

BURROUGHS

PARENT NEWSLETTER

May 2009

Honoring the Burroughs tradition and looking to the future

NEARLY 1,000 PARENTS, past parents, faculty, staff and alumni gathered on campus the evening of May 16th to honor the past and celebrate the future of John Burroughs School. In addition to reminiscences of the Keith E. Shahan years, the evening was a symbolic passing of the baton to the school's sixth head, Andy Abbott.

Highlights from the program included:

- Dr. Rob Evans, an educational consultant and long-time friend of Dr. Shahan, talked about the personal qualities that contributed to Dr. Shahan's success at Burroughs, as well as his stature within the national educational community.
- Mark Vittert, an alumnus from the class of 1965, spoke about how Dr. Shahan continued a long tradition of outstanding heads of school who stressed not only academic enrichment, but character development, in the education of Burroughs students.
- Dr. Diliane Charles Pelikan '91, president of the JBS Alumni Board, presented the Outstanding Alumnus Award to Dr. Shahan, a member of the class of 1962.
- A portrait of Dr. Shahan by premier portrait artist Gilbert Early was unveiled.
- A video, featuring memories from alumni, students, faculty members and parents, was shown.



Honorees at the May 16th event were from left head-elect Andy Abbott, Katie Abbott, Marcia Williamson Shahan '62 and retiring head of school Keith E. Shahan '62.

- Head-elect Andy Abbott talked about continuing a culture that embraces student engagement in the arts, activities, athletics and academics.
- Dr. Shahan spoke about why he chose to be an educator and his respect for teachers.



From left are David Goran, Deena Goran (Science), Sally Schnuck, Terry Schnuck '71, Stephanie Truetzel, Bob Carney and Cathy Carney.



Among students to help out at the event were (from left) seniors Jeremy Grossberg, Patrick McGee, Amol Pai and Alex Goodman.

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Board members elected

AT THE ANNUAL DINNER and Auction on May 2nd, the John Burroughs Association approved the Board of Trustees' slate for 2009-10. Joining the Board for a first term are parents Andy Cornwell '80, Danny Ludeman, Susan McCollum and Gregory Trapp. Gianna Jacobson, Jerrie Plegge, Ben Rassieur '72, Eve Riley and Hardy Washington were elected to second terms.

Thank you to retiring trustees

At the end of the school year, Scott Harris '70, Andrea Stolz LaBarge '70, John O'Connell and Steve O'Hara retire as trustees. Mr. Harris retires, having served as cochair of the Diversity Committee since the 2006-07 school year and as a member of the Tuition Aid and Public Relations Committees. He is a former member of the Alumni Board and a long-time Alumni Annual Giving volunteer. Ms. LaBarge leaves the Board, having served as its 2nd vice president since the 2006-07 school year, as a member of the Head Search Committee and as chair of the Public Relations Committee. She also was a member of the Building and Grounds Committee and the Values Committee, and she served as a Capital Campaign captain and as an Annual Giving volunteer. Mr. O'Connell leaves, having served as the Board's secretary (2001-02), treasurer (2002-03 and 2003-04) and president (2005-06 and 2006-07). He is the chair of the Nominating Committee, a former chair of the Finance, Benefits and Compensation Committee and a member of the Values Committee. Mr. O'Connell was a long-time Annual Giving volunteer and a co-organizer of the 75th Anniversary Celebration and the Shahan Retirement Party. Mr. O'Hara retires having served as cochair of the Development Committee and as a member of the Nominating Committee and the Finance, Benefits and Compensation Committee. He also served as a Capital Campaign captain. We thank our retiring trustees for their leadership and look forward to a continued friendship.

Australian composer to visit JBS classes

BURROUGHS WILL HOST Clare Maclean, one of Australia's most respected classical music composers on Thursday, May 28th. Ms. Mclean, who is in St. Louis to attend a program of her music presented by the Saint Louis Chamber Chorus, will visit morning classes, addressing first some of the choirs and then the upper school elective "Music History." Parents and faculty are welcome to sit in on these sessions, but are asked to contact Denise Stookesberry (Music) or Philip Barnes (Classics) in advance.

2009-10 student leadership

ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE 2009-10 student government offices are:

Student Body President John Stillman '10

Senior Class

President David Franks
Vice President Maria Rogers
Secretary/Treasurer Max Campbell

Junior Class

President Anna Ghnouly
Vice President Karlos Bledsoe
Secretary/Treasurer Margaret Schnuck

Sophomore Class

President Sandra Yamada
Vice President Elizabeth Soffer
Secretary/Treasurer Kelsey Dupont

Freshman Class

President Charlie Van Doren
Vice President Jay Prapaisilp
Secretary/Treasurer Nick Guo

Eighth Grade Class

President Kay Trulaske
Vice President Emily Butka
Secretary/Treasurer Sahil Lele

Seventh Grade Class

To be elected in the fall.

Student Court

Chief Justice Alex Brasher '10
Senior Justices Matt McDonald
Matt Williams
Junior Justice Jack Krewson
Sophomore Justice Sofie Kodner
Freshman Justice Peter Schnuck
Eighth Grade Justice Steph Kelly

Annual Giving

There's still time

THE 2008-09 ANNUAL GIVING campaign is approaching the 92 percent participation mark, an impressive level of parent commitment in any economy. This increase in participation is largely due to the hard work of parent volunteers, particularly the chairs, Julie and Lee Bearman '76. Annual Giving contributions go directly to the operating budget.

The goal remains 100 percent participation for the 2008-09 school year. The deadline for participation is June 30, 2009. Each Annual Giving gift is essential for JBS to reach its goal. If you have not sent in your gift, there is still time!

Second generation super-mileage vehicle claims high honors

IN THE SCHOOL'S second appearance at the Super Mileage Vehicle Competition in Warrensburg, MO, Burroughs' vehicles claimed Engineering, Experimental Class and People's Choice awards.

