

# THE ORACLE

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES OF



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## Volume 6: Issue 4, Week of September 3

**September 5:** Lower School Curriculum Night, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

**September 5:** Upper School Curriculum Night & Field Trip Meeting, 6:15 - 8:00 pm

**September 6:** Middle School Curriculum Night & Field Trip Meeting, 5:15 - 7:30 pm

**September 11:** Spartans Club Meeting, 7 pm (Upper School College Counseling Room)

**September 12:** Fall Picture Day

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## RIBBON CUTTING RECAP

For those families unable to attend last week's ribbon cutting, we wanted to provide you with some of the content from that historic event. This week we present the opening comments from Upper School Academic Dean, Killian Barefoot.

"Welcome everyone on this afternoon of celebration and thanks. My name is Killian Barefoot and I am the Upper School Academic Dean. It is my privilege to welcome current parents, grandparents, staff and students; alumni and alumni parents, donors, lenders and friends old and new.

"Welcome also to: The Honorable Senator Rick Gunn, member of the North Carolina Senate; The Honorable Dennis Riddell, member of the North Carolina House of Representatives; The Honorable Amy Scott Galey, chair of the Alamance County Board of Commissioners; The Honorable Bill Lashley, vice chair of the Alamance County Board of Commissioners; The Honorable Ian Baltutis, mayor for the City of Burlington; The Honorable Kathy Hykes, mayor pro tem for the City of Burlington; The Honorable Jim Butler, councilmember for the City of Burlington; The Honorable Harold Owen, councilmember for the City of Burlington.

"We are gathered here today to say, Thank You!

"Thank you to all the donors, who gave generously no matter the size of the gift. Thank you to our two banking partners, Wells Fargo and First Bank. Our Wells Fargo team, led by Jerry Bailey and Reed LaPlante, have supported us for many years and provided critical financial stability through the merger and beyond. Our First Bank team, led by Keith Strickland and Ed Woodall, helped us think creatively about how to move this building project along while embarking on our Capital Campaign. Thanks also to our construction partner Dodson and Chatman Construction and all of its subcontractors. Finally, thank you to those folks who sacrificed for this project, giving of their time, talents, hard work and non-financial treasures towards making this endeavor a reality.

"I have been a part of this school community for over ten years, and I promise you, this is a place like no other. It is a joy to witness and participate in this next great chapter in the story of TBS.

"By focusing on developing the whole child, we are able to educate the next generation of leaders. The TBS graduate is not only able to think critically, but also to speak confidently and coherently in public. Our graduates know how to be part of a team, know how to access their creative talents, and know how to be of service to others.

"Each Upper School student participates in varsity athletics, regardless of their previous experience. We have some students that learn the rules of the game at their first practice, and some students who are so talented and hardworking they go on to play at the collegiate level.

"At a time when so many schools are forced to shrink their arts and athletics programs, ours are thriving. Our Yearbook staff has won several national awards for design, our choral students have sung at the White House, in Italy, and right here in town, alongside internationally acclaimed musicians. Our Rock Ensemble and Drama students perform several times a year, to packed audiences and universal praise. Our Visual Arts students routinely dominate county and regional competitions.

"Academics is at the heart of our school. Our teachers know their students as individuals, and challenge them to reach just a little higher and to work just a little harder in order to achieve their goals. On any given day, our students are working on projects, participating in student-led discussions, using the 3-D printer, designing robots, or solving Algebra problems. They are working collaboratively on laboratory experiments and writing Spanish comic books. They are learning how to research thoughtfully and critically, using the internet not just as entertainment, but as a source for information.

"None of these examples of excellence and achievement would matter if the TBS graduate went out into the world thinking they were the center of the universe. From the first week of the 9th grade, our students are exposed to different cultures and ways of thinking. They do service projects in small groups and as a whole school and the spirit of service is evident in how the students relate to each other and to our community. TBS students stay after lunch to help clean up, or come in on a Saturday night to move a piano for Mr. Qualls -- or spend two days packing up an entire high school - and they do this work with cheer and goodwill.

"This amazing new building allows us to further support and expand our mission. The close proximity to the middle and lower school allows us to more fully develop a tutoring program that we have talked about for years. Our students can now simply walk to the gym or soccer field for practices and games. The faculty who teach in multiple divisions can now move more quickly and easily from each of their classes -- allowing more time for contact with students and planning.

