

BURROUGHS

PARENT NEWSLETTER

October 2009

Message from the head of school

I AM DISCOVERING several considerable perks to being head of Burroughs.

About three weeks after school started, Katie, the kids and I moved into the house just north of the upper parking lot. We're still opening boxes and settling in, but it does feel good to be here. The distance from my office to home is about the same distance as from my office to Haertter Hall, and people often ask me, "Is it strange to be so close?" Actually, it is not. Katie and I started our life together living on campus at the boarding school in Virginia where I worked before we moved to St. Louis. In some ways, it is like coming full circle to where we began.

This proximity helps me do an important part of my job, frankly another perk in my estimation: to do my best to be aware of everything that's going on—and it's amazing how much is going on!

Teachers spent the past four-day weekend writing preliminary reports which you will soon receive—through conferences for grades 7 and 8 and through the mail for grades 9-12. A lot of work has already taken place in the classroom, and these reports help make sure everyone's on the same page: that students, teachers and parents all have a solid idea of how the year has begun and what some sound strategies might be moving forward.

But as you know, the classroom is just part of the Burroughs equation. We recently completed work on some new admissions materials in which the overriding theme is "striking a balance." We want our students enthused and engaged not only in academics but also in the arts, athletics and activities. The first two months of school have not disappointed.

As I mentioned in the September newsletter, upper school leadership kicked off the year with great welcoming speeches and an early Blue & Gold Spirit Week. They've already held an activities fair to encourage our newer students to explore what clubs might interest them. They've already sponsored an all-school Commons Café featuring nearly a dozen student solo and group musicians who performed before more than half of the student body.

Our seventh graders have waded their way through Drey Land and returned a wetter but closer lot.

Our athletes have worked hard and competed well in their regular seasons, and several are in or will soon be

in district and state competition. (For those of you who aren't familiar with Coaches' Corner, I urge you to check out the weekly highlights posted on our web site.)

The early work of our fine artists is already on display throughout the campus. The JBS Players have been hard at work on the classic "Dracula" which opens this Friday. Our musicians are preparing for concerts—a choral and senior orchestra concert (grades 7-12) on November 11th and a band concert (grades 7-12) on November 24th. The Industrial Technology Department is now at work building new shelves for the library!

But the community isn't complete without you. We were happy to see so many parents take part in the mini-schools, Parents Visiting Day and college counseling meetings. We are grateful for all the work our Board of Trustees and Parents Council committees have already begun on behalf of our students and faculty.

We hope all who can will take part in the November 4th Parent Forum. You should have received a mailing about what I think will be an interesting evening of give-and-take between you and members of our faculty, administration and Board on very large topics: advising, campus development, college counseling and school climate.

And before we know it, there will be the 7th and 8th grade dance, the Blue & Gold Dance for 10th-12th grades, the student panel for 7th grade parents, the 8th grade games night, Unique Boutique and the 7th and 8th grade grandparents day. This just takes us through November.

Burroughs is a busy place for all of us. It's a great collaboration among students, parents, teachers, coaches, administrators and alumni—and that is the greatest perk of all.


—ANDY ABBOTT

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Parents Visiting Day

MANY BURROUGHS PARENTS saw their students and their students' teachers in action on Parents Visiting Day, September 29th.



In Christine Marshall's first period world geography class, parents witnessed a discussion that highlighted individuals who had acted courageously in defending human dignity and life in countries like Bosnia and Herzegovina, Thailand, South Africa and Poland.



Parents learned about multiplying integers in Julie Harris' seventh grade math class.



Parents, schedules in hand, made the four-minute dash to their next class.

For prospective families

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS provide prospective families with opportunities to learn about Burroughs. If you know of any families who may be interested in Burroughs, please pass along the word.

Open House Prospective students and their parents can hear from Head of School Andy Abbott about the Burroughs' philosophy, tour the campus, attend sample classes and meet faculty, students, parents and alums at the Open House at 10 a.m., Saturday, October 24th.

A Closer Look Prospective parents can learn about the Burroughs' curriculum and meet with faculty at the Closer Look program at 7 p.m., Wednesday, November 18th or Thursday, December 3rd, in the main building. Please RSVP to the Admissions Office (314/993-4040, ext. 242).