Applying what they learned in last year's competition, students re-engineered their 2009 model incorporating more substantial motorcycle axles and wheels; upgrading the drive system; re-welding and raising the frame; and opting for a lighter, stonger and transparent Lexan body. The second generation of the Burroughs car "was in great shape," according to Mr. Barton, and performed well in trial runs.

Meanwhile, in the chemistry lab, students were salvaging vegetable grease from the kitchen and using it to cook the fuel that would run the only biodiesel-powered vehicle in the competition. While last year's car operated on a concoction of 20 percent biodiesel:80 percent diesel fuel, this year's model used a 50:50 formula.

With 20 schools entering 24 cars, the Burroughs vehicle was one of only 13 to make it to the track on race day, April 21st, by passing safety tests. The Burroughs entry ran perfectly every time, completing five 4.7 mile circuits and averaging 150 miles per gallon. The car won the Engineering Award and took first place for mileage in the Experimental Class. A second Burroughs car made from super-light bamboo and recycled materials did not make it onto the track, but claimed the People's Choice Award.

Faculty advisers to the team included Mr. Barton and Brian Connor from the Industrial Technology Department, Eric Hanson and Peggy Davison from the Math Department, and Eric Knispel and Jim Roble from the Science Department. Mr. Barton and Mr. Knispel plan to take the generation of biodiesel fuel one step further, using vegetable grease from the kitchen to create biodiesel



Team members gather around the car on race day.

fuel that will power equipment used by the maintenance department to mow campus lawns.

Student leaders Johnathan Mell '09 and Christy Phelps '09 presented the awards to the school at morning assembly on April 24th, and other team members—Jacob Banton '10, Andrew Bartlett '13, Will Bramlett '12, Evan Engelhardt '10 (chief mechanic), Kyle Feldmann '11, Jake Fruchter '13, Michael Gans '11, David Hua '13, John Huang '14, Eli Levin '11, Najja Marshall '10, Tommy McKone '11, Becca Meier '11, Jacob Mulcahy '11, Will Nickerson '14, Emily Purvines '11, Andi Schmid '10, Will Smith '11 and Kevin Steinhouse '14—joined them on stage.

Practical Arts Festival

The super-mileage vehicles and other student projects from the Industrial Technology Department and Home Economics Department will be on display at the Project Arts Festival from 3 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 26th. Following is a schedule of special events:

- 3 p.m. 7th grade baked goods (commons)
- 7th grade CO 2 Races (commons)
- 8th grade sumo robot contest (commons)
- 3: 45 p.m. 7th grade crepes making (commons)
- 4:45 p.m. Video festival (multipurpose room)



Burroughs' vehicle running on biodiesel fuel completes one of five successful circuits, averaging 150 miles per gallon.



Parent volunteers orchestrated not only another successful auction and annual dinner on May 2nd, but they delivered some celebrity with a guest appearance from Jon Hamm, an alumnus from the class of 1989 and star of the widely acclaimed AMC series, “Mad Men.” Seniors Alex Bearman (on left) and Liesl Schnuck, who volunteered as runners at the auction, met the special guest.

Parents Council leadership elected

AT THE ANNUAL PARENTS COUNCIL luncheon on May 21st, members approved the slate for the 2009-10 school year. Retiring president Cathy Carney turned over the leadership to next year’s president, Case Baum, and her executive committee—Susan Murray (vice president), Carin Hicks (secretary) and Cathy Herman (treasurer). They will be supported by 19 ancillary committees and six grade level committees.

Burroughs thanks the retiring executive members, committee chairs and volunteers for a great school year. The 2008-09 Parents Council took good care of our students and our teachers; communicated with, informed and built community; helped with day-to-day operations and donated more than \$113,000 to the school. Our community would not be the same without you.

Finals week schedule

READING DAY ON Monday, June 1st will provide the opportunity for students in grades nine through eleven to meet with their teachers to clarify material before exams begin on Tuesday, June 2nd. Attendance that day will be mandatory for ninth graders, optional for students in grades 10 and 11.

Reading Day will follow regular class schedules for academic subjects (math, history, English, languages and science), even if Monday is an off day for that subject. The format of the review will be up to each teacher.

The exam schedule follows:

Tuesday, June 2nd

History	8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Math	1 to 3 p.m.

Wednesday, June 3rd

Foreign Languages	8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
English	1 to 3 p.m.

Thursday, June 4th

Science	8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
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Lunch will be available from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Book buy-backs

THE BEST WAY TO KEEP THE COST of books down is to sell them back to the Book Store for credit. Books must be in good repair. Highlighting is fine, but students should erase all writing/notes, especially in math books. The book store will buy used history paperbacks. (Other paperback books may be sold privately or at www.Amazon.com.) And remember, the more books returned to the Book Store, the more used books there are to sell to students next year. Used books are usually half the cost of new books and are always the first to be sold on Book Sale Days. Following are the times that students may sell their books back to the Bookstore:

- **Thursday, May 28th**

Grade 12: 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Grades 7 & 8: 1 to 2:30 p.m.

- **Thursday, June 4th**

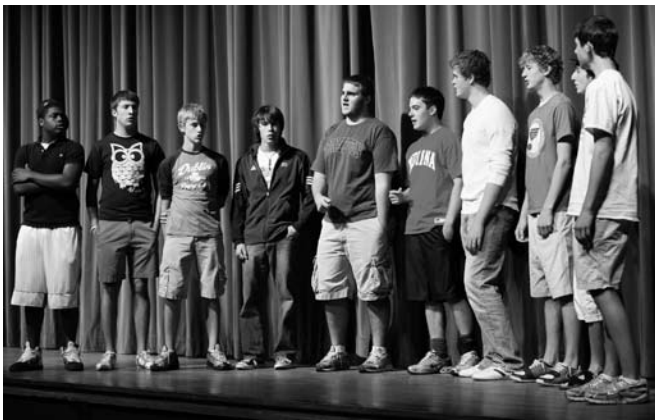
Grades 9-11: 10 a.m. to noon

If a student misses his or her assigned time on May 28th, Book Store volunteers will accept books during the buy-back session on June 4th. No buy-backs will be accepted after June 4th.

