

BB&N Upper School Parents' Association eNewsletters

2010-June2011

November 12, 2010

Dear Upper School Parents,

Welcome to the first issue of the US Newsletter for the 2010-2011 School Year. We hope you like the format and find the content helpful. We welcome your feedback.

Be sure to visit the [Parents' Page](#) located on BB&n's website. On this page you will find a variety of useful resources including Student Handbooks, faculty/staff directories, grade web pages and calendars of events. This page can also be found by clicking Parents' Page from the upper left corner of [BB&n's Website](#). A few of the links on the Parents' Page navigate to BB&n's private intranet site. For these links, you will be prompted for a username (*knightline*) and password (*knights74*).

Finally, we would like to thank the wonderful US PA leadership team for this newsletter and all of their efforts to keep us connected and informed.

With warm wishes,

[Diana Goldman](#)

Parents' Association President

[Sonia Parisca](#)

Parents' Association Vice President

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Director, Geoffrey Theobald "How Parents can get the Most from the Upcoming Meetings with their Child's Advisor".

Upper School Community Room - All Upper School parents invited

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Wednesday, November 17th

Senior Student Breakfast Bonanza

Donations needed - Senior Parents sign up

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Wednesday, November 17th

Upper School Community Service Afternoon

Students leave from campus after dismissal and return to campus in the late afternoon. Permission slips are due back by Tuesday, November 16th. *Please note a separate, additional permission slip is required to volunteer at Cradles to Crayons.*

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Thursday, November 18th-20th

Fall Play - "THE VISIT" (PG 13)

BB&n Upper School Theatre
Thursday, November 18 @ 3:30 PM
Friday, November 19 @ 7:30 PM
Saturday, November 20 @ 7:30 PM

Tickets \$5 - 617 800 2260 or at the Box Office.

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Monday, November 22nd

Senior Parent Yearbook Ad Deadline

This Ad is a great way to recognize your wonderful child and honor his or her graduation and time at BB&n. If you need more details on this, please don't hesitate to email [Bill Rich](#), the Yearbook Advisor, or call him at 617-800-2252.

Upcoming Events

December 1st-10th

Silent Artwork Auction

Hand and Heart for a Good Cause - Upper School Art Gallery

Student, Faculty and Staff artwork will be on display for silent bidding. All proceeds will be donated. *Details of a Parent Reception and opportunities to bid on items will be forthcoming.*

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**Thursday, December 2nd
10th Grade Faculty Appreciation**

DONATIONS NEEDED

[Doodle Sign-Up](#)

**Thursday, December 2nd - 6-8:30 PM
12th Grade Parents Holiday Gathering**

All Senior Parents invited to the home of Maureen and Jeff Singer - 29 Buckingham Street in Cambridge.

Saturday, February 12th

MYSTERY DINNER

Host Families Needed
A Friend-raiser Event for BB&n Upper School Parents, Faculty, and Staff

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Dear Upper School Parents,

We have received positive feedback about our first newsletter and we plan to continue with this format.

This is what you should know about the newsletter moving forward:
The weekly newsletter will be your main source for Parents' Association news and events.

Over time, we plan to reduce the quantity of single-topic email blast reminders coming from the PA.

In addition to the PA newsletters you will still receive emails from non-PA sources such as the Athletic Department, US Deans, or the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

On a related and important note, please do not miss the Doodle links contained within the newsletter articles. The PA uses this tool to organize help needed for events. Doodle is simple, quick, free and requires no registration.

Please feel free to contact us with questions or feedback.

With warm wishes for a happy and relaxing Thanksgiving break,

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Wednesday, December 1st at 7:00 PM

Junior Parents' Book Group

At the home of Lisa Henske, 170 Lexington Ave., Cambridge.

We will discuss **The Lacuna** by Barbara Kingsolver. Please RSVP to [Barbara Berenson](#). All parents are welcome whether or not you've read the book. Parking information will follow.

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10th Grade Faculty Appreciation Breakfast

Donations Needed.

Every year, it is a BB&n Upper School tradition for the Parents' Association to coordinate several faculty appreciation breakfasts throughout the year. The faculty and staff enthusiastically look forward to this break in their routine. Each class is in charge of one breakfast. The date of the Faculty Appreciation Breakfast hosted by 10th grade parents is Thursday, December 2nd.

We ask that all 10th grade parents sign up for food donations.

