



# Brookfield Academy

## NEWS

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### Head Lines

BY ELAINE ROTTMAN, COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING DIRECTOR

"... to treat others at all times with kindness and respect." That phrase from the Lower School Prayer captures the essence of etiquette. Brookfield Academy is a great school because our students are eager to meet the high level of expectation we hold for showing others courtesy and respect at all times. Where but Brookfield Academy will you see Lower School students stand and greet adults who enter the classroom? Or Middle School students juggle an arm load of books to hold a door open for an adult? Or Upper School students ask adults how they are doing—with genuine interest?

Reason, thoughtfulness, and kindness are our guides. We teach children to employ the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." We expect students take care of their books and school property; to use playground and athletic equipment properly and to be willing to share; to complete homework on time; to be ready on time for rides; and to use proper language at all times.

When parents reinforce these mannerly lessons at home, the Academy Triangle is working at full strength. **On Wednesday, Mar. 10, BA presents a lunchtime seminar for parents on "Teaching Children Manners,"** led by etiquette expert Margery Sinclair. Our speaker will provide practical tips for parents on minding manners and how to introduce and reinforce some of the basic rules of etiquette. Lunch will be provided. See the enclosed invitation and remember to use your best manners to RSVP by Mar. 5.

Another seminar for parents, on the topic of **Internet Safety**, will be held on **Wednesday evening, Apr. 14**, with Detective Lagosh from the Brookfield police department as guest speaker. Mark your calendars now for another informative event with practical information every parent can use.

*Elaine Rottman*

### FIVE-STAR SALUTES

**State Swimming Medalists:** Juniors **Jack Donovan** and **Jonathan Marks** brought home two medals apiece from the state swim meet last Friday, Feb. 19, and Donovan broke a state record in the 100 butterfly. See the *Blue Knights Sports Report* for details.

**Hats Off for Hamlet:** Congratulations to the young Upper School cast members who enacted Shakespeare's *Hamlet* over the weekend. The challenge of performing this classic is huge, but with Mr. Sam Belich's direction and outstanding editing, this group did a terrific job.

### ALL-SCHOOL NEWS

**PreK & K Open House, Mar. 9:** Invite a friend or neighbor to learn about our Level A & B programs next Tuesday evening during a 4 p.m.–6 p.m. open house. There will be a story time for children ages 3–5 in the LS library at 4:30 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Call the Admissions Office (262-783-3200) with any questions.

**Basketball Night, Feb. 26:** Parents of senior athletes (boys basketball, boys swimming, and poms) will be introduced prior to the boys varsity game on Friday night. Members of all LS and MS teams will be introduced at halftime. (Girls basketball senior night is Mar. 5.)

**Student Fundraisers for Haiti:** The US Student Council is selling rubber wristbands for \$2 (or donation) apiece to raise funds for Red Cross relief efforts in Haiti. Bracelets are available in all school offices. To date, students in all three divisions have initiated and organized fundraising events for Haiti earthquake relief, from LS bake sales to MS snack sales to an US jeans day, raising \$2,344.

### Middle School Play

## One Acts & Scenes from School Life

Friday & Saturday, Feb. 26 & 27, 7 p.m.

Coming next week: Lower School Musical

*Mr. Bell's Magnificent Ringing Machine*

Friday, Mar. 5, 4 p.m. • Saturday, Mar. 6, 1 p.m. & 2:15 p.m.

Tickets \$5. Purchase a ticket from the division office or at the door. Free ticket with Brookfield Academy Activities Pass. All performances in Constitution Hall.

## BA Calendar ★ Feb. 24–Mar. 5, 2010

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2/24	2/25	2/26	2/27	2/28	3/1	3/2	3/3	3/4	3/5
LS Reviews/Exams US Hot Lunch Boys BB vs. Heritage Christian (H); JV-5:45 pm, V-7:30 pm	LS Reviews/Exams <b>Schedule change:</b> Girls BB vs. St. Joan Antida (A); JV-5:45 pm, V-7:30 pm	LS Reviews/Exams Boys BB vs. USM (H); Fr-4:15, JV-5:45, V-7:30 pm LS/MS Basketball Night MS One-Acts, 7 pm	MS One-Acts, 7 pm US Sadie Hawkins Dance			Girls BB vs. HOPE (A); JV-5:45 pm, V-7:30 pm Boys BB Regional Playoff with Wayland (H); V-7 pm			LS report cards sent home LS Musical, 4 pm Girls BB vs. USM (H); V-7:30 pm

