

BURROUGHS

PARENT NEWSLETTER

August 2009

Message from the head of school

WELCOME to the 2009-10 school year! After a summer of transition in which I officially moved into the head's office and Nanette Tarbouni took over as director of college counseling, we are ready to hit the ground running on Tuesday, September 1st, a start day that falls *before* the Labor Day weekend.

This September, we welcome 102 new students, 69 of whom come from families who are also new to the school. We also welcome our seven new faculty members, including one who is an alumna and another who is a former teaching intern (see faculty profiles on page 2).

Also among the "new" for the 2009-10 school year are three courses—beginning Chinese, introduction to engineering and a diversity seminar for sophomores. We have new spectator seating for soccer fans (the first phase of the improved soccer venue); a recently paved Schnuck Wing parking lot; and a new roof on the Cissel Center.

As usual, September will be a busy month with athletic contests, mini-schools for parents, parents' visiting day, a Bonsack Gallery opening and a full complement of college counseling, trustee, Parents Council and Alumni Board meetings.

Amidst all of that, and as part of the Blue and Gold Weekend events, Katie and I will host the annual JBS Family Picnic on Saturday, September 12th. Not only will the event celebrate the beginning of the school's 87th year, but it will give Katie and me the opportunity to get better acquainted with parents. The invitation was mailed earlier this month. We hope you will be able to come.

Communication between school and home is a top priority for me. As I said in my August 14th letter, I see the education of your children as a collaborative effort involving teachers, administrators and parents. I truly value your input, which is why I am proposing to the Board of Trustees that we move the biennial parent forum from the spring to the fall so that I can hear from the parent body as a whole. For years these gatherings have provided an opportunity for parents to engage in community-wide conversation and for the administration and Board to hear what you think about the school, its programs and its policies. I'll be sending more about the specifics of the forum later this fall.

We're also looking at how we can most efficiently and effectively communicate with our parents about what is

happening at the school. I believe that the time is right to depend more on electronic communication. It is more timely and will save considerable printing and postage costs.

As a first step, principals will begin to send monthly e-communications this fall. Further down the road, we plan to merge the already electronic *Link* with the *Parent Newsletter* into one electronic communication. The new format will be a much quicker read, with links to longer stories and plenty of photos on the school's website. We're ironing out the logistics and working on the design, but hope to have the first edition of the electronic newsletter in homes in January. In the meantime, we'll continue to mail these monthly newsletters.

I look forward to the school year—to the daily routine with young people who are bright and fun and parents who are supportive and engaged. We truly have a wonderful school, a great community. I can't tell you what an honor it is to be assuming my new role here.

Let's get started!



Andy Abbott
— ANDY ABBOTT

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Welcome to new faculty

BURROUGHS WELCOMES SEVEN new faculty members for the 2009-10 school year.

Marni Dillard, who was an intern in the Classics Department during the 1990-91 school year, returns to Burroughs to fill in for Philip Barnes, who is on sabbatical. Ms. Dillard will teach beginning Greek, Greek I, Latin 8, Latin II, Latin III and Latin IV Honors. She holds a bachelor's degree in classics from Northwestern and a master's degree and a philosophy candidate degree from the University of Washington.



Marni Dillard



Ike Irby



Melissa Simonds

She also is joining the college counseling team. She comes to Burroughs with 24 years of experience, most recently at MICDS where she was an English teacher and college counselor. Ms. Simonds holds a bachelor's degree in American studies from Yale University and a master's degree from Middlebury-Bread Loaf School of English.

Ike Irby joins the Science Department as a teaching intern. Mr. Irby is a 2009 graduate of Bowdoin College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in geology, with a minor in physics and astronomy and a concentration in French. He will teach physics and eleventh grade astronomy and meteorology and coach boys soccer and boys and girls track.

Melissa Simonds joins the English Department, teaching eighth grade and eleventh grade English.



Nanette Tarbouni

She previously worked as an academic advisor, first at Tulane and later at University of Missouri-St. Louis.



Meredith Thorpe

Meridith Thorpe, an alumna from the class of 1995, returns to Burroughs as the co-head coach of the field hockey Bombers. Ms. Thorpe graduated from the University of Virginia with a degree in sociology. A member of the field hockey team at UVA, she earned and still holds the university's career point and goal records, as well as those in the Atlantic Coast Conference. She coached at the Division I level, most recently at the University of Iowa. Ms. Thorpe will be a full-time member of the PE/Athletic Department, but will also help in the Admissions Office.

One new member of the Modern Language Department comes from Iowa City, IA, where he taught Spanish at West High School since 1998. Ned Wood joins Burroughs with 29 years of teaching experience including several at the American School of Asunción, Paraguay, and the International School of Santiago, Chile. He holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Brown University and a master's degree in Spanish from Middlebury College. At JBS, Mr. Wood will teach Spanish III.



Ned Wood

Our new director of college counseling, Nanette Tarbouni, assumed her new role in July. Ms. Tarbouni, formerly the director of undergraduate admissions and recruitment at Washington University in St. Louis, holds a bachelor's degree in classics from Newcomb College of Tulane University.

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Blue and Gold Weekend

September 11th & 12th

Following are game times and events surrounding Blue and Gold Weekend. Most contests are against MICDS, with the exception of the Forest Park Cross Country Festival and the Ladue Boys Swimming Invitational.