Click [here](#) to sign up.

Thursday, December 2nd from 6:00 - 8:00 PM

12th Grade Senior Parent Holiday Celebration

All 12th grade parents welcome - RSVP required

At the Home of Maureen and Jeff Singer
29 Buckingham Street, Cambridge

Shoes at the door please, so don't forget to wear your most festive socks.

[Here](#) is the doodle link where we kindly ask that you RSVP, there you will also find a list of desired items to be shared.

Wednesday, December 3rd - 10th

Hand + Heart Charity Auction

Upper School Art Gallery

Parents are invited to join the students and faculty at the Upper School and participate in a silent auction of artwork, performances, and workshops by students, faculty, and staff of BB&n.

Proceeds to benefit:

The Invisible Children Project
Bikes Not Bombs
Heifer International
The Humane Society

Grand OPENING: Friday, December 3rd 4 - 7 pm

Closing Reception: Friday, December 10th 4 - 7pm

Parents & friends who are interested in donating are also welcome.

Please contact [Laura Tanguoso](#)

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Thursday, December 7th from 8:00 - 9:00 AM

Grade 9 Parent Coffee with Kim Gold and Angela Tabb

All Grade 9 Parents
Stonestreet Lounge, Athletic Center

Angela and Kim will discuss US support services as well as the Peer Tutoring program. They will also answer any questions you might have about the role of the Learning Specialist and the Academic Center.

Friday, December 10th at 7:00 PM

The US Jazz Concert

Students and all family and friends of the BB&n Community are welcome.

It will be held in the Pratt Room on the US campus. *Admission is free.*

Come join Pandelis Karayorgis, the Jazz instructor at the Upper School, and learn about BB&n's three jazz performing groups ; the Ninth Grade Jazz Band and the Tuesday and Thursday Evening Ensembles. Support the performing arts, attend this event and hear music that originated at the beginning of the 20th century in African American communities that join together African and European music traditions. Listen to students play the trumpet, flute, clarinet, violin, alto sax, drums, piano bass and guitar and enjoy works by artists including Sony Rollins, Chick Corea and Charles Mingus .

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Evening for the Arts at the Upper School Campus

All Upper School Families and Friends

Become Inspired. Join other parents to see first hand the creative energies of our students. Place a closing bid at the Hand + Heart Art Exhibition / Charity auction (before deadline at 6:59PM) and follow the groove upstairs to hear some jazz at US Jazz Concert starting at 7PM in the Pratt Room. You will be so glad you did.

Here are the details about the evening:

Hot Chocolate and Cookies Closing Reception / HAND + HEART Art Exhibition and Silent Auction

In The Upper School Gallery

* 4 to 7 PM - place a closing bid at the art exhibition/charity auction and Closing Reception

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In the Upper School Pratt Room

* 7 PM - Jazz Concert - Free Admission

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December 14th through 16th

SENIOR PARENTS - Food donations needed for Senior Work Week - Special Senior morning beverages/donuts/muffins

You have heard the details about the upcoming Senior Work Week from Louise Makrauer and Geoff Theobold. As we all know, there are lots of big things going on for our seniors next week. At Louise's suggestion, the parents are going to provide morning beverages and donuts/muffins on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for the seniors, which we think will be a nice way for them to start their mornings. If you are interested or willing to donate donuts or muffins for any of those mornings, please contact one of our Student Event Coordinators (as soon as possible): [Leslie Bliss](#), [Sarah Beir](#), or [Audrey Reny](#).

As always, thanks very much.

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New Year's Eve has always been a time for looking back to the past, and more importantly, looking forward to the coming year. It is a time to reflect on the changes we want, or need, to make and resolve to follow through. This year we hope you will consider joining other parent volunteers in the PA to help us maintain a strong, cooperative and friendly relationship between BB&n and the parent community.

On behalf of the PA we salute you and wish you a healthy and prosperous New Year.

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January 7, 2011

New this month - BB&n Upper and Middle School have just announced that they are implementing a system for parents to receive grades and comments through an electronic portal online. Directions to enter the portal will be sent today, Friday January 7th, by 5PM. **Grades will only be posted, on the portal, approximately one week from today. You will receive an emailed notice, in advance, from US Director Geoff Theobald.** Hopefully, you should have all received the email from BB&n with the preliminary information about this program. If you did not received the email from the school with the full explanation please be sure to check your Spam / Junk folder. If you still do not have the message - or if you are having any problems with the new

system - please send an email to webmaster@bbns.org.

