

BURROUGHS

PARENT NEWSLETTER

September 2008

Burroughs to christen Kuehner Gallery with exhibit of fine art collection

AMONG THE 56 WORKS to be included in the school's first-ever exhibit of the JBS fine art collection are pieces by Jackson Pollack, Jasper Johns, Grant Wood and Claes Oldenburg. The show will open with a reception from 4 to 7 p.m., Friday, October 10th in the recently completed Kuehner Gallery. All are invited.

The exhibit will remain on display through October 28th and will extend beyond the Kuehner Gallery to the Bonsack Gallery. Some of the larger pieces in the collection will continue to hang in their usual locations throughout the main hall of the Brauer Building.

That Burroughs even has a collection may be news to many, but its roots actually date back to the early years of the school when a few parents made gifts of art because they believed that an appreciation of the arts was best nurtured in the presence of art. In 1970, with the establishment of the Sidney S. and Sadie Cohen Fund, and later with the establishment of a fund in honor of past parent and artist Frances Thomas Martin, the school was able to build the collection, acquiring specific prints that enriched the Fine Art Department's curriculum. Acquisitions through the years have expanded the collection to more than 250 pieces, mostly works on paper from the mid- to late-twentieth century. St. Louis artists are well-represented in the collection.

The philosophy behind the collection has always been to make art accessible to students. "Art is meant to be lived with," says the collection's curator, Donya Allison (Fine Arts). Important works are prominently on display in the hallways, outside the dining room and next to classrooms. When possible, Ms. Allison likes to display art near complementary subject matter, and so David Hollowell's "The Letter" hangs near English classrooms. Some teachers use the art as a springboard to discussion. For example, history teacher Mark Nicholas has been known to discuss World War I and II-era artist Kathe Kollwitz's works, especially "The Prisoners," with his world civ students.

Prints that hang in the painting and drawing studio are referenced often in discussions of composition, contour

line, value assignments, wash, etc. "When Howard Jones and I start our object drawing project with seventh graders, we always pull Jim Dine's print, 'The French Tools,' off the wall and put it right on the table," says Ms. Allison. "We talk to the students about how artists develop a vocabulary of symbolism using certain objects repeatedly in their work. Jim Dine is a perfect example."

Though art is present on campus, at least 20 of the pieces in the October exhibit have been out of circulation for a long time because of their condition. The exhibit has provided the impetus for some tender-loving care, and funds raised by a new committee of alumni and friends has made restoration possible. "Their deterioration was not because of neglect," according to Ms. Allison. "At the time of purchase, in the 50s and 60s, their owners often did not know what they had, and nobody knew that when you backed a print with cardboard, it would destroy the paper. For this show, every work on paper will have had something done to it," she says. "Every piece was opened and cleaned. Every mat was assessed, and when necessary it was replaced with acid-free, museum-quality board. All works were glazed with ultraviolet-resistant plexiglass. And many of the works were custom reframed." One piece, a beautiful Joe Jones' lithograph, came to Burroughs as a gift in an acrylic poster frame several years ago. It is one of the never-before-seen-at-Burroughs pieces.

"One of the reasons I am so excited about this show is that once the work is taken off the wall and re-installed in a gallery setting, kids start having a greater appreciation of it, and they start looking at it in a different way," says Ms. Allison. "It's more about appreciating art for its own beauty, not appreciating it because it was done by Willem de Kooning."

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JBS

Classics Department displays ancient coins and artifacts

"I THOUGHT A COLLECTION of ancient coins would be a great way of having something real from the ancient world for our students to look at and touch," says classics teacher and department chair Avery Springer.

Dr. Springer started purchasing ancient coins several years ago with funds provided by the Parents Council. Surprisingly, ancient coins are readily available and not extraordinarily expensive, according to Dr. Springer. The coins give students the opportunity to touch something that is 2,000 years old, and classics teachers use the coins to segue into discussions about propaganda — about what exactly is pictured on the coin, what it meant and why Caesar or Anthony or whoever would have made such a design.

