



DID YOU KNOW?

Aaron Jubar, husband of our own Jill Jubar and an inland fisheries biologist with the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife, gave a presentation in the Lecture Hall to the 7th grade Life Science class, the 9th grade Biology and Environmental Science classes and the 12th grade AP Environmental Science class. He presented information about the fish sampling that the department conducts regularly in order to assess the populations of different fish species in East Texas lakes. The data they gather on all the different species help them determine what management decisions need to be made regarding length and bag limits for different game fish in Texas. Mr. Jubar also brought about 20 species of fish that they collected over the last week of sampling for the students to examine and dissect.

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APPLAUSE

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION- Of the more than 50,000 students who took the PSAT/NMSQT exam in the fall of 2008, three Brook Hill Students have received official recognition. Seniors Megan Troxell and Kyle Tabler were honored as Commended Scholars by the organization with scores placing them in the top 16,000 scores worldwide and in the top 5% of scores in the state of Texas. Senior Jamee Eslicker has been named a Semi-finalist and advances in the competition. Her score placed her in the top 521 in the state of Texas. She is only one of 8 students from public, private, and home-schooled students in the entire East Texas area to receive this honor. National Merit Finalists will be announced in the spring.

ALL SCHOOL

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TO VIEW THE

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.

FAMILY PARTICIPATION DRIVE IS IN FULL SWING!

The Brook Hill School's "Family Participation Drive" is half way through as of today October 15th! This year we have two goals attached to the drive...

- Have 100% participation from our families (last year we had 89%)
- Raise \$100,000 in one month (last year we raised \$90,000)

There is no doubt we can reach both of these goals! Please help us by returning the Family Participation Drive form to the school by October 31, 2009.

It is evident everyday at Brook Hill that our children are growing both academically and spiritually thanks to your gifts to the Annual Fund. The Annual Fund meets a critical need as it keeps tuition reasonable and provides the financial resources to sustain the school.

Lower School parents can return the form in the Thursday folder. (An additional form will go home today in the Thursday folders.) Middle and Upper School parents can return the form to one of the three front offices at Brook Hill or you can mail your form directly to the school.

Thank you so much for helping to ensure that Brook Hill remains the quality school it is today.

- [CLICK HERE](#) to see the grade level participation as of October 15.
- [CLICK HERE](#) for a Family Participation form.
- [CLICK HERE](#) to see what families are saying about why they give.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

We are now accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year. If you know someone who has said they are “coming” to Brook Hill next year, please encourage them to contact the Admissions Office right away to begin the process. We had to turn away some students this year, and we would hate for your friends and your child’s friends to be in that same boat next year!



13th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT - October 26

The tournament will be held at the beautiful and challenging Eagles Bluff Country Club. The Classic will feature a 4-person scramble with a 1:00 PM “shotgun start.” Opportunities to play as well as participate in sponsorships for the Classic are now available. **CLICK HERE** for a Golf Classic brochure or pick one up at The Brook Hill School. All proceeds go to The Brook Hill School Athletic Program.

SAVE THIS DATE and invite friends, business associates, and friends who like to play golf or just enjoy fellowship and a good time. Mark October 26th on your calendar, as a fun day to play and help Brook Hill Athletics. For more information about play or sponsorships contact Wally Dawkins, Director of Athletics at 903-530-4295 or wdawkins@brookhill.org.

2009 ANNUAL DINNER THEATRE - October 29, 30, 31

Reservations are now being accepted for the eleventh annual dinner theatre, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, which will be presented on October 29, 30 and 31. The demand for tickets has outgrown our ability to accommodate all who want to attend. Please plan and make reservations early so you won’t miss out.