Friday, September 11th

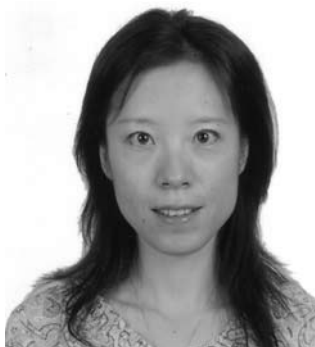
4 p.m.	JV girls tennis, home
4:15 p.m.	C Football @ MICDS C Soccer, home
6:30 p.m.	Picnic for students
7:15 p.m.	Pep rally and bonfire, pick up at 8:45 p.m.

Saturday, September 12th

10 a.m.	C field hockey, home JV boys soccer @ MICDS Varsity girls tennis @ MICDS JV girls tennis, home Varsity boys swimming @ Ladue Invitational
10:30 a.m.	Boys Cross Country @ Forest Park Cross Country Festival
11:30 a.m.	Girls Cross Country @ Forest Park Cross Country Festival
Noon	Family picnic JV field hockey, home JV volleyball @ MICDS
1:30 p.m.	Varsity field hockey, home Varsity volleyball @ MICDS
2:30 p.m.	Varsity football, home
4:30 p.m.	Varsity boys soccer @ MICDS

New faculty *continued from page 2.*

LinLing Xu joins the Burroughs faculty, teaching two sections of beginning Chinese. Dr. Xu comes to Burroughs with eight years of teaching experience, most recently at the Houmei Chinese Language School in Nagoya, Japan. She holds a bachelor's degree from Xiamen University in China, and master's and doctorate degrees from Nagoya University in Japan.



LinLing Xu

Learn about college counseling

THE COLLEGE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT will kick off the 2009-10 school year with three programs providing information about the college search process:

- **Meeting for seniors** (11 a.m., Monday, August 31st in the library): All seniors should attend this meeting. Head of School Andy Abbott, Nanette Tarbouni (director of college counseling) and Scott Heinzel (principal of grades 11 and 12 and college counselor) will welcome students to their senior year. The students will then go into breakout sessions with their college counselors. Students who are big siblings will meet their little siblings for a picnic at noon.
- **Meeting for seniors and their parents** (7 p.m., Thursday, September 3rd in Haertter Hall): The college counseling team will lead a discussion about the logistics of the college counseling process during senior year. Topics will include applications, college essays, testing and college visits.
- **Meeting for junior parents** (7 p.m., Monday, October 12th in the dining room): Scott Heinzel (college counselor and principal of grades 11 and 12) and Nanette Tarbouni (director of college counseling) will host this meeting to give parents an overview of the college counseling process and to introduce them to the standardized tests (PSAT, SAT Reasoning Test, SAT Subject Tests, ACT, AP) that students take during their junior year.

Selma arrives from Germany

JBS STARTS THE new academic year with an international exchange student from Karlsruhe, Germany. Selma Kropp will join the junior class this year. She is a classical pianist and will play volleyball in the fall. Rosemary and Joe Dreyer, parents of Rosalind '11, are hosting Selma.

Parents who would like to actively participate in making Selma feel welcome, are invited to attend the JBS Parents' International Student Exchange Committee meeting at 7:45 a.m., Friday, September 11th, in the Haertter Hall conference room. Meetings are informal and usually last an hour. For more information, contact Sally Shinkle at sshinkle@i1.net or Cece Mulcahy at rmulcahy@att.net.

No such thing as a quiet summer on campus



Fifty-one students returned to campus for the five weeks of Aim High. The students worked as teaching and administrative assistants in the program which serves promising middle school students from city schools, and the Maplewood/Richmond Heights and Wellston districts. Among JBS students working with the program were from left in front Sally Steuter-man '10, Edirin Okoloko '10, Liz Barenholtz '10 and Ben Westfall '10 and in back, Keaton Wetzel '11, Eli Levin '11, Kevin Gilbert '11 and Adam Datema '11.



Burroughs facilities are well-used during the school year and get some TLC during the summer. This summer's projects included new carpet for the Commons (above), seating for soccer fans (below right), a new roof on the Cissel Center (bottom, right) and new pavement for the Schnuck Wing parking lot.



Davey Homes '12 was among the Burroughs students who worked as counselors at Burr Oak Camp, the traditional summer day camp for children in preschool through sixth grade.



Six weeks of Burr Oak Camp were followed immediately by two weeks of August Days, the summer camp run by JBS students to serve children from Youth and Family Center in north St. Louis. Above, Jenee Rideaux '11 was one of 40 JBS students who volunteered as counselors.



Rinehart show opens Bonsack season

"VENEER," an exhibit by Benjamin Rinehart, will be the opening exhibit of the 2009-10 Bonsack Gallery season. The exhibit, which will run from September 4th through October 7th, will feature a collection of prints, books and paper-engineered objects that were inspired by the artist's interest in surfaces, specifically utilizing various printmaking processes. Rinehart is an assistant professor of art at Lawrence University and an instructor at The Center for Book Arts in New York City. He has given numerous printmaking and handmade book workshops throughout the country and is the author of *Creating Books and Boxes: Fun and Unique Approaches to Handmade Structures*. Mr. Rinehart will be serving as a visiting artist the first week of school, and will give demonstrations to printmaking and intensive studies art classes.

