

**January  
2006**

# *Briar Woods High School*

*Home of the Falcons*

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We will begin to send our newsletter electronically in addition to posting it on our webpage. If you would like to receive your newsletter electronically, please send your e-mail address to Mrs. Glikas. She may be contacted by phone at 703-957-4400 or by e-mail at [kglikas@loudoun.k12.va.us](mailto:kglikas@loudoun.k12.va.us) or you may send a note to school by your student.

Dear Parents:

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and happy new year! Report cards were sent home with your student on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not seen it, ask your child or contact your child's counselor.

Scheduling of classes for next year has begun. Students will start to select the courses they want to take next year through presentations the counselors will make in English classes. If you have any questions about course selections, graduation requirements, types of diplomas, etc. contact your child's counselor. A more detailed description of the scheduling process is outlined later in this newsletter.

Just a reminder that the student lock-in is scheduled for Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will need several parent volunteers that evening to help with the event. Our PTSO is coordinating the volunteer effort. Any help you could provide would be greatly appreciated. Check our website for updates as the event draws near.

Sincerely,  
Ed Starzenski



**Attendance**

Parents please help!  
When your student is absent, you need to call the attendance line at (703) 957-4400 to notify the school. For your convenience, this is a 24 hour answering machine. If you forget to call on the day of the absence, you must send a note with your student on the day they return to school. Without a phone call or note, the absence will be considered unexcused and disciplinary action will be taken.

**Disability Notice**

If, due to a disability, you need assistance to enable you to participate meaningfully in any LCPS sponsored activities, please contact Principal Starzenski at (703) 957-4400 at least five working days prior to the scheduled activity.

**Student Parking**

Juniors interested in a parking permit may contact Mr. DeCenzo in the main office.

**Early Dismissals**

Parents: When requesting an early dismissal, please send your written request with your student that morning. Ms. Culbert will write them a pass to excuse them at the appropriate time. This will alleviate the need to disrupt the classroom. Thank you for your cooperation.

**LOST AND FOUND**

We have some items in our lost and found that would like to find their true home. Stop by the main office and see if your misplaced item is here. We have clothing, books, calculators, cell phones, jewelry and more. Whatever is not claimed by February 15<sup>th</sup> will be disposed of.

**Academy of Science**

--**Wednesday February 22:** Absolute deadline to submit AOS applications to counselors at the student's home school.

**Drama Department News**

The drama department has been busy! We are already getting ready for our spring production and want to get as many involved as we can!

**On February 25** - We will be having our "Stuff a Truck" event. We have been asking all year for donations to help fill our closets with props, costumes, and furniture. With overwhelming support, we have received plenty of useful items. The "Stuff a Truck" event will be to drive and collect larger furniture donations from the community.

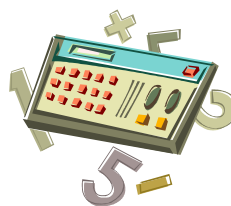
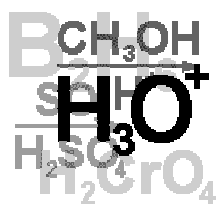
**On March 1 & 2** (4-6pm) we will have auditions for the spring musical "The Wizard of Oz". Any BWHS student is invited to audition.

Winter Workshops have a new schedule. They will be available on the door of the Black Box Theatre or on Mrs. Levi's/Drama Website.

If you have any questions or need information, feel free to check Mrs. Levi's/Drama website or to email.

Loudoun County Public Schools  
2005-2006 Student Calendar

August 29	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
September 5	Holiday (Labor Day)
October 10	Holiday (Columbus Day)
November 4	End of Grading Period
November 7-8	Student Holiday (Planning/Records/Conference Day)
November 23-25	Holiday (Thanksgiving)
December 22-30	Winter Break (Classes Resume January 3)
January 2	Holiday (New Year's)
January 16	Holiday (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
January 20	End of Grading Period
January 23	MOVEABLE STUDENT HOLIDAY *(Planning/Records/Conference Day)
February 20	Holiday (Presidents' Day)
April 6	End of Grading Period
April 7	Student Holiday (Planning/Records/Conference Day)
April 10-14	Spring Break
May 29	Holiday (Memorial Day)
June 14	Last Day of School for Students/End of Grading Period
June 15-16	Planning/Records/Conference Day