Morning Assemblies

FOLLOWING ARE a sampling of assembly presentations since the last *Parent Newsletter*. To read more and/or see photos, visit “Assembly Presentations” on the “News” page of the website (www.jburroughs.org).

The men’s *a cappella* group performed the 1950s tune, “Silhouette.” From left are Sean McLemore ’10, Jordan Gudmestad ’10, Charlie Moley ’12, Ian Fletcher ’12, Ian Nightingale ’10, Sam Hefler ’12, Keaton Wetzel ’11, Stephen Trulaske ’12, Milti Symeonoglou ’12 and Josh Gollub ’12. (5/18/09)



As part of Yellow Ribbon (suicide awareness and prevention) Week, the Burroughs chapter of KUTO sponsored a speaker who discussed her experience as a volunteer with KUTO crisis hotline. (5/7/09)

Two senior teams faced off in the final round of the all-school debate. Andy Stuhl and Jeremy Weltmer spoke in the affirmative and Jake Kreinberg and Will Langton in the negative on the question of Spanking: Good Parenting? (4/29/09)



Senior Eliana Machefsky (violin) performed “Meditation,” from the opera “Thais” by J. Massenet. Denise Stookesberry (Music) accompanied her on piano. (4/20/09)



Bonsack Gallery

Annual student art show

YOU STILL HAVE TIME to see the impressive work of intensive studies students on display in the Bonsack Gallery and in other areas of the school. The exhibit will continue through the end of the school year.

Condolences

The school offers condolences to:

Emily Valli ’11 on the death of her grandfather, William Kenneth Saigh, on April 8, 2009.

From the president

Thank you to parents

SPRING IS A BUSY TIME at Burroughs, and Parents Council committees have been working hard to organize the community's favorite year-end events. Potpourri 2009 was a huge success! Many thanks to its cochairs, Carin Hicks and Cyndie Lund, who oversaw the efforts of more than 100 sub-committee chairs and made this long-standing JBS tradition a fun event for all. I am grateful to them for their strong leadership. The hard work and coordinated efforts of hundreds of JBS families also ensured the success of the event. Many new friendships were formed as we raised funds for the school and provided a wonderful service to the greater St. Louis community.

I also want to thank Auction cochairs Susan Murray and Liz Philpott and Annual Dinner cochairs Susan Moody and Ellen Trovillion. This year's Annual Dinner and Auction were very successful, and the theme, "A Casual Affair," set the tone for a thoroughly enjoyable event. The hard work of many committee volunteers provided the JBS community with a wonderful evening complete with great auction offerings, delicious food and terrific entertainment (including a guest appearance from TV star Jon Hamm, a JBS alum from the class of 1989).

The Family Network Committee has also worked hard throughout the school year to sponsor a number of meaningful, informative events. Whether coordinating the Mentor Program, organizing a Book Club discussion, or arranging informative speakers for the grade level Brown Bag and Coffee Connection presentations, this committee and its many dedicated volunteers enrich the Burroughs community in countless ways. The monthly chapter book club, now in its second year, held insightful discussions on the book *Staying Connected to Your Teenager*. In April, more than 75 dads attended a special evening about connecting with teens. Special thanks to cochairs Deb Barry and Lana Wright for their enthusiastic and dedicated leadership.

It has been a privilege to serve as president of the JBS Parents Council this year. I am grateful to the hundreds of people who have made my job so much fun. Working with an outstanding executive team (Case Baum, Carolyn Pearson and Heather Winsby) as well as an amazing group of talented and dedicated Board members, has been a wonderful experience. In addition, I want to thank Ellen Bremner for sharing her knowledge and wisdom with all the members of the Parents Council Board, and

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for her tireless enthusiasm for all Parents Council events and activities.

I also want to thank all of the parents of the JBS community. Your willingness to share your time and talents has played a vital role in our success this past year. You are one of the major reasons why Burroughs is such a special place!

And finally, I want to express my very special thanks to Dr. Shahan for the unwavering support and guidance that he has given to the Parents Council, not only in this last year, but throughout his tenure as headmaster.

Thanks again, to all of you, for your support.

—CATHY CARNEY

Annual Dinner/Auction

Thank you, volunteers!

THE JBS ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION was a resounding success thanks to the work of many volunteers who came together to transform the Olin Field House into a beautiful venue for shopping, socializing, dining and hearing the latest school news at the year-end meeting of the John Burroughs Association. Our celebrity guest, actor Jon Hamm, an alumnus from the class of 1989, certainly caused quite a stir and added to the excitement of the evening. Student musicians from Jazz Band I provided the evening's entertainment. More than 250 items were on display for bidding. Two committees consisting of approximately 30 people spearheaded the event, plus many more volunteers helped with set up, manning auction tables and bartending. Thanks also to emcees Margaret Bahe (Science) and Jennifer Gosnell (Library), Heidi Currier (Library) for audiovisual support, Ed Philipp and his staff, Sage Dining Services and Ellen Bremner (Development). If you were a lucky auction winner and haven't picked up your item, please stop by the Development Office to claim it.

—SUSAN MOODY & ELLEN TROVILLION

—SUSAN MURRAY & LIZ PHILPOTT
Annual Dinner and Auction cochairs

A spirit of volunteerism is alive and well at Potpourri 2009

THE BURROUGHS COMMUNITY came through again as many participated in and contributed to the success of Potpourri 2009. We joined together to celebrate the 40th anniversary of this long-standing tradition and want to thank everyone for their support.