Subsequent shows for the 2009-10 season are as follows:

October 9th through November 11th

Meredith Foster
Wall Constructions

November 13th through January 6th

Charles Derleth
Painting, Drawing and Sculpture

January 8th through February 10th

Marc Altman '98
Photography

February 12th through March 31st

M. Shawn Cornell
Plein Air Painting

April 2nd through May 5th

Faculty Show
Mixed Media

May 7th through Summer

Student Intensive Studies Show

If you would like to receive electronic opening announcements, please call 314/993-4045, ext. 264.

Kuehner Gallery features alumnus' work

THE FIRST ALUMNUS art exhibit in the Kuehner Gallery will feature "Steel Cartoons and Related Work," a collection of the sculptures and drawings of Doug Kassabaum '68, who is a classmate of the late Kerry S. Kuehner for whom the fine arts building is named. Mr. Kassabaum, a graduate of Cornell University's School of Art and Architecture, has worked as an architect for 40 years, practicing for the past 15 years as a partner in the Sutton Studio, Inc., an architectural office he founded in Maplewood, MO. The exhibit will be on display from August 28th through October 5th.



Four Burroughs students were among 70 high school juniors and seniors to graduate from the Students and Teachers as Research Scientists (STARS) program at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The students conducted research under the direction of research scientists in university and corporate settings during the summer and presented their research projects at a graduation ceremony on July 17th. From left in front are Tanvi Subramanian '11 and Shamaita Majumdar '10 and in back are Amit Roy '10 and Michael Lublin '11.

JBS to perform at Carnegie Hall

IF THE MEASURE of musical accomplishment is an invitation to perform at Carnegie Hall, then select choral students in grades 9 through 12 have arrived. Burroughs students will be featured in the Carnegie Hall Concert Series at 2 p.m., April 4, 2010.

MidAmerica Productions selects ensembles that have been recommended to them by an expert in the field or by one of the series' guest conductors. The JBS students will perform two works by prolific English composer John Rutter, who will conduct the choir and professional orchestra for the concert. The Burroughs group will perform his popular larger work, "Gloria," and a smaller work, the "Winchester Te Deum," with other ensembles from across the nation.

In preparation for the concert, the Burroughs students will participate in a four-day residency during which they will work with Maestro Rutter in morning rehearsals and in a final dress rehearsal with the orchestra.

Back at it

BY MID-AUGUST, campus was looking more like business as usual. Athletes reported in for the first practices of the fall season; many teachers were back in their classrooms; and students returned to purchase books and get their schedules. At right, Mylin Johnson drills the football team. At far right, Margaret Bahe (Science) takes stock of her office.



At left, Wayne Scott (PE/Athletics) coaches Lea Johnson '11 on blocking the ball as Hannah Heard '11 (in background) looks on. Above, field hockey coaches Carrie Goodloe Chapman '98 (on left) and Meridith Thorpe '95 show the girls how to attack a penalty corner. Below, left, Leslie Kehr (PE/Athletics) gives (clockwise from the noon position) Jordan Gudmestad '10, Scott Steinhouse '11, Jacob Waterman '12 and Andy Zhou '12 instruction. Below, Chris (History) and Eli Front put their heads together in setting up Dad's classroom.



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A Reference for Parents

To help parents, especially newcomers, better navigate the campus and the school, we provide this pull-out section of information.

For answers to your questions

If you have a question and are unsure about whom to call, it is often easiest to start with one of the principals, and he/she will direct you. And don't forget the *Student-Parent Handbook*, which contains most school policies and practices. Meanwhile, here are contacts for frequently asked questions:

- **If you have questions about school philosophy or policy:**

Contact Andy Abbott, head of school, at 314/993-4040, ext. 282, or aabbott@jburroughs.org.

- **If you have general questions about your child or his/her schedule:**

Contact Macon Finley, principal for grades 7 and 8, at 314/993-4040, ext. 325, or mfinley@jburroughs.org.

Contact Elaine Childress, principal for grades 9 and 10, at 314/993-4040, ext. 361, or echildress@jburroughs.org.

Contact Scott Heinzl, principal for grades 11 and 12, at 314/993-4040, ext. 370, or sheinzel@jburroughs.org.

- **If you need a primary contact to whom you can take questions concerning your child:**

Contact your child's advisor at the phone number/e-mail listed online and in the back of the Buzz Book, which will be distributed next month.

- **If you have specific questions about a particular class or athletic team:**

Contact your child's teacher or coach at the phone number/e-mail listed online and in the back of the Buzz Book.

- **If you know in advance of an unusual absence for your child that may not be excused, such as family travel:**

Contact the appropriate principal.

- **If you know in advance of an absence for your child that will be excused, such as a doctor's appointment, or to report your child absent or late:**

Before 7:45 a.m., call 314/993-4045, press 0, and leave a message. After 7:45 a.m., call 314/993-4040 and speak with the receptionist.

- **If your child is ill and needs homework information:**

Contact each of your child's teachers directly at the phone number/e-mail listed online and in the back of the Buzz Book. A group e-mail is often the most efficient way to do this.

