Class-C All-State Jazz Band

After submitting recorded auditions, BT students claimed 8 out of the 20 spots available statewide for the Class-C All-State Jazz Band. The selected students will travel to Kearney on March 18 and 19 to rehearse and perform under a guest clinician. The concert will be streamed live over the internet for those interested in watching. Congratulations to the Class-C All-Staters:

- Ethan Foxall, drums (2nd year), senior
- Julia Fiksiniski, vibraphone, senior
- David Bredthauer, bass (3rd year), junior
- Gabi Basile, trombone 1 (2nd year), junior
- Lukmaan Sattar, trumpet 3, junior
- Tucker Curry, trumpet 4, junior
- Roman Constantino, guitar, sophomore
- Eliza Rice, trumpet 3, freshman

Quarter 2 Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students for earning Honor Roll status for the 2nd quarter. Head of School’s List Summa is awarded to those students earning all As for the quarter. Those earning all As and B’s are recognized on the Head of School’s List.

Head of School Summa

12th Grade: Helena Black, Maddy Bock, Lance Culjat, Julia Fiksiniski, Lindon Liu, Molly Myers, Elise Siffring, Abhinav Suresh, Adi Telikicherla

11th Grade: Gabi Basile, Jack Bydalek, Lauryn Caster, Shane Fleming, Rachel Hall, Jackson Henery, Kathryn Johnson, Maya Mathews, Tej Murthy, Sean O’Connell, Nick Roush, Wyatt Smith, Anjana Srikumar, Celia Vann, Tammy Wang

10th Grade: Diva Agarwal, Libby Garfoot, Jocelyn Ho, Rana Isaccai, Ameya Kuttty, Victoria Lei, Jenna Mu, Shelly Zhang

9th Grade: Surya Buddharaju, Conner Crosby, Claire Goetschkes, Sukanya Kennamthiang, Laura Liu, Meera Nair, Ashton Reimer, Eliza Rice, Alice Silberling, Amanda Zhang

Head of School

12th Grade: Josh Bartz, Angela Fader, Kim Jin, Chip Karlson, Krishn Rapoor, Reid Rise, Jordan Willett

11th Grade: John Alli, David Bredthauer, Carter Calvert, Tucker Curry, Sean Gardner, Brett Graves, Adam Hedican, Grant Runnels, Sulagna Sensarma, Sama Shah, Phineas Silberling, Connor Skutt, Lauren Thaden, Joe Tunzer, David Watson

10th Grade: Aneeq Bashir, Ryan Ehresman, Hannah Harrach, Christian Kjeldgaard, Vijay Menon, Denisse Navarro-Perez, Vincent Tang, Yumi Yu

9th Grade: Kemdi Achigbu, Michael Bartz, Jacob Clark, Charlie Cohen, Delaney Fitzgerald, Jada Griffin, Izza Imran, Miranda Knofczynski, Anna Kotula, Sy Lim, Leo Monardo, Stuti Patel, Cara Waggoner, Colesun Wood

Senior Recognized in Writing Contest

Senior Abhinav Suresh received 2 Silver Keys and one honorable mention for his entries in the 2016 Scholastic Art and Writing Contest. His pieces “Resurrecting My Dead Language” and “Word of Mouth” both received Silver Keys and “The American Way. Because We’re American” won an honorable mention.

With over 300,000 entries each year, the competition seeks to recognize the best young talent from grades 9-12 in the fields of visual art and writing. Congratulations, Abhinav!
Latin Students Excel in Junior Classical League Certamen

On Thursday, February 18, BT Latin students acquitted themselves very well in the face of stiff competition against other area Latin students in the preliminary rounds of certamen. This year, under the direction and coaching of Magister Chris Palo, BT will send four teams to the State Certamen to vie again for state championships.

Going to state:
Both Latin II teams made it to state. The two teams are Dream Team consisting of Leo Monardo, Ashton Reimer, Claire Hickman, and Connor Skutt (Alternate: Jarrett Proby) and Certamenation Domination with Jacob Clark, Colesun Wood, Sy Lim, and John McElderry (Alternate: Shelby Gribbon).