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7:00 PM, Program Begins

Due to prior misprint, please note the date for this event on your calendar!

Thursday, January 13th from 5:00 to 6:30 PM

All Upper School Parents

Opening Reception and Artist Talk in the Gallery

Please join us in this New Year's celebration of student art at BB&n! On display will be a large and diverse show of new paintings, drawings, photographs, mixed media, wood, ceramics, and prints created by students from Grades 9-12 during the fall semester. Several students from the different classes will talk about their work. Hear students describe what inspires, engages, and surprises them about the creative process!

Light snacks will be served.

Upper School Student Art Show runs from January 12th - February 4th

Wednesday, January 19th from 8:00 to 9:00 AM

Grade 9 Parents

Coffee with John Norton, Arts department chair

Stonestreet Lounge

Please join fellow freshman parents and John Norton to talk about the huge range of topics within the arts department at BB&n: choices for rising freshman from artists to arts-phobic students, department goals, access, building portfolios and support for growing artists, interesting faculty facts, and Q&a about any topics that parents would like to talk about!

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Upper School Winter Concert

Grace Episcopal Church, 76 Eldridge Street, Newton Corner

Join the BB&n Community for an evening of music featuring the BB&n Upper School Orchestra and Chorale. The Orchestra will be performing works by Mozart and Mahler and the Chorale will sing music of Finland, Israel, and Southern India as well as a movement from Carl Orff's Carmina Burana. Knightingales and Voices of the Knight will entertain with the usual jazz and pop chestnuts. Help us celebrate our students and their teachers for their outstanding dedication to music.

Upcoming Events at the US

Tuesday, January 25th at 7 PM

Grade 12 Parents

Parent Evening Coffee/Dessert

We have several terrific events coming up second semester for senior parents and students. Please mark your calendars now for our first parent evening coffee, which should be fun. More details to follow.

Thursday, January 27th at 6:30 PM

All BB&n Parents

Meeting with BB&n Head of School Rebecca Upham

Upper School Theatre

Please join Rebecca Upham for a discussion with **Rob Evans, Ed.D**, author of: Family Matters: Raising Healthy Children in Challenging Times.

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Friday, January 28th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

All Upper School Parents

Parent Community Service Opportunity at Cradles to Crayons

All Upper School parents are invited to roll-up their sleeves for a morning of service at Cradles to Crayon's new "Giving Factory" at 155 N. Beacon Street in Brighton. This growing non-profit provides essential clothing, shoes, school supplies and toys to homeless and in-need children throughout Greater Boston. They've just moved to this new facility and we'll be helping them organize supplies and sort donations. Come make a friend and make a difference in our community! **Donations of new and gently used children's items are always appreciated.**

Sign up using Doodle [here](#).

For more information: visit www.boston.cradlestocrayons.org.

If you have any questions please contact [Lynda Ceremsak](#) or [Amy Sucoff](#).

Tuesday, February 1st to Friday, February 11th

All Upper School Families **"Have-a-Heart" Food Drive**

Beginning February 1st, BB&n will again show its heart by collecting food for the Preventive Food Pantry at Boston Medical Center. The pantry provides medically and nutritionally appropriate food and counseling to over 5,000 patients and their families each month. Your participation in this our 9th annual drive will make a crucial difference for many of these families who must decide to "heat or eat" at this time of year. Details to follow. **To volunteer to help with the drive please contact [Amy Sucoff](#).**

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Parents' Association Call for Nominations!

Join our team! The Parents' Association Executive Board is seeking nominations for the following positions for the 2010-11 school year:

- * Executive Vice President: The Executive VP position is a two-year commitment with the second year serving as the President of the PA and as a member of the Board of Trustees.
- * Assistant Vice Presidents for the Upper, Middle, and Lower School * Campuses: The Assistant VPs serve for two years; the second as the Vice President of the campus.
- * Treasurer: Usually, but not limited to, a one-year commitment.
- * Secretary: Usually, but not limited to, a one-year commitment.
- * Parent Ambassador Liaison: Usually, but not limited to, a one-year commitment.

