



DID YOU KNOW?

Our seventh grade class spent Tuesday, September 8th at Pine Cove; however, you may not realize all they accomplished, experienced and the skills they gained in one day.

CLICK HERE to learn more about their experience.

CLICK HERE to see them in action!

ALL SCHOOL

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ALL SCHOOL WEB CALENDAR

SUPERCALIFRAGILISTICEXPIALIDOCIOUS! - October 9

On Friday, October 9, Supporters of Fine Arts (SOFA) is going to the Music Hall at Fair Park for the Dallas Summer Musicals production of *Mary Poppins*. A limited number of seats are available on a first come – first served basis. Tickets are \$45.00 each. We leave Brook Hill at 4:00 p.m. and travel to Dallas in a caravan. Dinner at Joe's Crab Shack on Loop 635, then we will park our vehicles at a satellite DART parking lot and ride the DART train to Fair Park.

The show has an 8:00 p.m. curtain and we will return to Tyler by about 1:30 a.m. Families are welcome and encouraged to join us. Please contact Mr. Ballard by phone or email gballard@brookhill.org to reserve your spot. Deadline is Wednesday, September 16.

"ADOPTIVE" BORDING FAMILIES - September 15

Tuesday, September 15th – "Adoptive" Boarding Families will meet in The Commons for dinner at 6:00 p.m. with the boarding students. If you are interested in being a part of this program please contact Christi Collins at ccollins@brookhill.org or 903-780-1930. The boarding students enjoy a variety of activities with "Adoptive" Boarding families - such as Labor Day at the Eden's home - **CLICK HERE** to see pictures.

GETTING ACQUAINTED - Various Dates

You are invited to a get acquainted "coffee" at the home of Heather Fletcher at 9:00am. Her address is: 10012 CR 1230, Flint.

- Friday, September 18th (3rd-5th grade)
- Friday, October 2nd (MS/US)

If you are unable to attend on the date next to your child's grade level, please feel free to come to any one that fits your schedule. For questions and directions please call Laurie Humphries at 903-894-5000 ext 1005.

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. Golf Classic brochures will soon be available for pick 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 wawkins@brookhill.org

2009 ANNUAL DINNER THEATRE - October 29, 30, 31

The play selected is "Arsenic and Old Lace," a classic script that was made into a movie in 1944, directed by Frank Capra. The movie starred Cary Grant and Raymond Massey. The story revolves around two old spinster sisters (Abby and Martha Brewster) who have turned the family home into a boarding house for elderly gentlemen. Their favorite "charity" is to help lonely old men to their ultimate peaceful end by poisoning them with homemade elderberry wine. Their nephew Teddy Brewster, who thinks he is President Theodore Roosevelt, is digging the Panama Canal in their basement and he buries the old men there thinking they are victims of the yellow fever epidemic. Another nephew, Mortimer Brewster, is a drama critic for the local paper and when he discovers the aunt's pastime, he does everything he can to protect them from the law. Meanwhile,

a third nephew who is also a psychopath, Jonathan Brewster (who looks very much like Boris Karloff), shows up trying to hide from the authorities who are hot on his trail.

Details about reservations will be forthcoming. If you are interested in sponsoring the show, please contact Mr. Glenn Ballard at gballard@brookhill.org.

8TH GRADE SPRING TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC - March 8-11, 2010

Is it too early to be thinking of spring? No, especially when we are talking about spring vacation! Join us for this fun and educational trip to Washington DC.

- Dates: March 8 – 11, 2010
- Cost: \$1195.00
- Everything can be done online...check it out <http://www.joshuaexpeditions.org/forms.htm>
- When asked "What expedition are you interested in?" select - 11205 Group Leader Tammy Rose.

You can sign your child up online, pay online, and find a lot of good information! Group Leader, Tammy Rose, will then have access to all the people who sign up and will be keeping track of things online as well. If you need additional information contact Mrs. Rose at trose@brookhill.org.

