



Blake Blue Note

June 2010

Please share this issue with your spouse and students

From the President

Monthly Message from your PTSA President

Robina Barlow

This is the final edition of the Blake Blue Note (BBN) for the 2009-2010 school year and we want to thank our wonderful BBN editors, Sara D. Watson, and Michele Setton, for their hard work in getting the BBNs out to you this year. At the last PTSA Board Meeting, it was indicated by most, in attendance, that they prefer to receive the BBN each month rather than every other month. Many people read the BBN online, but it appears that most prefer the hard copy, or having both an online copy and a hard copy. If you have a preference, I would like to hear from you. Please send a message by June 15 regarding your preference; hard-copy, electronic, or both. Write to president@blakeptsa.org. We will have more issues of the BBN next school year, approximately one per month. Congratulations to the new PTSA Officers, for the 2010-2011 school year. Please let our new officers know that you appreciate the commitment each has made to the PTSA for the upcoming year.

President: *

Executive Vice President: Pete Ford

Vice President Finance/Administration: Polly Seal

Vice President Communications: David Young

Secretary: Mark Dolan

Treasurer: Deidre Bond

*Robina has volunteered to remain as Acting President until the position is filled.

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Principal's Corner

Carole C. Goodman

This month's Blue Note is traditionally the transitional one. For parents of graduating seniors, it will be one of the last communications mailed to you from Blake; while for parents of in-coming ninth graders, it is one of the very first.

Saying good-bye to the class of 2010 will be very difficult for us at Blake. They have been a wonderful class; a very special group; smart, talented, hard-working, funny and all around great kids. The Senior Banquet, Prom and After-Prom were great examples of the kind of events that are models for upcoming classes. Students were well-behaved and had a terrific time while keeping safe and exercising good judgment. I'm very proud of them. Graduation is Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at DAR Constitution Hall. The senior class advisors and class officers have worked extremely hard to ensure a wonderful graduation day for our graduates, their family and friends. The last nine graduation ceremonies have been outstanding in every way, I am certain we will continue the tradition we have established.

There is another group graduating, this June, as well. Many parents of seniors will also be transitioning from Blake. There are so many people who have given so freely of their time over the years, many going back over thirteen years, the year before the school was even open. I thank the outstanding parents who truly have made a difference by their unwavering support for our school community. We will miss the phenomenal parents of graduates who have been pillars of support through the years. While the direct tie may be gone, I hope our alumni parents will continue to come to school events, as if you should get a bit nostalgic and missing high school, you are always welcome.

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As most of you know by now, Carole C. Goodman, the founding principal of Blake has been appointed Associate Superintendent for Human Resources for Montgomery County Public Schools, by the Montgomery County Board of Education, and thus she will be leaving Blake in just a few weeks. The PTSA lauds her appointment to her new position and wishes her much success in her new endeavor, however, Carole will be sorely missed. All Blake students, Alumni, parents and friends are invited to a Celebration of Carole C. Goodman on Thursday, June 10, 2010, at 7 p.m. in the Blake auditorium. The celebration program will be followed by a reception in the Blake cafeteria. All are welcome to join in showing appreciation for Carole Goodman's leadership and career, as Blake's founding and only principal. Carole opened James Hubert Blake High School in 1997 and has directed its growth into a well-respected academic high school with a unique Arts and Humanities Signature Program. Be sure to mark your calendar and come to the celebration. If you would like to help or contribute to the celebration, please contact Robina Barlow at president@blakeptsa.org. We hope that you have been happy with your PTSA this year. We, as always, welcome your input, your energy, and your talents.

I want to take this time to thank all of the hard-working senior parents who may be leaving Blake either for good or until the next child reaches high school. Thanks to outgoing officers, committee chairs, & parent volunteers.

The PTSA has awarded 4 scholarships to 4 seniors – from \$500 - \$1000 each. The PTSA scholarship award is to Blake seniors who plan to pursue an education and career in Public Service, or Education.

Thank you to all teachers, parents, students and business, who gave to the Online and Silent Auctions this year. The money received from the auction will provide funds for Blake. Many thanks go to Dawn Dolan who chaired the online and silent auctions and Maura McMullen and Diane Bush for having an awesome After Prom, for juniors and seniors. Each activity takes a cadre of parents to put on, so many more thanks are due than appears here. But everyone's efforts are appreciated.

We wish all graduates and their families a fond farewell, but don't stay away. You may be new Blake Alumni and Alumni parents, but we want you to stay in touch and become an active member of our burgeoning alumni network. You are always welcome to all of the extra-curricular activities at Blake.

Thank you for a wonderful year as president at Blake. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the incredible work of all of our PTSA volunteers and especially our Officers, Board of Directors, and Committee Chairs. Please thank them for all of the hard work they do at the school on behalf of all our children. Have a wonderful summer, families all. And to Carole Goodman, we wish you Godspeed.

NAACP Parents' Council News

The NAACP Parents' Council is looking forward to next year with exciting programs and events already planned. Plan to stay in touch with special programs going on in the county by being a part of our email group. The County NAACP Parents' Council meets on the third Saturday of each month in Rockville. Contact Sharon Mosley-Ramsey at alljazz105@aol.com for more information. All are welcome.