The Burroughs collection, which now totals 13 ancient coins, focuses mainly on Roman examples, primarily from the Late Republic (the period which the JBS Classics Department teaches), but also includes a few Greek coins. One such Greek example is a tetradrachm with the Athenian owl on it. "I use that coin to show a continuity of cultures," says Dr. Springer. "The modern euro, which was minted in Greece, has the same owl on it. Seeing the euro next to the 2,500-year-old tetradrachm provides

a nice connection between the ancient and modern worlds."

Though the coins have been useful pedagogical tools, until recently they had been reserved for classroom use. That is, until Dr. Springer thought to tap into the Industrial Technology Department's tradition of community service projects. She talked to department chair Dan Barton last year. He, along with Brian Connor (Industrial Technology; Theater) and his eighth grade students, enthusiastically embraced the project, building a handsome red oak cabinet, complete with double locks, fluted column legs, lighting and a mirrored back to showcase the collection.

A reception

The Classics Department invites all interested parents and faculty to view the newly installed cabinetry and the Burroughs collection of coins and artifacts at a reception at 3 p.m., Friday, October 3rd, in the classics lounge (third floor of the Brauer Building). For more information about the event or the collection, contact Dr. Springer at 314/993-4040, ext. 324.

Exchange student from Germany joins the junior class

BURROUGHS WELCOMES exchange student Thomas van Kann to the junior class for the 2008-09 school year.

Thomas comes to Burroughs from Krefeld, in the western part of Germany, near Dusseldorf and Cologne. He lives there with his father, who is an engineer; his mother, who is a physician; and his 18-year-old sister, Lisa. Thomas enjoys playing tennis, saxophone and guitar. His favorite subjects are math and physics, and he tutors younger students in Germany to earn extra money.

Thomas hadn't thought a lot about being an exchange

student until his sister returned from a one-year stay in South Africa. That and the fact that his family hosted a student from Guatemala for six months contributed to his decision to leave his family and friends in Germany to try an exchange in the U.S. "I thought it might be a great experience."



Thomas van Kann '10

Thomas, who has been studying English for six years and French for four years, says that though he finds the JBS school day to be much longer than his day in Germany, he likes the opportunity to participate in school sports and has decided to give American football a try as a member of the JBS "C" team. Thomas is staying with classmate Najja and eighth grader A.J. Marshall and their parents, Pam and Vincent. See related article on page 9.

Condolences

The school offers condolences to:

John Milner '14 on the death of his grandfather, John Milner, on June 24, 2008.

Emma James '09 on the death of her grandfather, Victor Tompkins, on August 22, 2008.

National Merit and Achievement programs

Semifinalists named

THE CLASS OF 2009 claims 16 National Merit Scholarship (NMS) semifinalists and three semifinalists in the National Achievement Scholarship program which recognizes outstanding African-American seniors. The school also claimed one scholar in the Hispanic Recognition Program. The seniors named semifinalists in the NMS program are Dana Bolger, William Cheng, Kevin Cross, Nick Evens, Clay Grable, Hannah Gu, Alec Guzov, Mike Jin, Joanne Maliekel, Johnathan Mell, Nishi Muddasani, Amol Pai, Claire Schenkel, Taylor Seabaugh, Andy Stuhl and Jeremy Weltmer. Nicole Carter, Dane Jones and Kasey Strawbridge are semifinalists in the Achievement Scholarship competition, and Elena Crosley is a scholar in the Hispanic Recognition Program.

Board sets goal for 2008-09

AT ITS AUGUST MEETING, the Board of Trustees approved its goals for the 2008-09 school year. They include:

- Hire the next head of school and begin the transition process.
 - Kick off the public phase of the alumni capital campaign and continue the parent campaign. Raise at least half of the \$15.5 million current projected cost of the theatre.
 - Review the zero tolerance drug policy.
 - Complete the Independent Schools Association of the Central States all-school evaluation. Write the English and physical education/athletics self studies.
 - Complete phase one of the school web site upgrade.
 - Complete soccer field expansion/renovation.
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Annual Giving gets underway

THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL GIVING campaign chairs, Julie and Lee '76 Bearman, have assembled a team of volunteers who will be asking parents for support in reaching the goal of 100 percent participation. You can help make our parent volunteers' job easier by sending in your yellow envelope today.