It began with a record number of students volunteering on move-in day. More than 170 students gave a portion of their Saturday morning to deliver hundreds of boxes to the designated departments. Student volunteers also turned out in force on sale day which allowed many critical jobs to be filled. Thank you to all of our student volunteers!

Potpourri week delivered a huge amount of fun for the kids. This year's raffle theme "Retro Raffle – 1962" honored Keith and Marcia Shahan. It featured a double-date package with gift certificates to Tropicana Lanes, movie theater and Cardinals tickets, plus much more. Students were able to shop the high fashion clothes in Recycled Rags, model great jewelry and buy books. Once again, the restaurant and bake sale committees organized wonderful food and treats. Snow cones and cotton candy were also a hit in the summer-like weather.

While the students were having fun, parents were hard at work preparing the field house for sale day. On average, more than 60 parents per day helped to unpack, sort and price donations. This year the JBS pre-sale was on Thursday so they had one less day to prepare but came through with flying colors. There are no words to express our gratitude for the many volunteer hours put forth to make Potpourri a success!

Sale day was well-attended with the first customers lining up at 11:30 p.m., Friday night. Wow! And it was good they did because there was an excellent variety of merchandise in every department. A new crowd management plan was put into place this year and proved to be successful. Cashier lanes moved quickly and traffic flowed throughout the field house. We are happy to report that gross receipts are up \$8,500 from last year and expenses are down so it should be a banner year!

We would like to end with a few special thank yous. First, to Marcia Shahan for her many years of volunteer service in the book department, to Ed Philipp and his staff for their continued support and good-natured assistance in setting up the field house, and to the hundreds of volunteers it took to make Potpourri a reality. We could not have done it without you!

Next year's cochairs Shelly Baizer (314/569-5949) and Cindy Schnabel (314/821-2978), are already making plans for Potpourri 2010. If you are interested in helping with next year's sale, please give one of them a call.

We have many fond memories of Potpourri 2009 and have enjoyed the opportunity of getting to know so many wonderful people!

—COCHAIRS CYNDIE LUND & CARIN HICKS

In 23 years, Marcia Shahan has assumed many roles with Potpourri—from leading as clothing chair and treasurer to volunteering with set-up, jewelry, a prom dress exchange and in recent years, with the book sale.



As volunteers on move-in day, seventh graders, from left, Audrey Kennedy, Emily Butka, Rachael Eickmeyer (kneeling) and Amanda Lewis found two life-size nutcrackers among the treasures in the holiday section of the Potpourri sale.

Thank you, Book Store volunteers

THANK YOU to all of the Book Store volunteers and to the three chairs—Kelly Hoerr, Patty Brasher and Mary Kaye Fort—who so willingly gave of their time this year. Also a big thank you to the JB Connection volunteers, Kelli Eggers-Larson and Debbie Kaminer.

Their efforts contributed to making this an exceptional year. Thanks also to Burroughs families who made sure that the Book Store had cookies for students. Isabel Brandt and her grade level chairs did a wonderful job of organizing that effort. You all are greatly appreciated.

— BARBARA DAILEY
Book Store Manager

Three cheers for library volunteers!

FIVE LIBRARIANS, 20 volunteers, hundreds of hours. Thanks to the many library volunteers who shelved thousands of books, created beautiful and interesting displays, processed new books, notified faculty about materials of interest, helped with the book fair, and many other tasks that helped the JBS library run smoothly and efficiently. Library volunteers are key to library operations and we are most grateful and appreciative. Consider joining this group next year; you won't be disappointed!

— LINDA MERCER, HEIDI CURRIER,
JENNIFER GOSNELL, BARB THACH & ELISA WANG

Family Network

Thank you, Family Network volunteers

THANKS TO our fantastic committee which organized Brown Bags, Special Programs, Book Clubs, Mentor Programs, and Health Days. We are so grateful for your hard work and caring spirit. Dave Eckwert (Counseling), Prue Gershman (Counseling) and Linda Mercer (Library) dedicated time and energy, and filled in all the gaps with their expertise and understanding of our children. We would especially like to thank Mr. Eckwert for his years of commitment and wish him well in his next endeavor.

We welcome new and existing members to be a part of Family Network. Our work will begin again in August with our Mentor Program. We are excited to welcome our new cochair, Cheryl Bartnett. Have a wonderful summer!

— COCHAIRS DEB BARRY & LANA WRIGHT

Student & Faculty Credits

Sophomores **Maddie Brandt** and **Becca Meier** had ceramic art included in the 7th Annual Krueger Pottery High School Ceramic Art Exhibition in April.

Congratulations to junior **Jenny Liu** on being one of 46 students in the country to get a 36 on the ACT in February.

Sandra Mueller (Science) received the Cornerstone Mentor Award from The Center for Advanced Learning at Washington University. She was picked after Sonalee Ravi '05, who served as a mentor for the center, wrote a letter about Ms. Mueller as someone who contributed significantly to her intellectual and personal development.

The **Eighth Grade Chorus** received excellent ratings for its performance at the Six Flags Musical Festival.

Whitney Weisman '11 (voice) and **Jenny Liu** '10 (violin) received superior ratings and **David Gu** '12 (cello) received an excellent rating at the All-State Music Festival held at University of Missouri-Columbia.

The 2008-09 **staff of The World**, led by editors **Jake Kreinberg** '09 and **Olga Symeonoglou** '09, received an excellent rating from the Missouri Interscholastic Press Association and a first place award from the American Scholastic Press Association. In addition, **Clay Miller** '09 (sports writing), **Nishi Muddasani** '09 (sports writing), **Ian Nightingale** '10 (column), **Jeremy Weltmer** '09 (column) and **Jake Kreinberg** '09 (webmaster) received individual recognitions. The school's first broadcast entry, a commercial by **Annie Altman** '12 for JB TV, also was recognized. In addition to recognizing the work of these student journalists, MIPA also honored Headmaster **Keith Shahan** with the Administrator of the Year Award.