### Summer Days Online Registration:

Course offerings will be available online at [brookfieldacademy.org](http://brookfieldacademy.org) on or before Mar. 1. New this year is online registration, with payment by VISA or Mastercard. Print catalogs will be sent home after Spring Break. Contact summer program director Carolyn Nowacki with any questions ([carolyn.nowacki@brookfieldacademy.org](mailto:carolyn.nowacki@brookfieldacademy.org)).

**Italy 2011:** The deadline to sign up under 2009 prices is Mar. 1. Current Level 8–11 students are welcome to join Mrs. Osier and Mr. Wyer in Italy next spring break. Contact either of them for more information.

**Call for Blenders:** Do you have a blender collecting dust in the pantry? Please consider donating it to the LS art classroom where it can be used for making paper pulp.

### US NEWS

**Wisconsin Leaders of Tomorrow:** Photo boards are on display in the US library through Mar. 12.

**Chess News:** Any student who is not currently a member of the BA chess team but plans to compete in the state championship meet Mar. 19-21 should contact Mr. Reiner.

### MS NEWS

**MS Service Opportunities:** Sign up now for these volunteer activities.

- **Mar. 4** - Perform in a talent show at the Congregational Home
- **Mar. 11** - Serve a meal at the Salvation Army

**Re-gifting:** Thanks to all who gave items for "re-gifting," the MS sent 85 new toys and gifts to the Sojourner Family Peace Center to use as birthday presents throughout the year.

### Development/Volunteer Events



#### Win, Place, Show!

The Dinner Auction's Five Star Raffle, sponsored by Beyer Construction, kicks off next week! **Grand Prize: \$5,000 - Second Prize: \$1,500 - Third Prize: \$500**

Tickets are \$20 each or six for \$100. Purchase six tickets by Mar. 12 and Dinner Auction volunteers will add a seventh ticket to the drawing for you absolutely FREE! The winners will be drawn during *A Knight At The Derby* dinner auction on Saturday, May 1. You need not be present to win. Additional tickets are available in the Development Office in Founders Hall. All proceeds will help pay for the improvements needed in Constitution, Liberty, and Freedom Halls before Lower and Middle School students change buildings in September.

#### The Golden Ticket - an US raffle sponsored by the Dinner Auction

Students in Levels 8–11 may enter to win the coveted Golden Ticket. One lucky winner will get 10 dress-down days of their choice during the 2010-11 school year.\* Tickets are only \$10 each with no limit to the number you can buy. The class that purchases the most tickets will win a pizza party lunch. A flyer with all the details was distributed to student mailboxes this week. Turn in your tickets, and purchase additional tickets, in the Middle and Upper School offices. The drawing will be held on Monday, May 3. \*Some restrictions apply. See Ms. Renkert for details.

#### School store has new hours

The BA spirit wear store, located in the Patriots Hall student commons, will be open every Wednesday morning from 7:45 a.m.–8:30 a.m. Stop by and see what's new in spirit wear.

#### Mark your calendar for these upcoming level socials

**Level 2 – This Thursday, Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m.** Dinner at Haute Taco. Please RSVP to either Kristin Kratoska ([kratoska@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kratoska@sbcglobal.net)) or Debbie York ([york5@wi.rr.com](mailto:york5@wi.rr.com)).

**Levels 6, 7, 8 – The parent bowling social scheduled for Feb. 26 has been cancelled.**

**Current Level A - Mar. 1, 6:30 p.m.** at Vino Cappuccino on Brookfield Rd. Please RSVP by Feb. 25 to either Aimee Weiner ([aimeenolasco@yahoo.com](mailto:aimeenolasco@yahoo.com)) or Debbie York ([york5@wi.rr.com](mailto:york5@wi.rr.com)).

#### Volunteer spotlight

Thanks to Peter Eggert and Jamy Malatesta for organizing a gold-medal winning Middle School social last Friday night. Thanks also to the many MS parents who helped supervise the activities.