Proposed calendar of activities - 2010-2011

September 2010

Meet and Greet Informal meeting with Blake parents during first week of school to include icebreaker and calendar of activities

October 2010

Donuts for Dads Columbus Day - meet with Mr. Tyrell

November 2010

Academic Achievement TBD

December 2010

Potluck and Project Community Service project first week of Dec.

January 2011

- Begin to advertise for ACT-SO. Have meeting to encourage participation in this competition
- Donuts for Dads II. Informal meeting to include dads and students planned around a sporting event to be held in the Amphitheater with Mr. Tyrell

February 2011

ACT-SO projects due. Support Blake contact person with submissions where needed

March 2011

Academic achievement, related to college preparation or college fairs and/or visits

April 2011

Planning meeting to plan for next year

The goals of the NAACP Parents' Council of Montgomery County are academic achievement and parent involvement. Here at Blake H.S., we wanted to sponsor several activities to also include our students. Our staff contact is Mr. Tyrell, School Administrator.

Sharon Mosley-Ramsey- alljazz105@aol.com

Bobette Banks -threebme@gmail.com

NAACP Parents' Council representatives to Blake High School

Principal's Corner

For parents of in-coming 9th graders, there are a number of things we suggest to make sure your child has a smooth transition into high school. The summer before high school is an excellent time for students to work on their Student Service Learning hours (SSL). Our SSL coordinator Ms. Erinn Rigney may be accessed by the school website for suggestions and information. Ensuring students read regularly, in addition to their summer reading assignment, is the very best way to build vocabulary skills and eventually help them meet their maximum potential on standardized tests as well as in the classroom. Nothing is more of an indicator of school success than kids who read for pleasure. Please encourage your kids to read.

We offer a unique summer program that is an incredible opportunity for in-coming 9th grade students. "High School 101" is an opportunity for in-coming 9th grade students to get a jump-start academically and socially to all aspects of high school. There are three one week sessions running from July 12 until July 30 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:15 pm. I strongly encourage in-coming 9th graders to participate in the program, particularly those coming from private schools, who may not know as many of their in-coming classmates. Additional information can be found on our website at

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/blakehs/>

When we ask current 9th graders what they would tell new 9th graders, it always follows a few themes including: "Do your homework." "Keep up with your work." "Get involved in school activities; sports and clubs." "Get to class on time." "Follow school rules." "Tell an adult if you are having a problem." "Ask for help when you need it; your teachers really want you to do well." If our in-coming students heed this advice, they are sure to have a smooth transition and positive and productive high school years.

The final exam review day for 9th, 10th and 11th grade students is Wednesday, June 9, 2010. Exams are mandatory and two hours in length for English, foreign language, math, science, social studies and some computer classes. Exams start Thursday, June 10 for periods 1 and 2, Friday, June 11 periods 3 and 4, Monday, June 14 periods 5 and 6 and Tuesday, June 15 period 7 and make up exams. Make-up exams are by appointment only and continue on Wednesday, June 16. Students are not expected to come to school when they do not have an exam. It is extremely difficult to honor requests for students to take exams early as teachers will be in class and will not have two hour

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blocks of time to monitor student exams. The exam schedule is included in this issue of the Blake Blue Note. Important information will be available the beginning of August for all returning and new students. It will include vital information about calendars, activities, bus transportation, fees, testing dates, accommodations information, PTSA information, free and reduced meal information and a host of other important items.

Fall sports practices begin on Saturday, August 14. Orientation for in-coming 9th graders is Thursday, August 26. Students will board the buses and participate in a half day program where they will go through their actual schedule, learn about activities and get a sense of what they can anticipate at Blake High School. On August 26 there is also an informational meeting for 9th grade parents at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. The first day of school for students is Monday, August 30, 2010.

Summer reading information is on the Blake website; I strongly urge students to begin this important process early in the summer and not put it off until the last minute. Summer reading is an MCPS requirement and a way to reinforce the importance of reading to our students.

And so with the ending of this school year, we continue, graduating our tenth class and looking forward to welcoming the class of 2014. Have a safe, relaxing and happy summer; the fall will be upon us before we know it.



Into The Night 2010! After the After-Prom

Blake Juniors, Seniors and their prom dates had a great time at Dave and Busters! The game room was full of students playing video games, the photo key chain makers made over 500 key chains, the tattoo parlor was busy all night and the pool tables and casino tables were well utilized! As lucky winners were announced during the evening, students eagerly reported to the prize area to see what they had won. The After Prom t-shirt, designed by Blake student Karen Mayorga was given out as a memento as the students left the After Prom.

It took a village

The true success of any event lies in its people. Many thanks to all parents, contributors and helpers for creating a safe and memorable night for our teens! A list of donors (families and businesses) appears in this issue. A very special thanks to our t-shirt sponsors-**Class of '10, Fitzgerald Auto Malls and Zebrowski Dental.**

The following Blake staff members played a part in our event. Thanks to: the Building Services staff, Mr. Tyrell, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Harper, Ms. White, Mr. Heller, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Knott, Mr. Overman, Ms. Pumphrey, Ms. Vargo.

