

## **Spring 2010: Major Parents Council Events**

For new parents, the ins and outs of our annual spring events can be confusing. This letter explains these activities. I welcome and encourage your support of these fun community builders. To contact the chairs of any of these events, go to [www.jburroughs.org](http://www.jburroughs.org), and click on the "Parents" link. Also, feel free to contact me with any questions.

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### **Potpourri Week: Saturday, April 17 – Saturday, April 24**

Our 500-family garage sale takes place in late April in the Field House and Commons. Throughout the year, JBS parents collect, sort and store items that are sold during a JBS community pre-sale and a public sale which attracts several thousand customers.

You should have received a **JBS/Potpourri 2010 e-mail (sent February 11)**, inviting you to volunteer, buy raffle tickets, and bake.

Many volunteers are needed. On Move-In Day, Saturday, April 17, an army of students and parents move the treasures into the Field House. During Move-In Week (April 18 –22) parents unpack and price every item for sale.

The presale for the JBS community is Thursday, April 22 from 4 pm to 5 pm and the community-wide sale is Saturday, April 24 from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm. Parents serve as cashiers, security guards and the clean-up crew.

Potpourri brings together more members of the Burroughs family than any other event. Use the **JBS/Potpourri 2010 e-mail** link to sign up for a few hours on Move-In Day, an afternoon during Move-In Week, or a shift on the general sale day. Students are also welcome to help on Move-In Day and during the General Sale; they can sign up in the Bookstore.

### **Potpourri Activities for the Students**

JBS students are very much involved in the festive atmosphere leading up to Sale Day.

**Raffle:** Fabulous raffle prizes are given away each morning in Assembly April 19-23. Tickets are \$3 each, or 10 tickets for \$25. You can order your tickets through the online **JBS/Potpourri 2010 e-mail**.

**Shopping:** During Move-In Week, the students can start shopping on Wednesday, April 21, when Recycled Rags opens, featuring special teen items, JBS logo gear, and those lost and found items that found their way to Potpourri. Books and Jewelry also open on April 21; items can be storecarded.

**Restaurant:** Potpourri Restaurant, located in the Haertter Hall foyer, is open all day Thursday, April 22 and Friday, April 23 for students, faculty, staff and parents. Staffed by parents, it serves breakfast and lunch, as well as snacks, drinks, cotton candy and sno-cones. Items can be storecarded. The regular lunch is also available in the Dining Room.

**Bake Sale:** Baked goods, donated by JBS parents, are sold in the Commons on Wednesday, April 21 and Thursday, April 22. Sign up to bake using the **JBS/Potpourri 2010 e-mail** link.

**Collegiate Mini-Auction:** Students have the chance to "bid" on t-shirts, sweatshirts, caps, etc. from colleges across the country. These items are purchased and donated largely by junior and senior families who have made college visits.

### **Potpourri Plant Sale: Pre-order by March 30; Pick-up April 29 and April 30**

The Potpourri Plant Sale offers top-quality annual and perennial flowers plus organic vegetables, herbs, hanging baskets and tropical plants from the best local growers. Complimentary delivery is available for orders over \$250. The order form will be available online, and in the front office. Order forms (hard copy) must be turned in by Tuesday, March 30. If you have questions, call Annette Vidlak at 314/222-9256 or Janet Sudekum at 314/997-0402.

### **Auction and Annual Dinner: Saturday, May 1**

The JBS Auction & Annual Dinner takes place the weekend after Potpourri. This low-key event is held in the Field House, and this year's theme is "A New Chapter," in honor of Andy Abbott's first year as Head of School. The auction runs from 6 pm to 8 pm. Everyone has the chance to silently bid on class baskets, sign-up parties, gift certificates, sporting event tickets and more, while enjoying hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer. A buffet dinner (open seating) follows. The evening concludes with student entertainment, remarks by Andy Abbott, special faculty acknowledgements, and a brief meeting in which new members of the Board of Trustees are elected.

The Auction and Annual Dinner is a wonderfully fun, informal evening, complete with entertainment and socializing, and I encourage everyone to attend. It's a great opportunity to get together to celebrate the end of a terrific year at JBS!