- **If you need to get a message to your child during the school day:**

Call the front desk at 314/993-4040 and leave a message.

- **If you need athletic schedules:**

Call the sports hotline (314/993-4045, ext. 4 . . . press 2), or go to the Burroughs website (www.jburroughs.org) and click on the "Athletics" button.

- **If you have questions about the athletic program or need to have your child excused for an extended time from physical education or athletics:**

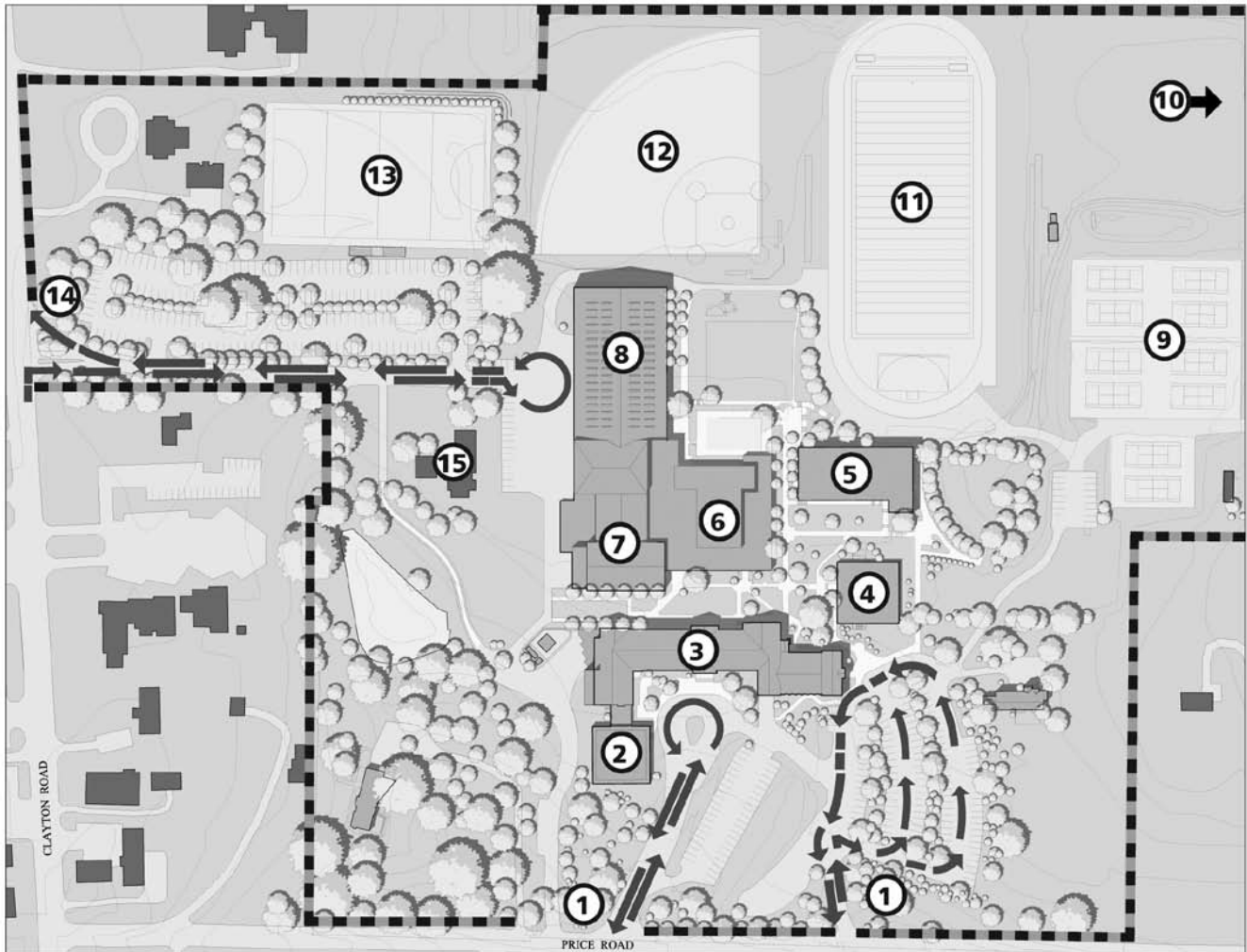
Contact Jim Lemen, athletic director, at 314/993-4040, ext. 232, or jlemen@jburroughs.org.