The **Chemistry Club** received second place in a national greeting card contest sponsored by the American Chemical Society. The winning card was designed by senior **Erica Barnell** using only symbols found on the Periodic Table. The card can be viewed at the ACS web site.

Eight JBS students placed in the top ten at their level in the American Association of Teachers of German National German exam. They are **Hayley Mercer** '11 (2nd of 173), **Grace Renner** '12 (5th of 173), **Anne Clemens** '12 (6th of 173) at Level II and **Sophia Davis** '10 (5th of 173), **Sarah Pearson** '09 (7th of 173), **Mary Ivancic** '10 (7th of

173), **Austin Allison** '09 (7th of 173) and **Ben Schmidt** '09 (7th of 173) at Level IV and V.

On the American Association of Teachers of French Grand Concours French Contest, **Hannah Rodgers** '14 took 9th in national and 3rd in the regional competition at level 01B; **Sakura Oyama** '13 took 8th in national and 3rd in regional competition at level 1A; **Theresa-Anne Naecker** '13 took 2nd in national and 1st in regional competition at level 1B; **George Li** '12 took 8th in national and 3rd in regional competition at level 2A; **Laura Cooper** '11 and **Tasha Evanoff** '11 tied for 6th in national and 3rd in regional competition at level 3A; **Elizabeth Wagner** '10 took 6th in national and 2nd in regional competition at level 4A; **Jennifer Hatfield** '10 took 7th in national and 3rd in regional competition at level 4A; **Jeremy Weltmer** '09 took 7th in national and 2nd in regional competition at level 5A; and **Mike Jin** '09 took 9th in national and 3rd in regional competition at level 5A.

Libby Cornwell '11 (level 3) and **Carly Langlois** '10 (level 4) placed second in the St. Louis Alliance Française French Essay Writing contest.

In the regional competition of the National Spanish Exam, **Nachi Santa Cruz** '14 took 1st at level 01; **Elijah Brown** '14 took 3rd at level 01; **Kelly Hatfield** '13 took 1st at level 1; **Sally Lemkemeier** '13 and **Melissa Zhang** '13 tied for 2nd at level 1; **Aleena Malik** '13 and **Peter Schnuck** '13 tied for 3rd at level 1; **Ginna Doyle** '13 took 1st at level 10E. **Nick Goel** '12 took 3rd at level 2. **Sara Grote** '11 took 1st at level 3; and **Eileen Williams** '12 took 3rd at level 3.

Soomin Cho '14 and **Hannah Hiler's** '14 essays were selected as two of the best submissions in the middle school division of a contest sponsored by the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting. The students wrote their essays following a discussion with two journalists in **Christine Marshall's** world geography class. The journalists described their experience in Iraq and the Democratic Republic of Congo and their participation in the "Women and Children in Crisis" Project. Soomin and Hannah wrote about the similarities and differences between the issues of abuse and violence toward women and children in St. Louis versus those in countries like Nepal, the DRC and Iraq. They received a cash prize and will have their essays featured on the Pulitzer Center and Civitas websites.

Congratulations to the **lacrosse team** on completing the 2009 season with a 16-1 record. As this issue of the *News-*

letter went to press, the team had earned a first seed in the Missouri State Lacrosse Association tournament.

Congratulations to senior **Liesl Schnuck** on receiving the 2009 Skippy Keefer Award and to seniors **Erica Barnell**, **Elena Crosley**, **Katie Holmes**, **Annie McClorey**, **Nishi Mud-dasani** and **Olga Symeonoglou**, who were named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association's National Academic Squad. Congratulations also to the following athletes who claimed post-season recognition:

Boys' Basketball: **Jay Blake** '10 (Honorable Mention, All League); **Myles Moody** '09 (2nd Team, All League); **Tommy Ryan** '09 (Honorable Mention, All League); **Grant Wallace** '11 (1st Team, All League); and **Brandon Washington** '09 (1st Team, All League)

Girls' Basketball: **Lea Johnson** '11 (Honorable Mention, All League); **Candice Norwood** '09 (Honorable Mention, All League); **Kasey Strawbridge** '09 (2nd Team, All League)

Swimming: **Maddi Hicks** '12 (2nd Team, 100 Fly, All League); **Madison Qualy** '12 (1st Team, 100 Breast Stroke, and 2nd Team, 200 IM, All League) **Liesl Schnuck** '09 (2nd Team, 200 Free and 500 Free, All League); **Morgan Weisman** '09 (2nd Team, 100 Back Stroke, All League); **Tess Yost** '12 (Honorable Mention, 100 Fly, All League)

Wrestling: **Karlos Bledsoe** '11 (2nd Team, 171 Weight Class, All League); **Walter Buhro** '09 (2nd Team, 160 Weight Class, All League); **Adam Datema** '11 (1st Team, 215 Weight Class, All League, 6th in State); **Robert Guyol** '09 (1st Team, 135 Weight Class, All League); **Blake Larson** '09 (2nd Team, 145 Weight Class, All League); **Cory Lester** '12 (1st Team, 103 Weight Class, All League, 3rd in State); **Matt McDonald** '10 (1st Team, 130 Weight Class, All League, 6th in State) **Farhan Raza** '11 (2nd Team, 112 Weight Class, All League); **Henry Schmidt** '10 (1st Team, 140 Weight Class, All League); and **Ryan Torno** '11 (2nd Team, Heavy Weight, All League)

An article assessing the merits of Mendelssohn CDs, authored by **Philip Barnes** (Classics), appeared in the April issue of the *Choral Journal*, the periodical of the American Choral Directors' Association. Mr. Barnes is a frequent reviewer for this national magazine.

