

ASSEMBLY IN BRIEF

NOTE: Prepared remarks delivered at assembly are posted under “Assembly Presentations.”

September 2, 2010

Announcement

*Everyone is welcome to the JBS Family Picnic on Saturday (11:30 - 1) at the Abbotts'. To RSVP, e-mail Nancy Cusanelli at ncusan@jburroughs.org.

School Rules

Mr. Abbott reviewed school rules which he said actually boil down to one: Everyone in this community – faculty, staff, students – needs to be treated with dignity. Being on time for class, not calling out during assembly, not using offensive language – these and other like behaviors demonstrate respect for one another. He also urged students to use real care for themselves and others in the parking lots, whether driving, parking or walking!

Mr. Abbott then turned to major school rules, which, if broken, can result in probation, suspension or expulsion. Some of the obvious are bringing weapons to school, stealing, actions outside of school that bring discredit to Burroughs, and negative and hurtful communications (online, through e-mail, by phone).

He told students that a decision to use illegal drugs at school or at a school function is a decision to leave Burroughs. “It is absolutely imperative that you hear this.”

Mr. Abbott said students should feel comfortable sharing confidences about themselves and/or friends with any faculty or staff member – and that those confidences will be honored as long as they don't suggest imminent harm to anyone.

September 1, 2010

Mr. Abbott told students that a number of major changes have been made to our advisory system, one of the most important of which affects advisory meetings. Virtually every Wednesday during the school year, students will meet with their advisors between 6th and 7th periods. The goal is to guarantee increased contact time between students and their faculty advisors to strengthen those relationships. This time is “sacred” and cannot be used to go to the library, do homework or meet with other teachers. Mr. Abbott predicts that this will become a highly valued part of the Burroughs experience, much like morning assembly and family-style lunches.

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

Announcement

* SLAMUN: Sign-up sheets are on the filing cabinet outside of Mr. Bang's classroom; there is a meeting after 6th period lunch today in Mr. Bang's classroom for students who are not currently part of the program.

Summer Campus Improvements

- *New carpet was installed on the second floor of the Brauer Building.
- *The front doors of the Brauer Building were refinished.
- *New flooring was installed in the foyer of the Cissel Center.
- *Tennis courts were resurfaced.
- *Expansion and enhancement of the soccer field were completed, but we need to let the sod set – please stay off! (This addition to the athletic program will allow launching of a boys JV lacrosse team.)
- *An herb garden planted on south side of Brauer Building – look for harvested herbs on the salad bar!

New Faculty & Staff

Mr. Abbott welcomed back Philip (Classics) and Rachael (Math) Barnes, and he introduced the new faculty and staff. Click [HERE](#) for pictures and summaries previously posted on the web. Not included in that write-up is Rebeca Davila '01 who is a part-time teacher in the Academic Support Department and a graduate student at SLU.

Monday, August 30

As is tradition, the senior class was seated on the stage facing the rest of assembly.

Mr. Abbott welcomed everyone to the 2010 – 2011 school year.

Seniors Becca Meier and Emily Purvines sang *The Star Spangled-Banner*.

Mr. Abbott spoke to assembly about what a “humbling place” Burroughs is – because of its physical beauty; its fine and dedicated faculty; its curious and kind students; and the many men and women who taught and learned here before us.

Senior class president, Sydney Philpott, encouraged everyone, but especially her classmates, to get busy making memories – only 995 days left for the seventh graders and 141 for the seniors!

Student body president, Keaton Wetzel., declared this the Year of One Stone, encouraging everyone to get involved and support one another.

Announcements

- *New students: Special welcome to our 95 seventh graders, two new eighth graders, 13 new ninth graders, and one new tenth grader (our foreign exchange student).
- *This week’s assemblies: Tuesday, introductions of new faculty and staff; Wednesday, discussion of new advisories; Thursday and Friday, discussion of major school rules.
- **World*: First edition is out!

Four Score and Seven Years Ago

In recognition of our founding 87 years ago, Mr. Abbott brought assembly to its feet with a Burroughs-ized Gettysburg Address.