- **If you have questions about the curriculum in a specific subject:**
Contact the department chair as listed online and in the Buzz Book.
- **If you need to discuss your child's special health needs:**
Contact Casie Tomlinson, school nurse, at 314/993-4040, ext. 209, or ctomlin@jburroughs.org.
- **If you have questions about the week's events on campus:**
Call the Activity Hotline (314/993-4045, ext. 4, press 1), or go to the Burroughs website (www.jburroughs.org).
- **If you have questions about parenting or personal counseling for your child:**
Contact Prue Gershman, director of personal counseling, at 314/993-4040, ext. 312, or pgersh@jburroughs.org.
- **If you have questions about special learning needs or about the services provided by the academic support department:**
Contact Susan Dee, chair of the academic support department, at 314/993-4040, ext. 336, or sdee@jburroughs.org.
- **If you have questions about college counseling:**
Contact Nanette Tarbouni, director of college counseling, at 314/993-4040, ext. 281, or ntarbouni@jburroughs.org.
- **If you have questions about library resources available to students and parents:**
Contact Linda Mercer, library chair, at 314/993-4040, ext. 238, or lmercer@jburroughs.org.
- **If you have questions about diversity initiatives, policies or programs:**
Contact Daniel Harris, diversity and multi-cultural education director, at 314/993-4040, ext. 221, or dharris@jburroughs.org.
- **If you have questions about the community service program:**
Contact Susan Dee, faculty sponsor of the Montgomery Plan, at 314/993-4040, ext. 336, or sdee@jburroughs.org.
- **If you have questions about a bill, payment or re-enrollment:**
Contact Laura Placio, business manager, at 314/993-4040, ext. 235, or lplacio@jburroughs.org.
- **If you have questions about tuition aid or admissions:**
Contact Caroline LaVigne, director of admissions and tuition aid, at 314/993-4040, ext. 227, or clavigne@jburroughs.org.
- **If you have questions about parking or the use of facilities:**
Contact Ed Philipp, director of plant operations, at 314/993-4040, ext. 444, or ephilipp@jburroughs.org.
- **If you have questions about food services for a special event:**
Contact Shelli Pate, Sage Food Services, at 314/993-4040, ext. 243, or spate@sagedining.com.
- **If you have questions about school lunches:**
Contact Macon Finley, principal of grades 7 and 8, at 314/993-4040, ext. 325, or mfinley@jburroughs.org.
- **If you have questions about fund-raising, annual giving or the capital campaign:**
Contact Jim Kemp, director of advancement, at 314/993-4040, ext. 256, or jkemp@jburroughs.org.
- **If you have questions about school publicity, special events or communications (including the website):**
Contact Ellen Bremner, director of communications and community relations, at 314/993-4040, ext. 355, or ebremner@jburroughs.org.
- **If you have questions about parent involvement/volunteering at the school:**
Contact Case Baum, president of the Parents Council, at 314/726-2375 or cupoftea23@charter.net.

Navigating campus

Need to find the tennis complex or the Olin Field House? This map shows the locations of buildings and playing fields, and the black arrows in the Price Road and Clayton Road parking lots indicate traffic flow during student drop off and pick up.

John Burroughs School Campus



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|---|---|
| 1 Price Road Entrances and Parking Lots | 9 Lee Tennis Complex |
| 2 Kuehner Fine Arts Building and Kuehner Gallery | 10 Beckman Soccer Field |
| 3 Brauer Building and Schnuck Wing | 11 Leland Field, Keefer Track and Lemen Press Box and Stands |
| 4 Stamper Library | 12 McConnell Field and Sisler Baseball Stands |
| 5 Gaylord Science Building | 13 Hockey Field |
| 6 Haertter Hall | 14 Clayton Road Entrance and Parking Lot |
| 7 Cissel Center | 15 Site of Future Theatre |
| 8 Olin Field House | |

↑ Traffic flow during carpool pick up and drop off

Please note that the entrance on Clayton Road is meant to be used by cars coming from the west on Clayton Road. For cars exiting the campus from this exit, left turns are prohibited by the city between 6 and 9:30 a.m. and between 2:30 and 7 p.m. For the safety of our children, please always proceed cautiously, impress upon young drivers that they are responsible to do the same and remind your children who are being dropped off to look before opening car doors.

Key terms

To help newcomers better understand the community, here are a few terms you're bound to hear:

Parent Organizations

John Burroughs School Association — The organization of all current parents. Its primary role is to elect the school's governing body, the Board of Trustees.

Parents Council — The parent organization that raises money for the school, promotes a sense of community among JBS parents, supports our students and faculty, and serves the greater community.

Family Network — A Parents Council sub-group which works with the personal counseling department to sponsor programs on adolescence and parenting for the Burroughs community.

Parent-Sponsored Events

Unique Boutique — A Parents Council fund-raising event which features the art and fine crafts of more than three dozen nationally and locally recognized artisans and merchants as well as the wares of JBS parents. Held the week-end before Thanksgiving.

Potpourri — A Parents Council fund-raising event which begins with raffles, bake sales, and a café for students and culminates with the 500-family garage sale for the JBS and larger community. Held in late April.

Annual Dinner and Auction — The John Burroughs School Association holds its annual meeting and dinner each spring with a small silent auction. Parents Council volunteers plan the event which usually takes place in early May.

Student Clubs and Projects

International Student Exchange Committee — The group of parents and students who coordinate the international student exchange program (formerly AFS).

Montgomery Plan — A student organization which provides a range of community service opportunities throughout the school year.

May Projects — Self-directed learning experiences undertaken by seniors in the month before graduation.

Governor — The student yearbook.

The World — The student newspaper, available in print and online at www.jburroughs.org.

The Review — The student literary publication.

SLAMUN and THIMUN — Students involved in the model United Nations program may participate in SLAMUN, which takes place in St. Louis, and THIMUN, which takes place at The Hague in the Netherlands.

Galleries

Bonsack Gallery — A gallery in the Brauer Building that features exhibits of the works of invited professional artists.

