



The Liaison

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL FEBRUARY 2009

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Parental Communication



Benjamin Franklin High School moves forward in the 2008-2009 school year with new communication tools for parents. Your parent liaisons create two publications: *The Liaison*, a monthly parent newsletter and *The Volunteer Bulletin*, a bimonthly volunteer newsletter. These pieces are emailed to parents, stored in the front office (at the Parental Involvement Station), and posted on the "Parent Page" on the BFHS website. [Parent](#)

[Connect](#) is another great way to stay involved in your child's progress. You may find information on how to register on the BFHS website [parent page](#).

The Parent Liaison office has many more educational materials as well. The office is in the same building as the library, across from the art studio.

Along with Parental Communication, the parent liaisons' responsibilities include disseminating information about Title I. The [District Parental Involvement Policy](#), found on the BFHS website and at the Parental Involvement Station, is part of this re-

quirement.

In lieu of these enhancements, the Parent Liaisons no longer communicate with yahoo groups. In case of an emergency, parents are advised to check school website, WWL-TV, and WWL-FM/AM, in that order. Parents will also be contacted by email and by phone by the administration.

As always, please email monica_cammack@benfranklinhighschool.org or Judith_zanchi@benfranklinhighschool.org with any suggestions for the Parental Involvement Program.

Ben Franklin High School Association

The Franklin Parent Association (BFHSA) thanks the families who have joined its membership. The students of the families are listed below:

9th: Anna Adams, Serena Bethala, Timothy Carman, Marcelle Dupuy, Nathan Glaser, Anna Giurintano, Kim-Hue Hoang, Aysha Jones, Andrew Kay, Mirandy Li, Ashlyn McRae, Ayla Miller, William Muneoka, Jessica Nguyen, Victor Omojola, Caroline Pitts, Anna Rees, Rachel Roberie, Ryan Schneider, Ali Tanenbaum, Jennifer Tu, Tu Anh Vu, Jeffrey Wendling, Matthew Yang.

10th: Patrice Barnes, Megan Barnett, Dylan Bowers, Shane Buck, Andrew Chang, Jasmine Chigbu, Edward Denegre, Meaghan Doherty, Elena Figueroa, Marcel Garon, Harrison Grieb, Bomku Han, Abby Olinde, Adam Orlansley, Alistair Phinney, Taylor Schmitt, Tova Weiss

11th: Oluremi Abiodun, Daniel Glaser, Christian Kay, Timothy McRae, Caroline Muneoka, Brendan O'Byrne, Kelly Pettus, Nathan Pritchett, Ingrid Rodriguez-Fie, Sarah Sweet, Richard Tang, Gregory Thompson, Nicola Zanchi

12th: Taylor Adams, Walter

Borcherdt, Nicholas Borkowski, Colby Dawson, Don Johnson, Philip Jones, Emma Labranche, Matthew McTernan, Gwen Mullaney, Dana Nguyen, Jillian Poche, Luke Robison, Corbin Tanenbaum, Timothy Webb, Mobolagil Williams,

2001 Fund: Harrison Grieb, Matthew Yang, Elena Figueroa, Richard Tang, Bomku Han, Mobolagil Williams, Don Johnson, Emma Labranche, Dana Nguyen, Marcel Garon, Anna Rees, Tova Weiss, Marcelle Dupuy, Jeffrey Wendling, Rachel Roberie, Serena Bethala, Kole Akula, Meaghan Doherty, Megan Barnett, Alistair Phinney, Abby

BFHS Parent Association Cont.

EMAIL UPDATE

Parents, expect a call from the Parent Liaisons the week of February 9th to verify your email address! If you would like to save us a call, email judith_zanchi@benfranklinhighschool.org with your best email address contact!