Planning Committee

None of this would have been possible without a dedicated group of volunteers who attended monthly meetings and toiled behind the scenes. Those committee members whose youngest child is a graduating senior are marked with an *. Thank you all for your dedication to the students at Blake High School.

Co-Chairs- Maura McMullen* and Diane Bush*

Activities (partially funded by a Montgomery County Under 21 Grant)-Maura McMullen*

Check in and Tickets-Diane Bush*

Communications-Maura McMullen*

Decorations-Mary Flynn

Dine Out Nights-Janice Hylton

MCPPG rep-Heidi Kalkofen*

Pizza Sale Coordinator-Maura McMullen*

Prizes-Lisa Hedgepeth* and Jack Goble*

Race for a Dream-Janice Hylton

T-shirts-Theresa Cali*

Treasurer-Christy Norberg*

Volunteer Coordinator-Cathy Clark*

We encourage you to get involved with After Prom 2011! We are looking for energetic and enthusiastic individuals who are interested in carrying on the legacy of this event! As you can see many of the Committee members this year are "graduating from Blake" so there is a great need for new

After Prom volunteers to keep this wonderful event happening. The planning for After Prom '11 will have to start this summer so new parent leadership is critical. Please consider stepping up and helping to plan next years After Prom.

The After Prom Committee sold Pizza Boli's pizza after school once a week as part of our fundraising plan. This extremely popular fundraiser would not have been successful without the many volunteers who helped:

Robina Barlow, Mimi Browne, Diane Bush, Cathy Clark, Patrice Chigros, Bobette Banks, Beth Blevins, Margie McNabb, Donna Whitacker, Luisa Archila, Mary and Bob Flynn, Orit Chicherio, Judith Porzel, Jack Goble, Tibi Kenney, Maura McMullen and Chandra Chaurasia.

Thanks so much to Pizza Boli's for being the Official Pizza Supplier of the Blake After Prom committee! the pizza was always hot and ready for pick up. Pizza Boli's is located at the corner of old Columbia pike and Fairland Road. 301-384-8900

Maura McMullen and Diane Bush

PTSA: A HUGE Thank You to Our Members!

With over 650 members, we are the largest PTSA in the Northeast Consortium! We could not have done it without you so let's not stop now. We look forward to seeing you next year and this time bring a friend along.

Robin and Edith would also like to thank the Membership Committee, Lynne Frese, Barbara Girolami, Karen Powers, Jonelle Thom, for their hard work and support. You made our job a lot easier!

Have a great summer,

Robin Ford and Edith Salazar, Membership Chairpersons

Thank You Blake Families for Your Generosity!

We appreciate your continuous support and contributions to help fund the many programs the PTSA organizes at Blake.

Friends of Eubie - \$100-\$249

Michael and Ann Gottlieb

Brian Riley

Bengal Supporter - Up to \$99

James and Theresa Dowdall

Penny Fuchs

Caren Grown

Doug and Brenda Maas

Karim and Michele Virjee

This above list includes direct appeal donations received after 1/31.

Blake Booster Club News

Please email us at blakebooster@comcast.net to volunteer!

Scholar-Athlete Fund

It's never too late to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Booster Club Scholar-Athlete Fund. Each year for the past 5 years we have awarded four \$500 scholarships to Blake STUDENT-athletes, nominated by their coaches, teachers, sponsors. Nominees are reviewed by the Athletic Department and are chosen based on their leadership and participation in Blake athletics, their academic success and their other contributions at Blake. Contributions are accepted year-round. Please mail them to Blake HS Boosters – Attn Scholar-Athlete Fund.

Concessions

Another great year at the concession stand. We have to acknowledge the work of Sally Beach who has kept the stand clean and stocked since last August. And to the scores of parents who have worked tirelessly to have concessions open at football, soccer, field hockey, basketball, wrestling, baseball, softball, POMS and lacrosse events. We are always looking for new concession stand parents. It's a great way to get to know other parents and kill a few hours while the kids watch the football game.

Golf Tournament

The fifth annual Bengal Classic Golf Tournament has been tentatively scheduled for the first week in October at Argyle Country Club. The committee will meet over the summer to begin preparation for the event. Let us know if you'd like to help!
Have a great summer!

2010 Scholar-Athlete Awards

These \$500 scholarships will be awarded at the spring athletic awards program. We are far short of our goal of \$2,000, which has provided 4 of these awards each year the past 5 years. Please consider even a small contribution. Your \$10, \$25 or \$50 will be greatly appreciated. We accept these contributions throughout the year.

Mail your tax-deductible contribution to:
Blake Booster Club/Scholar-Athlete Award, 300
Norwood Road, Silver Spring, MD 20905

Thanks
Mark Wannan, Blake HS Athletic Booster Club

English Teacher Allison Finn Receives Top Honors

Veteran James Hubert Blake High School English teacher Allison Finn has been named as the 2010 Montgomery County Public School's recipient of the Washington Post's Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award, presented annually to one exceptional educator in each of 21 DC-area jurisdictions.

"I am honored—and humbled—to have been nominated and to have been chosen the winner," says Miss Finn, who feels there isn't just one educational philosophy she follows for teaching her classes. "Each student is different, so my approach to each student's education must also be different. I guess the number one rule is to keep the standards high for all and vary the path to achievement."