USED UNIFORM SHOP INFORMATION

Remember this phrase: **"4th Monday drop and 1st Monday shop!"**

(Consult the WebCalendar for monthly "dropping and shopping days")

- DROP: Each month on the 4th Monday, you may drop-off your used uniform items to sell in Founder's Hall on the couches outside the office from 7:30am-3:30pm. **Click here** for information on pricing. September 28 is "drop-off day".
- SHOP: Each month on the 1st Monday, you may shop in the used uniform shop from 7:30am-8:15am and 3:45pm-4:15pm. Uniform shop is located in Founder's Hall, Room 302. October 5 is "shop day".
- MONEY: Check with Donna Dean, receptionist in Lauderdale Hall, on the drop-off days to see if you have money from the previous month's sale.

LOWER SCHOOL

DRESS FOR THE WEEK - of September 14

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

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PICTURES – Wednesday, September 30

Life Touch will be on the LS campus to take school pictures for all grade levels. There will be no Chapel on this Wednesday. We will begin with Pre-K and work our way up to 5th grade. If any moms would like to help with the picture process, we need several to help gather the students from their classrooms, straighten and tuck in clothes, comb and place hair, etc... If you would like to help, please let Mrs. Stephenson know via email at tstephenson@brookhill.org by Monday, September 28th.

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 visitor's 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 visitor's tag. Visitor's tags are required beyond the rotunda. You do not have to sign in for Wednesday morning Chapel. 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.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

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. The only traffic to use that road should be boarding house traffic and maintenance.

THE FLU SEASON

The following are some recommendations from the Center for disease Control (CDC) to help protect from this year's expected flu impact:

- *Practice good hand hygiene* by washing your hands often with soap and water especially after coughing and sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- *Cover your mouth and nose* with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder, not into your hands.
- *Stay home if you or your child is sick* for at least 24 hours after there is no longer any fever or signs of a fever (without the use of fever-reducing medicine). Keeping sick students at home means that they keep their viruses to themselves rather than sharing them with others.
- *Get your family vaccinated* for seasonal flu and 2009 H1N1 flu when vaccines are available.

Follow these steps to prepare for the flu during the 2009-2010 school year:

- *Plan for child care at home* if your child gets sick or their school is dismissed.
- *Plan to monitor the health of the sick child* and any other children in the household by checking for fever and other symptoms of flu.
- *Identify if you have children who are at higher risk* of serious disease from the flu and talk to your health care provider about a plan to protect them during the flu season. Children at high risk of serious disease from the flu include: children under 5 years of age and those children with chronic medical conditions, such as asthma and diabetes.

LS CHEER PRACTICE - Tuesdays & Thursdays

The Lower School Cheer practices will be held in the Gymnasium on Tuesdays and Thursdays thru the month of September from 3:30 to 4:30. You may sign your little cheerleader out at 4:30 in the rotunda.

PEP RALLY AND EARLY RELEASE - September 18

The Lower School will be releasing at 1:40 pm on Friday, September 18 for an all-school Pep Rally. The rally will be held in the Herrington Sportscenter (gym) at 2:05 p.m. All Lower School is invited. Pick up your child at 1:40 p.m. and head over to the Herrington Sportscenter for the Pep Rally. Get loud and crazy with us as we cheer on our football teams to victory against Houston Westbury on Saturday, September 19.

FOOTBALL GAME - September 19

There are few home games on the schedule this year. Please, don't forget to come to our home game against Houston Westbury on Saturday, September 19th at 6:00 pm. in Herrington Stadium. Come and enjoy some great football and support our team. Experience the fun with us.

VOLLEYBALL GAME - September 19

Coached by our PE coach, Amanda Reed, our volleyball teams (JV and Varsity) will be spiking across the net against Rusk in Herrington Sportscenter on Saturday, September 19. Games start at 10:00 a.m. Coach Reed says that our young team plays hard.

BOOK WEEK - October (last week)

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.

MIDDLE/UPPER SCHOOL

IVY LEAGUE COLLEGE TOUR - November 16-20

The Academic Office is sponsoring a five day tour November 16-20 of Ivy League schools in the Northeast. The trip will include visits to MIT, Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Columbia and King's College as well as sightseeing in Boston and New York City. The trip includes a Broadway show as well. The cost is \$1900, more information is available from Mr. Nelson (bnelson@brookhill.org) in the Academic Office. Registration ends soon.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP - February 6-13

All MS/US students and parents interested in taking part in the Dominican Republic mission trip (to help the Doulos School and expose our children to the world of missions outside the U.S.) must let Shawn Rhoads know as soon as possible so we can begin locking in flight arrangements. The dates are February 6th – 13th, with a non-refundable \$100 deposit. The cost is \$800 plus airfare, which will depend on when we book flights. The maximum number that can take part in the trip is 20 total, and spots will be reserved on a first-come-first-serve basis. You may e-mail Mr. Rhoads at srhoads@brookhill.org.