Each gift goes directly into the operating budget and helps with the maintenance of our school. The volunteers would like to have all pledges by Thanksgiving. We appreciate your support of John Burroughs School.

Pre-school preliminaries



Seniors gathered at Drey Land for a weekend before school started. From left, Kirby Compton and Blake Larson jam just outside the lodge.



Seventh graders Hannah Rodgers and Drew Philpott purchase books on book sale day.



Soccer coach Alan Trzecki drills goalie Alex Brasher '10 during an August practice.

ISSL workshop to focus on learning differences

THE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS of St. Louis (ISSL) is sponsoring a workshop from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Monday, October 27th at The Kirk Day School. Rick Lavoie, a nationally recognized expert on learning disabilities, will speak on “The Motivational Breakthroughs: Six Secrets to Turning on the Tuned-Out Child” in the morning and “Fairness: The Key to Effective Mainstreaming” in the afternoon. Preregistration is required by September 26th. The cost for Burroughs parents is \$95. For more information, visit the ISSL web site (www.independentschools.org).

College counseling meeting for parents of juniors

ANDY ABBOTT, assistant head of school and director of college counseling, and Scott Heinzl, principal of grades 11 and 12, will give parents of juniors an overview of the college counseling process and introduce them to college-related standardized tests (SAT, PSAT, ACT, AP) at a meeting at 7 p.m., Monday, October 13th in the dining room.

New teachers



Above, new teachers are from left Monica Churchill (Modern Languages), Robert Carter (Music), Jeffrey Dee (Academic Support), Andrew Driscoll (Music), Tim Baker (Music), Olga Russell (Modern Languages) and Tuan Nguyen (Math). Not shown is Alan Trzecki (PE/Athletics).

Morning Assemblies

Following are a sampling of assembly presentations since opening day. To read more and/or see photos, visit “Assembly Presentations” on the “News” page of the website (www.jburroughs.org).

- A video, “A Day in the Real Life,” and the cheerleaders ratcheted up Bomber spirit as part of Blue and Gold Week. Below from left, seventh graders Anna Stillman, Lucy Weilbacher and Chris Wetzel sport spirit wear for morning assembly (9.12.08).



- The Class of 2009 symbolically assumed its leadership role by sitting on stage for the first morning assembly of the school’s 86th year. Christy Phelps ’09 sang “The Star Spangled Banner.” She was followed at the podium by Alex Bearman (senior class president), below on left, and Amol Pai (student body president), who addressed assembly with similar themes of living in the moment (9.2.08).



For classics students

Italy trip

THE CLASSICS DEPARTMENT will sponsor a spring break trip to Italy from March 17-28, 2009. The trip will be based in Rome and the Villa Vergiliana outside Naples. Enrollment is limited to upper school students in Latin, Greek I or Greek II and is on a first come, first served basis. To register, contact Philip Barnes (pbarnes@jburroughs.org).

For students of Spanish

Home stays and service in Panama

THE MODERN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT is planning a 12-day student trip to Panama during spring break, from March 13-24, 2009. Spanish teachers Bill Gilbert and Monica Churchill, along with Donya Allison (Fine Arts) and Dave Eckwert (Counseling), will lead the trip. The itinerary will center around home stays in the provincial capital of Santiago de Veraguas, and students will perform at least 20 hours of community service at the children's shelter Nutre Hogar. Students also will tour the Panama Canal, hike in the rainforests and visit tropical beaches. An informational meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, September 24th, in room LL5 on the lower level of the Schnuck Wing.

For students of French

Paris cultural adventure

ALLÉGRA CLÉMENT-BAYARD (Modern Languages) invites all French students in grades 10 through 12 to the Paris Cultural Adventure 2009 from March 17-28, 2009. The emphasis of this trip will be cultural immersion, including numerous opportunities to enjoy French food, music, movies and theatrical performances, in addition to the many museums and monuments the city has to offer. A day trip to the residence of Versailles will also be included. The trip will end with a two-day stay at the Clément-Bayard family bed & breakfast in the small town of Pierrefonds, France (45 minutes north of Paris). If you have any questions, contact Ms. Clément-Bayard (ext. 287 or aclebay@jburroughs.org). The registration deadline for this trip is Friday, October 10th.

