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Congratulations to the Brook Hill orchestra

Congratulations to The Brook Hill School Upper School Orchestra students: Ju Hee Seo, April Peddy, Daniel Sharpless, Sarah Mullicane, Megan Troxell and David Hull for earning a place in the 2008-2009 TMEA All-Region High School Orchestra. The students competed on Saturday, October 25th against eight other school districts, several private schools/studios and homeschooled students. Brook Hill orchestra students placed in every string section while taking high rankings in three out of the four string sections: April Peddy placed 2nd chair violist, Ju Hee Seo placed 2nd chair cellist and Daniel Sharpless earned 1st chair in the bass section. These students will perform at the TMEA All-Region Orchestra concert at 4:00pm on Saturday, January 31, 2009, at Robert E Lee High School Auditorium.



National Honor Society



Twenty-two upper school students and twenty-five middle school students were recently inducted into The Brook Hill School Chapter of the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society. These students were selected based upon their commitment to scholarship, leadership, service and character. Officers for the 2008 -2009 school year include: NHS President Collin Hanks, Vice-President Kip Picarella, Secretary Paige Wells, and Treasurer Anna Carswell; NJHS President Timber Garner, Vice-President Drew Robertson, Treasurer Baylee Rozell, and Historian Jim Mullicane.

Majorettes receive nine First Division, Gold Medals



The Bullard High School Panther Band Majorettes received nine First Division, Gold Medal, "Superior" ratings and eight Second Division, Silver Medal, "Excellent" ratings at the Region 21, U.I.L. Twirling Solo and Ensemble Contest on Wednesday, October 22, 2008, held on the campus of Lufkin High School. The members of the First Division twirling ensemble were: Lindsay Brown, Kaitlin Timmins and Paula Paulson. In addition, Rachel Wood, Lindsay Brown, Kaitlin Timmins, Paula Paulson, Heather Jordan and Kahla Morris received First Division ratings for their solos. Jennifer Henderson, Hannah Dahms, and Amanda Berryhill received Division II ratings for their solos. Rachel, Lindsay, Kaitlin, Paula, Heather, and Kayla will now compete at the Texas U.I.L. State Solo and Ensemble contest on Monday, June 1, 2009, to be held on the campus of Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. Congratulations to these First Division, Bullard High School Panther Band Majorettes! The Bullard High School Panther Marching Band is directed by Gary Jordan and assisted by Michael Oglesby.

COOLING

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not functioning properly.

Superintendent Keith Bryant discussed the problem with the air conditioning system at the board meeting Oct. 21.

"The learning environment should not be uncomfortable for students," Bryant said.

Currently the classrooms are all on a chiller and boiler system, which architects thought was the best option when constructing the high school in 2002.

Bryant said the system is outdated and causes inconsistency in air conditioning and heating throughout the school. When dampers are closed to shut off air from one room that air is diverted to another room, thus making that room colder.

"The fault was by the architects at that time that it would be energy efficient, work well, and serve the needs of a growing campus," Bryant said.

Although the main building is on this system, the auditorium is currently on a HVAC (heating and ventilation air conditioning) system. The new wing will also be HVAC.

Bryant stressed that the best route would be to replace the chiller system with a HVAC unit under an energy efficiency company; however, Bryant said because of costs that the district would most likely only be able to afford to repair the current chiller system.

Teachers and students are feeling the effects of the current system and have been dealing with the problem for quite some time.

"When it's 59 degrees in a room it's very difficult for teachers to teach and also for students to pay attention and then some rooms are too hot, which can make kids sleepy and uncooperative," Dorsey said.

Many students and teachers alike feel like the problem is not being addressed appropriately.

"I think it is ridiculous to waste that amount of money to put a band-aid on it," Dorsey said. "We would save so much money in the long run over what it's costing for heating and cooling. They need to fix it."

After the board makes a final decision, work on the sys-

tem should begin within a month or two and take a few months to complete.

Allie Wade is a reporter for the Panther Post at Bullard High School.

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