2005-2006 Guidance Staff

David Royhab	Guidance Director
Susan James	Counselor for students, A – J
Michelle Hoffmann	Counselor for students, K – Z
Jan Develli	Career Resource Specialist
Stacey Oertly	Guidance Secretary

SAT Dates & Deadlines for 2005-2006

See [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for more details and to register for the SAT. When you register, you will be asked for your school's CEEB code. The Briar Woods CEEB code is: 470-061.

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Deadline	Loudoun Location
April 1, 2006	February 24, 2006	March 8, 2006	Loudoun County HS
May 6, 2006	April 3, 2006	April 12, 2006	Broad Run HS
June 3, 2006	April 28, 2006	May 10, 2006	Park View HS

ACT Dates & Deadlines for 2005-2006

The ACT is different than the SAT in that it tests a student's educational development in four distinct areas: English, Math, Reading and Science. Some students feel that the ACT is better suited for their individual strengths than the SAT. Most colleges will accept either test.

See [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) for more information and to register for the ACT. The Briar Woods registration code is 470-061.

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Deadline
April 8, 2006 (at Broad Run HS)	March 3, 2006	March 17, 2006
June 10, 2006	May 5, 2006	May 19, 2006

Interim Dates

In an effort to increase communication and to keep you informed, all of our students will receive interims from all of their teachers on the dates listed below.

Marking Period 3	March 2 & 3
Marking Period 4	May 18 & 19

Homework Requests

The guidance office will gather work for any student who is (or will be) out of school for three or more consecutive days due to an excused absence. Please contact guidance to make a request.

### Course Scheduling for 2006-2007

In the following months, counselors will be very busy scheduling students for their 2006-2007 classes. There are several important pieces of this process that parents need to be aware of. Scheduling is a process that requires collaboration between student, teacher, parent and counselor. If you have any questions about 2006-2007 course scheduling process, please do not hesitate to contact your child's counselor. Please note the following dates and activities.

- **February 2, 3, 6 & 7:** *Classroom Guidance* - Counselors will meet with students in their English classes to review graduation requirements and the Program of Studies. Students will receive the 2006-2007 Program of Studies on these dates and they will be instructed to share them with you.
- **February 8 & 9:** *Course Scheduling Days* – Students will receive course selection forms and will receive recommendations from their teachers.
- **February 15:** *Individual Scheduling Meetings* – Counselors will begin to meet with each student individually to refine their course selections. At this time, the course selection form will be sent home for your approval.

### What Should College-Bound Juniors be Doing This Month? (Information adapted from the CollegeBoard)

- Continue updating your resume on Family Connection.
- Begin to prepare for the SAT. If you are not enrolled in the BWHS SAT-prep class during the flex period, consider signing-up for the Spring offering. In the meantime, you can take the SAT-prep class independently, at your own pace, using the access code you will receive this month.
- Sign-up for the SAT. Even if you will not be taking the SAT until the Spring, signing up now will help ensure that you get a convenient testing location.
- Start a file of your college brochures and information. Before you know it, they'll be pouring in.
- For next year, consider Advanced Placement courses. You can get college credit or advanced placement for qualifying grades at most colleges.

### Summer Programs

This time of the year the Guidance Department is beginning to receive information on various summer programs for high school students. Themes, cost and application procedures vary. Check out the Career Center for additional information.

## Information about Norovirus for Parents

At this time of the year, families are seeing an increase in gastroenteritis which is an inflammation of the stomach, small intestines, and large intestines. Although it may have many causes, the most frequent one appears to be the "Norovirus." The following information from the Virginia Department of Health may prove helpful in understanding it.

### Norovirus Fact Sheet

#### ***What are noroviruses?***

Norovirus is a virus that causes the "stomach flu," or vomiting and diarrhea, in people.

