



PTF Newsletter

One Heart and One Mind at BCA

Welcome to the 14th year of the ministry of Bethesda Christian Academy. We are thrilled to be able to partner with your family as we seek to strengthen the heart, mind and soul of boys and girls. This year we are serving 227 students in grades kindergarten through eight and we are eagerly waiting to see what God is going to do during this academic year. We know that as we all work together with one heart and one mind, we cannot help but to be amazed at what can be accomplished in the name of our Lord and Savior.

I encourage each and every family to strive to be an active member of our school family. Your child will accomplish so much more if you will take an active role and show your child that you love their school. Try to volunteer in your child’s classroom; seek to attend Parent Teacher Fellowship activities and share your expertise whenever possible. We have a new link on our school website that is entitled “Parent’s Punch List.” This link will list a variety of things that parents can volunteer to do to help BCA accomplish its goals and missions. Please keep a close eye on this tab and e-mail us with your suggestions and ways that you can help partner with us. Pray for your child and your child’s school each and every day. God’s power is what will make all the difference and we obtain the power of God through prayer! Teach your child by example. Pray together, believing through faith, that all things are possible.

Finally, let’s praise God for some of the tremendous blessings that He has given us this year:

- New carpet on the first and second floors of the educational building
- New wall coverings on the first and second floors of the educational building
- New stone walkway in the outdoor classroom
- New umbrellas for the outside picnic tables
- New benches for the main playground area
- New computer monitors in the main computer lab
- Updated computer generated grading system
- New bookshelves installed in the library
- Stanford Test results increased to 3 levels above the National Norm
- Expanded Middle School Bible Club established
- 11 7th grade students qualified for the Duke Talent Education Program
- Added Cross Country to our Middle School Sports program
- Established new school website ---bcacrusaders.org
- Enhanced All Pro Dads Middle School Program
- Enhanced Elementary and Middle School After School Clubs
- Developed a creative writing emphasis for the upcoming school year
- Established a 5 year contract with the Bethesda Ruritan Club Gym Committee

Please remember that my door is always open and I look forward to serving your family this year. Welcome to Bethesda!

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Dates to Remember:

- September 11, 8:00am - Reading with Grandparents
- September 14 - Fall Pictures
- September 18 - Movie Under the Stars
- September 23, 7:30am - See You at The Pole
- November 20 - Elementary Musical

PTF President's Message

My name is Jane Mitchell and I consider it a blessing and privilege to serve as the PTF President at BCA. I am the proud parent of one BCA graduate and one BCA student in 7th grade. I love BCA and I love being involved in this wonderful school. I have served in the capacity of President for the past three years and this will be my last year as President so that next year I can assist during the transition phase.

You may be wondering what exactly is PTF? PTF stands for Parent Teacher Fellowship. Parents and Teachers are expected to participate in the Parent-Teacher Fellowship (PTF) meetings. The purpose is to encourage fellowship and strengthen communication between parents, teachers, and the administration. Through these meetings parents are kept informed of policies and other important information.

You might be saying to yourself, "Well, how do you join?" Well, as a BCA parent, you are already a member! And better still, there are no membership dues; simply a commitment of your time! Parental support and involvement are vital to the success of Bethesda Christian Academy. I could not do all that I do without a committed team of chair people. Thank you to each committee chair who has volunteered to serve for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year. BCA is proud to have dedicated parent volunteers that serve in numerous functions throughout the school.

Not only is the PTF made up of great chair coordinators which are a team but we are family. What people first notice upon coming to BCA is the family-friendly feel that we have. I think that much of that has to do with the fact that we are like-minded. If you haven't heard

yet - our theme this school year is "One Heart and One Mind". As we strive to help boys and girls become Ambassadors for Christ, we will be focusing on one thing---striving for excellence in all that we do as we seek to honor the Lord with our actions and our attitudes. Jeremiah 17:10 says "I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve." I ask that you give prayerful consideration to where God is calling you to serve in the ministry of BCA. God knows your heart and your mind and He will lead you where you can best serve to bring Him the glory at BCA. Together we can pull together our strengths and talents to make BCA the best school in RTP as we serve together - One Heart and One Mind!

Partners in Prayer

Partners in Prayer will meet on Monday mornings at 7:45 a.m. in the parlor beginning Monday August 24th.

We will end promptly at 8:15 a.m. so that parents may get to work or to elementary Chapel.

We are looking forward to partnering with you in prayer as One Heart; One Mind for BCA!

Contact Tonda Smith with any questions, tonda_smith@yahoo.com, 919-484-2757.

Fundraising

Silent Auction

You don't want to miss our talented entertainers, out of this world deserts, and most of all the great items you can bid on to support BCA! Back again this year is our own, wonderful, Jacob

Green as our Master of Ceremonies! Come out for a great night of fun and get some early Christmas shopping done!



BCA Fun 5k

Each spring the families and friends of BCA host an exciting event entitled The Family Fun 5-K. This is a great time of fellowship with food, entertainment, exercise, games and more. This event also helps BCA raise much needed funds to supplement the

annual budget. Each family is expected to raise or contribute \$250 toward this annual event. Ask friends and family to

support you as you run or walk the 5-K. You may even have the \$250 deducted through the FACTS tuition management program throughout the school year if you desire. Please see Ms. Brown for more details. **Please make plans now to attend the Family 5-K on May 1, 2010.** More details will be coming soon!