Kuehner Gallery — (pronounced KEEN-ur) A gallery connecting the fine arts building to the dining room. This gallery features alumni and student work.

Ozark Campus

Drey Land — (pronounced DRY Land) The school's wilderness camp south of Salem, MO. Throughout their Burroughs experience, students have several opportunities to visit Drey Land. Seventh graders and other new students visit Drey Land for an orientation program. Biology students participate in a field study at Drey Land in the spring of their ninth grade year. Seniors spend an optional weekend at Drey Land in August. The outdoor education program also uses the facility several times a year.

Message from the Parents Council president

Welcome, parents!

ON BEHALF OF the Parents Council Board, I would like to welcome all new and returning parents to the 2009-10 school year. Many Parents Council events are already in the planning stages, and your participation is both encouraged and welcome!

The main purpose of the JBS Parents Council is to build community within our school. Volunteering at Parents Council events is a great way to feel connected – to the students, faculty and other parents. Any of our 19 committees would benefit from the contribution of your time and talent, and there is a range of activities to suit all interests and time schedules. Whether it's assisting with a school mailing, helping in the library or bookstore, planning a Family Network event or the Blue and Gold Picnic, or helping with a fundraiser or a student party, the JBS Parents Council has a job that is right for you!

Our three major fundraisers – Unique Boutique, Potpourri and the JBS Auction – provide parents with countless opportunities to get to know other parents, faculty, staff and administrators. The success of every single event is directly related to the enthusiastic support and involvement of our parent volunteers.

Please contact me (cupoftea23@charter.net; 314/726-2375) or any of the committee chairs with your questions. I know that you will have a terrific time volunteering at Burroughs!

— CASE BAUM

2009-10 Parents Council leadership

President:	Case Baum
Vice President:	Susan Murray
Secretary:	Carin Hicks
Treasurer:	Cathy Herman
Annual Dinner	JoAnn Petruccio & Tammy Taylor
Auction	Liz Philpott & Kathleen Rogers
Blue & Gold Picnic	Marcia Koenig & Sally Van Doren
Bookstore	Isabel Brandt, Mary Kaye Fort & Liz Weinstein
Cookies	Carie Kennedy
Family Network	Lana Wright & Cheryl Bartnett
Hospitality	Sameera Malik & Judy Uelk
International Student Exchange	Cece Mulcahy & Sally Shinkle
JB Connection	Kelli Eggers-Larson & Anjali Kamra
Library	Charles Fremont
Lost & Found	Anne Maloney & Laura Staley
Mailing	Nancee Compton
Nominating	Cathy Carney
Potpourri	Shelly Baizer & Cindy Schnabel
Seniors'/Parents' Party	Barbara McKone & Julie Schnuck
Student Parties & Activities	Linda Smith & Bren Souers
Summer Opportunities Fair	Michelle Wexler & Heather Winsby
Unique Boutique	Dorothy Swicord & Terry Warner
GRADE CHAIRS	
Grade 7	Sheila & Ted Stegeman Michele & Clark Thomas
Grade 8	Kathy & David Diemer Janet & Lee Rodgers
Grade 9	Sarah & Richard Campbell Cathleen Faris-Guyol & Jim Guyol
Grade 10	Judy & Bob Barenholtz Shannon & Clay Scharff
Grade 11	Laura & Gary Armentrout Jill & Paul Krupela Laura & Bryan Malzahn
Grade 12	Patty & Bill Brasher Jerrie & Brian Plegge Sue & Scott Westfall



THAT WONDERFUL HOLIDAY shopping extravaganza known as Unique Boutique is just three months away, so make your gift list and check it twice. On Saturday, November 21st and Sunday, November 22nd, the halls and dining room of the Brauer Building will brim with the hand-crafted works of more than 40 artisans. Designer coats, custom lamp shades, fine stationery items, hand-painted furniture, weaving, glassware and more will be featured for purchase.

Several exclusively JBS booths will offer items created by talented JBS faculty and staff. In addition, homemade delicacies baked by JBS parents will beckon in the Incredible Edibles booth. Fresh wreaths, potted evergreens and topiaries will deck the halls in Holiday Plants. Handmade items made by creative JBS parents will delight in Signatures. Popular JBS logo wear will await in JB Connections. Hungry shoppers will find a selection of tasty breakfast and lunch treats in the Café on both days.

Participating in Unique Boutique is a great way to meet other JBS parents, have fun, and help the JBS Parents Council raise money for the benefit of students, faculty and staff. Volunteers have many opportunities to plan for Unique Boutique, to bake and to create beautiful hand-crafted items sold at the event. Many parents enjoy volunteering before and during the sale, setting up, decorating the school, assembling sandwiches for the Café and/or working at one of our JBS-sponsored booths.

One of the first opportunities is to join other JBS parents in creating hand-crafted items for the Signatures booth. Signatures chairs Vicki LeResche (happyserb@sbcglobal.net) and Carol Roodman (hands2u@charter.net) invite those interested to attend the kick-off meeting at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, September 10th, in the college counseling room.

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Whatever your skills, Unique Boutique is a fun way to get involved. Interested volunteers should contact either of us (Dorothy at 314/963-9409 or cswicord@hotmail.com; Terry at 314/520-6497 or terry-warner@sbcglobal.net).