The purpose of the Executive Board is to provide leadership and information to the PA organizations on each campus. The PA Executive Board also provides a communication conduit between the parents, the School's Administration, and the BB&n Board of Trustees. The Executive Board meets monthly and all members should do their best to commit to attending all board meetings. (More information about the responsibilities of each position can be found in the [PA Handbook](#) which is posted on the [Parents' Page](#) of the [BB&n website](#).)

One does not have to be a current PA representative to be nominated. To nominate yourself or a fellow parent, or for more information, please contact [Sonia Parisca](#) (P'10, '12), PA Executive Vice President. Please submit nominations by January 31st.

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Please join fellow freshman parents and John Norton to talk about the huge range of topics within the arts department at BB&n: choices for rising freshman from artists to arts-phobic students, department goals, access, building portfolios and support for growing artists, interesting faculty facts, and Q&a about any topics that parents would like to talk about!

Wednesday, January 19th at 7:00 PM

Junior Parents' Book Group

The next meeting of the Junior parents' book group will be on **Wednesday January 19 at 7 p.m.** at the home of Sonia Parisca-Blanco, 185 Franklin St., Newton. We will discuss **Freedom** by Jonathan Franzen. Please RSVP to [Barbara Berenson](#). All parents are welcome whether or not you've read the book. For more holiday reading, please consider our February selection: Just Kids by Patti Smith.

Saturday, January 22nd at 7:30 PM

All parents, students and friends welcome

Upper School Winter Concert
Grace Episcopal Church, 76 Eldridge Street, Newton Corner

Join the BB&n Community for an evening of music featuring the BB&n Upper School Orchestra and Chorale. The Orchestra will be performing works by Mozart and Mahler and the Chorale will sing music of Finland, Israel, and Southern India as well as a movement from Carl Orff's Carmina Burana. Knightingales and Voices of the Knight will entertain with the usual jazz and pop chestnuts. Help us celebrate our students and their teachers for their outstanding dedication to music.

Tuesday, January 25th at 7:00 PM

Grade 12 Parents

Senior Parent Coffee/Dessert with Sandy Dow, Senior Projects Program

This is a fun opportunity during this final year to see other senior parents. We will be joined by Sandy Dow, who you may know heads up the Senior Projects Program. We know that many of us are interested in hearing about what to expect from kids during senior project, various rules about checking in and attending weekly meetings, papers which may be due, what to do if parts of your child's project are not working out, and anything else. While the senior project should be a great way for our students to finish their time at BB&n, it will be good to hear what our students will be doing and how we as parents can be helpful in ensuring it's the great experience it should be. If you have any questions about this event, please contact our Parent Event Coordinators, [Sarah Collazo](#) and [Amy Sassoon](#).

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Upper School Theatre

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Friday, January 28th

Grade 12 Parents

Help needed for Senior Student Pizza Lunch

12th Grade Student Event Coordinators will be hosting a Pizza Lunch for the kids, and we do need some help with that event. Please consider signing up at the [Pizza Lunch Doodle](#) to help in some way. We would really appreciate it. If you have any questions about this event, please contact our Student Event Coordinators, [Sarah Beir](#), [Leslie Bliss](#), and [Audrey Reny](#).

Friday, January 28th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

All Upper School Parents

Parent Community Service Opportunity at Cradles to Crayons

All Upper School parents are invited to roll-up their sleeves for a morning of service at Cradles to Crayon's new "Giving Factory" at 155 N. Beacon Street in Brighton. This growing non-profit provides essential clothing, shoes, school supplies and toys to homeless and in-need children throughout Greater Boston. They've just moved to this new facility and we'll be helping them organize supplies and sort donations. Come make a friend and make a difference in our community! **Donations of new and gently used children's items are always appreciated.**

Sign up using Doodle [here](#).

For more information: visit www.boston.cradlestocrayons.org.
If you have any questions please contact [Lynda Ceremsak](#) or [Amy Sucoff](#).

Upcoming Events at the US

Tuesday, February 1st to Friday, February 11th

All Upper School Families "Have-a-Heart" Food Drive

Beginning February 1st, BB&n will again show its heart by collecting food for the Preventive Food Pantry at Boston Medical Center. The pantry provides medically and nutritionally appropriate food and counseling to over 5,000 patients and their families each month. Your participation in this our 9th annual drive will make a crucial difference for many of these families who must decide to "heat or eat" at this time of year. Details to follow. **To volunteer to help with the drive please contact [Amy Sucoff](#).**

Saturday, February 5th from 6:00 to 10:00 PM

9th Grade Parent Dinner

Hosted at the Starr-Duker Residence. 315 Waverley Avenue, Newton.

