

OCTOBER 2009

GRADE 12 PA NEWSLETTER

Dear Senior Parents,

We hope that you and your seniors are getting off to a wonderful start! We enjoyed seeing most of you at the recent Lift Off dinner and look forward to seeing more of you at the various parent and student events. Many parents have volunteered to help but we will need more volunteers for such a busy year. It's not too late to be involved, even if you only have a small amount of time to contribute. Please don't hesitate to sign up when you get a link to an event Doodle.

Senior Portraits:

You recently received a letter from Pierre Chiha, the photographer in charge of taking the Senior portraits. The photo sessions started last week - Senior Dean Louise Makrauer has sign up sheets on her door for the sessions. Each student is responsible for signing up for a 15 minute sitting time. Times are available throughout the day until the end of the day, **Wednesday, October 1st**. There will be retake sessions available at a later date. Please note that sitting for a photo does not obligate parents or students to make a purchase and financial aid is available for the photos. Ask Louise about this option. You can find information about the photographer at www.pierre.com. Photos will be posted to his website usually the day after the sitting. In order to access them go to the proofing session and enter the session ID: lastnamemmdd_bbn (mmdd is the student's birth month and date). You can order photos online under a secure link.

Yearbook:

Soon you will be receiving a letter from the yearbook staff explaining the process of submitting senior parent ads for the class of 2010. These ads underwrite a substantial amount of the cost of the yearbook and offer parents an opportunity to acknowledge their child's BB&N years. Jostens Publishing is the company that produces our yearbook. We will include instructions from them for submitting an ad online. Alternative instructions for submitting ads to the yearbook staff at BB&N are also included.

Seniors are also preparing their individual page for the yearbook. Their deadline is **TUESDAY OCTOBER 20**.

Save these dates in October:

Monday 5th 8 AM Senior Parent Coffee Stonestreet Lounge Amy Selinger and John Merrill will be available to answer college-related questions.

Saturday 10th SAT I & II at BB&N

Monday 12th No School Columbus Day

Tuesday 13th College Visiting Day. No Classes for Seniors.

Friday 23rd Parent Potluck in Cambridge. Details to follow.

Saturday 24th ACT. Also Homecoming Celebration

Friday 30th TREATS! Halloween BBQ sponsored by senior parents

Upper School PA Newsletter

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Dear Upper School Parents:

The school year is off to a great start and the USPA is no exception! We just co-hosted with the Upper School our first meeting, 'Meet the Deans and Transitions and New Beginnings'. Each Upper School Dean spoke on their respective areas, highlighting upcoming events and expectations for the year. Then, Upper School Director Jack Knapp spoke, customizing Dr. Richard Light's ten tips for the successful student in the BB&N environment. Head of School Rebecca T. Upham closed the evening praising the work of Dr. Knapp after he announced his retirement at the end of this school year. The room was overflowing with parents and was a great kick-off to the myriad events we have scheduled this year.

Sincerely,

Lisa Aulet, Tammy McLeod, Maureen DiChiara, and Kasey Kaufman
Your USPA Leadership Team

Show Your School Spirit and Support the Financial Aid Program!

[Click Here to Shop BB&N Products](#)

Next USPA Event: Thursday, October 22nd at 7pm

"Checking the Box: Changes to the Common App & How Your Child's Risky Behavior Might Affect the College Process"

Dr. John Knight, the Director of the Center for Adolescent Substance Abuse Research (CeASAR) at Children's Hospital will talk about "Why Smart Kids Make Risky Choices: How Parents can Protect Your Teen's Life and Future". Please plan on joining us for another terrific evening.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Calling all volunteers for **One School-One World**.

This fabulous multicultural event, linking all three campuses will be held Saturday, November 14th at the Upper School from 11am-2pm. If you missed the first one, held in November 2007, it was a wild, colorful, exciting day, with hundreds coming together to be part of our extraordinary and diverse BB&N community. For this event, we need volunteers to do the following:

- One (or two) parent/s to work with Upper School Art Department exhibit
- Parents to organize Upper School food station
- A parent to help identify student performance pieces for Upper School center stage (we need three performances per campus).
- To encourage and identify parents who wish to have a cultural table at the event. (Examples: we had a Japan table, an India table, and a Mideastern table headed by parents. They had maps, photos, music, food, crafts.)

Please email Kate O'Kelly at klokld@yahoo.com if you can volunteer. Thanks.

Upcoming Events

10/22 (Thur) USPA Event:
Risky Behavior and the College Process

11/12 (Thur) USPA Event:
State of the Upper School: How far we've come and where we are going

11/14 (Sat.)
One School-One World

Please see our website for more details