For students in the class of 2013

Grand Canyon trip

SINCE 2004, the Science Department has sponsored an annual extracurricular trip designed to expand upon what eighth graders learn in earth science. This year's trip will take them to the Grand Canyon, where they will study the canyon, take a float trip down the Colorado River, try rock climbing and kayak on Lake Powell. Three days of the trip will be spent hiking into and camping on the Havasupai Indian Reservation. The trip for this year's eighth graders is scheduled for June 7-12, 2009.

Pictures of past trips, as well as registration information for next year's trip, are posted at www.jburroughs.org/science/. For more information, contact Mark Schober (Science) at 314/993-4045, ext. 384 or mschober@jburroughs.org.

Student & Faculty Credits

Field hockey goalie **Jennifer Hatfield** '10 received a gold medal in the Junior Olympics.

The Pfizer Award for Excellence in Research recognized **Hannah Gu** '09 and **Emma James** '09 as being outstanding in the area of life science. The honor was based on the papers they presented for the Students and Teachers as Research Scientists program.

Sydney Brown '12 has been accepted as a member of COCA Theatre Company.

Rob Poeppelmeier '09 recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.

Swimmer **Chris Lee** '10 qualified for three state events in one meet.

The St. Louis Chamber Chorus opens its 53rd season at 3 p.m., Sunday, September 28th, at the St. Louis Abbey. **Mark Schober** (Science) performs with the group, and **Philip Barnes** (Classics), who made the "A List" in the July issue of *St. Louis Magazine* for his imaginative and unusual concert programming, directs the group. For more information, call 636/458-4343 or visit the chorus's website at www.chamberchorus.org.

New year brings some new projects along with the familiar

MONTGOMERY PLAN promotes service learning at Burroughs in a variety of ways. The best known way is through a student club (referred to as Montgomery Plan), which organizes service activities throughout the school year, plans student-run drives, provides opportunities for students to volunteer on a more regular basis and offers an annual service trip during spring break. In addition to the organized service activities and ongoing partnerships, students are encouraged to volunteer at their own initiative with a St. Louis agency of their choice. After having volunteered at least 50 hours at the same agency, students are eligible to receive recognition on their JBS transcripts. For more information about student volunteer opportunities, visit the Montgomery Plan pages on the JBS website (www.jburroughs.org, go to “Students” and then “Community Service”).

October and November activities

- **CHADS (Community Healing Adolescent Depression and Suicide) walk** (7:15 to 10:30 a.m., Sunday, October 12th in Tower Grove Park): The Montgomery Plan and KUTO (Kids Under Twenty One) cosponsor Burroughs’ participation in this walk.
- **Mississippi River cleanup** (8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, October 17th): Students join forces with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to clean up the bank and pier of the Mississippi River under the Chain of Rocks Bridge.
- **SLARC (St. Louis Area Retarded Citizens) dance** (6:45 to 9:45 p.m., Saturday, November 1st at Rainbow Village): Burroughs students will serve as dance partners with high school-age SLARC members.
- **Old Newsboys Day** (6 to 9 a.m., Thursday, November 20th): JBS students will collect donations at the corners of Ladue and Price Roads and Clayton and Price Roads, as well as the Burroughs entrance off of Clayton Road. All proceeds from this annual St. Louis tradition go to more than 150 local children’s charities. Donations may be made in the form of cash or check (made payable to Old Newsboys Day) at the collection sites or at the JBS front desk.
- **EnergyCare** (8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, November 22nd): JBS students will help elderly or disabled St. Louisans get their homes ready for winter by putting up window and door insulation.