Our defending state champion Latin III team of Nick Roush, Joe Tunzer, and Adam Hedican steamrolled their competition to place first overall, while the Latin IV team of Elise Siffring, Sean O’Connell, Tucker Curry, and Rachel Hall also qualified for state with their third place finish.

Props are in order for the following teams that did not qualify, but performed admirably:
Latin I—Lily Haas, Trent Hollis, Danny Stein, Miranda Knofczynski, Jackson Morris, Emily Beckham, Rachel Aoki, Mandie Lisco, Brandon Harrell, Bailey DiNucci, Rena Ikeda-Hayes, Grayson Colley
Latin IV—Reid Rise, Angela Fader, Carter Calvert, John Alli, David Bredthauer, Jarett Gustafson, and Sean Gardner

Macte!

College Counseling Corner

Importance of the Transcript

While there are many pieces of the college application puzzle to think about, one of the most important elements is the transcript. The transcript reflects a student’s willingness to embrace academic challenge and the degree of success achieved while pursuing that challenge. Strong day-to-day work is essential in keeping up grades, and a quick barometer of what a student can expect on a transcript at the end of the semester is the quarter report. With fourth quarter just three weeks away, third quarter is rapidly coming to a close! We encourage students to buckle down, get to work, and do everything they can to raise that third quarter grade so that they have a strong foundation going into the last couple months of school. If students are struggling or falling behind in a class, we encourage students to ask for help, which Brownell-Talbot teachers are more than happy to give!

Academic Decathlon Finishes 3rd at State Competition

Brownell-Talbot Academic Decathlon, under the coaching of Mr. Mark Smith, finished behind Mt. Michael and Johnson County Central in the Small Schools Division of the State Competition.


Julia finished as the Raiders’ highest individual point winner - 4th highest amongst all the small school participants. Abhinav was BT’s 2nd highest scorer and 6th highest amongst all the small school participants.

Members of state team are Julia Fiksinski, Abhinav Suresh, and Nick Roush (Honors Division); Shane Fleming, Phineas Silberling, and Aneeq Bashir (Scholastic Division); and Jack Sevening, Taylor Schuett, and Frank Fu (Varsity Division). Diva Agarwal (Honors) and Chris Kjeldgaard (Scholastic) were alternates.

Pictured are Suresh, Roush, Fiksinski, and Sevening preparing for competition.

Varsity Cheer Squad Shines at State Competition

Please join us in congratulating the Brownell-Talbot Cheerleading squad for placing 3rd in the Performance category and 4th in the Game Day category at the State Cheerleading and Dance Competition held in Grand Island on Friday, February 19. The team’s performance routine was a 2:30 minute routine that included 2 dances and a cheer, while the Game Day performance took elements directly from the sideline and put them in a competition setting. The girls worked hard and this is a great way to end the Winter Season.
Latest Gala Update
Save The Date Friday, May 6, 2016

Hey sports fans! We have auction items just for you! Take a look!

Like to collect memorabilia?
A helmet signed by several Husker greats; a volleyball signed by the national champion team; and a Husker jersey signed by Eric Crouch.

Rather watch sports?
Tickets to Nebraska volleyball, men’s basketball, women’s basketball, and baseball tickets as well as Creighton basketball. Even a trip to KC to catch the Royals!

Rather learn and play?
Rounds of golf, tennis gear, yoga sessions, volleyball lessons, running gear for women, figure skating lessons, badminton, and more.

In the Olympic spirit?
Bid on 4 club seats to all 15 sessions of the Olympic Swim Trials. That’s a lot of pool time - gather your friends together to split the sessions and buy these amazing seats!

Have a budding Olympic swimmer in your family?
This is the opportunity of a lifetime - a private 1:1 session with gold medalist Josh Davis on Sunday, June 26 at BT. Your swimmer will spend time in the pool for a lesson then hop out to dryland for a little ‘chat and chew’ motivational conversation!