Derleth to exhibit in Bonsack Gallery

CHARLES DERLETH will show his paintings, drawings and sculpture from November 13th through January 6th in the Bonsack Gallery. Mr. Derleth, retired chair of the Burroughs Fine Arts Department, will exhibit a group of large pastels and sculpture with the theme of railroad equipment and the human figure. Among other works will be a group of small watercolors entitled "Moon Series" and drawings that depict the night landscape on the High Plains.

Mr. Derleth invites all members of the Burroughs community to a reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Friday, November 13th in the gallery. For more information, contact Donya Allison (Fine Arts) at 314/993-4040 ext. 229 or dallison@jburroughs.org.

College financial aid program

PARENTS OF JUNIORS AND SENIORS are invited to learn about need-based college financial aid at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 3rd, in the dining room. Michael Runiewicz, associate director of student financial services at Washington University, will speak and answer questions.

JBS Players to present “Dracula”

THE JBS PLAYERS will present “Dracula” by Hamilton Deane and John L. Balderson at 8 p.m., Friday, October 23rd and Saturday, October 24th in Haertter Hall. “Dracula” is one of the great mystery thrillers.

Lucy Seward, whose father is the doctor in charge of an English sanatorium, has been infected with a mysterious illness. Dr. Seward’s friend, Johanna Van Helsing, a specialist, believes the girl is the victim of a vampire. The vampire is Count Dracula, who may or may not be vanquished by the evening’s end. An enormously successful revival of this classic was mounted on Broadway in 1977, starring Frank Langella, 50 years after its premiere.

The JBS Players cast features Jason Gusdorf ’12 as Count Dracula, Thom Finley ’10 as Dr. Seward and Elizabeth Wagner ’10 as Dr. Van Helsing. Other members of the company include Kamron Taylor ’11, Eric Lawton ’11, Sydney Brown ’12, Keaton Armentrout ’11 and Hayley Mercer ’11.

“Dracula” is directed by Wayne Salomon (Theatre; Speech/Debate). Sets and lighting are designed by Brian Connor (Industrial Technology; Theatre). Freelance artist Lena-Marie Bell provides the costume design. Carly Langlois ’10 is production stage manager. Alex Petrullo ’10 and Nate Shelton ’11 serve as assistant directors.

Tickets for “Dracula” are on sale in the Bookstore. All seats are reserved and priced at \$7.00.

National Merit and Achievement programs

16 commended seniors 5 Achievement scholars

IN ADDITION TO THE 30 SENIORS who were named National Merit semifinalists, 16 seniors were commended in the program. Congratulations to Clayton Atchison, Sam Ferguson, Emily Foley, Julie Goldstein, Talia Heiman, Adam Kallaus, Samantha Lund, Shamaita Majumdar, Matt McDonald, Julia Meyer, Anjum Rangwala, Katrin Renner, Amit Roy, Matt Williams, Alex Wolfrum and Ian Zatlin.

Five students were named semifinalists in the National Achievement Scholarship program, which recognizes outstanding African-American seniors. Congratulations to David Franks, Najja Marshall, Edirin Okoloko, Arthur Townsend and Matt Williams. Three of them—David, Najja and Edirin—were named semifinalists by both programs, and Matt was named a semifinalist by the National Achievement Scholarship Program and received a letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program. Jacob Banton was recognized in the Achievement program as an outstanding participant.

Pulitzer Prize-winning alumna visits morning assembly

AUTHOR JANE SMILEY, a member of the class of 1967, spoke about her formative years at Burroughs, about her decision to become a writer, and about her favorite books at morning assembly on Friday, October 9th. Ms. Smiley was in St. Louis on a book tour for her first young adult novel, *The Georges and the Jewels*, about a seventh-grade girl who grows up on a California horse ranch in the 1960s.



Jane Smiley '67

In the case of her most recent novel, Smiley drew upon her interest in horses. She told students that when she was at Burroughs she thought she might be a jockey—an aspiration that never materialized, no doubt in part because of her 6’2” stature. Nonetheless, Ms. Smiley keeps her own horses and has written extensively on the subject of horses and breeding.