Olinde, Brendan O'Byrne, Nathan Pritchett, Ingrid Rodriguez-Fie, Daniel Glaser, Nathan Glaser, Christian Kay, Andrew Kay, Timothy McRae, Ashlyn McRae, William Muneoka, Caroline Muneoka

Athletic Fund: Matthew Yang, Richard Tang, Wenyu Zhang, Mobolagil Williams, Colby Dawson, Emma Labranch, Dana Nguyen, Marcel Garon, Anna Rees, Marcelle Dupuy, Jeffrey Wendling, Ra-

chel Roberie,

Serena Bethala, Kole Akula, Meaghan Doherty, Megan Barnett, Alistair Phinney, Abby Olinde, Alexia Hernandez, Christian Kay, Andrew Kay, Timothy McRae, Ashlyn McRae

Our budgeted goal is \$20,000 and we have raised \$12,000. We still have many expenses for this year for awards and senior graduation activities. It is not too late to join. Please

send your \$125 membership fee with your child to the homeroom teacher with the check and envelope marked "BFHSA". The 2001 Fund and the Athletic Fund are also \$125 each. Please support your school and the excellent free education your child is receiving.

BFHS Girls Basketball

The girls basketball season has been heating up this year with a 26-5 record overall and 11-0 record in district play. Head Coach Chrissa Hailey and Assistant Coach Ed Davis, (leading what is believed to be the best girls basketball season in BFHS history), have worked together for eight years. They are very proud of their players. Two of the many successful players include Diana Thomas and Darrielle Morris. Diana Thomas was chosen as the Orleans Player of the week on January 23rd. She scored 20 points against McMain, 14 against Reed, and 11 against Douglass! Darrielle Morris is the leading scorer averaging 12 pts a game, followed closely by Diana Thomas averaging 10 pts a game. The team captains this star studded season are Darrielle Morris, and Diana Thomas, and Lashlee Warner.

More Winners this Month!

★ Speech & Debate Team

Congratulations to Ben Franklin High School's Speech & Debate Team for their outstanding performance at Cohen's tournament on the weekend of January 9-11. Please visit the News page on the BFHS website to view the winners. Special thanks to Barbara Fontenot and Kenneth LaFrance for their stellar coaching.

★ Swim Team

The BFHS Swim Team completed an outstanding season at the State Swim Meet in November. Nine swimmers participated. Please visit the BFHS website to view the winners.

★ Science Fair Winners

The 2009 BFHS Science Fair photos and rankings are posted on the News page of the BFHS website. Thank you, volunteers, for judging the fair.

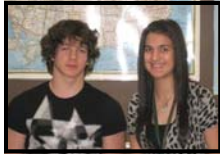
★ High Value High School's for Louisiana

The Louisiana State Department of Education's High School Redesign Staff has begun publishing a monthly newsletter, High Value High Schools for Louisiana. BFHS was highlighted in the first edition of the new publication. You may view the [full article](#) on the BFHS website News page.



State Swim Meet

Student Spotlight!



**Max Stoiber
& Nagam
Khaled
Qanadilo**

We would like to shine the spotlight on two special additions to the Franklin Family: Nagam Khaled Qanadilo from the Kingdom of Jordan and Max Stoiber from Austria. These two exchange students, in different programs, have joined the Franklin Community during the 2008-2009 school year. Nagam has been at Franklin since August and came to us as part of a U.S. State Department exchange. She is sponsored by the Pacific Interculture

Exchange Program. Nagam's host family is Yvonne Vandehaar and Carl Eymon whose children previously graduated from Franklin.

Max Stoiber is the son of the Austrian Marshall Plan Assistant Director: Wolfgang Stoiber. The Austrian Marshall Plan sponsored forty-five Franklin students who visited Austria and stayed with host families over the past three summers. Mr. Parauka, the Franklin teacher coordinator of that exchange, and the University of New Orleans Austrian Center helped coordinate Max's exchange along with the Global Insights Program. Max joined Franklin

in January. Max is hosted by Marcel Garon's family and Andrew Chang's family. Both Marcel and Andrew are sophomores at Franklin. Max also brought German books and games from the Austrian Marshall Pan, for our new Franklin library.