With a master's degree from the College of William and Mary School of Education, Miss Finn joined the staff at Blake in 2000 and earned the prestigious National Board Certification in 2008. Her current teaching schedule includes AP English Composition 11, Honors English 11, and Honors English 9, as well as an elective yearbook production class. Additionally, Miss Finn is sponsor of the freshman class and a lead instructor in teaching new technology to fellow faculty members. Out of school, she has spent nine years as an EMT/firefighter with the Kensington Volunteer Fire Dept.

"I think the best way to influence students is to do things worth emulating and set a positive example," says Miss Finn. "I believe deeply in service—in the school community as well as the local community. If they [students] know I work hard for myself and that I will work hard for them, they are more likely to work hard for themselves. And if they know I work hard for the community and support their efforts there as well, they will again be more likely to work for others."

Blake principal Carole Goodman, who nominated Miss Finn for the Agnes Meyer Award, says, "Her ability to inspire, motivate, engage and excite even the most disenfranchised students is nothing short of remarkable....Students are eager to participate in her class and thrive on her praise and encouragement." Mrs. Goodman also notes that Miss Finn's lessons "are brilliantly planned to include respect for all cultures, a focus on the arts, a love of reading and writing, and an enthusiasm for learning."

Blake English resource teacher Joseph Caulfield, who has observed Miss Finn in her classroom numerous times, adds "Unless that award is given for being generous, committed, indefatigable, and resourceful, she doesn't deserve it at all."

Miss Finn becomes the third Blake teacher to win the Agnes Meyer Award since the school opened in 1998, joining social studies teacher Mary Wagner (2004) and foreign language teacher Teresa Carbonell (2007) as recipients.

Counseling and Career News

School Counseling Department:

Current 11th, 10th, 9th and 8th graders: Course selection letters will be mailed home the first week of June. Please review the letter carefully and contact your school counselor if there are any mistakes by Tuesday, June 15th.

Guidelines for Summer School Registration:

(<http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/extendedhours/summerschool/high.shtm>)

Any students who are interested in taking summer school classes should contact their school counselor immediately. Below are the registration dates and times. You may register at any school, Registration Begins: May 18, 2010

Absolute Registration Deadline: First Session—June 10, 2010
Second Session—July 9, 2010

Registration forms must be fully completed and all signatures must be obtained before forms can be processed. Students will not be allowed to register for summer school without a completed registration form and appropriate payment.

Students must register for all regional summer school courses at the locations and times listed below. **They do not have to register at the location where they will be taking classes.**

Northwest High School

DAY	DATE	TIME
Saturday	May 22, 2010	9 a.m.–2 p.m.
Tuesday	May 25, 2010	4 p.m.–8 p.m.
Wednesday	June 9, 2010	4 p.m.–8 p.m.
Wednesday	July 7, 2010	4 p.m.–8 p.m.

Paint Branch High School

DAY	DATE	TIME
Tuesday	May 18, 2010	4 p.m.–8 p.m.
Tuesday	June 1, 2010	4 p.m.–8 p.m.
Thursday	July 8, 2010	4 p.m.–8 p.m.

Montgomery Blair High School

DAY	DATE	TIME
Monday	May 24, 2010	4 p.m.–8 p.m.
Saturday	June 5, 2010	9 a.m.–2 p.m.
Thursday	June 10, 2010	4 p.m.–8 p.m.
Friday	July 9, 2010	4 p.m.–8 p.m.

Rockville High School

DAY	DATE	TIME
Wednesday	May 19, 2010	4 p.m.–8 p.m.
Wednesday	May 26, 2010	4 p.m.–8 p.m.
Tuesday	July 6, 2010	4 p.m.–8 p.m.

Seniors:

Make sure that you speak with Mrs. Moore, the College and Career Coordinator regarding your college or career plans. We want to know what every graduate will be doing next year! Dr. Weast also likes to keep track of all of our student's scholarships. To date our Class of 2010 has earned over \$9 million dollars in scholarships!!

It's never too late to report what you have earned! Please contact Mrs. Moore at [Kathy L Moore@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kathy.L.Moore@mcpsmd.org). Good luck in all your future endeavors! We look forward to seeing you for our alumni reception in late December 2010. Look for a letter which will be sent to your home.

Juniors:

This summer is the time to complete your SSL hours. Please do not wait until your senior year to complete your required community service hours. In fact, do more than the minimum – shoot for 260 SSL hours to earn a Certificate of Meritorious Service upon graduation. College admission officers are impressed by students who give back to the community and get involved.

In the fall you will be focusing your time and energy on researching and applying to colleges, so get those SSL hours done over the summer. If you have any questions or need suggestions, see Ms. Rigney in Room B230 or view <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/ssl/>.

Register for the SAT or ACT for the Fall Testing.

www.collegeboard.com or www.actstudent.org

Prepare for fall testing: Students should take advantage of the FREE SAT and ACT online prep offered by MCPS. To access this resource, visit the MCPS homepage,

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org, and click on the “for students” tab. The link for this test prep is in the top left hand corner. Directions for how to access the site are clearly stated. Username & password is the student's six-digit school I.D. number. Students can pace themselves through the online course, but should set goals such as 1-2 hours per week for SAT or ACT Prep. Other FREE test prep websites: www.sparknotes.com, www.number2.com, www.collegeboard.com, www.actexampracticetests.com.