More details to follow.

Saturday, February 12th

Mystery Dinner

A Friend-raiser Event for All Upper School Parents, Faculty and Staff.

Click [here](#) for invitation and a PDF describing event details.

This is your invitation to be a guest at one of 12 terrific theme dinners! Each will be a dinner for 8-16 people and will be hosted by an Upper School BB&n community member. **To RSVP for this event, click on this [Doodle link](#).**

January 28, 2011

Special Note :

News about Asa Magdanz '12

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Please "have a heart" and join other BB&n families in this our 9th year of helping this important organization fight against hunger and its consequences. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact [Amy Sucoff](#).

Thank you for your support.

Thursday, February 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM

All BB&n Parents Welcome

CGSA Forum

US Community Room

BB&n's Community Gay-Straight Alliance (CGSA—a group of gay and straight parents, teachers, administrators and staff members, designed to promote a positive experience for families with gay or lesbian parents or children and community respect for GLBT issues school-wide) is hosting a casual Forum on programs that support GLBT students, faculty and families.

We will have panelists as well as other attendees from a wide range of public and independent schools in the greater Boston area. The evening will be a chance to share and exchange ideas and have a conversation about GLBT challenges and/or programs at the respective schools.

There will be parents and faculty attending the forum; no students.

BB&n will provide a light dinner. We warmly invite you to join us for a light dinner provided by BB&n. Together, we hope to have an enlightening, lively, rewarding and productive conversation.

If you have questions, feel free to contact [David Powers](#) or [Mary Grenham](#).

We look forward to seeing you next Thursday night!

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Hosted by Julie Starr-Duker and Jay Duker - 617-332-0043
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Tuesday, February 1st thru Tuesday, February, 15th

ALL UPPER SCHOOL FAMILIES

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JUNIOR PARENT BOOK GROUP

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BSO High School Card

Dear BB&n Upper School students,

The Boston Symphony Orchestra has selected BB&n as a pilot school for a new program: the BSO High School Card. For a one-time \$10 fee per student, this card entitles a student to attend most BSO concerts *for free* from now until May 7th. A card can also be purchased for Lower and Middle School-aged siblings. If you would like to go with a parent or guardian to concerts, they may purchase a reduced-price ticket for that concert for \$30 (normal price for a ticket can be up to \$119, so \$30 is a real bargain for an adult to attend).

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If you are interested in a BSO High School Card, please contact either [Nina Newport](#), [Michael Siao](#), or [me \(Brian Reasoner\)](#) and one of us can sell you a card (\$10 - bookslip, check, or cash). Usually, students can pick up a ticket in person at Symphony Hall right before a concert. However, if you know several days in advance of a concert you'd like to see, you can contact Nina or Michael, and they can have the box office reserve a ticket for you in your name. Seating is reserved for these concerts, so you'll get a better seat if you reserve one ahead of time.

Thanks, and I hope many of you will be interested in taking advantage of this great opportunity.

[Brian Reasoner](#)

Upper School Chamber Music and Orchestra Teacher
Buckingham Browne & Nichols School

February 18, 2011

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Barbara and Rick Berenson, Lisa and Donald Bloch, Susan and John Flahive, Diana and Dan Goldman, Dinny Starr and Alan Gordon, Nancy and Peter Hill, Kay and David Kane, Mary Alice Karol, Karin and Carl Lieberman, Ellie and Philip Loughlin, Babi and Srirupa Mitra, Liz and James Peoples, Mary and Gary Pforzheimer, Abby Sahle, Marie and Mark Schwartz, Jenny Netzer and Ellis Seidman, Anne and Andrew Sternlicht, Amy and Andy Sucoff, and Suzi and Tom Wilder.

Thank you also to the BB&n staff who helped set and clean up the Appetizer Party at the Upper School.