The Saint Louis Chamber Chorus will perform the music of Australian composer Clare Maclean at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 31st at Christ the King Church, University City. For information, contact **Denise Stookesberry** (Music), **Mark Schober** (Physics) or **Philip Barnes** (Classics).

Bullet Points

- **Fifth Grade Exploratory Test** THE EXPLORATORY TEST for fifth graders who plan to apply to Burroughs (or any other independent school) during their sixth grade year will be offered at 9 a.m., Monday, June 8th. Parents find the exploratory test helpful because it provides information about strengths and weaknesses before the Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE). The exploratory test is a practice test and is not used in the Burroughs admissions process. For more information and to register for the test, please contact the Admissions Office at 314/993-4040, ext. 242.
- **Senior Drey Land** FAMILIES MAKING their summer plans may want to note the dates for Senior Drey Land. The Class of 2010 will spend Friday, August 21st through Sunday, August 23rd at the school's wilderness camp. Participation is optional.
- **China Trip** PETER SCHANDORFF (History;Speech/Debate, retired) announces the formation of a group to tour China over spring break 2010 (March 12-27). The group will leave from Chicago for Tokyo and on to Beijing on ANA Airlines. Cities included on the itinerary include Beijing (the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, 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. This will be Mr. Schandorff's 26th trip to China and more than likely his last tailored for the Burroughs community. Accommodations will be 5 Star all the way, 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 what it was for the group in 2008, which makes the trip a bargain. For costs, particulars, etc. contact Peter Schandorff at 314/773-3808 or pschand@charter.net. Information sessions will be held at JBS in the fall.
- **Buzz book corrections** TO ENSURE that the correct information is included in next year's Buzz Book, please return the form (which current parents should receive this month) to the Development Office by June 6th. New parents will receive their Buzz Book form during the summer. Meanwhile, following is one last round of revisions for the 2008-09 Buzz Book.

Pages 7 & 23: Ferguson, Sam '10; (parents, Don and Ann Ferguson); change address, #2 Wood Acre, 63124.

Pages 4 & 58: Souers, Brianna '13; (mother, Bren Souers); change address and phone, #7 Warson Downs Drive, 63141, 314/393-9352
- **Zip code lists** DURING THE SUMMER, the Development Office will compile a list of JBS students organized by zip code. Parents who are planning carpools for next year may request a copy by contacting Nancy Cusanelli (ncusan@jburroughs.org or 314/993-4045, ext. 264).
- **Last chance for auction items** THE AUCTION COMMITTEE has space available for the following sign-up parties. If you're interested, please call Mary Kaye Fort (314/567-5150 or mkfort@earthlink.net).

Trivia Night: The 9th Annual Trivia Night will be held on a Saturday evening in January. Fifteen teams of eight will compete to test their knowledge on an array of subjects for the Burroughs Cup!! Tables of eight are still available. \$25 per person

Geology Field Trip from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, October 3rd: Spend the day traveling via a Burroughs mini-bus to explore some of Missouri's most unique geologic features. Lunch, snacks and soft drinks will be provided. \$70 per person

Lounge at the Lodge at Saranac Springs: Enjoy an afternoon of trout fishing, hiking or just sitting by the Meramec River with a good book. At twilight, gather in the Siwak's stone cottage by a warm fire for dinner and fine wine. Round trip transportation included. Date to be determined. \$100 per person

Women's Exchange Luncheon from noon to 3 p.m., Sunday, November 15: Private luncheon to include entrée, dessert and drink and a 10 percent discount on selected merchandise. \$50 per person

Busch's Grove Market Cooking Party: JBS alum chef Clint Whitemore '92 (trained by Emeril LaGasse in New Orleans) will demonstrate the preparation of a Cajun dinner. Dinner will be served with wine and beer pairings. Date to be determined. \$50 per person.

The auction committee also has one last trip available for bidding. If you are interested, please contact Susan Murray (314/ 569-7178 or jrsmurray@aol.com).

Cabo Villa for June 8-15: Villa in Montecristo sleeps 10. Secluded mountain paradise home with vast Pacific views. Access to all Pueblo Bonito properties in Cabo. Beaches, pools, restaurants, spa.
Minimum Bid: \$2,500 Value: \$4,500

Summer 2009 Reading List

MEMBERS OF THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT update the summer reading list yearly, giving special attention to the task of choosing literary works that reflect contemporary concerns. Students should undertake summer reading with care, and are expected to bring their summer selections to class with them when school opens, for these literary works become the bases for the class's first assignments. Unless noted otherwise, students should choose **three** novels from each list, and avoid reading any two novels by the same author. If you have any questions or concerns about the content or subject matter of a selection, please contact Dr. Sandler **prior** to starting your reading. Many of these titles are available in the JBS Bookstore. **All** of the titles are available in the school library and can be checked out over the summer. We send out our list to the county libraries, as well. Also, some of these books are reviewed by JBS students on the English Department's page on the JBS web site.