#### ***What are the symptoms of illness caused by noroviruses?***

Norovirus illness usually begins 24 - 48 hours after exposure, but can appear as early as 10 hours after exposure. Symptoms usually include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and stomach cramping. Sometimes people have a low-grade fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, and a general sense of tiredness. The illness is usually brief, with symptoms lasting only 1 or 2 days.

#### ***How serious is norovirus disease?***

Norovirus disease is usually not serious, but people may feel very sick. Most people get better within 1 or 2 days, and have no long-term health effects from the illness. Sometimes people are unable to drink enough liquids to replace what they lose from vomiting and diarrhea, and they can become dehydrated and need to see a doctor. This problem usually occurs only among the very young, the elderly, and persons with weakened immune systems.

#### ***How is norovirus spread?***

Noroviruses are very contagious and spread easily from person to person. The virus is found in the stool and vomit of infected people. People can become infected in several ways, including eating food or drinking liquids that are contaminated by infected food handlers, touching surfaces or objects contaminated with norovirus and then touching their mouth before handwashing, or having direct contact with another person who is infected and then touching their mouth before handwashing. Outbreaks also have occurred from eating undercooked oysters harvested from contaminated waters - cooking kills the virus. Drinking water contaminated by sewage can also be a source of these viruses. Persons working in day-care centers or nursing homes should pay special attention to children or residents who have norovirus illness. This virus can spread quickly in these places.

#### ***How long are people contagious?***

People infected with norovirus are contagious from the moment they begin feeling ill to at least 3 days after recovery. Some people may be contagious for as long as 2 weeks after recovery. Therefore, good handwashing is important. Persons infected with norovirus should not prepare food while they have symptoms and for 3 days after they recover. Infected people do not become long-term carriers of norovirus.

#### ***Who gets norovirus infection?***

Anyone can become infected with these viruses. Because there are many different strains of norovirus, norovirus infection and illness can re-occur throughout a person's lifetime.

#### ***What treatment is available for people with norovirus infection?***

Currently, there is no specific medication or vaccine for norovirus. Norovirus infection cannot be treated with antibiotics. By drinking fluids, such as juice or water, people can reduce their chance of becoming dehydrated. Sports drinks do not replace the nutrients and minerals lost during this illness.

#### ***Do infected people need to be excluded from school, work or daycare?***

Since the virus is passed in vomit and stool, children should not go to daycare or school while they have diarrhea or vomiting. Once illness ends, children can return to daycare, but handwashing must be strictly monitored. Persons who work in nursing homes, take care of patients, or handle food should stay out of work until at least three days after symptoms end.

#### ***Can norovirus infections be prevented?***

You can decrease your chance of coming in contact with noroviruses by:

- frequent handwashing with warm water and soap
- promptly disinfecting contaminated surfaces with household chlorine bleach-based cleaners
- washing soiled clothing and linens
- avoiding food or water from sources that may be contaminated
- cooking oysters completely to kill the virus

## PTSO

President:	Geri Powell
Vice President of Membership:	Martha Mitchell
Vice President of Volunteers:	Martha Mitchell
Vice President of Fundraising:	Emily Ciullo
Treasurer:	Kim Klees
Secretary:	Barbara Watt

By now you all have probably received a letter from Mr. Starzenski regarding the lock in event at the school on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. This event promises to be a lot of fun for the students, but it will also require a large number of parent volunteers. Some of the areas we will need volunteers are: chaperones, casino dealers, food service, food pick up/delivery, and clean up. In an effort to keep the ticket price down, we would also like to get donations from parents of snack food items (chips, pretzels, etc.) and breakfast food items (donuts, muffins, etc.). Pizza, subs and drinks will be provided throughout the evening. There will be a free one evening training class provided for the casino dealers. If you are available to help in any way, will you please contact Martha Mitchell at [bethanygal@adelphia.net](mailto:bethanygal@adelphia.net) or Geri Powell at [geri.powell@adelphia.net](mailto:geri.powell@adelphia.net).

