Hallway Happenings

WOW! Where has the year gone? Welcome to the final weeks of the 2015-16 school year. The fourth quarter is underway and life at BT is as exciting and active as ever. These final weeks will be fully packed with learning, activities, and the anticipation of the coming summer break. Please have conversations with your student to monitor activities and work load and assist them in planning and organization as appropriate. You may also encourage your student to communicate concerns to his/her teachers, counselors, or me.

Journalism Students Garner Awards at Local Competition

Under the direction of Mr. Rod Howe, the Brownell-Talbot Journalism Department competed in the UNO High School Media Contest on Tuesday, April 5. BT had three place-winners at the contest: sophomore Denisse Navarro-Perez, First Place, Class B, Best Feature Story; sophomore Diva Agarwal, Third Place, Class B, Best Feature Photograph; and sophomore Roman Constantino, Third Place, Class B, Best Review. Congratulations, Mr. Howe and students!

Cheerleading Tryouts

The 2016-2017 Cheerleading and Mascot tryouts will be the week of April 25. Information and application packets have been shared with all eligible students in grades 8-12. Applications are due Monday, April 25. Tryout packets can be accessed through the link provided by Coach Rohrig. Follow us on Twitter @BTCheerleading for tips and material preview!

Coach Rohrig held an informational meeting for all interested ladies on Thursday, April 7 to share details regarding tryout requirements as well as the upcoming season.

Cheerleading Clinic Schedule:
7:00-7:45am - Scott Gymnasium
Mon April 25 Dance Clinic
Tues April 26 Cheer Clinic
Wed April 27 Chant and Jump Clinic
Thu April 28 Review All Material
Fri April 29 Mascot Material and Tryouts

Earth Day

Earth Day is celebrated every year on April 22. This year BT is partnering with Whole Foods and Earth Day Omaha Coalition to raise environmental awareness by participating in the National Grocery Project.

Today every BT student decorated a Whole Foods bag with an Earth Day image and/or slogan. The bags will be used for groceries at Whole Foods on Friday, April 22. For each bag used, one dime will be donated to Earth Day Omaha Coalition. Customers can reuse the bags through the month of June, and for each bag reused a dime will be donated.

The Earth Day Omaha Coalition plans Earth Day Omaha which is a free event taking place Saturday, April 16 at Elmwood Park from 11 am-6 pm. We encourage students to take part in this fun community event!

Golden Age of Narnia

The spring production of The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe is one week away! Which King or Queen of Narnia are you most like? On Thursday, April 14 students may wear a non-uniform shirt of the color of their chosen King or Queen. MS/US students will celebrate the Golden Age of Narnia at the Pep Rally.

King Peter the Magnificent (Red)
The eldest, responsible and caring

Queen Susan the Gentle (Blue)
Logical, stubborn, motherly and more serious

King Edmund the Just (Green)
Mischiefous, dry-witted, rather sarcastic

Queen Lucy the Valiant (Yellow)
Youngest, first to discover Narnia, sweet, fierce

This online quiz can help your student decide.
Quarter 3 Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students for earning Honor Roll status for the third quarter. The Head of School Summa list 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 list.

Head of School Summa
12th Grade: Helena Black, Lance Culjat, Julia Fiksinski, Lindon Liu, Krishn Rapoor, Abhinav Suresh, Adi Telikicherla

11th Grade: David Bredthauer, Lauryn Caster, Brett Graves, Rachel Hall, Kathryn Johnson, Maya Mathews, Sean O'Connell, Nick Roush, Sama Shah, Anjana Sri Kumar, Celia Vann

10th Grade: Diva Agarwal, Libby Garfoot, Jocelyn Ho, Amery Kutty, Victoria Lei, Jenna Mu, Shelly Zhang

9th Grade: Surya Buddharaju, Conner Crosby, Claire Goetschkes, Sukanya Kannamthiang, Laura Liu, Meera Nair, Ashton Reimer, Eliza Rice

Head of School
12th Grade: Josh Bartz, Maddy Bock, Angela Fader, Reid Rise, Harrison Runnels, Jack Sevening, Elise Siffring, Johnson Sun, Jordan Willett

11th Grade: John Alli, Gabi Basile, Jack Bydalek, Tucker Curry, Shane Fleming, Frank Fu, Sean Gardner, Adam Hedican, Jackson Henery, Tej Murthy, Grant Runnels, Sulagna Sensarma, Phineas Silberling, Connor Skutt, Wyatt Smith, Lauren Thaden, Joe Tunzer, Tammy Wang, David Watson

10th Grade: Ryan Ehresman, Tess Foxall, Hannah Harrach, Rana Isaczi, Christian Kjeldgaard, Vijay Menon, Denisse Navarro-Perez, Daniel Ning, Ben Porter, Madison Scott, Yumi Yu