In most of her novels, however, Ms. Smiley explained that she writes about things that are less closely intertwined with her own experiences. “There are two kinds of novelists,” she said. “Some excavate from their own experiences. Others use their interest in writing to find things out. You always hear that as a writer you should write about what you know. That you should write about your experiences. No. . . You can write about what you learn about.” She talked briefly about how an interest in a topic had spurred her to learn more, as was the case in the novels, *Greenlanders* (a family saga set in 14th century Greenland) and *The All-True Travels and Adventures of Lidie Newton* (about homesteading hardships and Kansas abolitionist politics in the 1850s).

Ms. Smiley has authored many novels for adults, including *A Thousand Acres*, for which she earned the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1992. She has also written three works of nonfiction and many essays for magazines, from *Vogue* to *Practical Horseman* to *The New York Times Magazine*. Rather than delivering a prepared talk, Ms. Smiley asked for questions from the students. To read a more complete synopsis, see “News & Events” at www.jburroughs.org.

Seventh grade Drey Land

SEVENTH GRADERS had some wonderful adventures at Drey Land, getting to know each other better, learning to work together, and accepting challenges with confidence. Second session experienced some unusual challenges when 24 hours of continuous rain and a major lightening storm forced cancellation of solo but led to a hilarious evening of skits instead. For more pictures from the week, see the News & Events page at www.jburroughs.org.



Ericka Marchbanks practices the use of the compass in preparation for the next day's trek.



Some venturesome campers during session one thought a plunge into Sinking Creek would be invigorating.

Ninth grade holiday plant sale

THE CLASS OF 2013 will sell poinsettias (\$12 each) and amaryllis (\$14.50 each). Order now through Wednesday, December 2nd. Plants will be available for pickup from 3 to 5 p.m., Wednesday, December 9th. Please mark your calendar. You will not receive additional reminders of this date. Orders should be sent to John Burroughs School, attention Plant Sale, or given to any ninth grade student. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to a charity to be determined.

Please indicate quantity by color choice.

Poinsettias: *Indicate number purchased.*

Red ____ White ____ Pink ____ Marble ____

Poinsettias ordered: _____ x \$12 = _____
total quantity total \$ for poinsettias

Amaryllis: *Indicate number purchased.*

Pink ____ White ____ Red ____

Amaryllis ordered: _____ x \$12 = _____
total quantity total \$ for poinsettias

Please print:

Name _____

Phone _____

Form of payment (no cash please):

_____ Charge store card number _____

OR

_____ Check attached (made payable to JBS)

Signature _____

Condolences

The school offers condolences to:

Tommy McKone '11 on the death of his grandfather, Dr. Ned Ring, on September 16, 2009.

Annual Giving campaign is underway!

JBS THANKS the 75 parents who volunteered to help Burroughs with the Annual Giving campaign. At the September 22nd kick-off to this year's campaign, more than 50 of them gathered to hear from Board president Todd Schnuck, Head of School Andy Abbott and Parent Annual Giving chairs Dave and Kathy Diemer.

The Diemers have asked that all parents consider a gift to Burroughs to demonstrate their partnership with the school. Dollars raised from Annual Giving keep tuition costs down, offset operational costs and allow the school to attract a diverse group of qualified students. This year, the Board has set an Annual Giving goal of \$1,875,000. The school is counting on every family to participate in the campaign in order to meet this goal.

Please send in your yellow envelope today!

Aim High benefit on March 6th

AIM HIGH, the enrichment program for students from disadvantaged schools, will host its fund-raising Luminosity Party at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 6, 2010, at the Classic Car Studio in the Hanley Industrial Park. For information about the event, contact Julie Angelica (jangelica@aimhighstl.org) or Karin McElwain-West (kmwest@aimhighstl.org).

Important re-enrollment information

PLEASE MAKE NOTE of the following changes to the re-enrollment process. Our goals are to standardize the system; to give us a better (and earlier) sense of the number of spaces that might be available as we make admissions decisions; and to align our calendar with other area schools.

- All completed tuition aid documents will be due to the Admissions Office by January 8, 2010.
- Enrollment Agreements for every returning student will be due to the Business Office by March 1, 2010.
- A non-refundable \$2,500 deposit will be due (with the Enrollment Agreement) to the Business Office by March 1, 2010. This payment will be pro-rated for families on tuition aid.