Last fall University of Maryland College Park moved up the priority application date to November 1st. The priority deadline offers the best opportunity for admission (including consideration for merit scholarships, special programs and the Honors College. Applications will be available on their website around mid-July. www.umd.edu. There is also a new part one application, choose 2 out of 6 essay questions (300 words per essay). This will replace the “niche” questions.

Over the summer you should contact your Counselor to make your “Senior Commitment Appointment”. At this appointment you will be discussing colleges that you have researched using Naviance/Family Connections, learn how to request recommendation letters from teachers, obtain transcripts, and how to apply to colleges through Blake HS. Please email or call your counselor directly for an appointment. The College & Career Center will be open for individual appointments, as well. You can prepare over the summer by completing the Student and Parent Reflection Forms and brainstorming a list of prospective colleges, (doesn't have to be your “final” list).

CAMP ROCK World Premiere Comes to Blake

Christina_R_Gelb@mcpsmd.org: A-Bri & G-Hau (10th – 12th)
Jeannette_L_Hayes@mcpsmd.org: Bro – F (10th – 12th Grade)
Nancy_J_Rossini@mcpsmd.org: Hawk- Ko (10th – 12th Grade)
Jean_A_Smith@mcpsmd.org: Kr – Pa (10th – 12th Grade)
Kim_D_Tolbert@mcpsmd.org: Pe – Thomas (10th – 12th)
Bernadette_White@mcpsmd.org: Thompson – Z (10th – 12th)
Kathy_L_Moore@mcpsmd.org: College and Career
Information Coordinator

Sophomores:

Start thinking about preparing for the PSAT for the October testing. You may qualify for scholarships based on your scores from this test. Use some of the free test prep websites noted above.

Freshman:

Introduce yourself to your new counselor for the 2010-2011 school year!

SPOTLIGHT ON CAREER ACADEMIES: Senior Recognition

One of the goals of MCPS is that all students be college and career ready. In support of that goal, our Career Academy program gives students the opportunity to focus their studies in a pathway of career interest. Students who complete a cluster of required pathway courses and a culminating capstone experience achieve Academy Certification. This is an honor recognized at the Academic Awards Night on May 25th and then at graduation by citation in the program, acknowledgement from the podium, and the display of our Academy medallion on graduates' robes. This year, 98 seniors have achieved Academy Certification, with 8 of them completing certification in two pathways. All four of our academies: Arts and Communications, Business and Consumer Services, Humanities and Public Service, and Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) are well- represented by the pathways these seniors have chosen to explore.

Many thanks to the mentor teachers and sponsors of the capstone experiences completed by these students as part of their certification. We congratulate these seniors on their achievement and on the forward step they have taken to map their future.

The new Disney Musical, C AMP ROCK, the Musical will have its world stage premiere at Blake High School on July 22, 23, 24, and 25 in the Blake Auditorium.

The Blake HS Stage Boosters will be presenting the show as a result of this year's Musical Theatre Institutes.

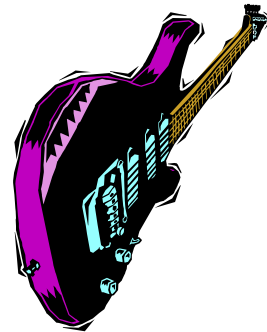
CAMP ROCK, the Musical picks up where the CAMP ROCK ONE movie left off as Mitchie and her friends return for another summer of fun at the rocking summer music camp for talented performing arts students. Except, this year, another Performing Arts Camp has opened up across the lake --- CAMP STAR with all of its American Idol wannabes.

Eventually, the competition for campers comes to a head with a challenge issued by the camps at each other to see who can win the "Ultimate Jam" at the end of the summer session.

CAMP ROCK will feature over 40 students from Blake and other schools in this music and dance extravaganza. Show times are 7:30 pm on the 22nd, 23rd, 24th and at 2 pm on the 26th. Ticket orders should be made through Mr. Michel D'Anna, the director, at Michel_D_D'Anna@mcpsmd.org.

Ticket prices will be \$10 for General Admission and \$15 for Reserved Seats (Rows "A" thru "H"). Please make checks out to Blake Stage Boosters.

Don't miss CAMP ROCK, the Musical!



Stage Company News

The American High School Theatre Festival has selected the James H. Blake HS Stage Company as one of about 20 schools, nationwide, to present a play or a musical at the 2011 Edinburgh Festival Fringe in Scotland. This is a terrific honor and the 10-day visit is something the Stage Company is weighing to accept. The Fringe Festival is the largest theatre/performing arts festivals in the world with groups such as the Kirov Ballet and the Chinese National Circus accepting performance slots.

PTSA Auction Roaring Success!

The J.H. Blake PTSA Auction was a great success! **Thank you all for taking the time to support James H. Blake High School PTSA in our efforts to provide the best possible education and school environment for our incredible students!** Congratulations to everyone who: *placed a winning bid, generously donated an item for auction, and invited family, friends and community to make their bid to build a better world!*

While we are still finalizing our deposits and receipts, to date the Auction has earned over \$8000.00 for our Blake High School Students! Kudos to the Blake Community for once again showing how much you care!

