

## BTA WEEKLY BULLETIN



JUNE 3, 2010

### SCHOOLWIDE PRAYER & THE AWARDS CEREMONY

**Frank Guerra (Michael '08), Assistant Headmaster, [fguerra@bostontrinity.org](mailto:fguerra@bostontrinity.org)**

Students, parents, teachers, staff and guardians - everyone is invited to school June 4 for Schoolwide Prayer beginning with coffee and muffins at 7:30am. Prayer will be in the Chapel from 7:40 - 8:10am. This will be a special time to thank God for the service of Drs. Tim and Katie Wiens. We will also be praying for the many transitions that will be taking place at BTA in the coming year. See attached flyer.

Directly following the prayer service we will hold our annual Awards Ceremony to recognize the achievements of our students and to wish our departing faculty members farewell. We are also saying good-bye and honoring Tim and Katie Wiens at the ceremony, which will be followed by a celebratory send-off party at BTA.

Please join us for both events, as they will be exciting parts of the week-long, year-ending commencement ceremonies. Thank you for all you have done as members of the growing BTA family. I look forward to seeing many of you.

Please remind your student that chapel dress is required. In order to accommodate the Awards Ceremony in the morning and the student's Ice Cream Social in the afternoon, students will not be finished at school on Friday, June 4 until 3:30pm.

### TRINITY INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

**Mike Chen, Director, [mchen@bostontrinity.org](mailto:mchen@bostontrinity.org)**

Chapel offerings in support of Hope House this academic year total \$3413.15.

### SPORTS NEWS

**Karl Simon, Athletic Director, [ksimon@bostontrinity.org](mailto:ksimon@bostontrinity.org)**

**UNIFORM RETURN**- Students will not be eligible to receive their book list or final schedule if uniforms have not been returned or lost items paid for. Please make sure your student has turned in all of their items (washed). If you have questions about what your student owes or needs to return, please contact Mr. Simon.

### UPPER SCHOOL EXAMS

**Tim Belk, Dean of Academics, [tbelk@bostontrinity.org](mailto:tbelk@bostontrinity.org)**

Upper School Exam Schedule

Upper school students need to be at BTA, on time and in uniform, for their exam blocks. If students do not have an exam, they are not required to be at school. Juniors who took AP courses or Biology have already taken their final exam in those subjects.

### **Tuesday, June 8th**

8:20-10:20 History  
12:00-2:00 Bible

### **Wednesday, June 9th**

8:20-9:00 Chapel (required for all students)  
9:05-11:05 Foreign Language  
12:40-2:40 Science

### **Thursday, June 10th**

8:20-10:20 English  
12:00-2:00 Math

## **8TH GRADE MOVING UP DAY**

### **Rebekah Guerra (Mike '08), Coordinator, [rguerra@bostontrinity.org](mailto:rguerra@bostontrinity.org)**

On Wednesday, June 9, at 8:20am, Boston Trinity Academy will be celebrating the eighth grade's successful completion of middle school. The class will present its class banner and each student will be publicly recognized. The middle school choir will be performing. Parents and guardians of eighth grade students are encouraged to attend and to join their children for an informal reception in the dining hall immediately after chapel.

## **PHYSICS NEWS**

### **6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BTA ROCKET LAUNCH**

Mike Chen, [mchen@bostontrinity.org](mailto:mchen@bostontrinity.org), Ioana Chirieac (Cassandra '12, Andrea '13), [ichirieac@bostontrinity.org](mailto:ichirieac@bostontrinity.org)



BTA Physics is pleased to announce the **6<sup>th</sup> Annual BTA Rocket Launch Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup>**, in the big parking lot, starting at **2:45pm (please note the time has changed)**. Physics students have worked hard to design and build their own rockets out of scrap materials, using their bold imaginations and creativity. Parents, guardians, and friends are all invited to this memorable event to cheer and support our physics students as they reach for the sky!

## **BUSINESS OFFICE**

**Ann Connors, Business Director, [aconnors@bostontrinity.org](mailto:aconnors@bostontrinity.org)**

If you received an email or phone call from the school in the past few weeks regarding outstanding bills and you have not yet paid, please do so before student check out begins on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Students with outstanding account balances will not receive their course assignments, class schedules, book list or summer reading list until all bills are paid. If you have made your payment in the past few weeks, thank you.