"Our beautiful new classrooms have nice views, with big windows with lots of light and enough space to move around. We have opportunities for faculty and student collaboration in our new college counseling room or quiet study. Yearbook has its own room, so they can put up schedules and design schematics. Our Studio Arts and Pottery students have a ton of natural light and places to store their original work. Science students are now able to experiment in their new laboratory, complete with fancy exhaust

system. Drama, Chorus and Rock Ensemble now have regular access to a stage and room to work. Finally, the gathering space provides an area for us to come together as a whole group -- which we do at least twice a day.

"Thank you for allowing us to expand and grow our mission and our school."

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## CURRICULUM NIGHT & CLASS TRIP MEETINGS

We will be holding our annual curriculum nights this week. In conjunction with these, our Middle and Upper Schools will also have meetings about the upcoming class trips.

Dates and times for all three meetings are as follows:

Lower School - 5:30 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 5

Upper School - 6:15 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 5

Middle School - 5:15 pm on Thursday, Sept. 6

**(Middle and Upper School will begin with class trip meetings)**

As a reminder, this event is for parents and childcare is not provided.

**Locations for Upper School Class Trip Meetings (Locations Have Been Updated):**

9th Grade - Gathering Space

10th Grade - Room A9

11th Grade - Room A5

12th Grade - Room A10

**Locations for Middle School Class Trip Meetings:**

5th Grade - 204

6th Grade - 202

7th Grade - 206

8th Grade - 205



## **DROPOFF AND PICKUP**

To keep traffic flowing during morning dropoff and afternoon pick up, cars will only be allowed to turn right at stop sign at Harriet Drive. Families who are parking to come inside must use the parking spaces and the crosswalk. We ask that people not congregate outside of their cars and near the entrance to the building.

In the afternoon, parents are asked to strictly adhere to the posted dismissal times:

2:45 pm - PS3 - 1st grade

3:00 pm - 2nd - 4th grades

3:15 pm - 5th - 8th grades

If you are in line prior to your child's scheduled dismissal time, we will ask you to follow the loop and get back in line. Please drive cautiously, as we will have students crossing the driving lanes.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work to keep all of our TBS community members safe.

**FALL PICTURE  
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**FALL PICTURES**  
 Wear your favorite outfit!

**New 2018** You Pick Your Background!



BG1 Yearbook Default    BG2 Default if background not chosen    BG3    BG4

**Indicate background on form and bring to school on school portrait date!**

**PORTRAIT DATE:**  
**The Burlington School**  
**Wednesday**  
**Sept 12th, 2018**

## COMING!

Individual fall pictures will be held at both schools on Wednesday, Sept. 12! Make sure to wear your favorite outfit!

## NEW WEB PORTAL FOR PARENTS

This year, we have partnered with RenWeb to be our new portal for parents to access your child's grades. Instructions for creating a login are below. As this is a new portal, not all features are currently active.

### Instructions for Creating a ParentsWeb Login

- Go to: <https://logins2.renweb.com/Logins/ParentsWeb-Login.aspx?>
- After the RenWeb ParentsWeb Login screen opens, please select Create New ParentsWeb Account.
  - Enter BUR-NC into the District Code field.
  - Enter in the Email field your email address that you provided to the school.
  - Click the Create Account button.
- You will receive an email from RenWeb Customer Support containing a link that will allow you to create your username and password. NOTE: For security purposes the link will remain active for 6 hours.
  - Please click on the link.
  - A Change/Create Password screen will open.
  - You may use the default username provided, or create a new username.
- Then type in your desired password into the Password field and Confirm Field.
  - Click on the Save Username and/or Password button.
    - Close the window.
  - Log into ParentsWeb at the [original link](#).

If you have any questions, please email [dbonessi@theburlingtonschool.org](mailto:dbonessi@theburlingtonschool.org).

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# PURCHASE YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!

Yearbook sales for the 2018-19 year have begun! Act now to ensure you get yours at the **lowest cost** of the school year! You can purchase your book by clicking the image to the right.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Students arriving late to the start of school will be issued a tardy. Our Lower and Middle School students need to be in their classroom at 8 am, while our Upper School students must arrive by 8:25 am.
- Please note the **immunization requirement** that affects **ALL students** entering 7th grade for the 2018-2019 school year. The requirement is for one (1) Tdap and one (1) Meningococcal vaccine, for **ALL** students entering the 7th grade who have not already received it.
- The Burlington School is aware of the federal and state regulations regarding asbestos management in schools. This facility has submitted a management plan to the NC Department of Health and Human Services, as well as updated the reinspection reports. Materials are managed under an Operations and Maintenance Program. A copy of the management plan is available for review at any time. If you have any questions, please contact the LEA Designee, Tony Edwards, at 336.228.0297.

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