Thank you to Robina Barlow, Beth Blevins, Dany Burns, Mimi Browne, Diane Bush, Monica Chaurasia, Alice Crawley, Patty Ferry, Paul Girolami, Jack Goble, Maria Gonzales, Maura McMullen, Margie McNabb, Sharon Mosely-Ramsey, Karen Powers, Brenda Pullen, Donna Selden and Sara Watson and the entire PTSA Board for their hard-work, support and creativeness throughout the Auction.

A **HUGE** thank-you goes out to all of our **Student Volunteers** who worked so enthusiastically before and during the Silent Auction and were invaluable to our efforts in presenting the evening's event!

Thank you to our incredible **Principal, Carole Goodman** whose personal and professional support have been an inspiration and motivator! Thank you to **John Overman, Digital Arts Teacher** for his contributions, organization & enthusiasm - to **Mike D'Anna, Signature Coordinator** for his perspective & continued support of Blake's shared goals, to **Brian Damron** for the coordination of his musical program - to our **Staff** who not only donate generously to our annual Auction, but who also participate as well as promote and support the "renaissance" quality of our students education! To **Robin Pumphrey, Krystal White-Prillman, Denice Wepasnick** and **all our Administrators** for their support!

To our parents, thank you for donating and participating in our effort to bring the best to our Blake community of families, staff and our beloved students! And, thank you to all the friends who have joined in to help us succeed in our Cause - our wonderful Blake children!

Thank you to Richard Clinckscale of Clinckscale Catering for his generous contribution to our event.

The PTSA Auction Chairs – Dawn Dolan and Maureen Hill-Gross

Student Government Association Updates

Please congratulate the following individuals who will serve as SGA & Class Officers for the 2010-11 school year:

SGA President: Jennifer Lien
SGA Co-Vice Presidents: Rhea Wyse & Linda Powers
SGA Treasurer: Leena Owen

Class of 2011 President: Rachel Babcock
Class of 2011 Co-Vice Presidents: Damon King & Lucas Frangou
Class of 2011 Treasurer: Jamie Tran
Class of 2011 Recording Secretary: Stella Song

Class of 2012 Co-Presidents: Jake Gordon & Tracy Velazquez
Class of 2012 Vice President: Matt Lipshultz
Class of 2012 Recording Secretary: Erica Wang

Class of 2013 President: Madison Bruffy
Class of 2013 Co-Vice Presidents: Janine Taira & Priya Dadlani
Class of 2013 Recording Secretary: Assoumou Diby
Class of 2013 Corresponding Secretary: Min Jee Shim
Class of 2013 Assemblies/Activities Chair: Hassanatu Savage
Class of 2013 Spirit Leader: Musa Malik

Thank you to all of the parents, students and staff who supported the SGA events this year. We truly appreciate your cooperation and dedication.

I have truly enjoyed serving as the SGA Advisor for the past three years and I wish only the best to the student leaders of Blake HS. Ms. Christina Gelb will serve as the SGA Advisor for the coming school year and Mrs. Pamela Rowe will teach and coordinate the accompanying Leadership Class, bringing a vast amount of organization, energy and dedication to the positions.

Ms. Erinn Rigney

SSL Notes

As the year is winding down and summer is approaching, please encourage your students to take every opportunity to earn SSL hours before the new school year begins in August. This is one of the best times to share our talents with others while completing some of the requirements necessary for graduation. Please use the MCPS SSL website to search for SSL opportunities in your area at www.mcpsssl.org. If you have SSL related questions over the summer months please contact the Main SSL Office by phone at (301) 279-3454 or by fax at (301)-517-8166.

It has been my sincere pleasure serving as your Service Learning Coordinator these past three years and I wish you all the best in the years to come. Thank you for serving others and creating meaningful opportunities for our students. Mrs. Mary Wagner will be the Service Learning Coordinator for the coming school year adding a breadth of wisdom and knowledge to the position.

Ms. Erinn Rigney.

College and Career Center Information:

Local Summer Opportunities:

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS at MC - June 21 - August 13, 2010 - for grades K-12 - So many classes to choose from, full or half day camps (art, computers, math, reading, science, theatre, writing, and more). Check out the website, www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth, or call Youth Programs at 240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917. Deadline for scholarship requests is 5/28/2010. SAT Prep class available to develop test-taking strategies, manage test anxiety and increase confidence & speed. Sign up at: <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/ce/testprep.html>

MC SUMMER HEALTH SCIENCES WORKSHOP - June 21-25 or June 28-July 2, 2010 - The health sciences workshop is free to rising juniors and seniors to attend over the summer at the MC Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus. Students who are considering one of the following careers are invited to participate: nursing, diagnostic medical sonography, fire & emergency services management, health information management, physical therapist assistant, radiologic (x-ray) technician, surgical technology, polysomnography (sleep technician). For more information and to apply: www.montgomerycollege.edu/rt or contact Rose Aehle at 240-567-5564 or email: rose/aehe@montgomerycollege.edu.