Sincerely,
Carol Boyle, Maura Connolly, and Julie Kaneb

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Stonestreet Lounge

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February 25, 2011

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All BB&n Parents

Meeting with BB&n Head of School Rebecca Upham

Community Room

Please join BB&n Head of School Rebecca Upham in a discussion with Rob Evans, Ed.D, author of :
Family Matters: Raising Healthy Children in Challenging Times

There is no harder job than being a parent. Nothing else touches so much of a person so deeply-or so unpredictably-and there is no training for it. As the pace of life accelerates, as media influences intensify, and as the future grows less predictable, parents and teachers find it harder to be confident-harder to know how to raise competent, caring children, how to resist negative influences in the surrounding culture and how to help foster strength and resilience. Rob Evans will outline these dilemmas and offer concrete suggestions for successful coping at home and school.

Dr. Evans is a clinical and organizational psychologist and the Executive Director of The Human Relations Service, in Wellesley. A former high school and pre-school teacher and a former child and family therapist, he has worked with schools and families around the country for thirty-five years. He is the author of many articles and books including: Family Matters: How Schools Can Cope with The Crisis in Childrearing.

Please attend! This promises to be an enjoyable and informative evening. Dr Evans' presentations are known for their lively wit, compassion for parents and knowledge of schools.

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Thursday, March 3rd

All Junior Parents Welcome

JUNIOR PARENT BOOK GROUP

Barbara Berenson's home, 39 Karen Rd., Waban

We will discuss **Just Kids** by Patti Smith. Please RSVP to [Barbara Berenson](#). Our April selection will be **Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother** by Amy Chua.

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FOOD DRIVE THANKS

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Sign up [here](#)

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Thursday, May 5th at 6:30 PM

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Senior Student Panel Discussion "No Regrets or Seniors Speak their Minds"

Upper School Commons

You are warmly invited to attend the Final Upper School PA Meeting of the school year. Join Upper School Director, **Geoff Theobald**, as he moderates what promises to be a lively panel discussion with a group of (about to graduate) seniors, entitled "**If I knew then, what I know now: What I would have done differently at BB&n, Or... Making the most of the Upper School Experience: Senior speak their minds**".

This last USPA meeting is a fitting book-end to our first gathering in September when Harvard Professor Richard Light offered his "Top 10 tips to help your child achieve success and happiness in the Upper School". We encourage all Upper School parents to join us for this timely and informative program. Your children are also welcome to attend.

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Parrish Dobson Photographer

Studio location: [Mad Oyster Studios](#) 2 Bradley Street, off of Pearl Street, Somerville

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Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00 PM

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Senior Parent Coffee/Dessert: Navigating the Transition with your Senior - from BB&n to College
Upper School

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[Sarah Collazo](#) and [Amy Sassoon](#)
12th grade Parent Event Coordinators

Thursday, May 5th at 6:30 PM

All Upper School Parents and Students Welcome

Senior's Speak - "No Regrets, or Seniors Speak their Minds"
Upper School Commons

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Upper School Courtyard (rain location: Upper School Commons)

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Wednesday, May 25th at 1:15 PM

Summer Book Swap & Bakesale

Upper School Courtyard (rain location: Upper School Commons)

We hope you can help make it a success!

What will it be?

We'll be accepting books for the Swap starting NOW through May 25th.

For every book donated, your student will receive a golden ticket, good for one book at the Swap.

We'll also accept cash! -- \$1.00 for hardcovers, \$0.50 for paperbacks.

Any proceeds will benefit the Library and will help us to continue to purchase a variety of materials for our students. All unclaimed books will be donated to [More Than Words](#), a local charity bookstore that gives at-risk teens work training experience.

How can you help?

De-cluttering? Spring Cleaning? Please send your student in to the library with any books you'd like to donate, but especially those you think would be fun for summer.

We'll be baking our favorite cookies and cupcakes for the bakesale that will accompany our Book Swap. If you'd like to contribute a much appreciated edible donation, or have any questions about the Summer Book Swap, please contact [Stephanie Donohue](#).

Thank you very much for your support!

Best wishes,

[Sandy Dow](#)

Upper School Librarian/Senior Spring Project Coordinator

BB&n has reserved a seat for you!

As we near the end of our 4th season of exceptional productions in our renovated Upper School Theater, BB&n is seeking your support to acknowledge and recognize the many individuals whose talents over the years have made the theater program one of the School's hallmarks.

A gift of \$1,000 to our Name a Seat Initiative allows you to honor or remember a family member, faculty member, BB&n drama student, or other special person, and gifts at lower levels are also welcome. All funds raised through this effort will help provide enhanced production facilities suited to the high standards of BB&n's theater education objectives.