## **END OF THE YEAR REMINDERS**

**Timothy Belk (Samuel '16), Dean of Academics, [tbelk@bostontrinity.org](mailto:tbelk@bostontrinity.org)**

### **BOOKS**

#### **Textbook Buy Back**

BTA's online book seller, *Budgetext*, will be at BTA on Friday, June 11 from 9am-1pm to buy back used textbooks from this year. While textbooks that remain on the BTA booklist will receive the most money, *Budgetext* will price other textbooks as well.

Textbooks should be brought to the PC lab where the company representatives will price your items and give cash for books. **If parents would like to receive the cash directly**, parents should arrange a time to attend the buy back. If students are sent to the buy back, they will receive the cash directly. Please work this out with your student in advance, as we do not have the ability to itemize, hold cash for pick-up, or issue checks.

### A Novel Idea

Paperback novels are not worth much on the used book circuit, but we know they are valuable to you! Since *Budgetext* is not buying back used novels, the Parent Association will once again run a book swap for novels. See information under "Parent Association" below.

### SUMMER SCHOOL

Any student planning to attend a summer school program, and wanting to receive credit for coursework done over the summer, must get approval from Timothy Belk, Dean of Academics, **before the school year ends.**

### SENIOR CHECK OUT

All seniors must complete a check-out process. This will take place between June 4 and June 10 and involves locker clean-out, confirmation of paid fees and lock returns.

Seniors may collect any books they want to sell to Budgetext and keep them here at BTA.

However, seniors must return to BTA on before 10am June 11, while the Budgetext representative is at school, to sell the books directly to Budgetext. Any books left here on June 11, after 10am, will become the property of BTA.

We encourage seniors to donate their novels from AP English to the novel swap so that upcoming seniors may use these novels. Novels can be dropped off anytime in the front office.

### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - Friday, June 11

On the last day of school dismissal will begin at 11am and continue until noon (please note this time change) for all students. If you will be picking up your student please do so by noon.

### NEXT YEAR REMINDERS

Timothy Belk (Samuel '16), Dean of Academics, [tbelk@bostontrinity.org](mailto:tbelk@bostontrinity.org)

### STUDENT COURSE SELECTION

If you have a student returning to BTA next year, he/she received a Course Request Form last week. This form is to ensure that students, parents, and advisors are aware of next year's course load. Please note that Course Request Forms are not a guarantee of promotion or of actual schedules. Grade promotion and student schedules will be determined over the next 3-4 weeks. Families will receive an email confirmation no later than June 25th when course schedules are fixed for next year. At that point students and their parents or guardians will be able to access final schedules on Veracross.

Course lists, summer reading requirements and booklists for next year will be available to re-enrolled students once they have been cleared of all fees for the current school year. Such fees may include: lost lock (\$25), lost athletics uniform or fees owed to the business office. Please note that students who have not completed the re-enrollment process will not receive course lists.

Checkout will take place Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Checkout will be available to upper schoolers during the exam break on Thursday and to middle schoolers during their lunch

period. Additionally, checkout will be available Friday morning from 10:00-12:00. This process will take place in the dining hall and questions regarding course assignments can be answered at that time. Final student schedules (with periods, teachers and room assignments) will be available on Veracross in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August. Any schedule related questions at that point can be directed to the Dean of Academics.

### **BOOK LIST**

The booklist for 2010-2011 will be distributed with student course lists on Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. The *Budgettext* online store will be ready for purchasing in July. *Budgettext* is busy trying to locate as many used copies of our books as possible and we hope that this company, and their web interface, will lessen your need to browse many sites. The company will issue every student/family a code so that when you access the site, your student's courses, along with the needed books, will be displayed automatically. You will receive your code before the store goes online. You will have the option to choose used books as long as they have used books in their inventory.