Reserved seating for the event is available for \$20.00 for adults and \$15.00 for students. The first three tiers of tables are designated as Premium Tables and are available at a higher price (\$500, \$350, and \$250) for patrons who want to sponsor a whole table for eight guests with the additional revenue going to support the fine arts programs at our school. Please make your reservations in writing/email with Donna Dean (ddean@brookhill.org) or Glenn Ballard (gballard@brookhill.org). We are asking patrons to pay for their reservations by Tuesday, October 27 to guarantee the seats. **CLICK HERE** for a flyer to give to your family and friends.

FOUNDER’S DAY WAS A BIG SUCCESS! **CLICK HERE**

Thank you to everyone who came to this year’s Founder’s Day Dinner and Celebration. Those in attendance enjoyed great food, great fellowship and a wonderful time of honoring Mr. and Mrs. Ornelas for their never ending support of Brook Hill. A special “thank you” goes out to Mrs. Heidi Faulk and the Cadet Singers for their great performance, Miss Megan Troxell and Mr. Heath Dickey for their wonderful tributes to Brook Hill and the Ornelas’, to Miss Claire Dixon for her amazing song and Mr. Maselyn Walker for his closing prayer. All of these students did an outstanding job representing the school!

LOWER SCHOOL

DRESS FOR THE WEEK - of October 19-21

Monday and Tuesday – regular dress uniform; Wednesday-Chapel dress; NO SCHOOL Thursday & Friday

LS STUDENT HOLIDAY - October 22 & 23

BHPA MEETING - Tuesday, October 20

The Brook Hill Parent Association, will be meeting in the Gathering Room at 2:30 All Brook Hill Lower School parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will discuss upcoming events, parental involvement, field trips and more.

FIRST QUARTER HONORS ASSEMBLY – Wednesday, October 21

In keeping with our mission of “affirming the gifts and challenging the potential” of our students, we will be awarding honors to a third of our student body on Wednesday, October 21. Your child’s teacher will call you a few days before that date if your child is going to be honored. PLEASE NOTE: There is a change in the assembly schedule because we had to split into two assemblies. PK through 1st grade will be receiving honors at 9:45am and 2nd through 5th grade at 10:45am.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES – Thursday and Friday, October 22 and 23

For the first report card period, we hold parent teacher conferences. You should already have a schedule, but if you do not, please contact your child’s teacher. This is a great opportunity for teachers to share anecdotally how your child is doing and what areas of strength they have and areas that need attention. Likewise, it is an opportunity for you to share some insight about your child. This will be a “no school” day for our students and child care will not be available.

A NOTE FROM MR. SERONELLO - concerning Parent - Teacher Conferences

A major goal of doing the parent –teacher conference in this way is the obvious benefit of building a connection between parent and teacher in such a way that your child’s total school experience is maximized. The one thing I am sure about is the hard work, fervent prayer, and real concern that each of them invest in your children to provide excellence in college prep education, affirming and challenging gifts and potential and encouraging your student to honor God. Remember they have your child’s best interest in mind. Part of the “connection” process is hearing from you about your child and listening to them as they share their observations. We are all working together to see the potential of your child reached. Isn’t it grand to be involved in a place where we can be on the same side of the table working together to educate your child. If, in your perception, the teacher is “missing the mark” this conference is the appropriate place to start discussing what is on your mind.

BOOK WEEK - *October 26-30*

During the last week of October we will have our annual “I’ve Just Read a Great Book Week.” We will not be having the red wagon float parade. As a staff, we decided to focus the students’ attention on the book they are reading as a class and try some fun class activities that focus on the theme or subject of the book or its characters. Each classroom teacher will determine what those activities are and may include some mask making, simple costumes, classroom displays, etc. More details will be coming from your classroom as they unfold. If you are willing to help out, please contact your child’s teacher.

POETRY CAFE - [CLICK HERE](#)

Second Graders served up heaping portions of wonderful poetry recently at the Third Annual Second Grade Poetry Café. After a poetry genre study, students chose a poem to memorize and create a corresponding prop. The culminating event included parents and other family members joining the children as they developed presentation and memory skills. Students and guests enjoyed a wonderful bounty of fall refreshments.