Ongoing partnerships

- **Kids’ Place:** Interested student volunteers (grades 9-12) are invited to work as tutors for Kids’ Place, an after-school program that provides tutoring and other services for more than 50 school-aged children. Kids’ Place is located at University United Methodist Church in University City. Our goal is to bring at least five tutors to work from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. I will provide transportation. (Kids’ Place also welcomes students who want to come on their own on other afternoons or evenings.)
- **International Institute:** Rick Sandler (English) will take a group of volunteers (grades 9-12) once a week to the International Institute to tutor students who have recently arrived in the United States. The day of the week has not yet been determined. Students should see Dr. Sandler to express interest.
- **Ready Readers:** Parents, staff and students are invited to enrich the lives of preschoolers by reading to a group once a week. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Linda Mercer (Library) at lmercer@jburroughs.org or 314/993-4045, ext. 238. For more information, visit the Ready Readers website (www.readyreaders-stlouis.com).
- **Campus Kitchens:** Burroughs students, parents and staff will help with food preparation at Campus Kitchens at St. Louis University. Campus Kitchens is a national organization that helps reduce waste and combat hunger by collecting unused food from campus kitchens, area markets and restaurants and then making and delivering meals to home-bound seniors, after-school programs and emergency shelters. Burroughs will send three volunteers from 1 to 3 p.m. every Sunday. Students may volunteer for one Sunday or several. This is not necessarily a weekly commitment. See Dr. Sandler or me to sign up. Transportation will be provided.

—SUSAN DEE
Faculty sponsor

From the Parents Council president

Get ready to volunteer

FALL IS FINALLY HERE, and the kids are back in school. I hope your family had a wonderful summer and is now settled back into the school routine. The Parents Council is looking forward to a great year.

Our committees are hard at work planning many exciting community-building events. I hope you will consider volunteering for one (or more) of these committees. Parents are a vital part of the Burroughs community. Your involvement in any of our activities is truly valued and appreciated. Plus, getting involved is a wonderful way to meet people and feel connected to the school.

Perhaps you missed signing up on the volunteer form sent out at the end of last school year. Not to worry! It's never too late to volunteer. Plan to stop by the Parents Council volunteer tent from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 14th in the quadrangle to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

Of course, you can also check out the Parents Council website at www.jburroughs.org (click on "News," then "Parent Groups") to find out more about our activities and events. We welcome your involvement!

—CATHY CARNEY

Hospitality helpers

INTERESTED IN SHOWING the great JBS faculty and staff how much you appreciate them? Help the Hospitality Committee bake, plan or decorate for our faculty appreciation events held throughout the year. Please contact either of us (Cindy at cschnabel@sbcglobal.net or 314/821-2978 or Mary at lemkemeier@sbcglobal.net or 314/993-1118) if you're interested in helping.

—MARY LEMKEMEIER & CINDY SCHNABEL
Hospitality Committee cochairs

Potpourri 2009

Wanted: Sorters and department chairs

POTPOURRI 2009 is still months away, but the donations are rolling in!

Sorting the great items we receive is a critical role, and new volunteers are always welcome! Incoming 7th grade parents: This is a great way to meet other parents from all grade levels. Upcoming sorts will take place from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 20th, Thursday, October 2nd, Saturday, October 11th, Tuesday, October 14th, and Thursday, October 30th. All sorts take place in the Potpourri sorting room, located on the lower level of the field house and accessed through the outside door across from the baseball field.

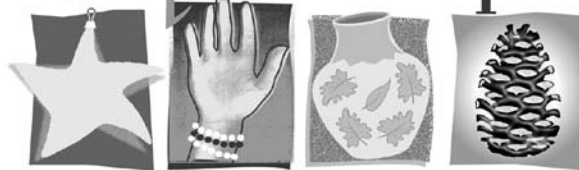
We are still in need of cochairs for several departments — no experience required! Positions are available in sorting, hospitality, publicity and men's clothing, just to name a few. If you are interested in volunteering in any of these capacities, please contact either of us (Carin at 314/994-9442 or carinhicks@earthlink.net; Cyndie at 314/997-3661 or cyndie1@charter.net) for more information. Our first committee meeting will be at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 1st in the Haertter Hall conference room. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting, whether you are a current chair or just thinking of volunteering.

We would like to thank all of you who have already committed to Potpourri 2009. Whether you've signed on as a department chair or are starting slowly by attending the sort sessions, we truly appreciate your help. Potpourri fosters community spirit within Burroughs and provides a valuable service to the greater St. Louis area. This could not happen without our wonderful parents. We look forward to working with all of you in the coming months.

