On February 18, Upper School theater students attended a master class at the Holland Performing Arts Center. They spent the morning working with Chaz Wolcott, a member of the Broadway touring cast of "Newsies." Throughout the workshop, students Madison Scott, Meera Nair, Laura Liu, Claire Goetschkes, and Lillian Cohen learned Broadway choreography, tips on auditioning, and performing on the professional level. After learning the steps from "Seize the Day," the students were surprised to find they were performing the same routine used for "Newsies" auditions in New York City.

Sr Swims in BT History Books

Congratulations to Lance Culjat. The BT senior recently became the first boys’ swimming state champion in Brownell-Talbot history. At the recent state swimming championships, Lance swam a time of 1:52.44 in the 200yd Individual Medley to earn his first gold medal. This time is the 7th fastest time in NE swimming history for the event. He followed up that performance with a gold medal time of 56.64 seconds in the 100yd breaststroke, the 5th fastest time in NE swimming in that event. Lance is the holder of seven individual school records and on the school record-holding relay team for all three relays. He plans to swim for the University of Chicago after graduating from BT. Congratulations, Lance!!!

Cultural Geography

One of the themes in Cultural Geography is that language is actually culture. Chinese students Kim Jin, Johnson Sun, and Daniel Ning visited 5th grade Geography to participate in calligraphy activities and talk about learning English. Johnson explained the extensive process Chinese children endure just to learn their own native tongue. It is so complex that they start with a purely phonetic version called Pinyin before learning how to write the characters/letters. Kim and Daniel spoke about how they’ve dedicated themselves to learning English as a second language at a very young age, since some of the most important exams in their lives, like the SAT and ACT, are in English. Thanks Mrs. Straka, for helping organize this informational connection!

US Theater Students Attended Master Class Workshop - Watch Here!

On February 18, Upper School theater students attended a master class at the Holland Performing Arts Center. They spent the morning working with Chaz Wolcott, a member of the Broadway touring cast of "Newsies." Throughout the workshop, students Madison Scott, Meera Nair, Laura Liu, Claire Goetschkes, and Lillian Cohen learned Broadway choreography, tips on auditioning, and performing on the professional level. After learning the steps from "Seize the Day," the students were surprised to find they were performing the same routine used for "Newsies" auditions in New York City.

Yakking Raiders On a Roll

The speech team is hopefully hitting its stride as the team approaches district competition in the quest to bring the state speech title back to campus. The Yakking Raiders recently finished first at the Norfolk Panther Classic, besting C-1 opponents David City and Louisville.

Pi Day

It’s that time of year again, March Madness!! No, not the basketball tournament, Pi Day! Pi Day is Monday, March 14. If you see or hear strange goings on that day, it might just be students and math teachers celebrating the biggest math holiday of them all. In keeping with tradition, any Upper School student can participate in reciting digits of Pi. Prizes will be awarded according to the student’s grade level and the number of digits recited.

March 17 Go Green

To celebrate St. Patrick’s Day in style, students may dress out of uniform on Thursday, March 17. Green is the color of the day so socks, shoes, sweatshirts, long shorts, etc. are acceptable. Erin Go Bragh!!!

Raider Recap
House Lip Sync Contest Rocks!

Congratulations to the Blue House combo of Saratoga/Worthington - the winner of Airstock III: House Lip Sync 2016. The voting was very close with Orange Houses Gillmore/Dake coming in second.

Saratoga/Worthington 50 points
Gillmore/Dake 40 points
Abbott/Patrick 30 points
Ingalls/Clarkson 20 points
Butterfield/Hermann 10 points
Hoyt/Hitchcock 0 points

Thank you to Ms. Zeigler for her technical support in the theater and to all the judges for your participation. I think this was the best overall production of our Lip Sync contest to date. Well done House Deans, House Leaders, and House Members.

College Counseling Corner

College Fairs
College fairs are a great opportunity for students in any stage of the college search process to speak with representatives from universities across the country. This can be a way for students to expand their list by discovering new colleges they never even knew were out there, or to narrow down their list by casting a critical eye at what the schools have to offer.

Omaha has two fairs coming up. Visit the websites listed below for a list of colleges and to register for a barcode.