The PTSO will be sponsoring a SAT practice test in February 2006. Look for more information on the Briar Woods website and elsewhere in this newsletter. This is a great opportunity to try out the “new” SAT without having your scores sent anywhere.

**The PTSO will be changing our monthly meetings starting in January 2006. We will now meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the cafeteria.** Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in these meetings. If you would like to have a say in any of our events, our monthly meetings are where we make all decisions regarding PTSO activities. We will not be having a meeting in December, as the third Wednesday is the last day of school before the winter break. **Our next PTSO meeting will be Wednesday January 25, 2006 at 7:00pm in the cafeteria.** If you or any of your friends ever have any questions, comments or concerns regarding PTSO activities please do not hesitate to contact Geri Powell. In order to conserve paper, our PTSO will primarily use this newsletter and the school website to communicate with our members. Please check the school website often for updates on PTSO activities.

The PTSO would like to thank all of the wonderful parents who have so generously donated their time and talents to help make Briar Woods such a successful school. We have had many parents helping daily in the library and office. Many of our parents have also helped with our hospitality committee. Thank you to everyone who has helped with shelving books, laminating, answering phones, helping with attendance, baking, cooking and serving food for the staff at Briar Woods. The staff at Briar Woods has been very appreciative of everything that the parents have done for them.

Thank you again for being so generous with your time and talents,

Geri Powell

## Some Simple Internet Safety Rules

Loudoun County Public Schools is concerned about the safety of its students in and out of the classroom. This concern extends to what students are doing online. Parents should actively monitor their children's use of the Internet. To help parents keep children safe on the Internet, LCPS offers the following safety tips that have been compiled from sources such as the Polly Klaas Foundation and the Center for Missing and Exploited Children:

- Never allow children to give out identifying information such as home address, school name, or telephone number.
- Never allow your child to arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone via the Internet.
- Decide whether you want personal information such as age, personal interests, or photographs to be revealed. Posting pictures online is especially dangerous because images of children can be sent electronically by one predator to another who might live closer to the child. Once an image goes onto the Internet it is there forever in some form that can be accessed.
- Never respond to messages that are suggestive, obscene, threatening, or make you or your child uncomfortable. By replying you are verifying a valid e-mail address to the sender, and that information can be used to encourage a person who may send inappropriate messages or put you on even more e-mail lists.
- If you or your children become aware of the transmission of child pornography, report it to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 1-800-843-5678 or the Web site [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com). This site is run by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and has links to report every kind of crime.
- Remember that people online may not be who they say they are.
- Remember everything you read may not be true.
- Remember that personal computers and online services should not be used as electronic babysitters.
- Stay away from chatrooms that get into subjects associated with sex or cults or groups that do potentially dangerous things. Be particularly suspicious of anyone who tries to turn you against your parents, guardians, teachers or friends.
- Choose an e-mail or chatroom name that doesn't let people know if you're male or female. Make sure the name doesn't mean something that may encourage others to bother you.

Some students have started Web logs or blogs, an online journal that is frequently updated and intended for general public consumption. Blogs are typically updated using software that allows people with little or no technical background to update and maintain the blog.

Tips for safe blogging include:

- Avoid postings that could enable a stranger to locate you. That includes your last name, the name of your school or sports teams, the town you live in and where you hang out.
- Check to see if your blogging service has a "friends" list that allows you to control who can visit your blog. If so, be sure to allow only people you know and trust. Be very careful before adding strangers to your list and be extremely



careful about the information you post that can be accessed by people outside your friends list.

- Avoid getting together with someone you “meet” through a blog.
- Be very careful about photographs you put on your blog. It’s best to avoid photos that can make it easy for people to recognize you. It’s a very bad idea to post photos that are suggestive or sexual in nature. Before uploading a photo, ask how you would feel if that picture were seen by your parents, a college admissions counselor, a potential employer, a future boyfriend/girlfriend or spouse or, perhaps, your grandparents. What if you were to run for office someday? What you post on the Internet can be downloaded by others and can hang around forever.
- Avoid postings that could embarrass you, your friends or family members now or later. Remember, what you post on your blog can be copied and stored and could come back to haunt you years later.
- If you allow non-friends or strangers to post comments to your blog, check the comments regularly to make sure they're appropriate and, if not, remove them. Never allow messages that are mean, threatening or embarrassing to you or others. Never respond to such messages either. Just delete them and, if possible, block that person from visiting your blog.
- Do not lie about your age when you sign up for a blog. Age limitations are there for a good reason. Claiming that you are older than you are could get you into trouble and put you at risk.