Visit our website at www.jburroughs.org (click on "News," then "Parent Groups") for meeting updates and future sorting dates.

—COCHAIRS CARIN HICKS & CYNDIE LUND

Unique Boutique



Art and Fine Craft Sale

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, November 22nd

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, November 23rd

THE START OF SCHOOL means planning is underway for Unique Boutique, the annual art and fine craft sale sponsored by the JBS Parents Council and held on campus the third weekend in November. Now in its 13th year, this popular community event offers affordable and original artwork, gifts, plants and baked goods. The school hallways brim with the hand-crafted work of more than 40 artisans, plus talented Burroughs faculty and parents. Popular items include fine jewelry, glass, sculpture, decorative pottery, hand-knit woollens and holiday ornaments. Unique Boutique also offers homemade pies, cakes, spiced nuts and candies, all beautifully wrapped and ready for instant enjoyment or seasonal giving.

Parents are encouraged to join the Unique Boutique preparations in many ways, including:

- Baking quality homemade goods for the Incredible Edibles booth. Or, if you have a large kitchen, hosting a baking party, or getting together to make decorative labels. Or helping the Edibles group by wrapping and assembling goods in creative ways. To volunteer, contact Cheryl Barnett (neil.barnett@av.abbott.com), Aixa Martinez (aixam@charter.net) or Sameera Malik (sameeriazmalik@aol.com).
- Helping to create hand-crafted items for the Signatures booth. (See “Connecting with Signatures” at right.)
- Assembling sandwiches and snacks and/or selling them to hungry shoppers and artisans in the Unique Boutique Café. To volunteer, contact Lindsay Bush

(Lwbush@aol.com) or Michele Thomas (michele100@mac.com).

- Assisting with setting up and taking down booths before and after the event. Volunteer by contacting Carin Hicks (carinhicks@earthlink.net) or Tammi Pieper (tpieper@dpa.us.com).
- Working at an admission table or at one of the JBS-sponsored booths the weekend of the event. Contact Susan Adams (sscncadams@hotmail.com) or Julie Simpher (314/822-2125 or jsimpher@gmail.com).

The event is open to the community, and proceeds go to further enrich the JBS educational experience. For more information about Unique Boutique and its many opportunities to volunteer, contact either of us (Dorothy at cswicord@hotmail.com; or Kelly at gogodig@aol.com).

Connecting with Signatures

The Unique Boutique Signatures Committee is a fun way to volunteer while getting to know other Burroughs parents. Throughout the fall, the committee holds crafting sessions at which JBS parents create handmade items to be sold in the Signatures booth during Unique Boutique.

Sessions are in full swing, and all are welcome. You need not be “crafty” — all skill levels are welcome. Project instructions and materials are supplied at each meeting. You may attend one session, or all, whatever works with your schedule. For meeting dates, go to www.jburroughs.org (click on “News,” then “Parent Groups,” then “Parents Council,” then “Upcoming Meetings & Events”).

If you’re short on time but would like to support the efforts of the Signatures Committee, you can help underwrite the cost of materials for Signatures items. The committee also welcomes contributions of hand-crafted items from individuals, but we ask that prototypes be submitted in advance. For more information, please contact either of us (Dorothy at 314/963-9409 or cswicord@hotmail.com; Kelly at 314/277-4523 or gogodig@aol.com).

—COCHAIRS KELLY McLOUGHLIN & DOROTHY SWICORD

The International Student Exchange Committee

Welcoming Thomas

THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT Exchange Committee will be coordinating several events throughout the academic year to help the Burroughs family meet and get to know our exchange student from Germany, Thomas van Kann '11, and other international exchange students (who will be on campus for a week in February). We welcome everyone's participation. For more information about how you can get involved, contact either of us (Sally at 314/727-1349 or sshinkle@i1.net; Joe at 636/256-3091 or ltcjoecruz@gmail.com).

—COCHAIRS JOE CRUZ AND SALLY SHINKLE



Elizabeth Soffer '12 checks off names as students line up for senior t-shirts during Blue and Gold Week.