Board seeks nominations

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE of the Board of Trustees is seeking parent nominations for the trustee vacancies which will occur next summer. The role of a Board member is to set and review policies; select, evaluate and advise the head of school; oversee the school's resources; seek friends and funds for the school; and think and act strategically on the school's behalf. If you would like to nominate someone or self-nominate for this service to the school, please send a note to the head's office.

Inside Classrooms

On September 30th seventh graders in Christine Marshall's (History) world geography class heard from Sharon Schmickle, a freelance journalist with 27 years of experience covering local, national and international news. Ms. Schmickle discussed her travels to Kenya where she investigated the wheat killer that is threatening the livelihood and survival of small farmers there and elsewhere in Africa and Asia. Ms. Schmickle showed photos of families she interviewed in Kenya and answered questions from the students. She is part of the Pulitzer Gateway Project that brings together international journalists and students in their study and exploration of countries and international issues. This year's theme is "Food Insecurity." Students will have the opportunity to connect with this journalist and others through blogs as well as classroom visits throughout the school year.

Following a unit in which Mark Smith's American history class studied 17th century colonial America, Dr. Smith explained to his students that as colonists devoted less of their time to survival, they spent more time on recreation. In a class period devoted to the emerging American culture, Dr. Smith gave his students the opportunity to experience some early American past-times. With colonial music playing in the background, juniors sampled colonial chocolate (a blend seasoned with cinnamon and anise) and played children's games—table top nine pins (similar to bowling), rolling hoops, ball and cup, and the Game of Graces (a ring tossing contest).

Community service opportunities for students, parents and staff

MONTGOMERY PLAN is the school's organization that promotes service learning. Opportunities include student-led weekend activities (all grade levels); three annual drives that involve the entire JBS community; after-school and weekend opportunities that include tutoring, story reading, cooking and music offerings (grades 9-12); and an annual service trip during spring break. (Our destination this year will be Whole Kids Outreach.)

Through Montgomery Plan, students earn transcript recognition for community service work they perform on their own. Visit the Montgomery Plan pages on the JBS website or join Montgomery Plan on JB Net for details and updated information regarding these opportunities.

Leadership

Spanish teacher Ned Wood joins Dr. Rick Sandler (English) and me as Montgomery Plan faculty sponsors for 2009-10. Student leaders are:

Executive Board

Michael Carney '10, Radhika Jain '10 and Matt Williams '10

Old Newsboys Day: Michael Carney '10,
Thom Finley '10, Lily Strassner '11 and Dr. Sandler

Canned Food Drive: Matt Williams '10, Emily Foley '10,
Alice Wang '11 and Ms. Dee

Danna Drive: Radhika Jain '10, JJ Liu '10,
Rebecca Meier '11 and Ned Wood

Empty Bowls: Elizabeth Brown '11 and Hannah Phelps '11

October and November activities

- Old Newsboys Day (6 to 9:30 a.m., Thursday, November 19th): JBS students will collect donations at the corners of Ladue and Price Roads and Clayton and Price Roads, as well as at the entrance to the Clayton Road parking lot. All proceeds go toward more than 150 local children's charities. Your contribution may be in the form of cash or a check made out to Old Newsboys Day. Save your donations for our volunteers!
- EnergyCare (8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, November 21st): JBS students will install window and door insulation in the homes of elderly or disabled St. Louisans.

Ongoing opportunities

Students who would like to volunteer on a regular basis should consider these opportunities:

After school

- Studio St. Louis: JBS students are invited to share their love of writing with students from local school districts after school one day per week. Please see Linda Mercer (Library) for more information.
- Kids' Place: Students in grades 9-12 are invited to work as tutors for Kids' Place from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., every Wednesday. Kids' Place, an after-school program that provides tutoring and other services for more than 50 school-aged children, is located at University United Methodist Church in University City. I will provide transportation to and from JBS. Kids' Place also welcomes students who want to come on their own on other afternoons or evenings.
- Ready Readers: Parents, staff and students are invited to read to a group of preschoolers once a week. Visit the Ready Readers website (www.readyreaders-st.louis.com) for more information.

