



BJH HIGHLIGHTS

WELCOME TO BROOKLYN JUNIOR HIGH!

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 3: First day of school after Winter Break

January 10: J.H. Honor Band, 7:30 pm (OSH)

January 11: 7th Grade Girls & 8th Grade Vivace Choirs, 7:30 pm, PC Auditorium

January 15: NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

January 16: Site Council, 4:30 pm, Main Office Conference Room; Parents Involved in Education (PIE), 6:00 pm, Main Office Conference Room

January 17: Progress Report Day

January 18: Parent/Teacher Conferences (Arena), 3:30-8:30 pm

January 23: Parent/Teacher Conferences (Classroom), 3:30-8:30 pm

January 25: 7th Grade Boys & 8th Grade Presto Choirs, 7:30 pm, PC Auditorium

February 8: Honors Choir, All Day (MGJH)

February 13: Site Council, 4:30 pm, Main Office Conference Room

February 16: NO SCHOL for students (Licensed Staff Workshop)

February 19: NO SCHOOL (President's Day)

February 27: 7th-9th Grade Orchestra, 7:30 pm, PC Auditorium

What's New at BJH

By Giuseppe Mendolia, Principal

Before and After School Activities

Our new cultural liaison, Sterling Adams (AdamsS@district279.org), has organized a number of opportunities for students to participate in: AM Hoops, Step Team, Break Dancing, Sister to Sister, and Y-Men Rap. We have also benefited from the 21st Century grant coordinated by Mr. Erling (ErlingR@district279.org). Currently we have an Art Club, Photo Club and Teen Night.

Technology

We have a eleven teachers involved in the TICT (Technology Integration Collaborative Teachers) initiative.

'The TICT Initiative mission is to empower a cadre of teachers who seamlessly integrates technology within District 279 curriculum to ensure learner success.'

These teachers receive ceiling-mounted LCD projectors for their classrooms and have to commit to advance technology training. TICT teachers in the math department also received document cameras which replace the old overhead projectors. For more information on the District's TICT initiative visit www.district279.org/departments/InstructionalMediaTech/TICT/. Check out Mr. Winberg's (TICT teacher) class project **BJH Rocket video** (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lf68ciOTNHI>).

Three new wireless hubs were recently installed on the second floor and we have plans to go wireless throughout the building. Teachers can now use the new mobile wireless laptop labs in their classrooms for research work.

Ask your child about the technology changes at BJH.

Mark Your Calendars for Conferences!

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled to take place on Thursday, January 18 (arena) from 3:30-8:30 pm and on Tuesday, January 23 (classroom) from 3:30-8:30 pm.

We hope to see you there!

Stay Tuned for Testing Info

Maybe by now most of us know what the MCA's are. But how about "TEALS" or "TEAE"? What's all that about?!

Keep an eye out for our next issue (March/April). We will have a schedule of upcoming tests your students will be taking. Also our new Testing Coordinator, Christine Weatherman, will explain to us in "parentese" what it all means, and how you can help your students prepare for the tests.

Volunteer News

By Laurie Dvorak, Volunteer Coordinator

We have a variety of opportunities for volunteer involvement coming up in January. Take a look at the list below, and if you see something that would be a good fit for you, please let me know. You may call me at **763-569-7748**, or e-mail me at **dvorakl@district279.org**. We appreciate all the time our BJ volunteers are willing to give. We couldn't keep everything going without you!

- ◆ **CARNATION SALES:** Orders will be taken for carnations during all three lunches, 11:10-12:40, Monday-Friday, January 22-26.
- ◆ **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES:** Volunteers needed to sit at tables to greet and direct parents as they attend conferences. Two days: Thursday, January 18, and Tuesday, January 23. Shifts are 3:30-6:00 and 6:00-8:30 p.m.
- ◆ **WINTER CONFERENCES SUPPER FOR TEACHERS:** On the first night of conferences, Thursday, January 18, we would like to provide a hot meal for our teachers before they begin their long evening of conferences. Donations of food items and financial contributions are needed. Please let me know of your interest, and specific details will be provided.

BJH 2006/07 YEARBOOK "Capture the Moment"

By Barbara Kinsmith, Yearbook Advisor

Looking for a gift idea for your Brooklyn Junior High student? "Capture the Moment" is the theme of the 2007 yearbook. Only one book captures this year's incredible events and experiences — a 2007 yearbook. Remember all the friends, fashion, fun, favorite teachers, classes, games, music, art, dances and everything in-between. You may order a yearbook for your student now to ensure a copy. Nearly half of this year's books have already been sold! The price of the book is now \$23.00, and this will be the last chance to add personalization. Order forms are available from your student's English teacher, in the Media Center, or on the Brooklyn Junior High website. Spring price will be \$25.00 and no personalization will be available after January 12th. The winter sale dates remaining are January 3-12, 2007.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HONOR ROLL STUDENTS!