Family Network

Something for every parent

FAMILY NETWORK has something for everyone this year! We are planning grade level Brown Bag/Coffee Connections and book clubs galore, evening Parent to Parent programs, and activities for new parents through the Parent Mentoring Program. Please check the newsletter each month for upcoming events or visit the Family Network page on the JBS website (www.jburroughs.org) for a complete list of events throughout the school year.

Something of interest to all parents is a lecture by David Walsh, Ph.D., best-selling author of *Adolescents. . . Why DO They Act That Way*, at 7 p.m., Wednesday, October 15th, at the Clayton High School auditorium. The St. Louis chapter of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and the school districts of Clayton, Parkway and Rockwood are sponsoring this free lecture. No registration is required. For more information, contact the National Council at 314/962-3456.

Also on the horizon is the discussion led by Joe Laramie, Director of the Missouri Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, from noon to 1 p.m., Thursday, November 13th in the science auditorium. Lt. Laramie has spoken at Burroughs in the past and always brings timely information on the changing Internet landscape.

Thanks to all our committee members for their time and wisdom and especially to Prue Gershman (Counseling) for her efforts over the summer and fall.

Please contact either of us (Deb at ddbarry@mindspring.com or 314/835-1801; Lana at lanawright@aol.com or 314/872-0249) with any questions or attend our next meeting at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 12th in the Haertter Hall conference room.

—COCHAIRS DEB BARRY & LANA WRIGHT

Join us for Book Club

GET OUT YOUR SPECS, pack a lunch and join us for the 2008-09 Family Network Book Club Series! Following are October and November Book Club selections to whet your appetite, but for a complete list visit the Family Network pages at www.jburroughs.org. Mark your calendars; no need to RSVP; drinks and desserts will be provided.

Parenting reading series

Prue Gershman (Counseling) will begin a monthly book club discussion of Michael Riera's book, *Staying Connected to Your Teenager: How to Keep Them Talking to You and How to Hear What They Are Really Saying* on Friday, September 26th. In this book, Riera explains how to keep the lines of communication open and strengthen your relationship with your teen.

Meetings will be at 8:30 a.m. in the Haertter Hall conference room (unless otherwise noted) on the following Fridays: September 26th, October 24th (8:45 a.m.), December 5th, January 16th, February 20th, April 10th (college conference room) and May 8th (college conference room).

Popular reading series

- Headmaster Keith Shahan will lead the discussion of *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid* by Bill Bryson from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 22nd, in the Haertter Hall conference room. Don't miss this chance to hear Dr. Shahan's take on this hilarious book.
- Allégra Clément-Bayard (Modern Languages) will lead a discussion of Irene Nemirovsky's *Suite Française* from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m., Friday, November 14th in the Haertter Hall conference room. This moving novel of French Nazi occupation, resistance, and collaboration, was published by Ms. Nemirovsky's daughters 64 years after her death.

All books for fall meetings may be purchased in the book store.

Your input welcome

Book club volunteer spots still available! Please contact either of us (Linda at lmercer@jburroughs.org or 314/991-1243; Anne at atolan@swbell.net or 314/963-0553).

—LINDA MERCER & ANNE TOLAN

New parents

Join us for coffee

PLEASE JOIN US from 8:15 to 9:30 a.m., Thursday, October 2nd in the Haertter Hall conference room for the Mentor Coffee. All new families to the JBS community and their mentors are invited to have a bite to eat, chat, meet face to face, and find out how to become involved in the Burroughs community. We will be available to answer any questions and look forward to getting to know all of the new families. We hope to see you!

—CAROLYN GOLLUB & LOUISE VAN LANDINGHAM
Mentoring Committee cochairs

Bullet Points

- **Buzz book** THE 2008-09 BUZZ BOOK was distributed to students at morning assembly on September 15th. Families may purchase additional copies in the book store. Please make note of the following changes in your Buzz Book:
 - Pages 2 and 35: Kogos, Margaret '14 (parents, Sam and Pat Kogos); change phone, 314/727-6318.
 - Pages 2 & 26: Grace, Ted '13 (parents, Warren and Lyn Grace); change phone, 314/997-4848.
 - Page 6 & 26: Gilbert, Kevin (parent, Bill Gilbert); change second phone on page 6 to 314/922-7084; change phone on page 26 to 314/518-9436.
 - Page 15: Brasher, Alex '10 (parents, Bill and Patty Brasher); delete cell phone number, which is incorrect.
 - Page 75: Gilbert, Bill (Modern Languages); change phone, 314/518-9436.

