – Girls JV/V Tournament  
 5:30 – Brook Hill JV vs Malakoff JV L 16-58  
 6:45 – Brook Hill V. vs Malakoff Varsity L 40-56  
 5:00 – MS Boys Basketball B Team vs Tatum W 41-31  
 6:15 – MS Boys Basketball A Team vs Tatum L 17-43

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Brook Hill Classic – Girls JV/V Tournament  
 5:30 – Brook Hill JV vs Cushing JV  
 6:45 – Brook Hill V. vs Cushing Varsity

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

2:00 – V. Football Regional Playoff Game  
 vs Austin Regents – Away  
 Groesbeck High School, 1202 N. Ellis, Groesbeck, TX  
 Brook Hill Classic – Girls JV/V Tournament  
 9:00 – Brook Hill JV vs Arp JV  
 10:15 – Brook Hill V. vs Arp Varsity

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

V. Boys Basketball Burger King Classic  
 2:30 p.m. vs Slocum

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

V. Boys Basketball Burger King Classic  
 8:00 a.m. vs TK Gorman

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**THANK YOU!**