Education Quest College Fair
Sunday, March 20, 1-3:00 PM
UNO Sapp Fieldhouse
6001 Dodge Street
Register online at Omaha Area College Fair

NACAC National College Fair
Thursday, April 7, 9-11:00 AM, 6-8:00 PM
Century Link Center
Register online at www.gotomyncf.com

Senior and Junior Newsletters
The Senior Newsletter provides advice on visiting colleges as an admitted student and making a final college decision.

The Junior Newsletter shares ways to prepare for the college application process now and insight on college visits and financial aid.

Summer Engagement
The summer months are around the corner. Pursue your passions--plan your summer endeavors now. If you are interested in an enrichment program, visit the enrichment programs database in Family Connection or Summer Enrichment Programs on 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.

Social Media Parent Coffee and Breakout Sessions
Wednesday, April 13, 8 am
Worthington Dining Hall/Hireside Room
To follow and expand upon the Common Sense Media parent presentation, a parent coffee will be held April 13. Parents will have the opportunity to attend two 30 minute breakout sessions. Click the sessions below to view conversation cases that will be used as a springboard for discussion.

8:00-8:30 am Breakout Sessions:
Young Children and Digital Footprints (only offered once at 8 am)
Selfie Culture
Digital Drama

8:35-9:05 am Breakout Sessions:
Digital Footprints and Photo Sharing (only offered once at 8:35 am)
Selfie Culture
Digital Drama
Please plan to attend!

2016-2017 School Calendar Available
Click here to access the Brownell-Talbot School 2016-2017 Academic Calendar which is also available on the home page of brownell.edu.
Please reference these dates as you plan your return to school in August as well as your holiday and vacation time for next year.

Booster Merchandise For Sale During Parent Teacher Conferences
The Booster Club will be selling merchandise in the US Gym during Parent/Teacher Conferences for both the evening and morning sessions. Brand new merchandise includes adorable BT Bears, new T-shirts for Lower and Middle school, long sleeved T-shirt hoodies, and footie pajamas.

Walk/Run in Memory of Maddie Shumaker
The school will hold a Walk/Run event in memory of Maddie Shumaker on Friday, April 29. This event will be a special way to honor Maddie’s life by raising funds for The Cure Starts Now. Each school level will compete against each other to see who can raise the most funds to benefit DIPG. Look for more information on this special event and pledge information in the next issue of HEADS Up!

Latest Gala Update
Save The Date! Friday, May 6, 2016
Dig out your spring florals and sandals for a Night in Rio! Watch for your invitation in the mail the week of March 25.

Live Auction Sneak Peak
The Ultimate Tech Package – a MacBook Air for your incoming freshman, an Apple Watch for you, and best of all, five hours of tech support with Mr. Uchtman! Make your list of tech questions and use those precious 300 minutes wisely!

Omaha Fashion Week – Ten friends will have the ultimate fashion evening out at the Finale on August 10. Exclusive VIP swag bags, red carpet photos, cocktail party, after show party, a backstage tour to see the creations and meet designers, and more! Put together your guest list of ten friends and designate one person to bid for your group on this incredible evening of fashion and fun.

Super Silent Sneak Peek
Victorian Pendant - Are you mourning the end of Downton Abbey? Love the look of Lady Grantham and her daughters? Bid on a lovely late victorian diamond pendant.

Joslyn Castle - Did you know Violet Joslyn is a Brownell Hall alumnus? Your party of ten will go back in time at the Joslyn Castle with this exclusive behind-the-scenes tour and dinner with live music.

Online Auction Sneak Peek
Chicago Cubs - Play Ball! Four field box tickets to a Chicago Cubs game and post-game on-field photos.

Disney World Orlando - Start planning your trip to Orlando with four one-day Disney Hopper passes (not valid Dec 25-31) and two nights at the Rosen Shingle Creek hotel.

Find more at brownell.edu/gala2016, email Renae at renae.mackender@brownell.edu or stop by her office any time for more information.

Re-enrollment Contracts Are Due Friday, March 18
Re-enrollment is happening now through Friday, March 18. Get started by viewing the Online Re-enrollment Guide, and logging into the Parent Portal. It just takes a few minutes. Please let us know if you have questions or if we can assist you in this process. This information can also be found on the home page of brownell.edu.
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 who 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.

Web Studio - 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.

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  10am-12pm
Technology and innovation collide to create this course. This interactive 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.