For more information about blogging and Internet safety, visit [BlogSafety.com](http://BlogSafety.com) and [SafeTeens.com](http://SafeTeens.com).

The Center for Missing and Exploited Children suggests that parents know the following Internet terms:

- BRB: Be right back
- DQMOT: Don’t quote me on this
- KWIM: Know what I mean?
- LMIRL: Lets meet in real life
- A/S/L?: Age/Sex/Location?
- P911: My parents are coming
- POAHF: Put on a happy face
- SOTMG: Short of time, must go
- TAFN: That’s all for now
- WTGP: Want to go private?

The following tips are important to remember when using instant messaging (IM):

- Be sure you know who is receiving the IMs you send. Even if you do know the recipients, anything you type can be forwarded to other people. There is no way to “take back” something once you send it.
- Be careful about using video or digital cameras and sending images of yourself during an IM session.
- You don’t have to respond to any messages especially if they are rude, annoying or make you feel uncomfortable.

**An overview of the Briar Woods Spring Band Ensembles by Duane Minnick, Director of Bands.**

The spring semester that lies ahead of us holds many exciting performance opportunities for the members of the Briar Woods Band Program. The immediate focus is on developing our spring ensembles including;

**The Briar Woods Symphonic Winds**, a symphonic "wind band" that will rehearse and perform a wide variety of music. This ensemble will focus on developing musicality and technique, while experiencing high level symphonic literature. The Symphonic Winds will compete at the District XVI Concert Band Festival @ Heritage HS on Saturday, March 11th. They will also compete on our spring trip in Orlando FL, April 27th - 30th. They have two concerts scheduled, a pre-contest concert @ BWHS on Tuesday, March 7th and a spring concert on Tuesday, June 6th. This ensemble is comprised of the finest instrumental musicians on our campus.

**The Briar Woods Jazz Band**, a full size classic "big band", that will rehearse and perform the full spectrum of jazz music. From contemporary compositions to standard "swing" classics, this ensemble teaches it's students the qualities of jazz style and improvisation. They will compete at the District XVI Jazz Festival @ Dominion HS on Saturday, April 1st. They will also compete on our spring trip in Orlando FL, April 27th - 30th. Our spring jazz concert will be on Tuesday, May 23rd. This ensemble is meets before and after school, showing the students dedication to learning this uniquely American art form.

**The Briar Woods "Falconaires" Winterguard**, is a dance, skill and performance ensemble that is an extension of the Falcon Regiment Marching Band. This ensemble will compete in the Atlantic Indoor Association winterguard circuit through the middle of March. They will also compete on our spring trip in Orlando FL, April 27th - 30th. This ensemble meets before and after school, showing the students dedication to learning. This activity is often referred to as a "sport of the arts".

**The Briar Woods Percussion Ensemble**, is comprised of the best percussionist at BWHS and will focus on techniques and literature that will further their skill in all areas of "drumming". Mr. David Shear, a band director at Belmont Ridge Middle School, rehearses the group every Thursday afternoon at 4:00pm, and will showcase them in a spring percussion concert sometime in May, (date TBA). This group will also continue to develop skills that will build our fall drumline for the marching band.

**We also have 5 all-district band members:**

Meaghan Allain - Bassoon  
David Baroody - Trumpet  
Ryann Periello – Trombone  
Brandon Toma - Clarinet  
Adam White - Trombone



**We also have 3 first alternates:**

Daniel Page - Percussion  
Anna Palmen - Contra-Alto Clarinet  
Morgan Ziegler – Tuba

These students will perform in the District XVI All-District Band on Saturday, February 4th.