HOW TO SUCCEED IN COLLEGE - Montgomery College, Rockville campus - sessions offered from July 26- August 6 and August 9-20, 2010 - This is a half day pre-college experience recommended for graduating H.S. seniors who want to prepare for success at Montgomery College. It includes a one-credit course, DS 107 College Survival. Students must commit to daily attendance (3 hrs each day) and full participation in all program activities in order to receive course credit. www.montgomerycollege.edu/departments/studevrv/htsic.html 240-567-4087.

\$\$\$ for graduating seniors who are MC bound....

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP - If you are planning to attend MC for the 2010-2011 school year and have significant financial need, consider applying for the Board of Trustees Foundation Scholarship. Requirements: good academic standing; no SAT or citizenship requirements for this award, financial need (submit FAFSA student aid report). Students may apply for any major, any program and any campus (including Biomedical Scholars, School of Art & Design, etc). Applications can be found in the Career Center or online at: <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/finaid/grants.html>
Deadline: June 7, 2010.

2010 HERB BLOCK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP (for MC students) High School graduates who plan to attend Montgomery College and lack the necessary financial resources to pay for community college should apply for the Herb Block Scholarship. 100 scholarships will be offered this year valued at up to \$8,000 per year for students pursuing an associate's degree or a vocational certificate. Be aware that students who have shown continued improvement may apply (A, B, or C grades are acceptable). Other selection criteria: school & community activities, demonstrated leadership, letters of recommendation, work experience, character, & candidate's written statements. Application online: www.herblockfoundation.org **Deadline: July 7, 2010** for Fall semester.

Your Blake Blue Note

A big thank you from your Blake Blue Note editors to all the teachers, staff and parents who took the time to write such informative articles. You do a great job at keeping parents informed. Sara has a student at another high school, and its newsletter is generally half our size!

Sara Watson (Gifford)'s child is graduating this year, so I sadly say good-bye to a wonderful school. I'm thrilled that **Paul Girolami** is stepping in to work alongside **Michele Setton** to prepare the BBN. Every time, Michele manages to compact a huge amount of unwieldy text, charts, spreadsheets, etc., into a newsletter that is exactly a multiple of 4 pages. She has found wonderful photos and images to spice up the text.

Many, many thanks to people who take the finished newsletter and prepare it for the post office – probably the most time-consuming job! If you've never seen what 1,700 newsletters looks like, just step into Ms. **Beth Shepherd's** and Ms. **Ann Macrae's** class. You'll see boxes and boxes of materials, that their students carefully fold, label and sort. Then Ms. **Robina Barlow**, in addition to her other duties, hauls those boxes to the post office. It's a huge job, and we are grateful for their taking on those tasks.

As a reminder, we prepare a newsletter in August, so be ready to send us your articles for the new year! Keep them coming to blakebluenote@yahoo.com. Have a wonderful summer, and thank you again.

SECOND SEMESTER FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE – June 2010

Wednesday, June 9 - REVIEW DAY – 7 PERIOD DAY

***Locker Cleanout**

Thursday, June 10 - Final Exams: *Periods 1 and 2*

7:25 - 9:35 PERIOD 1

9:35 - 9:55 Study/Snack

10:00 - 12:10 PERIOD 2

12:10 Dismissal

12:20 Activity Bus

12:10 - 2:10 Study Hall/Cafeteria

2:10 Dismissal for students using MCPS transportation

Friday, June 11 - Final Exams: *Periods 3 and 4*

7:25 - 9:35 PERIOD 3

9:35 - 9:55 Study/Snack

10:00 - 12:10 PERIOD 4

12:10 Dismissal

12:20 Activity Bus

12:10 - 2:10 Study Hall/Cafeteria

2:10 Dismissal for students using MCPS transportation

Monday, June 14 - Final Exams: *Periods 5 and 6*

7:25 - 9:35 PERIOD 5

9:35 - 9:55 Study/Snack

10:00 - 12:10 PERIOD 6

12:10 Dismissal

12:20 Activity Bus

12:10 - 2:10 Study Hall/Cafeteria

2:10 Dismissal for students using MCPS transportation

Tuesday, June 15 - Final Exams: *Period 7 and Make-up Exams (by appointment only)*

7:25 - 9:35 PERIOD 7

9:35 Dismissal

9:35 - 9:55 Study/Snack

10:00 - 12:10 Make-up Exams (by appointment)

10:00 - 2:10 Study Hall/Cafeteria

12:20 Activity Bus

2:10 Dismissal for students using MCPS transportation

Wednesday, June 16 - LAST DAY of SCHOOL - MAKE-UP EXAMS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Thursday, June 17 - Professional Day: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

REMINDER: Students are expected only to come to school for exams.

*Lockers will need to be emptied out on locker cleanout day or you will lose the contents by Friday, June 11, 2010.

Thanks to These Wonderful Area Businesses!

The Following Local Businesses Generously supported Blake's 2010 After-Prom with cash. Donations and prizes are essential to the success of our event. Please let them know you appreciate their support!