LS LUNCH MENU

You will be able to find the Lower School lunch menu in several places at this time. The LS will be sending the monthly lunch calendar to you via e-mail as an attachment and we will also have a few printed copies on the information table in the rotunda. Please know that the menu will always be available through your RenWeb parent account. [CLICK HERE](#) for a copy of the October menu.

MIDDLE/UPPER SCHOOL

MID-TERM GRADE CHECK

Friday, October 16 is mid-term and the eligibility checkpoint. Grades posted through this weekend will be included in the grade check. The list of students who are ineligible will be distributed Monday, October 19. Students who have a failing grade in two or more classes will become ineligible to participate in all extracurricular activities effective next Friday at the close of the school day. The next scheduled eligibility checkpoint is the end of the semester. However, grades for ineligible students only will be checked Friday November 6 with the possibility of regaining eligibility.

NJHS/NHS INDUCTION DATE CHANGE - *Thursday, October 22*

The Brook Hill School Chapters of the National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society will hold their annual induction ceremony on Thursday, October 22, at 6:30 pm in The Commons of Lauderdale Hall on the campus of The Brook Hill School. Current members and new inductees are expected to attend. Dress is semi-formal (and in good taste) – Chapel dress or more formal- no jeans. Contact Mrs. Rozell or Mrs. McEuen if you have questions. Note this is a change from the original date of October 20 (due to Volleyball playoffs).

PARENTS!

Parents may not put items in their students’ lockers or get students from class at any time. If a parent needs to deliver something to their student or check them out of class, the parent must go to Ornelas Hall to see Vicki Smith. This is for the safety of our students.

TURNING TYLER PINK - [CLICK HERE](#)

On Thursday, October 15, student and staff joined with the City of Tyler to “turn Tyler Pink” in an effort to raise awareness of breast cancer. To represent the support that the “Big Blue Nation” of Brook Hill has for this cause, students and faculty members wore pink shirts and blue shirts. Cheerleaders created signs that were displayed on the campus and at the pep rally.

MS CHOIR - CONGRATULATIONS

On Saturday, October 10, members of the Brook Hill Middle School Choir competed at the TMEA All-Region Choir auditions. Over 400 7th and 8th grade students from all over East Texas, both private schools and public schools, competed for spots in the choir. Brook Hill student who were chosen were Amber Wright, Jazmen Jones, Claire Dixon, Josh Heingartner, and Grant Hanks. These students will perform with their choirs on November 14 at the Cowan Center on the campus of UT Tyler.

US CHOIR - CONGRATULATIONS

On Saturday, September 26, several singers competed in the Texas Music Educators Association High School All-Region Choir competition. This competitive contest includes approximately twenty public and private schools from all over East Texas, 1A-5A. Brook Hill students chosen for the choir were Michael Ayers, Alyssa Eden, and Erica Eden. Graham English was named 2nd alternate in his section. These students will now continue on to the Pre-Area round of auditions on November 10. They will also perform with the region choir at The Cowan Center on the campus of UT Tyler on November 14.

UT AUSTIN VISITS BROOK HILL! - [CLICK HERE](#)

On Thursday, October 15, 2009, US students gathered in the student center to learn more about the University of Texas at Austin. Alex Salinas, Admissions Counselor, gave a presentation covering admissions, housing, and scholarships. Students were able to ask questions and learn valuable information related to the university. It was a successful visit!

REED'S BIBLE CLASS ACTORS - [CLICK HERE](#)

Last week in Bible class, middle school students studied the use of parables in the Gospels. The students learned that one of the key components to understanding parables is to try to find the one central message that the parable is trying to illustrate. These students were put into groups and challenged to not only find the one central message, but also re-create that message in a modern day context, so as to better apply the parables to their lives. Each group was given one parable to dissect and perform a skit with their modern day, re-created message. Their intuition shined while finding the central messages, and their creativity exploded through their skits! They did a great job!