MS/US AFTERNOON PICKUP

Please use the following locations for afternoon pickup: Ornelas Breezeway or front of Founder's Hall. Please **do not** 'park' under the port-o-cachere of Ornelas Hall; leave one lane for moving traffic. Please circle through Founder's parking lot and line up along sidewalk. **DO NOT** pick students up at the Lauderdale "curve" between 3:35 p.m. and 3:50 p.m.; cars are blocking exiting traffic.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

All MS/US students are required to complete Community Service hours. Volunteer work done from June 1, 2009, until May 31, 2010, will count towards this year's requirements. Forms are located online and outside Founder's Hall office. If you have any questions, contact Julie Hanks jhanks@brookhill.org.

- 6th grade - 10 hours
- 7th grade - 15 hours
- 8th grade - 20 hours
- 9th grade - 25 hours
- 10th grade - 30 hours
- 11th grade - 35 hours
- 12th grade - 40 hours

TAOS FOR SENIORS!

Each year the seniors of Brook Hill take a week-long class trip to Taos, New Mexico. While there the entire class visits a centuries-old Native American, Pueblo, raft the Rio Grande River and hike to Williams Lake, resting at an altitude of 11,050 feet. In the evenings Brook Hill staff and faculty hold leadership sessions with the class, ranging in topics from choices and consequences to taking initiative. There are student and teacher led devotions in the mornings and time in the evenings for seniors to plan their annual senior chapel. The timing of the senior trip can be considered atypical, since it takes place at the beginning of the year. But when better to unite the leading class in the school and begin instilling in them the leadership traits that they will need to set an example throughout the remainder of the year? **CLICK HERE** to see pictures of their trip.



VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Guard Volleyball team played LIGHTS OUT Thursday. If you did not get a chance to see them they were awesome. We had four players who led in kills. Erica Eden with 7 tip kills, MC Selden with 8 kills, Baylee Rozell with 3 tip kills and 5 kills, and Sarah Mullicane with 1 tip kill and 6 kills. The girls will be playing in the Sabine Tournament this weekend and the next home game will be Saturday, September 19 against Rusk at 10:00 and 11:00 am. Come out and support these young ladies.

ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

5:30 – JV Football vs Mt. Enterprise W 40-12

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

5:00 – Varsity Volleyball vs Trinity Longview W 3-0

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

4:00 – MS Football vs San Augustine – Scrimmage
 5:00 – JV Volleyball vs Lakehill W 2-0
 6:00 – Varsity Volleyball vs Lakehill – Home W 3-0
 7:00 – JV Football vs San Augustine – Cancelled

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:30 – Varsity Football vs San Augustine – Away

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

JV/Varsity Volleyball Tournament – Sabine

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

5:00 – MS Volleyball vs Grace Community – Home

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

5:00 – JV Volleyball vs Canyon Creek – Away
 6:00 – Varsity Volleyball vs Canyon Creek – Away

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

5:00 – JV Volleyball vs Garland Christian – Away
 5:30 – MS Football vs All Saints - Away
 6:00 – Varsity Volleyball vs Canyon Creek
 7:00 – JV Football vs All Saints – Away

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

10:00 – JV Volleyball vs Rusk – Home
 11:00 – Varsity Volleyball vs Rusk – Home
 1:00 – Brook Hill “Sports Day”
 6:00 – Varsity Football vs Houston Westbury – Home

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

5:00 – MS Volleyball vs Grace Community – Home

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

5:00 – JV/Varsity Volleyball vs Shelton – Away

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

4:00 – MS Football vs Big Sandy - Home
 5:00 – MS Volleyball vs Grace Community – Away
 5:00 – JV/Varsity Volleyball vs Dallas Lutheran - Home
 7:00 – JV Football vs Big Sandy – Home

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:30 – Varsity Football vs Big Sandy – Away

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THANK YOU!