Wow! Great job, BJ students! For Trimester I, we had 73 seventh grade students, 93 eighth grade students, and 86 ninth grade students on the "A" Honor Roll. They enjoyed an Honor Roll Breakfast to celebrate their success. Congratulations!

And we also extend our congratulations to the many "B" Honor Roll students, who received their certificates during lunch. There were 128 seventh graders, 154 eighth graders, and 126 ninth graders.

Keep up the good work!

Check us out on the web...

www.district279.org/sec/bjh

- Announcements
- Lunch Menus
- Media Center Info
- School Calendar
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Athletic Schedules

AND MUCH MORE!



BJH STUDENT COUNCIL: Continuing Old and New Traditions in 2007

By Gwen Rosha Lanoue, Student Council Advisor

Pennies for Patients. The BJH Student Council is out to break our fundraising goal! Last year, we raised over \$3700 for the Minnesota Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and we want to top that in 2007. We will be hosting the drive from January 22 until February 9. All donations are very welcomed and are tax deductible (please ask for a receipt). We also welcome our motivational speakers and leukemia survival heroes on January 25 during all lunches. Thank you in advance for contributing anything you can. "A penny truly makes a difference."



Carnation Sale. Carnation orders will be for sale during all lunches Monday through Friday, January 22 through 26. **Special for parents: Carnation orders will also be for sale during conferences on Thursday, January 18, and Tuesday, January 23.** Carnations are \$1 (*and parents, you need to know the name of your students' first hour teacher*). What a great way to let your students know you are thinking of them!



All carnations will be delivered during lunch on Valentine's Day, February 14th.

The 2007 Ninth Grade Dance. The Ninth Grade Dance will be held Friday, February 9, at the Brooklyn Park Community Center. Dress code is semi-formal (no inappropriate outfits, or you will be asked to leave). Pop and candy will be sold, as well as glow items. Tickets will be on sale in advance ONLY from February 5-9, for \$10. No tickets will be sold at the door. All guests must have a student ID, be signed up to attend when the tickets are purchased, and be in at least 8th grade.

Ninth graders, come attend the biggest and best dance of the year!

Best Wishes on the Upcoming New Year From the BJH Media Center

By Janelle Charlton, Library Media Specialist

We have been very busy this year with students checking out more than 4000 books since the beginning of the school year. Students often have time to check out books with their English classes, before their first hour, and with a pass from a teacher.

The Brooklyn Junior High's Media Center website has a link to "Destiny", our book search catalog, in addition to many book recommendations. Visit the BJH website at <http://www.district279.org/sec/bjh> and click on "Media Center".

Are you looking for some great book suggestions? Here are some favorites of the Media Center Staff — all located in the BJH Library!

- ◆ *Uglies*, by Scott Westerfield
- ◆ *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*, by Ann Brashares
- ◆ *Peter and the Starcatchers*, by Barry Pearson
- ◆ *Catherine, Called Birdy*, by Karen Cushman
- ◆ *A Great and Terrible Beauty*, by Libba Bray
- ◆ *House of the Scorpion*, by Nancy Farmer
- ◆ *Ender's Game*, by Orson Scott Card

Some recent arrivals include:

- ◆ *The Loud Silence of Francine Green*, by Karen Cushman
- ◆ *Black Duck*, by Janet Taylor Lisle
- ◆ *Love, Football, and Other Contact Sports*, by Alden R. Carter
- ◆ *Koyal Dark, Mango Sweet*, by Kashmira Sheth
- ◆ *Sand Dollar Summer*, by Kimberly K. Jones
- ◆ *Dairy Queen*, by Katherine Murdock
- ◆ *Mortal Engines*, by Phillip Reeve
- ◆ *Clay*, by David Almond



BLING UPDATE

October Winners

"A" Lunch: Sean, Alex, Sandy, Kelvin

"B" Lunch: Alicia, Zakkiyya, Greg, Cheilahg

"C" Lunch: Carly, Austin, Aminata, Jessica

November Winners

"A" Lunch: John, Jehbeh, Tyler, Nick

"B" Lunch: Sara, Kristina, Jakari, Sonnah, Josh

"C" Lunch: Kathelyn, Amanda, Josh, Dua Chi

Congratulations to these 25 students who won the BLING drawings and received "royal" treatment, a Davanni's lunch, and other prizes from local businesses. Please show your appreciation to the following establishments for supporting our Brooklyn Junior students and their good behavior: Davanni's, Panera, Culvers, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Baker's Square, Grand Rios, Brunswick Zone, 50's Grill, Rainbow Foods, and Arby's.

Congratulations to ALL our students who were "caught" being good and earned BLING coupons!
Keep up the great work!



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