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**Monroe Technology Center**  
**Wednesday, February 15th, 2006**  
**6:30-8:30 pm**

for additional information  
**(703) 771-6560**  
**[www.loudoun.k12.va.us/mtc](http://www.loudoun.k12.va.us/mtc)**

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### **Student Safety and Supervision**

Upon the conclusion of athletic events, students are to make arrangements to get home in a timely fashion. Parents are advised that most athletic events are over by 9:30 p.m. Please be prepared to pick up your student immediately following the games. This will ensure that students are not waiting outside the building for long periods of time at night.

### Is it a Cold or the Flu?

The cold and flu season is beginning. While good attendance is important to the learning process, illness compromises a sick child's learning and jeopardizes other students. A child who is experiencing symptoms of illness should not be sent to school.

Symptoms	Cold	Flu
Fever	Rare	Characteristic, high (102-104°F), lasts 3-4 days
Headache	Rare	Prominent
General aches, pains	Slight	Usual, often severe
Fatigue, weakness	Quite mild	Can last up to 2-3 weeks
Extreme exhaustion	Never	Early and prominent
Stuffy nose	Common	Sometimes
Sneezing	Usual	Sometimes
Sore throat	Common	Sometimes
Chest discomfort, cough	Mild to moderate; hacking cough	Common, can become severe
<b>Complications</b>	Sinus congestion or earache	Bronchitis, pneumonia; can be life-threatening
<b>Prevention</b>	None	Annual vaccination, antiviral medicines. See your doctor.
<b>Treatment</b>	Only temporary relief of symptoms	Antiviral medicines. See your doctor.

*Information from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases*

In deciding when to send a child back to school after having the flu, the Health Department recommends that your child be **out of school for at least 3 to 5 days after fever and respiratory symptoms begin and a full 24 hours after fever subsides.**

**When a child returns to school, he/she should be physically able to participate in all school activities.** Concentration and learning are difficult for a sick child. Illness also creates disruption in the classroom, affects the concentration and learning of the child's classmates, and exposes them to illness. Remaining at home, as recommended above, will help minimize the spread of infections and viruses in the classroom.

Our December musical extravaganza was wonderful and enjoyed by everyone in attendance that evening! Not only was the music wonderful, but also the food that was prepared by the catering department of San Vito Ristorante Italiano in the Broadlands!

We would like for everyone to know that three realtors in our communities of Broadlands, Brambleton, and Belle Tara paid for the food from San Vito in order that our music department could retain all the funds from the evening. San Vito also gave us a 50% discount on the food ordered. Therefore, if you purchased a meal ticket, please know that all the funds taken in that evening remained with the music department of BWHS. Thank you for your support in purchasing a ticket and attending the concert.

Our neighborhood Harris Teeter also donated gift cards to help with purchases, and they have donated gift cards this year to the PTSO for use with several functions we have hosted. We are happy to have them close by.

A special thank you to these three Long & Foster realtors for their generous support when BWHS called, especially Lisa Marsh. Please remember them when you are in need to buy or sell a home or refer a friend to them. All have children in our local schools and offer their support.

Long & Foster Real Estate, Inc.  
44031 Ashburn Village Shopping Plaza, Suite 287  
Ashburn, Va. 20147



Mrs. Lisa Marsh (Broadlands resident, BWHS parent)  
Mrs. Lauren Kelley (Brambleton resident)  
Mrs. Andrea McSorley (Belle Tara resident)

The PTSO would like to thank the Briar Woods parents, B-Woods teachers, ERMS teachers, many friends and neighbors who did not have a child at BWHS, and the following businesses listed below for purchasing poinsettias in December.

A special Thank You to Simone Holloway, BWHS parent of 2 students, with Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc. in McLean for purchasing 225 poinsettias. This was by far our largest order! We hope to hear from Simone and Booz Allen Hamilton again next year about ordering!