### **SUMMER READING LIST**

Also available on June 10<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup> during check-out is the summer reading list from the English department. Additionally, certain AP classes may also have summer work. Juniors or seniors taking AP Calculus, AP Biology or AP European History may have additional summer assignments, which will be available at checkout.

**Audrey Truitt, [atruitt@bostontrinity.org](mailto:atruitt@bostontrinity.org)**

### **UNIFORMS**

Attached to this email please find the following:

- Boys & Girls School and Athletic Uniform List;
- JB Edward Uniform Price List; and
- Land's End Uniform ordering information;
- myLord Clothing Company ordering information

*This company is owned by Ben Carter.*

You may order uniforms from the following sources:

- myLord Clothing Company, order forms attached, BTA receives 10% of each purchase;
- [www.schoolidentity.com](http://www.schoolidentity.com), BTA receives 10% of each purchase;
- JB Edward in Roslindale;
- [www.landsend.com/school](http://www.landsend.com/school), BTA receives 3% of each uniform purchase; and from
- [www.prepsportswear.com](http://www.prepsportswear.com), gym uniforms only, BTA receives 10% of each purchase.

We expect BTA students to come to school dressed neatly in their complete uniform. The look of the uniform is professional, not casual. Therefore, cargo pants, pants with studs, baggy or frayed hemmed pants, corduroys, and any jean-like pants are not acceptable. Shoes resembling a sneaker, as well as boots (ex. Timberland), are also not acceptable. Only plain white shirts may be worn under the BTA uniform shirt, no colored t-shirts or shirts with logos and printing. Students who arrive out of uniform will be written up with a uniform violation and be given appropriate consequences.

Students may wear either a green or white long or short sleeved polo shirt with the BTA logo or their white dress shirt (boys with a tie and blue blazer) except on chapel days. On chapel days all students must wear their white dress shirts, boys with a tie, blue blazer and khaki pants; girls with a

plaid or khaki skirt. We suggest that students own more than one BTA athletic uniform. Upper School sports teams practice every day, even in inclement weather. Please assist your student in choosing regulation uniform items.

## BACCALAUREATE & GRADUATION

**Tim Wiens, Headmaster, [twiens@bostontrinity.org](mailto:twiens@bostontrinity.org)**

I would like to invite all members of the BTA community to join us for the Annual Baccalaureate Service on Sunday, June 6, at 2pm in the chapel at BTA. This is the last worship service of the year and the final worship service for the class of 2010 as members of the BTA student body. Our speaker this year will be Pastor John Chung, Minister of Missions at Park Street Church. We look forward to this time of worship and celebration as a community prior to the start of a new chapter in many of our students' lives.



You are cordially  
invited to attend the

Boston Trinity Academy  
Class of 2010  
Graduation Ceremony

Thursday, June 10, 2010  
7:00 pm

Holy Name Church  
1689 Centre Street  
West Roxbury, MA

For directions, please visit: [www.holynameparish.com/html/directions](http://www.holynameparish.com/html/directions)

On Thursday, June 10 the building will close at 4pm to enable faculty and staff to attend graduation.

## PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

**Becky Manos (Jonathan '12, Abby '15) President, [beckymanos@gmail.com](mailto:beckymanos@gmail.com), 617-529-6565**

**Used Novel Swap & Uniform Sale - Friday, June 11**

Because Budgettext will only buy back textbooks, the PA will hold a book swap for novels (non-text books). For those of you who would like to swap your novels please plan to bring them in on Thursday, June 10 to the front office for processing. The actual swap will take place on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, with the Used Uniform Sale, in the Library from 8am - 12pm.

Here are the specifics:

- Grades 6 - 11 can donate their novels any day, but no later than Friday morning, June 11.

- Grade 12 can donate their novels, as there is no one to swap it with. If your 12<sup>th</sup> grade student is unable to be here on the 10th, please have him/her drop off their novels to Mrs. Truitt whenever they are able prior to the 10th.
- Incoming 6th graders will have an opportunity to purchase the novels from the current 6th grade at the book swap on June 11 or over the summer for \$3.
- You can only swap for the same number of books you bring in
- If you find fewer books than you brought in we ask that you donate your extra books to the swap.