Rather just eat, drink, shop, cook, travel, or play with the kids…..don’t worry, we have that too! For more information or questions, contact Renae at renae.mackender@brownell.edu.

What Our Kids Need Us To Know About Their Digital Lives
by Common Sense Media
Wednesday, March 16 6:30 pm
Swanson Auditorium

The Technology and Counseling Departments are hosting a media and technology parent presentation. Common Sense Media is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to helping kids thrive in a world of media and technology. Keegan Korf will provide education and advice about parenting in the digital age. The departments will follow-up with a parent coffee in April. Stay tuned for more information in the March 11 Heads Up!
Youth Tech Inc. Course Descriptions

Animation - Ages 10-17  June 6-9  9am-12pm
In this class students will learn the basics of animation and digital design. Students will enjoy going to various sites to see fun interactive animations will love this course. This class will utilize Adobe’s award winning animation software in Adobe Flash. Students will create fun interactive animations that they can share with the world.

Video Game Design - Ages 10-17
This course provides students with a fun interactive look at the world of video game design and development. Students enrolled in this camp will learn the basics of video game design and produce several different interactive video games to share with their friends and family.
June 6-9  1-4pm
June 20-21  9am-4pm
July 11-14  9am-12pm

Web Design - Ages 10-17  June 13-16  1-4pm
This course is an in-depth look at the world of web design and development. Students enrolled in this session will learn how to build their own web site from start to finish using award winning suite of products. The learning for this camp does not end at the door. Students will have access to their web site with free hosting for a year.

The Gaming Academy - Ages 10-17  June 20-23  9am-4pm
The gaming academy is an all day course for students who love games. During this course students will be immersed into the world of 2D and 3D game design. The gaming academy is a combination of our Video Game Design, Advanced Game Design and 3D Game Design courses. The course offers students a variety of hands on experience designing and building their very own games. Students are encouraged to bring a sack lunch.

3D Game Design - Ages 10-17
Video Game Design is suggested before taking this course. This class offers and interactive look at the world of 3D Game Design. This awesome 3D video game design course offers the chance for students to create and immerse themselves in a 3D world. If you are looking to design professional 3D games that both look and feel just like the ones you play at home, then you don’t want to miss this course.
June 22-23  9am-4pm
July 18-21  1-4pm

Web Studio - Ages 10-17  July 11-14  1-4pm
This class is a combination of our animation and web design classes. In this class students will learn the basics of animation and digital design. Students will not only create fun interactive animations but will learn the basics of web design and how to publish their animations to share with the world. This course is perfect for students with a big imagination.

Movie Makers - Ages 10-17  July 18-21  9am-12pm
This hands-on, interactive course will instruct students on the world of digital video design and production. Students will film, direct and edit their own digital video creations. Students enrolled in this course amaze their peers with green screen and special effects work.

Young Engineers - Ages 6-12  June 27-30  9am-12pm
This class looks to unlock the imagination of young engineers. Ever thought of creating a piano out of bananas or a video game controller out of a piece of paper? Why not? This course will utilize an invention kit for the 21st century and guide students through the process of building several fun, interactive creations. Suggested for students ages 6-12

iCode - Ages 6-12  July 25-28  10am-12pm
This course offers younger students a fun, interactive look at coding. Students will create virtual apps and write their own programs that they can share with friends and family. This course makes learning to code fun and explores problem solving and programming logic.

iWeb - Ages 6-12  July 25-28  1-3pm
This class offers younger students a look at web design. Students enrolled in this course will create a website about their favorite things. This course will also teach students about internet safety as well as skills needed in the 21st century.

iVideo Game Design - Ages 6-12
Want to create video games? This is an introductory course for younger students who want to learn to build simple video games. This course combines the art of video game design and animation to create interactive characters that fly around the screen. Amaze your friends and family with your fun interactive games.
June 13-16  10am-12pm
June 27-30  1-3pm