Weekends

- Campus Kitchens: Burroughs students, parents and staff will prepare food at St. Louis University's Campus Kitchens. The agency, which operates nationwide, helps reduce waste and combat hunger by collecting unused food from campus kitchens, area markets and restaurants and then making and delivering meals in the St. Louis University neighborhood. Dr. Sandler will take two or three students to the facility to work a two-hour shift from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sundays. Students may volunteer for one Sunday or several. Transportation will be provided.
- Music Weekends: Montgomery Plan in conjunction with Laura Cooper '11, Music Fridays organizer, will schedule student performances at residential facilities in the area. Interested students should contact Laura.

Looking ahead

Create: Ceramicists, please consider creating and donating bowls to our Empty Bowls dinner on February 26th.

Save: The 2010 Danna Drive will benefit Gateway Greening, so don't toss out your gardening tools or seeds!

—SUSAN DEE
Faculty Sponsor



What's new at Unique Boutique?

UNIQUE BOUTIQUE has been a Burroughs tradition for 14 years. This seasonal bazaar offers affordable, hand-crafted items and holiday gifts and décor. The history of this popular community event can be traced to 1993, when the Burroughs home tour organizers invited a group of local artisans to exhibit their work at the school so that tour participants would have something interesting to do while waiting for the tour bus. The artists and their wares were so popular that two years later, Unique Boutique was born.

This year, almost 50 artisans will deck the JBS hallways with fine jewelry, hand-fashioned knits, beautifully crafted stationery, custom-made furniture, embroidered baby items, woolen coats and more. Those who have attended in past years will find 18 new exhibitors, in addition to old favorites. New to Unique Boutique this year will be:

Weaver Christopher Granger, of Granger Home Studio based in Richmond Heights, specializes in high-end hand-woven items, taking inspiration from beauty everywhere. See his work at www.grangerhome.com.

Fiber artist Karen Linduska of Carbondale brings her sewing machine to shows and creates her art on location. She starts with white fabric and uses acrylics, embroidery and layers of more textiles to "paint" her quilt scenes. View examples at www.karenlinduska.com. Kar-

en was featured on the June/July cover of *Quilting Arts* magazine. She received first place this year in the fiber art category for Art & Air in Webster Groves.

St. Louisan Susan Werner, founder and owner of Before and Again, creates one-of-a-kind designer T-shirts with a vintage look and fresh colors and designs. The designs are printed in St. Louis, using environmentally friendly recycling processes. Learn more at www.before-andagain.com.

Visit www.jburroughs.org to find a complete list of exhibitors.

How can parents get involved?

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered through the online form. If you did not fill out the form, there's still time to volunteer to help this holiday boutique come to life. Proceeds go to further enrich our children's educational experience.

Burroughs parents staff several booths at Unique Boutique, including the Café, Holiday Plants, Incredible Edibles, JB Connection and Signatures booths. Bakers still are needed to create homemade goodies for Incredible Edibles. Please call or e-mail cochairs Suzanne Johnson (314/993-8416 or SLJohnson02@yahoo.com), Pam Lester (314/872-3388 or plester117@yahoo.com), or Caroline Sky (314/432-6348 or carolinesky@charterinternet.com).

Unique Boutique is truly a unique holiday shopping opportunity for the JBS community as well as the region. Please invite friends and family to attend, and watch your "inbox" for an e-mail that you can forward to anyone in your address book.

For more information about Unique Boutique, contact either of us (Dorothy at 314/963-9409 or cswicord@hotmail.com; Terry at 314/520-6497 or terry-warner@sbcglobal.net).

—COCHAIRS DOROTHY SWICORD & TERRY WARNER

International Student Exchange Committee

Looking for host families for 2010-11

THANKS TO ALL who are making Selma Kropp '11 feel welcome! Selma has joined the junior class as this year's international exchange student from Germany. Rosemary Walls-Dreyer and Joe Dreyer '73 and their daughter, Rosalind '11, are this year's host family.

The American Field Service (AFS) has an active, established chapter in Missouri. Because there are traditionally more international students available than families, the search for host families begins in the fall. Students start being matched and placed in January, so start thinking about hosting now. You can visit the website www.afsusa.org (national site) or www.afsmissouri.org (local site) for more information. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would be interested in hosting a student. It's an experience that will enrich your entire family.