October

Wednesday, October 1	Potpourri meeting, 8:30 a.m., Haertter Hall conference room
Thursday, October 2	Family Network Mentor Coffee, 8:15 to 9:30 a.m., Haertter Hall conference room Potpourri sorting, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Potpourri room
Friday, October 3	Grades 11 & 12 Parents Mini School, 7:15 p.m., Haertter Hall
Tuesday, October 7	Classics Department reception (see page 2), 3 p.m., classics lounge
Wednesday, October 8	Late day, 8:45 a.m. assembly
Thursday, October 9	Early dismissal, 2:50 p.m.
Friday, October 10	School Closed for Yom Kippur (offices will be open)
	International Student Exchange Committee meeting, 8:30 a.m., Haertter Hall conference room
	Kuehner Gallery opening, 4 to 7 p.m.
Saturday, October 11	Potpourri sorting, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Potpourri room
Sunday, October 12	Montgomery Plan Activity (CHADS walk), 8:30 to 4 p.m.
Monday, October 13	Grade 11 college counseling meeting for parents, 7 p.m., dining room
Tuesday, October 14	Late day, 8:45 a.m. assembly Grade 7 parents breakfast, 8 a.m., dining room Parents visiting day
	Potpourri sorting, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Potpourri room
Wednesday, October 15	Grades 10 & 11 PSAT, 9 a.m. Grades 10 & 11 health day, following PSAT
Thursday, October 16	Late day, 8:45 a.m. assembly Unique Boutique meeting, 8:30 a.m., Haertter Hall conference room
Friday, October 17	School Closed (offices will be open)
Monday, October 20	School Closed (offices will be open) Montgomery Plan activity (Riverfront cleanup), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Tuesday, October 21	Late day, 8:45 a.m. assembly Grades 7 & 8 parent conferences begin
Wednesday, October 22	Late day, 8:45 a.m. assembly Family Network Book Club, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Haertter Hall conference room
Friday, October 24	Family Network Book Club, 8:45 a.m., Haertter Hall conference room Fall play (“Come Back to the Five & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean”), 8 p.m., Haertter Hall
Saturday, October 25	Open house for prospective students/parents, 10 a.m. Fall play (“Come Back to the Five & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean”), 8 p.m., Haertter Hall
Monday, October 27	Grades 9-11 parent conferences begin
Tuesday, October 28	Late day, 8:45 a.m. assembly
Wednesday, October 29	Late day, 8:45 a.m. assembly
Thursday, October 30	Potpourri sorting, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Potpourri room
Friday, October 31	Bonsack Gallery opening, 5 to 7 p.m.

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November

Saturday, November 1	Montgomery Plan activity (SLARC dance), 6:45 to 9:45 p.m.
Sunday, November 2	Daylight savings time ends
Tuesday, November 4	Late day, 8:45 a.m. assembly
Wednesday, November 5	Auction committee meeting, 8:30 a.m., Haertter Hall conference room Parents Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., Haertter Hall conference room College financial aid seminar for junior and senior parents, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 6	Grades 7 & 8 Dance, 7 to 9 p.m., dining room
Friday, November 7	School Closed (offices will be open)
Tuesday, November 11	Late Day, 8:45 a.m. assembly
Wednesday, November 12	Family Network meeting, 8:30 a.m., Haertter Hall conference room Grades 7-12 Choral Concert, 7:30 p.m., Haertter Hall
Thursday, November 13	Late Day, 8:45 a.m. assembly Family Network program (Internet), noon to 1 p.m., science auditorium
Friday, November 14	Family Network Book Club, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Haertter Hall conference room
Saturday, November 15	Blue and Gold Dance for Grades 10-12, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.