Grade 7

David Almond, *Kit's Wilderness*
 Joan Bauer, *Hope Was Here*
 Bruce Brooks, *The Moves Make the Man*
 Orson Scott Card, *Ender's Game*
 Sharon Creech, *Walk Two Moons*
 Karen Cushman, *Catherine, Called Birdy*
 Cornelia Funke, *Inkheart*
 Kaye Gibbons, *Charms for the Easy Life*
 Frank Gilbreth, *Cheaper by the Dozen*
 Pete Hamill, *Snow in August*
 Karen Hesse, *Out of the Dust*
 Jeanne and James Houston, *Farewell to Manzanar: A True Story of Japanese American Experience During and After the W.W.II Internment*
 Eva Ibbotson, *The Star of Kazan*
 Kathleen Karr, *The Boxer*
 Iain Lawrence, *B for Buster*
 Ursula LeGuin, *The Wizard of Earthsea*
 Sarah Littman, *Confessions of a Closet Catholic*
 Mike Lupica, *Heat*
 Michelle Magorian, *Good Night, Mr. Tom*
 Garth Nix, *Sabriel*
 Richard Peck, *The Teacher's Funeral*
 Marjorie K. Rawlings, *The Yearling*
 Bill Richardson, *After Hamelin*
 Henry D. Schmidt, *The Wednesday Wars*
 Betty Smith, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*
 Dodie Smith, *I Capture the Castle*
 Jerry Spinelli, *Stargirl*
 J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Hobbit*

Grade 8

Sherman Alexie, *The Absolute True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*
 Laurie Halse Anderson, *Twisted*
 Fleur Beale, *I Am Not Esther*
 Elizabeth Berg, *Durable Goods*
 Joseph Bruchac, *Sacajawea*
 Robert Cormier, *The Chocolate War*
 Chris Crutcher, *Whale Talk*
 Tony Earley, *Jim the Boy*
 Gary Ferguson, *Walking Down the Wild: A Journey through the Yellowstone Rockies*
 Rachna Gilmore, *A Group of One*
 Thor Heyerdahl, *Kon-Tiki*

Merle Hodge, *For the Life of Laetitia*
 Sebastian Junger, *The Perfect Storm*
 Jamaica Kincaid, *Annie John*
 Joy Kogawa, *Obasan*
 Victoria McKernan, *Shackleton's Stowaway*
 James Michener, *The Source*
 Kenneth Opiel, *Airborn*
 Ellis Peters, *Potter's Field*
 Gail Tsukiyama, *The Samurai's Garden*
 Trenton Lee Stewart, *The Mysterious Benedict Society*
 Loung Ung, *Lucky Child*
 (*Lucky Child* deals with Ms. Ung's experiences in Cambodia as a child when the Khmer Rouge invaded. There is a chance eighth graders will be involved in an international community service project linking our middle schoolers with a middle school in a Cambodian village next year. Knowledge of the events would aid in their understanding. There are some disturbing elements in this memoir.)

Grade 9

Choose **TWO** from the following list:
 Robert Alexander, *The Kitchen Boy*
 Maya Angelou, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*
 Thomas Berger, *Little Big Man*
 Tracy Chevalier, *Girl with a Pearl Earring*
 Arthur Clarke, *2001*
 Pat Conroy, *My Losing Season*
 Robert W. Creamer, *Babe: The Legend Comes to Life*
 Michael Dorris, *A Yellow Raft in Blue Water*
 Alexander Dumas, *The Count of Monte Cristo*
 George Eliot, *Silas Marner*
 Ernest Gaines, *A Lesson Before Dying*
 Barbara Kingsolver, *Animal Dreams*
 Jon Krakauer, *Into Thin Air*
 Anne Lamott, *Crooked Little Heart*
 Melina Marchetta, *Saving Francesca*
 Paule Marshall, *Brown Girl, Brownstones*
 William Maxwell, *Time Will Darken It*
 Jane Mendelsohn, *I Was Amelia Earhart*
 Chaim Potok, *My Name is Asher Lev*
 Daniel Quinn, *Ishmael*
 Amy Tan, *The Joy Luck Club*
 Edith Wharton, *Ethan Frome*
 Tobias Wolff, *This Boy's Life*

PLUS: All ninth grade students must read Margaret Atwood's *The Penelopiad*

Summer Reading *Continued from page 11*

Grade 10

Choose **TWO** from the following list:

Chinua Achebe, *Things Fall Apart*
Margaret Atwood, *The Handmaid's Tale*
Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*
Alan Ayckbourn, *The Norman Conquests*
Elizabeth Bowen, *The Little Girls*
A.S. Byatt, *Possession*
Peter Carey, *Jack Maggs*
Susanna Clarke, *Dr. Strange and Mr. Norrell*
Wilkie Collins, *The Moonstone*
Charles Dickens, *Bleak House*
Roddy Doyle, *Paddy Clarke, Ha Ha Ha*
Graham Greene, *Our Man in Havana*
Nick Hornby, *About a Boy*
P.D. James, *A Certain Justice*
Scott Lucas, *Orwell*
Frank McCourt, *Angela's Ashes*
Nancy Mitford, *The Pursuit of Love & Love in a Cold Climate*
(Modern Library)
Graham Swift, *Last Orders*
Oscar Wilde, *The Happy Prince and Other Tales /Lady Windermere's Fan* (counts as one selection)
Simon Winchester, *The Professor and the Madman*

PLUS: All World Civilizations II students must read George Orwell's 1984

Grade 11

Geraldine Brooks, *March*
Rosellen Brown, *Before and After*
Truman Capote, *In Cold Blood*
Frank Chin, *Donald Duk*
Evan S. Connell, *Son of the Morning Star*
William Faulkner, *The Unvanquished*
F. Scott Fitzgerald, *Tender Is the Night*
Charles Frazier, *Cold Mountain*
Melisaa Fay Greene, *Last Man Out*
David Guterson, *Snow Falling on Cedars*
Eddy L. Harris, *Mississippi Solo: A River Quest*
Joseph Heller, *Catch-22*
Edward P. Jones, *The Known World*
William Kennedy, *Ironweed*
Barbara Kingsolver, *Small Wonder: Essays*
Jonathan Kozol, *Savage Inequalities*
Jon Krakauer, *Under the Banner of Heaven*
Norman Maclean, *Young Men and Fire*
Cormac McCarthy, *All the Pretty Horses*
Ann McDermott, *Charming Billy*
Anne Moody, *Coming of Age in Mississippi*
Thomas Moran, *The Man in the Box*
Toni Morrison, *Song of Solomon*
Tim O'Brien, *The Things They Carried*
Flannery O'Connor, *Wise Blood*
Michael Pollan, *The Omnivore's Dilemma*
Jonathan Rosen, *Eve's Apple*
Marilyn Robinson, *Housekeeping*
Philip Roth, *Goodbye, Columbus*
Eric Schlosser, *Fast Food Nation*
Jane Smiley, *A Thousand Acres*
Art Spiegelman, *Maus I and II*