—COCHAIRS SALLY SHINKLE AND CECE MULCAHY



Fifty-one students in grades 9 through 12 participated in the first meeting of the St. Louis Area Model United Nations on Wednesday, September 23rd. Members of the Burroughs delegation represented more than twenty countries; while serving on two committees: the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the Political and Security Council (POL/SEC). Highlights of the session included the consideration of over ten resolutions written by John Burroughs students in the two committees. Several Burroughs students also held positions on the Secretariat—Spencer Marston '10 (Undersecretary General), David Franks '10 (President of the General Assembly), Alex Goel '10 and Ben Westfall '10 (Presidents of the Security Council, Lily Strassner '11 (POL/SEC) and Matt Williams '10 (ECOSOC).

Potpourri 2010

Planning for the 41st big event!

APRIL 24, 2010 will mark the 41st Potpourri, the one-day 500 family garage sale that serves the greater St. Louis community. The work continues each week to bring Potpourri to life, and we need parent involvement to keep the tradition going.

Keep the wonderful donations coming! If you've never made a donation to Potpourri you may do so by taking your items to the white trailer in the Clayton Road parking lot. The trailer is accessible at all times. When dropping off your donations please walk them as far inside the trailer as possible. Donations left just inside the door mean that the person who comes after you can't get his/her donations into the trailer.

Sorting is critical to Potpourri. It is impossible to organize the one-day sale without sorting donations as they come in throughout the year. Please join us between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at any of our upcoming sorting sessions: Saturday, October 24th; Thursday, October 29th; Saturday, November 7th; Tuesday, November 10th or Thursday, November 19th. Thank you to all the new 7th grade parents who have been joining us.

Have you recently moved? Bought a new computer? If so, we would love your boxes. Please drop off what you can spare in the Potpourri trailer. We promise to put them to good use!

The student raffle is a highly popular feature of Potpourri week thanks, in part, to donations from many of our families. Consider contributing gift certificates, small electronics (new), tickets to sporting events or anything else our students might like.

We are still in need of cochaIRS in the following departments: Best of Everything; Snow Cones; Sweats and Ts; Lawn/Garden; Lamps/Luggage/Pictures; Raffle Ticket Sales and as always, general helpers. Helpers show up during move-in week and are assigned as needed. Let us know what is good for you and we will get your name in the appropriate spot!

Thank you very much for all of the help.

—COCHAIRS SHELLY BAIZER & CINDY SCHNABEL



Planning ahead to summer 2010

THIS YEAR'S SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FAIR will be Saturday January 30th at JBS. The annual fair features 160 local, national and international summer camps, travel programs, educational enrichment and community service opportunities, and a wide variety of specialty programs. The fair, which is sponsored by Burroughs, MICDS and Whitfield, is open to the public and free of charge.

Volunteers needed

As host of the 2010 fair, Burroughs needs volunteers to work the day of the fair (and possibly the evening before). Volunteers are needed to assist with set up and tear down, vehicle unloading, concessions, hospitality, welcoming visitors and distributing directories, directing foot traffic, and more. Parents who would like to volunteer should contact Laurie Levin (laurie@laurielevinhealth.com). Students interested in volunteering should e-mail Wendy Walsh (jameswendy63@hotmail.com).

—COCHAIRS MICHELLE WEXLER & HEATHER WINSBY

Reclaim lost possessions

THE LOST AND FOUND COMMITTEE will sponsor a "Give-Back" day on Friday, November 20th. This will be your student's chance to reclaim clothing, binders, spiral notebooks, books and other miscellaneous "lost" items. As the name implies, this opportunity is for the students to retrieve "lost" items, not for students to "shop" for items that are not theirs.

—LOST AND FOUND COMMITTEE

Family Network

Parent programs on the horizon

FAMILY NETWORK has organized several book clubs and brown bag/coffee connection discussions for Burroughs parents. All are welcome. Read on!

Book Club

- **Friday, October 30th**, 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., Haertter Hall conference room: Prue Gershman (Counseling) will lead the discussion on chapter two of the book, *Get Out of My Life, But First Could You Drive Me and Cheryl to the Mall?* by Anthony Wolf, Ph.D. (2002 edition). At the next meeting in the series (8:30 a.m., Friday, December 4th, in Haertter Hall conference room), participants will discuss chapter 3.
- **Friday, November 13th**, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Haertter Hall conference room: Susan Dee (Academic Support) will lead the discussion of Malcolm Gladwell's *Outliers: The Story of Success*.