Thanks also to Broadlands Regional Medical Center, Broadlands; Church of the Holy Spirit, Broadlands; Kettermans Jewelers in Leesburg; Kathleen Hunt of Weichert Realtors-Ashburn; and Dr. and Mrs. Michael L. Cowan, M.D., Ashburn; Broadlands Association; and Chevy Chase Bank, Brambleton for their support. Without these businesses, this fundraiser would not have been successful for our school. Thanks to the following BWHS parents, Mary Hart and Jenny Townsend for initiating the orders for the company they work with, and to Paula Zwolak for her help with the paperwork!

Please look for this fundraiser for our school in November 2006.

# Take a NEW SAT Practice Test at Briar Woods High School

Take a practice test proctored like an actual test.  
(Except your score won't go on record!)

Saturday • February 4 • 9:00am

**\$20 (pre-registered only deadline is January 27<sup>th</sup>)**  
**\$30 walk-in fee on Test Day**

(all proceeds to benefit Briar Woods PTSO)

*Please Bring 2 sharpened #2 pencils and a calculator!*

You and your parents are also invited to a test strategy seminar at  
Briar Woods High School Auditorium on

**Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

*Tests will be returned at that time!*

**Sponsored by: Briar Woods High School PTSO and**



1-800-KAP-TEST  
[www.kaptest.com](http://www.kaptest.com)

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Please Return this Registration Form to:  
22525 Belmont Ridge Road \* Ashburn, VA \* 20148

with payment of \$20 (cash, check, or money order made payable to Briar Woods High School PTSO)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL:

\_\_\_\_\_

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

As stated in the student handbook (p. 30), Cell phones, pagers, cd players, ipods, etc. should not be brought to school. If these items are brought to school, they should be kept in the locker or in a safe place for use BEFORE and AFTER school only. **THE SCHOOL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST, STOLEN OR DAMAGED ITEMS. Report thefts to the Safety and Security Specialist in the main office immediately.**

### First Annual Briar Woods Science Fair

The first annual Briar Woods Science Fair was held on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Approximately 78 Honors Biology students participated in 10 different categories. The projects were judged based on criteria such as creative ability, scientific thought, engineering goals, thoroughness, individual skill, and clarity.

Twenty-five winners were selected overall and all students earning 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place honors will represent Briar Woods High School at the 2006 Loudoun County Regional Science and Engineering Fair on March 16<sup>th</sup> at Heritage High School. Our students will compete against other award winning science fair projects to earn a spot at the 2006 International Science and Engineering Fair in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The winners are as follows:

#### **Botany:**

3<sup>rd</sup>: Brett LeFebvre  
David Tiedge

#### **Chemistry:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Elizabeth DePasquale  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Anissa Adas  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Samantha Zebell

#### **Earth Science:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Kyle Masengale  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Meaghan Allain  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Benjamin Gaither

#### **Environmental Science:**

2<sup>nd</sup>: Sravya Kambalapally  
Jonathan Bryan  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Shinikal Dean

#### **Medicine & Health:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Ilya Pyntikov  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Naomi Lockley  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Anne Peck  
Patrick Ciullo

#### **Microbiology:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Erica Gussgard  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Seth Bond  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Megan Lamb

#### **Physics:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Phillip Hawthorne  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Josh Caulfield  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Raghuveer Madiraju

#### **Engineering:**

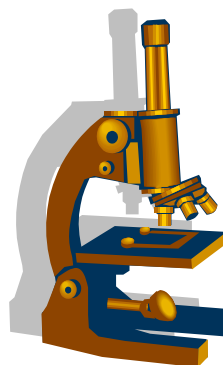
1<sup>st</sup>: Austin Lutz  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Amanda Khalil

#### **Computer Science:**

3<sup>rd</sup>: Mathew Bell

#### **Zoology:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Veronica Butka







## Additional Award Winners from 2005 Football Banquet

Michael Fleming	-	Freshman Offensive Player of the Year
Andrew Davidson	-	Freshman Defensive Player of the Year
Bryan Mahoney	-	Freshman Defensive Player of the Year
Kevin Brantley	-	Freshman Most Improved Player
Thomas Hulcher	-	Freshman Coaches Award



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