Wallace Stegner, *Angle of Repose*
Darin Strauss, *Chang and Eng*
William Styron, *Sophie's Choice*
Ron Suskin, *A Hope in the Unseen*
Peter Taylor, *A Woman of Means*
Paul Theroux, *The Mosquito Coast*
Anne Tyler, *Saint Maybe*
Kurt Vonnegut, *Slaughterhouse-Five*
Alice Walker, *The Color Purple*
Robert Penn Warren, *All the King's Men*
Edith Wharton, *The House of Mirth*
Eudora Welty, *One Writer's Beginning*
Tom Wolfe, *The Right Stuff*
Tobias Wolff, *Old School*
Richard Wright, *Black Boy*

Grade 12

Nina Bawden, *Walking Naked*
Arnold Bennett, *The Card*
John Berger, *To the Wedding*
Bill Bryson, *A Walk in the Woods*
T.C. Boyle, *East is East*
Da Chen, *Colors of the Mountain*
Michael Cunningham, *The Hours*
Junot Diaz, *The Brief Wonderous Life of Oscar Wao*
Annie Dillard, *An American Childhood*
Fyodor Dostoevsky, *Crime and Punishment*
Andre Dubus, *Selected Stories* (Vintage Contemporaries)
Ralph Ellison, *Invisible Man*
Nathan Englander, *For the Relief of Unbearable Urges*
William Faulkner, *Light in August*
John Fowles, *The French Lieutenant's Woman*
Graham Greene, *The Heart of the Matter*
Thomas Hardy, *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*
Kazuo Ishiguro, *Never Let Me Go*
Naomi Klein, *The Shock Doctrine*
Milan Kundera, *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*
Mary Lawson, *Crow Lake*
Chang-Rae Lee, *Native Speaker*
Doris Lessing, *The Memoirs of a Survivor*
Andre Makine, *Once Upon the River Love*
Gabriel Garcia Marquez, *One Hundred Years of Solitude*
John McPhee, *John McPhee Reader*
Anne Michaels, *Fugitive Pieces*
Nancy Milford, *Zelda: A Biography*
Azar Nafisi, *Reading Lolita in Tehran*
Irene Nemirovsky, *Suite Francaise*
Nino Ricci, *The Book of Saints*
Joe Sacco, *Safe Area: Goradze*
Oliver Sacks, *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat: And Other Clinical Tales*
Jonathan Safran Foer, *Everything is Illuminated*
Vikram Seth, *An Equal Music*
Christina Stead, *The Man Who Loved Children*
Miriam Toews, *A Complicated Kindness*
Lewis Thomas, *The Lives of a Cell*
Colm Toibin, *The Blackwater Lightship*
Joanna Trollope, *The Choir*
Alison Wearing, *Honeymoon in Purdah*
P.G. Wodehouse, *Jeeves in the Morning*
Virginia Woolf, *Mrs. Dalloway*

Calendar

May

Monday, May 25	Memorial Day, school and offices closed
Tuesday, May 26	Practical Arts Festival, 3 to 6:30 p.m., Cissel Center and multi-purpose room
Thursday, May 28	Senior Assembly, 8:15 a.m. Book buy-back (grade 12 from 9:30 to 11 a.m.; grades 7 & 8 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.)
Friday, May 29	Late day, 8:45 a.m. assembly Field day/Presentation of yearbook Last day for grades 7 & 8 Early dismissal, 1 p.m. (Seventh and eighth graders will go directly to end-of year parties, which will dismiss at 3 p.m. In case of rain, please pick up your children at 1 p.m. at school)

June

Monday, June 1	Reading day, grades 9 - 11
Tuesday, June 2	Exams (history, 8:30-10:30 a.m.; math, 1-3 p.m.) Picnic for seniors and their parents, 6:30 p.m., quadrangle
Wednesday, June 3	Exams (foreign languages, 8:30-10:30 a.m.; English, 1-3 p.m.)
Thursday, June 4	Exams (science, 8:30-10:30 a.m.) Book buy-back (grades 9 through 11 from 10 a.m. to noon) Graduation, 7 p.m.
Monday, June 8	Fifth grade exploratory test, 9 a.m.
Tuesday, June 9	Picnic for students in the class of 2015, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Monday, June 15	Burr-Oak begins

July

Friday, July 3	Offices closed; No Burr-Oak Camp
Monday, July 27	August Days begins

August

Monday, August 10	Cross country, field hockey, football, boys' soccer, boys' swimming and volleyball practices begin
Friday, August 14	Drey Land Plus (for incoming students in grades 8-12) begins
Monday, August 17	Girls' tennis practices begin
Wednesday, August 19	Book sale (9 to 11 a.m. for seniors; 1 to 3 p.m. for juniors) Girls' golf practices begin
Thursday, August 20	Book sale (9 to 11 a.m. for sophomores; 1 to 3 p.m. for freshmen)
Friday, August 21	Senior Drey Land begins Book sale (9 to 11 a.m. for grade 8; 1 to 3 p.m. for grade 7)
Friday, August 28	Make-up Book Sale, 9 to 11 a.m.
Monday, August 31	Orientation day, 9:15 a.m. Senior meeting, 11 a.m. Grades 7 & 12 big/little siblings picnic, noon to 1 p.m.

Calendar Note: OPENING DAY of the 2009-10 school year is Tuesday, September 1st, several days before Labor Day.

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Best wishes to the class of '09