

Middle School Parents' Association - April 25, 2009

Dear Middle School Parents,

We needed to send out a few reminders as well as some important information and dates for May so you can all plan accordingly! There is also some information that is grade specific. Please pay close attention to 7th or 8th grade activities. There are several opportunities for parents to volunteer at the upcoming events and truthfully, parent volunteers are crucial for their success and that is why we are sending out a lot of the information now. Put the dates on your calendar and please give a lot of thought to helping out. We know how busy the spring is, but we need you! Thank you and as always, please feel free to e-mail us with any questions you may have!

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Amy Sucoff, Laura Nevill, Catherine Mandile and Lucia Marshall

What's Going on this Month and Next?

Monday, April 27 - 7:00pm - 8th Graders and their parents are invited to the Upper School for an overview of the Upper School Program.

Wednesday, April 29 - PIN Meeting (Parents' Independent School Network) - 9:15am - The Park School - Community Service is the topic of the meeting. BB&N will receive a Community Service Recognition Award for their work in community service. PIN is an organization committed to facilitating communication and sharing ideas between independent schools. If you are interested, please come and show your support for BB&N and specifically Martha Newport, who helps organize and promote BB&N's commitment to community service. If you have any questions, please contact Maura Connolly at Maura_connolly@comcast.net.

Thursday, April 30 - 7:00pm - Dr. Richard Ginsburg - US Nicholas Athletic Center - We invite you to join us on Thursday, April 30, for an evening with Dr. Richard Ginsburg. His presentation will take place at the Nicholas Athletic Center from 7:00-8:30PM. Dr. Ginsburg is the co-director of the Sports Psychology Program at Massachusetts General Hospital, a faculty member at Harvard Medical School, and co-author of *Whose Game Is It Anyway?* He will be spending the day at BB&N and will offer several presentations to students, coaches, faculty, and parents. His talks will focus on balancing academics and athletics, how to take care of oneself physically, how to pursue excellence in a healthy and balanced way, the importance of humility, and some stats about collegiate sports.

Saturday, May 2 - 11:00am-2:00pm - BB&N Circus - Lower School Campus - As always, this fabulous circus will gather together the entire BB&N community for a day full of games, rides, music, crafts, entertainment, and student performances. All ages are welcome! All proceeds benefit BB&N's financial aid program. The Circus Committee is seeking donations of books and sporting goods. In addition, volunteers are needed--contact Circus Chair Janine Cozier at coziers@rcn.com if you can help.

Wednesday, May 6 - 7th Grade Carnival - 10:30am-2:00pm - MS - The 7th graders will cap off their studies of Latin America with a Carnival with activities and a feast prepared by the students themselves. 4-8 parent volunteers are needed to help with set-up and food warming from 10:30am-2:00pm. Please contact Catherine Mandile at cb.mandile@gmail.com or Lucia Marshall at luciamarshall@gmail.com if you wish to help.

Friday, May 8 - 6:00pm - BB&N Evening for Financial Aid - Nicholas Athletic Center - Please join BB&N parents, alumni/ae, past parents, grandparents, faculty, staff, and friends on Friday, May 8, for a festive evening to celebrate our school community and support BB&N's financial aid program, a hallmark of the BB&N educational experience throughout our history. Featured speaker Paul S. Grogan, P '08, President and CEO of The Boston Foundation, will share his thoughts about the importance of diversity, supported by a strong financial aid program, to ensure that our students are educated in an environment that reflects the world they will enter when they graduate. The evening will also include an opportunity to participate in BB&N's first online auction, going live at 6PM on April 24th, with all proceeds to benefit financial aid. Watch your email for further details. For more information about the auction or to donate items contact auction@bbns.org.

Event Details:

- Cocktail Reception, Dinner, and other Special Presentations
- Business Attire
- Complimentary Valet Parking

Tickets:

- ** \$50 per person
- ** \$25 for alumni/ae in Classes 1999-2008
- ** Current and Former Faculty & Staff are invited as our guests

Please CLICK HERE: <http://www.bbns.org/news/1931> for more details.

Friday May 15 - 2:00pm - Middle School Spirit Day -Upper School - We are pleased to announce that a Spring "Spirit Day" will be celebrated at the Middle School on Friday, May 15th to honor all of our 7th and 8th grade student athletes who work so hard at their respective sports and fitness programs. There will be a "pep rally" at 1 pm (parents are invited to attend). Please come over to watch all the MS teams, which are scheduled to be playing HOME games (thanks to the scheduling efforts of Rick Foresteire) that afternoon. Teams will be assigned a specific munchies or treat to bring or make. Please contact Alba Lopez at albalopez@aol.com if you have any questions. Schedule of games to follow.

Monday, May 18 - 6:00pm-8:00pm - Girl Talk -Upper School - All 8th grade girls and their mothers are invited to an evening of "Girl Talk" at the Upper School. This program is hosted by the Upper School Women's Issues Group (WIG) which invites incoming ninth grade girls to discuss their wishes and worries about their high school social life. A dinner/discussion will begin at 6:00pm. If you have any questions about this event please call Debbie Dzierzak at 617-800-2295.

Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day - No School

Tuesday, May 26-May 29 - 2PM Dismissal - End of Spring Sports

Thursday, May 28 - 7th Grade Field Day - 11:00am-2:00pm - Upper School - Homerooms will participate in field games and then the PA provides a BBQ at the Upper School. If you are interested in helping please contact Catherine Mandile at cb.mandile@gmail.com or Lucia Marshall at luciamarshall@gmail.com.

Friday, May 29 - Final Assembly - Last Day for 7th Graders - 1PM Dismissal

Monday, June 1 - 8th Grade Field Day - Upper School - 12:15pm-2:00pm - Students will participate in closing ceremony rehearsal and then a Field Day. The PA helps organize lunch for the 8th graders from 12:00-2:00pm. If you are interested in helping, please contact Laura Nevill at LNevill@challiance.org or Amy Sucoff at amyandy@comcast.net. More details will follow.

Tuesday, June 2 -8th Grade Closing Ceremonies

Tuesday, June 2 - 8th Grade End-of-Year Party - 7:30pm-10:00pm - Cambridge Boat House - If interested in volunteering as a chaperone or in planning the event, please contact Susan Corcoran at stcorc@gmail.com.