You may donate, to BTA, your cleaned unwanted uniforms to the front office up until June 10. All items are sold for \$5.00 and the proceeds go to the Parent Association.

We need several more parents to volunteer for this event, setting up on Thursday morning, June 10 from 8:30-11 and on Friday, June 11 during the swap/uniform sale. If you are interested, please contact Becky Manos ([Beckymanos@gmail.com](mailto:Beckymanos@gmail.com)), 617-529-6565, or Linda Montagna ([lmontagna@bostontrinity.org](mailto:lmontagna@bostontrinity.org)). Thanks so much for your help!

### **Thank you, Parents of Athletes!!**

**Linda Montagna PA Vice President (Dan '09, Lily '11, Jodi '13) [Lmontagna@bostontrinity.org](mailto:lmontagna@bostontrinity.org) 617-782-1105**

Many thanks to all the parents who contributed desserts, drinks and veggies to the Sports Award Reception this week. Also, special thanks to all the parents who helped set up, clean up and who served during the Reception. We enjoyed celebrating our athletes and building community.

### **Ongoing Fundraisers**

**Nonve Obiora (Udoka '12), Box Top Coordinator, 617-361-5518**

Enjoy the rest of the school year and have a fabulous, fun filled summer vacation. Keep the spirit alive for next school year and continue to clip those box tops.

**Rita Patnode (Caroline Belge '14), Recycling, [rapatnode@gmail.com](mailto:rapatnode@gmail.com)**



Please recycle all of the following: used cell phones, empty inkjet cartridges, toner cartridges, and even ipods, MP3s, digital cameras, old laptops, GPS devices, game systems, old video games and DVDs. Drop them off in the main office or send them in to school with your child. Thank you for recycling and helping our school and planet!

### **PARENTS IN PRAYER (PIP)**

**Marilyn Kim (Peter Farr '13), [pip.bta@gmail.com](mailto:pip.bta@gmail.com)**

**Wednesdays in the school library 7:30 to 8:10am**

“One of the key reasons for prayerlessness in the Christian life is a theological one. Deep inside, many Christians believe that prayer really doesn’t matter. God is going to do whatever He is going to do and prayer isn’t really going to change anything. If that is so . . . then why pray? Why spend time doing that which is ineffective for change? The answer is that this is bad theology. The Bible clearly teaches that prayer not only changes the person that prays but also it changes situations. Scripture is filled with examples of people who prayed, and, as a result, their situations changed. That is true on a personal scale such as Hannah praying for a son, or on a national scale such as King Jehoshaphat praying for deliverance for Judah. (From The Devil Goes to Church by David Butts, cofounder of Harvest Prayer Ministries).” Come pray with us any (or every) Wednesday morning .Chapel immediately follows. Confidential prayer requests can be made in the secure box

outside the library, or [pip.bta@gmail.com](mailto:pip.bta@gmail.com). We look forward to the school wide prayer this Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am. Hope to see you there.

## ADMINISTRIVIA

### MBTA Passes

From the MBTA: Plastic student CharlieCards currently being used will be turned off on June 30, 2010 and the cards will no longer work after that date. Cards that are turned off will not be accepted for travel on the MBTA system. **Please inform students that if they have a balance on their CharlieCard it must be spent down to zero prior to the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.** There will be no refunds issued for remaining balances on Student CharlieCards. There is a limit of only \$10.00 on Student CharlieCards and therefore there is sufficient time to use up any amount on cards by the end of the school year.

### Dates to Remember

June 4, Friday - Prayer Service, 7:40am; Awards Chapel, 8:20am

June 6, Sunday - Baccalaureate Service, 2pm

June 7, Monday - Senior Dinner, 6pm

June 8, Tuesday - June 10, Thursday - Upper School Exams

June 9, Wednesday - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up Day, 8:20am, Senior Graduation Practice, 10am  
Rocket Launch, 2:45pm

June 10, Thursday - Graduation, 7pm; Building Closes at 4pm

June 11, Friday - Last Day of School, Noon Dismissal; Book & Uniform Sale, Novel Swap

Please go to <http://www.bostontrinity.org/athletics/game.php> for the latest games schedules.