No worries if you have not finished the book or chapters. All readers are welcome!

Brown Bag/Coffee Connection

- **Grade 7:** Lt. Joe Laramie, from the Missouri Police Juvenile Officers Association, will lead the discussion entitled "Learning About the Internet in Today's World—Social Issues, Addictive Behavior, Safety Concerns" from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 27th in the Haertter Hall conference room.
- **Grade 9:** JBS health educator Kim Bouldin-Jones will lead the question and answer session entitled "What to Expect from Your Maturing Ninth Grader" from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, November 11th, in the Haertter Hall conference room.
- **Grade 11:** Marilyn Wechter, M.S.W., will speak on "Privilege and Entitlement: Just Because You Can Doesn't Mean You Should" from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Friday, November 13th, in the college conference room.

— COCHAIRS CHERYL BARTNETT & LANA WRIGHT

Bullet Points

- **Buzz Book corrections** Please make note of the following changes to your 2009-10 Buzz Book:
Pages 4 & 52: Peiper, Claire '14 (mother, Tammi Pieper); change e-mail address, tammipieper@att.net.
Pages 6 & 51: Padda, Hannah '12 (mother, Pamela Kane); change e-mail address, pkpadda@gmail.com.
Pages 7 & 40: Schneider, Alenna '12 (mother, Laurie Levin); add to buzz book, Schneider: see Levin.
Pages 9 & 29: Gudmestad, Jordan '10 (father, Eric Gudmestad); change address, 19 Northbrook Circle, Apt. 13, Fairview Heights, IL 62208.
Page 82: Kehr, Leslie (PE); add e-mail address, lgkehrjr@hotmail.com.
Page 90: Xu, Linling (Modern Languages); husband's name is Steve Miles, not Miller.
Page 94: Walsh, Marian (computer tech assistant); change extension to 333.
- **London theatre trip** Wayne Salomon (Theatre; Speech/Debate) will lead a group of students, parents, families and friends of the Burroughs community to London, England, for nine days beginning June 8, 2010. Trip highlights include a performance of the Royal Shakespeare Company, two performances at West End theatres, St. Paul's, Hampton Court, Stonehenge and side trips to the cities of Bath, Oxford and Stratford-on-Avon. The cost of the London trip includes round-trip air fare, hotel accommodations and transfers and two meals a day. Size of the group is limited to 35. An informational meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., Monday, November 9th, in Haertter Hall. For details contact Mr. Salomon at school (314/993-4045, ext. 233) or at home (314/725-8091).
- **Junior class raffle** The junior class will raffle prime parking spaces in the Clayton Road and Price Road parking lots. Two winners will claim spots in whichever lot they use during the week of November 16th through November 20th. If you would like to purchase the chance to win one of these coveted pieces of parking real estate for your student, please contact any junior before November 13th. Each ticket costs \$3. The junior class would appreciate your support.

- **Grandparents Day** Grandparents of 7th and 8th graders are invited to visit JBS on Wednesday, November 25th. Students may take their grandparents to class or on personalized campus tours. The event runs from 8:30 to 10:15 a.m. and includes a continental breakfast. Valet parking will be offered at the school's main entrance. Invitations will be mailed to those grandparents for whom the school has addresses. To provide the information or to RSVP, please contact Nancy Cusanelli (314/993-4045, ext. 264 or ncusan@jburroughs.org).

Student & Faculty Credits

Several images of **Andrew Denny's** (Fine Arts) work will appear in a book entitled *Mastering Raku* by Steven Branfman (Lark Books) to be released on November 3rd.

Sam Shinkle '11 is the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) Junior Varsity Missouri State Champion for skeet shooting. He took first place for both the Junior Varsity St. Louis Skeet Shooters team and as the JV individual high scorer in the SCTP State Shoot held June 6th at Prairie Grove, near Columbia, MO. This honor earned him a place as an alternate at the National SCTP Skeet Shoot at the World Recreational Shooting Complex in Sparta, IL on July 24-26. In both events, participants shot 200 registered targets.