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| <i>Steven L. Barnett & Associates</i> | <i>Dr's Mennitt & Daly, P.A.</i> |
| <i>Blake Booster Club</i> | <i>Olney Bagel Bakery</i> |
| <i>Buffalo Wings and Beer</i> | <i>Olney Grille</i> |
| <i>Cheeburger-Cheeburger -</i> | <i>Panera Bread</i> |
| <i>Cheeburger-Cheeburger - Olney</i> | <i>Rita's Italian Ice - Olney</i> |
| <i>Chipotle</i> | <i>Safeway - Cloverly</i> |
| <i>Dr. Larry Cohen, D.D.S.</i> | <i>Starbucks</i> |
| <i>Cold Stone Creamery</i> | <i>Ultimate Electric</i> |
| <i>The Container Store</i> | <i>Robert Zebrowski, D.D.S., LLC</i> |
| <i>Cunningham's Decorating Den</i> | |
| <i>Fairland Animal Hospital</i> | |
| <i>Farquhar Middle School</i> | |
| <i>Fitzgerald's Lakeforest Motors,</i> | <i>Also, thanks to the following families</i> |
| <i>Hoover-Fisher Florist</i> | <i>Blake for donating prizes:</i> |
| <i>Knight's of Columbus - Olney</i> | |
| <i>La Palapa</i> | <i>Clark Family</i> |
| <i>Ledo's Pizza - Colesville</i> | <i>Frame Family</i> |
| <i>Lions Club of Olney</i> | <i>Hawvermale Family</i> |
| <i>Mama Lucia of Olney</i> | <i>Seal Family</i> |
| <i>Mary Kay Cosmetics</i> | |
| <i>McDonald's Corporation</i> | |

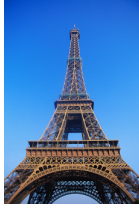


Thank you to the following Blake families who generously donated to the After-Prom. Donations from Blake families and the community are vital to the success of our event!

<u>EUBIE \$100 +</u>					
Allen	Murphy	Ferry/Peterson	Stevens	Miller	<u>OTHER</u>
Bennett	Norberg, C.	Freeman		Mosley-Ramsey	Barlow
Bloomrosen	Norberg, J.	Frimpong	<u>BLUE \$35</u>	Ostermeyer	Bennett
Bush	Prindle	Goldberg	Battaglia	Powers	Benson
Cain	Riley	Gottlieb	Bradshaw	Prather	Blevins/Hirsch
Clements/Treacy	Shaw	Gray	Brewer	Rehman	Doerflinger
Curzi	Tatnall	Gregg	Campbell	Robbins	Hylton
Deshler	Wetzel	Haynie	Chea	Rosen	Jefferies
Doane		Hedgepeth	Choppin	Samowitz	Madden
Elie	<u>BENGAL \$75</u>	Hoffman	Cooke	Snowden	Mandaiker
Fischetti	Brennan	Kalkofen	Corcoran	Starnes	Nava
Fisher	Calhoun	Kirkland	Dakins	Steinfeld	Pelton
Frame	Grenaldo	Kudel	Eakle	Taira	Salazar
Giganti	Phelps	Kuhn	Engle	Valerio	Selbst
Joiner	Rothenberg	Lopez	Gratton	Vernon	Sigwalt
Kenny	Seal	McGugan	Harris	Watson/Gifford	
Korab	Serrano	Miliszaukas	Harrison	Wilbur	
Lewanda		Carter-Hall	Hawvermale	Williams	
Ligon	<u>SILVER \$50</u>	Mondonedo	Haymaker	Woodberry	
Lyons	Banks	Mulchi	Henise	Wynne	
Martin	Blocker	Owen	Hudson/Brooks	Zaika	
Martindale	Bradley-Klemko	Pistolessi	Jaffe		
McIntyre	Butler/Ramsey	Plafker	Kong		
McMullen	Campbell	Porzel	Kugelmann		
McNabb	Clark	Pressley	Kushner		
McNamara	Dionne	Sausville	Lingan		
Mellish	Dowdall	Shilling	Livesay		
Munson	Escobar	Steele	Majower		

Paris and Cote d'Azur

Join Blake students and staff on a trip of a lifetime to Paris and the Cote d'Azur during spring break 2011, April 15-April 22. This educational tour emphasizes language, culture and fun. All Blake students including incoming 9th graders are welcome. Go to www.explorica.com, student tours and locate tour ID: kompare-7006. Register now for the best price. See Mrs. Kompare (A210) Mrs. Shepherd (B223) or Mrs. Knott (C237) for more information or e-mail: patricia_a_kompare@mcpsmd.org



DO YOU HAVE A STUDENT NEW TO BLAKE...OR DOES YOUR NEIGHBOR? LET THEM KNOW ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL 101

HIGH SCHOOL 101 is a summer transition program for incoming ninth grade students. We call it the starting point of academic success, because over the past four years of the program, participants have consistently achieved higher grade point averages, better attendance, and increased eligibility. The High School 101 program includes activity sessions in math, reading, team building and skills for success. Sessions are taught by experienced Blake staff working with student teams led by outstanding Blake graduates and rising seniors who serve as mentors and role models. Session dates for Summer 2010 are weekly, from July 12 through July 30. More details and application materials are available on the Blake website link to HIGH SCHOOL 101.

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