9th Grade: Kemdi Achigbu, Michael Bartz, Jacob Clark, Charlie Cohen, Lillian Cohen, Wagma Isaczi, Miranda Knofczynski, Anna Kotula, Sy Lim, Leo Monardo, Stuti Patel, Alice Silberling, Cara Waggoner, Colesun Wood, Amanda Zhang

Winter Academic All State

Each year the Nebraska School Activities Association and the Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Association recognize students who excel on the playing field and in the classroom. Eligible students must have at least a 3.7 overall GPA and be a major contributor on their varsity team. Congratulations to the following winter season students from Brownell-Talbot!

Swimming - Lance Culjat
Boys' Basketball - Josh Bartz, Ryan Ehresman
Speech - Julia Fiksinski, Abhinav Suresh

Basketball Postseason Recognition

Several basketball players were recognized for their play this past season. Congratulations to the following Brownell-Talbot athletes.

Girls Basketball
Anna Kotula - Frontier Conference 2nd team selection, Honorable Mention All Area Team Omaha World Herald, Honorable Mention All State Class C-2 Omaha World Herald
Cheyenne Hanson - Frontier Conference Honorable Mention selection

Boys Basketball
Ryan Ehresman - Frontier Conference 1st team selection, Honorable Mention All Area Team Omaha World Herald, Honorable Mention All State Class C-2 Omaha World Herald, Honorable Mention All State Class C-2 Lincoln Journal Star
Josh Bartz - Frontier Conference 2nd team selection, Honorable Mention All Area Team Omaha World Herald, Honorable Mention All State Class C-2 Omaha World Herald
Joe Tunzer - Frontier Conference Honorable Mention selection

BT Student Challenges Chess Masters at Laguna Beach

Sophomore John McElderry spent some time during spring break working on his chess skills. During a family trip to California, John enjoyed the opportunity to play against some locals at the “Canyon Chess and Checkers” table on Main Beach. Created in 1981 by Laguna Beach artist Marlo Bartels, this permanent game table and chairs has become his signature and a city landmark. Chess enthusiasts from all over the world come to Main Beach for a pickup game of chess or checkers. FYI - John won both games he played on Main Beach. Way to represent the BT Blue & Gold!
Social Media Parent Coffee
Wednesday, April 13, 8 am
Worthington Dining Hall: Selfie Culture & Digital Drama
Fireside Room: Digital Footprints

The Technology and Counseling departments are hosting a parent coffee the morning of 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. There will be an opportunity to answer questions regarding school-related policies and procedures following the breakout sessions.

8:00-8:30 am sessions:
Young Children and Digital Footprints
(Selfie Culture Digital Drama)

8:35-9:05 am sessions:
Digital Footprints and Photo Sharing
(Selfie Culture Digital Drama)

Please plan to attend!

Multi-Cultural Fair Is April 13
From 2:15-4 pm, Wednesday, April 13, students will host tables representing 18 different countries, all beautifully displayed in Scott Gymnasium.

In addition to learning about other cultures, participants can purchase French bon bons, create origami, learn to play GO from Omaha/GO/Wei Qi Badduk Club, visit with Omaha Sister Cities who represent six cities from Japan, Germany, Lithuania, Ireland, Mexico, and China, and interact with UNO students representing Saudi Arabia, Kuwait/Oman, and Benin. Also, students will learn about the World Food Prize - the foremost international award recognizing the achievements of individuals who have advanced human development by improving the quality, quantity, or availability of food in the world.

New this year at Multi-Cultural Fair!
Third grade art students studied a unit on Africa and the women of Uganda. In this unit they learned about BeadForLife, an organization that enables women to be self-supporting through making and selling handmade beads.

They will host a table displaying their own handmade beads and will also be selling products from the BeadForLife organization. Funds raised from their efforts will benefit the School and BeadForLife.

From Friday, March 25 - April 17, parents can also purchase products through the BeadForLife online marketplace.

Purchase Tickets Now!
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe tickets are on sale at brownell.edu/tickets.
Click here to listen to a sneak peak of specially composed music by strings teacher, Jules DeSalvo, and his Music Theory and Music Technology classes!
YouthTech 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.

June 6-9  1-4pm
June 20-21  9am-4pm
July 11-14  9am-12pm

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 fun 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 6-9  9am-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.

Youth Tech Inc. is an interactive computer camp focusing on enrichment opportunities. BT families have exclusive registration through March 14, at which time courses are open to the public.

2016 Summer Camps

NEW! Coming to campus this summer! Youth Tech Inc. is an interactive computer camp focusing on enrichment opportunities.

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