—COCHAIRS DOROTHY SWICORD & TERRY WARNER

Welcome to Family Network

FAMILY NETWORK is the parent education and support group of the Parents Council. The committee, made up of parent volunteers from the JBS community, offers the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas about parenting our wonderful, yet sometimes challenging, teens. Prue Gershman, director of personal counseling, serves as the committee's faculty advisor.

All parents are invited to participate in our parenting education activities by attending the grade-level Brown Bag/Coffee Connection discussions, Book Clubs and evening speaker presentations, as well as our regularly scheduled committee meetings. Our first committee meeting will be at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, September 10th in the Haerrter Hall conference room.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Family Network events!

—COCHAIRS LANA WRIGHT & CHERYL BARTNETT

Attention, bookstore volunteers

PLEASE ATTEND an orientation meeting at 9 a.m., Monday, August 31st in the JBS bookstore. For information, contact Barb Dailey (314/993-4040, ext. 247, or bdailey@jburroughs.org).

Monthly volunteer schedules for September through December are available online. You can access the schedules at www.jburroughs.org. Click on the JB Net icon, then "Parents Council," then "Bookstore parent volunteers." An updated list of substitute volunteers will soon be added. Please print out the monthly schedules as we will not be mailing them. Anyone who prefers to receive his/her schedule by mail should contact one of us (Isabel at 314/997-8075 or isabelbrandt@charter.net; Mary Kaye at 314/567-5150 or mkfort@earthlink.net; or Liz at 314/822-1188 or weinsteingirl@aol.com).

— COCHAIRS ISABEL BRANDT, MARY KAYE FORT & LIZ WEINSTEIN

The planning starts early for Potpourri 2010

POTPOURRI, THE SCHOOL'S ANNUAL 500-family garage sale held in April, has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars over the past four decades. This mammoth sale not only raises money for JBS programs, but also brings the school community closer together and provides a valuable service for the larger St. Louis community. The entire school enjoys the festive atmosphere of Potpourri week.

But Potpourri doesn't just happen. Dozens of parent volunteers work throughout the school year to bring this springtime event to campus. We invite you to join us. Department chair positions are still open for Potpourri 2010. New and seasoned parents are welcome. Please call either of us (Cindy Schnabel at 314/821-2978 or Shelly Baizer at 314/569-5949) for more information, or join us at our first committee meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 7th in the Haertter Hall conference room. Also, visit the Parents Council page on the JBS website (www.jburroughs.org) for Potpourri updates and volunteer opportunities.

One on-going volunteer opportunity involves helping in the sorting room—organizing and boxing the donations for pre-sale storage. Sorting sessions take place from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Potpourri sort room, located on the lower level of the field house and accessed via an outside door opposite the baseball field. (For easiest access, volunteers should park in the Clayton Road lot and walk behind the field house.) Mark your calendar and plan to help on one or all of the following dates: August 28th, September 3rd, 10th, 15th and 22nd; October 1st, 13th, 29th; November 10th and 19th; and December 3rd and 8th. We will also have Saturday morning sorting sessions; the dates for these will be announced in the September newsletter, as will sort dates for 2010. If you are interested in volunteering as a sorter, which is also a great way to get to know other parents, simply show up on a sorting day and join the fun. If you have questions about sorting, call one of our terrific sort chairs, Leigh Gerard (314/991-1952) or Julie Wallace (314/453-9585).

Of course, we also need your donations. Purge your closets, attics and basements, garages, drawers and storage lockers. You'll enjoy uncluttered space, and JBS will benefit from your treasures. Before bringing us your donations, please read the following guidelines:

- Please, NO JUNK!
- Potpourri accepts clothing, shoes, coats, hats, jewelry, pictures, books, games, toys, functioning electronics, decorative items, kitchenware, small appliances, rugs, linens, furniture, antiques, lamps, holiday decorations, sporting goods, exercise equipment, bikes, cars and even boats!
- No soiled or well-worn items. Potpourri cannot accept socks, undergarments or bathing suits.
- No desktop computers or printers.
- No cribs, car seats, sofa beds, water beds, air conditioners, major appliances or complete kitchens.
- No artificial Christmas trees.
- No encyclopedias.

Donations may be dropped off at the Potpourri trailer, which is parked in the Clayton Road parking lot. Simply follow the signs directing you to the trailer's location. Check with the school office (314/993-4040) if you have any questions. If you need help transporting goods, or if you need receipts for tax purposes, please check with the receptionist in the school office. There are also tax receipts in the trailer.

Finally, we are always in need of packing boxes, packing paper and child-sized coat hangers. If you have packing supplies to donate, either leave them in the Potpourri trailer, or call either of us to arrange to have your supplies picked up.

—COCHAIRS SHELLY BAIZER & CINDY SCHNABEL

Bullet Points

- **Zip code lists available** FAMILIES WHO are interested in carpooling and would like to receive a list of students grouped by zip code may request one from the development office. To receive yours by e-mail, call 314/993-4045, ext. 264, or e-mail ncusan@jburroughs.org.
- **Parking and driving on campus** THE SCHOOL ISSUES lot-specific parking stickers for students in grades 10 through 12.