UT TYLER MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE - [CLICK HERE](#)

On Tuesday, October 6, seventeen Upper School students participated in the first annual UT Tyler Mathematics Challenge competing against students from All Saints, Robert E. Lee, John Tyler and Arp. Students began the day competing individually in one of three categories- Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, or Calculus - by taking individual exams. Following lunch and a tour of the campus, schools competed head-to-head in Quiz Bowl competition.

Brook Hill students swept the Pre-Calculus category: Weite Tang, 1st place; Ji Hyun Kim, 2nd place; Tommy Huynh, 3rd place. Kenai Walker placed 2nd in Calculus. Brook Hill's Quiz Bowl team - Sally Lee, Ji Hyun Kim, Tommy Huynh, and Kenai Walker - advanced to the final round after placing first, then beat All Saints in the final round to become Quiz Bowl Champions.

ATHLETICS



VOLLEYBALL

The girls BEAT All-Saints Thursday night in 3 matches. IT WAS AWESOME!

MIDDLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY - Tuesday, October 20

The Brook Hill School will host the 2nd Annual Tyler Private Middle School Cross Country Championship on Tuesday, October 20. This is the first year that our middle school runners have had the opportunity to compete in this fun event that is open to all students. Scoring is by adding together the top five finishers from each school. The champions will have their name engraved on the permanent revolving trophy. The girls race will begin around 4:30 p.m. with the boys race to follow.

ADOPT A GUARD

Lower School Class

Mrs. Haugh Pre-K

Mrs. Gunnels K

Mrs. Bickerstaff/Mrs. Timmons 3rd

Mrs. Dawkins 4th

Mrs. Ponce 4th

Mrs. Fritcher 5th

Athletes for each Class

Tyler Baker; Cody Bryant; Alyssa Eden

Jeremy Chapelle; Heath Dickey; Erica Eden

Grady Dennis; David Eichelberger

Kris Flynn; Dane Fredde

Mason Jones; Logan Kirkpatrick

Ross Lee; J.B. Moss; Matt Ruark

Description: Athletes from the Upper School will interact with students in the Lower School during lunch and recess times as well as occasionally reading stories in class. Lower School students will be encouraged to support their athletes by making posters, creating cheers and supporting their athletes at the different sporting events.

Purpose: The purpose for this program is to bridge the Upper and Lower School campuses as well as to create school spirit across the campuses. It is also designed as a character development tool for Upper School students knowing that Lower School students will be watching and looking up to them as role models.

2009 HOMECOMING T-SHIRTS

T-Shirts will commemorate the Kyle Lake Athletic Center and our Varsity Football Team. Your 2009 team roster will be printed on the back. Pre-Paid Orders Only - Short sleeve \$12.00 - Long sleeve \$15.00 - **CLICK HERE** for an order form.

ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:30 – Varsity Football vs Garland Christian W 61-6

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

5:00 – JV Volleyball vs Dallas Lutheran L 0-2

6:00 – Varsity Volleyball vs Dallas Lutheran L 0-3

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

5:00 – JV Volleyball vs All Saints

6:00 – Varsity Volleyball vs All Saints – Home *Senior Night*

5:30 – Middle School Football vs All Saints

7:00 – JV Football vs All Saints

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

2:05 – Pep Rally

3:00 – “Beat All Saints Party”

7:30 – Varsity Football vs All Saints – Away

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

State Cross Country Meet – Waco

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

4:30 – Middle School Cross Country Meet – Home

Varsity Volleyball Bi-District Game – Time/Location TBA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:30 – Varsity Football vs Dallas Shelton – Home *Senior Night*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Varsity Volleyball Area Game – Time/Location TBA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

4:00 – Middle School Football vs TK Gorman – Away

7:30 – JV Football vs TK Gorman – Away

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:30 – Varsity Football vs Dallas Lutheran – Away

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THANK YOU!