Nagam and Max took only a short time to become part of the Franklin Family. They have both embraced the New Orleans culture and look forward to experiencing both Mardi Gras and Jazz Fest. They are *not*; however; looking forward to leaving their new friends in May.

Correction:

Our January student in the spotlight, Evan LaBranche, attended middle school at Lusher Extension, not St. Paul's Episcopal School as previously stated.

Safe Teen

Safe Teens New Orleans (STNO) is a coalition of public, private and parochial school parents in the New Orleans community concerned about the safety of teenage children. The major goal of STNO is the dissemination of information to parents concerning teenage alcohol and drug use and abuse as it relates to health and legal issues.

The group has been dormant since Katrina, and there is a great interest and need in getting the organization functioning again. The goal for the 2008-09 academic school year is to have a Community Forum at a school auditorium with a Psychologist, Doctor, Lawyer, and a High School Guidance Counselor. The professionals would talk to

parents to help them understand the health and legal issues as related to underage drinking and drug use. It is hoped that the forum would attract 300-400 parents. To pull off this Forum in late MARCH, we will need help! If you are interested in helping to re-start SAFE TEENS, please email Nancy Adams at- thenancyadams@gmail.com.

Sick Students Need to Stay Home

A note from Brenda McKay, School Nurse...

"We have a lot of student out sick with Flu symptoms and a lot of students coming to school with Flu symptoms. I have posted some flu information on the BFHS website to allow parents to make an informed decision about sending their son/ daughter to school: www.fluFACTS.com. Thanks!"

Please do not send your child to school when they are ill! It is not good for them, and it might make other students and staff sick too! If your child does stay home, you are required to call the school at 286-2600 or 304-4311 between 7:30 and 8:30 am (or email Barbara_fontenot@benfranklinhighschool.org) each day of the absence. Students should email teachers to inform them of their absence and discuss plans for making up homework, tests etc. If the student participates in a sport/club they should contact that coach/sponsor to determine attendance requirements for play/participation.



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What's on the Web?

Parent Connect: keep up with your child's attendance, discipline record, and daily grades via the internet.

Counselor Bulletin: College Admission Visits, Scholarship Opportunities, Standardized Testing Info, etc.

Master Calendar: Club Meetings, Holidays; Sporting Events, BFHSA Meetings, etc.

GREEN SOCIETY MARSHLAND

Members of the Green Society have joined the Coastal Wetlands Stewardship volunteers, sponsored by U.N.O.'s Pontchartrain Institute, in an effort to restore Louisiana's coastal marshes. They have constructed a small pond to raise marsh grasses until they are ready to be planted in the spring. They hope everyone will enjoy watching them grow and learn to appreciate their role in the protection of coastal Louisiana.

Please see the BFHS website for more details and great photos!

BFHS SPORTS THIS WEEK

The girls soccer Regional Playoff game v Sacred Heart is set for Wednesday, February 11th, 5:00pm at Pan American Stadium City Park, off Wisner.

The softball team plays on Thursday, February 12th at Alfred Bonnabel High School at 2801 Bruin Drive in Kenner from 4:00-7:00pm.

Boys and Girls Basketball play Fredrick A. Douglass High School Friday, February 13th from 6:00-8:00pm at BFHS.

Check the BFHS website calendar for all February sporting events.

BFHS JOB OPPORTUNITIES

BFHS now has two full-time job openings: Librarian and Comptroller.

The previous Librarian, Ms. Idella Washington retired and now BFHS is looking for a replacement.

The BFHS Full-Time Comptroller will be responsible for Human Resources, Finance, and Operations Management of HR, Finances, and Operations.

Applications are now being accepted.

See the BFHS website for more details.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

February 6-8: BFHS Annual Speech & Debate Tournament

February 9: AP Exam Registration, Early Dismissal

February 14: Valentine's Day

February 16: Lunch Prices Increase to \$2.25, BFHSA Parents Meeting

February 17: Blood Drive and Paper Drive

February 19: AAEE Board Meeting

February 23-27: Mardi Gras Holiday Break