For students approaching campus from the west: Students driving from the west will park in the Clayton Road lot. When leaving campus, note that left turns onto Clayton Road from the school are prohibited by the city of Ladue from 6 to 9:30 a.m. and from 2:30 to 7 p.m. on weekdays.

For students approaching campus from the east and north: Students traveling from the east on Clayton Road and from the north on Price Road are asked to park in either of the Price Road lots.

Accommodations will be made for students who need access from different directions on different days.

Spaces in the front circle drive are reserved for visitors. Parents who are on campus may use those spots or any available spots in other parking lots.

- **China trip** RETIRED HISTORY and speech and debate teacher Peter Schandorff invites the Burroughs community to join him on what will be his 26th trip to China, and likely his last one tailored for the Burroughs community, in March 2010.

The group will leave from Chicago for Beijing (via Tokyo) on ANA Airlines. Cities included on the itinerary include Beijing (the Great Wall, the Forbidden

City, Tiananmen Square and the Olympic site), Xian (the cradle of Chinese civilization and home to the Terra Cotta Warriors), Guilin (for a cruise among the famous Karst formations and a luxury four-day cruise down the Yangtze River to the famous Three-Gorges Dam), Chongqing (the largest urban area in the world near the foothills of the Himalayas) and Shanghai.

Accommodations will be Five Star, and the trip is being organized by China International Travel Service in Xian, among the oldest and most skilled tour agencies in the Middle Kingdom. The Chinese have held the costs to the 2008 price, which makes the trip a bargain.

The trip will be from March 12-27, 2010. Information sessions will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m., September 8th, September 22nd, October 6th and October 13th, in the Haertter Hall conference room. For costs and particulars, contact Mr. Schandorff at 314/773-3808 or pschand@charter.net.

Condolences

The school offers condolences to:

Vik Chauhan '11 on the death of his grandfather, J. C. Patel, on July 28, 2009.

Karah Tyson '13 on the death of her grandmother, Christine Baker, on July 26, 2009.

Calendar

August

- Friday, August 28 Make-up book sale, 9 to 11 a.m., in bookstore
Kuehner Gallery alumni show opens (Doug Kassabaum '68)
- Sunday, August 30 Senior class parent party, 6:30 p.m., off campus
Junior class parent party, 6 p.m., off campus
- Monday, August 31 Orientation day for new students, 9:15 a.m., in Haertter Hall
Grade 12 meeting for students, 11 a.m., library
7th grade picnic with big siblings, noon to 1 p.m.

September

- Tuesday, September 1 Opening day, 87th year begins with assembly at 8:15 a.m.
- Thursday, September 3 Potpourri sorting session, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Potpourri sort room (accessed by an outside door in the lower level of the field house across from the baseball field)
Grade 12 college counseling meeting for students/parents, 7 p.m., Haertter Hall
- Friday, September 4 Bonsack Gallery opening, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., gallery
- Tuesday, September 8 Summer Opportunities Fair meeting, 8:30 a.m., Haertter Hall conference room
- Wednesday, September 9 Parents Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., Haertter Hall conference room
Grades 7 & 8 mini-school for parents, 7:15 p.m., meet in Haertter Hall
- Thursday, September 10 Family Network meeting, 8:30 a.m., Haertter Hall conference room
Potpourri sorting session, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Potpourri sort room
- Friday, September 11 Blue and Gold picnic, pep rally and bonfire (for students), 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, September 12 JBS Family Picnic, noon, quadrangle
- Tuesday, September 15 Late day, 8:45 a.m. assembly
Potpourri sorting session, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Potpourri sort room
Grades 9 & 10 mini-school for parents, 7:15 p.m., meet in Haertter Hall
- Thursday, September 17 Unique Boutique meeting, 8:30 a.m., Haertter Hall conference room
Late day, 8:45 a.m. assembly
- Saturday, September 19 Potpourri sorting session, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Potpourri sort room
- Monday, September 21 Grade 8 geology field trip (half of class)
- Tuesday, September 22 Potpourri sorting session, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Potpourri sort room
- Thursday, September 23 Grades 11 & 12 mini-school for parents, 7:15 p.m., meet in Haertter Hall
- Saturday, September 26 Grade 9 parents' dinner, 6:30 p.m., off campus
- Monday, September 28 Yom Kippur, school closed
- Tuesday, September 29 Late day, 8:45 a.m. assembly
Grade 7 parents' breakfast, 8 a.m., dining room
Parents' visiting day
- Wednesday, September 30 Grade 8 geology field trip (half of class)

October

- Sunday, October 4 Grade 7 Drey Land begins
Sophomore parent party, 5:30 p.m., off campus
- Friday, October 9 ISE committee meeting, 8:30 a.m., Haertter Hall conference room
Bonsack Gallery opening, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., gallery
- Monday, October 12 College counseling meeting for juniors/parents, 7 p.m., dining room
- Tuesday, October 13 Parent meeting about diversity efforts, 7:30 p.m., dining room
- Wednesday, October 14 PSAT for grades 10 & 11, 9 a.m., Cissel Center

Address service requested

755 South Price Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63124-1866

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BURROUGHS

Please join the Abbotts
as they host their first

JBS Family Picnic

Noon
Saturday, September 12th
in the Quad

Children are welcome!

RSVP by September 4th
to 314/993-4045, ext. 264 or
ncusan@jburroughs.org.