Russell Browning '10 (tuba), **Ginna Doyle** '13 (violin), **David Gu** '12 (cello), **Jenny Liu** '10 (violin) and **Oliver Reed** '10 (violin) are members of the 2009-10 Saint Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra.

Connor Slaten '14 and **Emma PeConga** '12 are in the cast of the Opera Theatre of Saint Louis' Young People's Opera production of *Brundibár*, a classic story of good over evil in which two children stand up to an evil organ-grinder to help their ailing mother.

Representatives from UMSL presented seniors **Amit Roy** and **Shamaita Majumdar** with the 2009 STARS Award for Excellence in Research at morning assembly on October 1st.

Sophia Davis '10 participated in the regional German Olympics and was selected to participate as one of 12 finalists in the national contest, to be held at the Goethe-Institute Chicago on November 12th and 13th. The top two participants will represent the U.S. in the world-wide competition in Hamburg, Germany in July 2010.

November

Tuesday, November 3	Late day, 8:45 a.m. assembly Summer Opportunities Fair meeting, 8:30 a.m., HHCR College financial aid seminar for junior/senior parents, 7:30 p.m., dining room
Wednesday, November 4	Parents Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., HHCR Parent Forum, 7 p.m., dining room
Thursday, November 5	Grades 7 & 8 dance, 7 to 9 p.m., dining room
Friday, November 6	School closed (offices open)
Saturday, November 7	Potpourri sorting, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Potpourri room
Sunday, November 8	Grade 7 parents dinner, 6 p.m., dining room
Tuesday, November 10	Late day, 8:45 a.m. assembly Auction meeting, 8:30 a.m., HHCR Potpourri sorting, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Potpourri room
Wednesday, November 11	Family Network meeting, 8:30 a.m., HHCR Family Network Grade 9 Brown Bag, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., HHCR Grades 7-12 choral and senior orchestra concert, 7:30 p.m., Haertter Hall
Thursday, November 12	Late day, 8:45 a.m. assembly Unique Boutique meeting, 8:30 a.m., HHCR
Friday, November 13	International Student Exchange Committee meeting, 7:45 a.m., HHCR Family Network Grade 11 Coffee Connection, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., CCR Family Network Book Club, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., HHCR Bonsack Gallery opening (Derleth show), 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., gallery
Saturday, November 14	Blue and Gold Dance (grades 10-12), 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., commons
Tuesday, November 17	Late day, 8:45 a.m. assembly Student panel for grade 7 parents, 7:30 p.m., dining room
Wednesday, November 18	Admissions program (“A Closer Look”), 7 p.m., main building
Thursday, November 19	Late day, 8:45 a.m. assembly Old Newsboys Day (Students will be taking donations before school) Potpourri sorting, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Potpourri room
Friday, November 20	Grade 8 games night, 6:30 to 9:15 p.m., Cissel Center
Saturday, November 21	Montgomery Plan activity (EnergyCare) 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Unique Boutique, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Brauer Building/Schnuck Wing
Sunday, November 22	Unique Boutique, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Brauer Building/Schnuck Wing
Tuesday, November 24	Band concert (grades 7-12), 7:30 p.m., Haertter Hall
Wednesday, November 25	Grandparents’ Day (for grades 7 & 8), 9 to 10:30 a.m. Dress-up day Dismissal at 2:50 p.m.
Thursday, November 26	School and offices closed
Friday, November 27	School and offices closed

December

Tuesday, December 1	Late day, 8:45 a.m. assembly Grade 7 community service orientation (required for grade 7 students), 8 a.m., dining room
Thursday, December 3	Late day, 8:45 a.m. assembly Potpourri sorting, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Potpourri room Admissions program (“A Closer Look”), 7 p.m., main building

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Please take this opportunity to say what is on your mind.

Parent Forum

7 p.m.,

Wednesday, November 4th

Dining Room

THE BIENNIAL PARENT FORUM, sponsored by the Board of Trustees, will provide an opportunity for the parent body to engage in community-wide conversation and for the administration and Board to hear what you think about the school and its policies. Past forum discussions have proved to be an invaluable resource and led to concrete actions.

The format of the discussion will cover four general categories—college counseling, advising, the campus master plan, and community (how the school can better make all families feel a part of the school). We encourage all parents to attend this biennial event—whether you're interested in being heard or simply in hearing what others have to say.