For more information visit [the BB&n Theater page](#) or contact [Rachel Loughran](#) in the Office of External Affairs at 617-800-2726 or [via email](#).

Looking forward to seeing you at the final two theater productions of this season:

Upper School Spring Show Schedule

Senior shows are **Wed. May 25 and Thu May 26 at 7:00:** Fun Stuff: Plays by Van Itallie, Williams, Henley and Molnar.

Saturday, June 4th from 8:30 to 11:30 AM

BB&n Community Service Day

Students earn 5 hours of community service credit towards BB&n requirement - Parental sign-up required.

The 5th Annual Wellesley/Weston PMC Kids Ride is Saturday June 4th. Please join us once again as we support our young riders do their part in fighting the war on cancer. As you know, the day will bring with it many happy faces setting off with the goal of riding their bikes and raising money for Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Our job is to keep them safe. In order to do that we need lots of volunteers!

5th Annual Wellesley-Weston PMC Kids Bike Ride
Saturday, June 4, 2011
8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Babson College, Wellesley

Adults and teens 14+ are needed to volunteer. We need help running activities including face painting, staffing water stops, riding as route marshals, supervising games, and serving food. Click on "Volunteer Registration" on the website to sign up. Parents,

please go to <http://kids.pmc.org/> sign up for your student to volunteer (parents and siblings are welcome to sign up as well).

Any questions, please contact [Susan Flahive](#).

Upcoming Events at the US

Save the Dates!

SENIOR DIRECTED PLAY:

- Wednesday, May 25th at 7 PM
 - Thursday, May 26th at 7 PM
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VISUAL ART

SENIOR PROJECTS EXHIBIT

- Wednesday, May 25-June 8th
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PERFORMING ART

All BB&n Families Welcome

Upper School Concert Schedule:

Tuesday, May 24th at 7:00 PM

Upper School Chamber Music Concert

Choral/Dance space (Room 210)

Circus Is Cooking!

Tired of not being able to answer "What's for dinner?" WOW your family with recipes from other BB&n families. You can even feed them in style with a BB&n apron.

Not at the school much? No problem! **We will deliver your purchases right to the US front desk.** Cookbooks cost \$20 and aprons are \$20. Buy both for \$35. They make great gifts.

To order, contact [Kim Ainsworth](#). Checks can be made out to BB&n. All proceeds benefit BB&n Financial Aid.

Celebrate 60 years of circus and taste!

Kim Ainsworth and Jackie Stephen
LSPA Vice Presidents and Circus Co-chairs

Every Tuesday at 8:15 AM

All BB&n parents invited

BB&n Upper School Walking Club

We meet **TUESDAYS AT 8:15 AM** in front of the US building. Please invite your BB&n friends to join us for some fresh air and exercise and a chance to chat with other BB&n parents. We walk for 30-45 minutes.

BSO High School Card

Dear BB&n Upper School students,

The Boston Symphony Orchestra has selected BB&n as a pilot school for a new program: the BSO High School Card.

For a one-time \$10 fee per student, this card entitles a student to attend most BSO concerts *for free* from now until May 7th. A card can also be purchased for Lower and Middle School-aged siblings. If you would like to go with a parent or guardian to concerts, they may purchase a reduced-price ticket for that concert for \$30 (normal price for a ticket can be up to \$119, so \$30 is a real bargain for an adult to attend).

Generally, the BSO has concerts on Thursday and Saturday nights at 8:00 PM. They also have some Friday evening (8:00 PM) and some Friday afternoon (1:30 PM) concerts, and a handful of Tuesday night (8:00 PM) concerts. All of the program and date information is available on www.bso.org. The BSO also has a Facebook page with a lot of useful information, as well as a weekly podcast available on iTunes and on the BSO website.

If you are interested in a BSO High School Card, please contact either [Nina Newport](#), [Michael Siao](#), or [me \(Brian Reasoner\)](#) and one of us can sell you a card (\$10 - bookslip, check, or cash). Usually, students can pick up a ticket in person at Symphony Hall right before a concert. However, if you know several days in advance of a concert you'd like to see, you can contact Nina or Michael, and they can have the box office reserve a ticket for you in your name. Seating is reserved for these concerts, so you'll get a better seat if you reserve one ahead of time.

Thanks, and I hope many of you will be interested in taking advantage of this great opportunity.

[Brian Reasoner](#)

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Buckingham Browne & Nichols School