Staff Appreciation

We love our teachers! The goal of our committee is to have our teachers know that we love and appreciate them as well! We give notes of encouragement, small tokens of thanks all year long. We parents at BCA, are so fortunate to have such a loving staff to take care of our children day in and day out. It is our pleasure to give them love in return!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to each of the families whom have contributed to the staff appreciation fund! We truly appreciate all of the thoughtful

donations given during open house. The donations received at the beginning of each school year, go towards that years gifts for the teachers. We provide gift cards for birthdays and holidays, as well as special treats each month. If you would still like to contribute, please drop a check in the tuition box located on the office door. Please memo the check to staff appreciation, but it may be made to the order of BCA.

We look forward to fun and new gifts this year. We will keep you all posted on

what gifts have been given in the newsletter. We will also be sending out a birthday memo, just to inform our families of the upcoming birthdays. We feel this is a nice way that we can encourage our teachers with a card or a note from their students. If you have any suggestions, or ideas, please feel free to drop those by the office as well. Thank you!

Love in Christ,
Tammy Smith and Bethany Stroup

Movie Under the Stars

BCA has rented a 15'x25' outdoor movie screen complete with surround sound to show a great family movie right in the school parking lot and adjacent field. Feel free to bring lawn chairs and a blanket. This is a great family event.

Tickets are on sale now. Included with each admission is a Goodberry's sundae made to order! They will be served starting at 7:15pm. The movie will begin

at 7:45pm. **Mark your calendar now for Friday, September 18th and plan to attend!**



All Pro Dad

Would you like to become a better father and build character in your child?

Does fellowship with other middle school dads and having breakfast with your child sound like fun?

Would you like to see two grand slam homers hit by the same player at a Durham Bulls game?

We did all of the above and then some. Fellowship, Food, and Fun.

Join the "All Pro Dad" group as middle school dads and their children meet every month to discuss biblical principles and



their application to help us become better dads and better students.

For information and to be added to the mailing list contact Bob Mishler at

(919) 422-7663 or
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* Launched in 1997 with the help of Tony Dungy, who coached the Super Bowl winning Indianapolis Colts, All Pro Dad is an innovative program designed to equip men with the moral and educational tools necessary to make them better fathers and role models, and to build character in their children and communities. Check out

"All Pro Dad" on the web at www.allprodad.com.

SPORTS SCHEDULES

Go to the bcacrusaders.org website for an up to date listing of dates, locations and times for all BCA sporting activities.

In the Fall, BCA competes in girls' volleyball, boys' soccer and cross country.

All BCA students and parents are invited to cheer on our athletes at every game!

Labels and Community

Our Labels and Community Program is an easy way for you to earn money for BCA while doing the things you do every day. Please encourage your family members and friends to participate as well!

Food Lion

Register your MVP card online at www.foodlion.com. Click on "Good Neighbors" and then click "In the Community". Select "Lion Shop & Share" and "Register MVP cards".

Harris Teeter

Register your VIC card online or when checking out. Cards must be relinked every school year! For online registration, go to www.harristeeter.com and click on "Community". Click on "Together in Education" and then click "Link to Your School". Fill in the required information. To register at the store, ask the cashier to link your card to BCA. BCA's school code is 2854.

Target Shoppers

Register your Target guest card or Visa card. Call 1-800-316-6142 and register our school (be sure they know it is Bethesda Christian Academy in Durham). Target sends the school a check for 1% of purchases for enrolled customers.

Family Christian Stores

When paying for your purchases, please ask for library stamps. These stamps allow BCA to receive free books for our school. If you do not ask, they will not give you these stamps.

Triangle United Way

Support BCA through your Triangle United Way donation. BCA's designated account is 1483486.

Goodsearch.com

Use www.goodsearch.com as your family internet browser. BCA earns 1¢ for each internet search. When you open the site, simply choose Bethesda Christian Academy as the organization you would like to support.

Box Tops for Education

Clip and collect Box Tops labels. Each label is worth 10¢. Labels may be found on the following products: General Mills; Betty Crocker; Pillsbury; Huggies; Yoplait; Hefty; Hamburger Helper; Ziploc; Nature Valley; Old El Paso. Visit www.boxtops4education.com for a complete listing of eligible products.

Campbell's Labels for Education

Save Campbell's UPC codes and beverage caps. The label will tell you what to save. Labels may be found on the following products: Campbell's; Swanson;

Pepperidge Farm; Prego; V8. Visit www.labelsforeducation.com for a listing of eligible products.

Box Tops for Education Marketplace

Shop online at your favorite stores through Box Tops for Education Marketplace and BCA earns cash on every qualifying purchase at no additional cost to you. Sign up online and designate BCA as your school to support. Shop at www.boxtops4education.com/marketplace

Box Tops for Education Reading Room

Shop online for your favorite books through Box Tops for Education Reading Room and BCA earns 6% on new book purchases. Sign up online and designate BCA as your school to support. Shop at www.boxtops4education.com/ReadingRoom

Scrip Gift Cards

Purchase gift cards and certificates to your favorite stores and restaurants through BCA's Scrip Program. Great Lakes Scrip Center purchases gift cards and certificates at a discount on behalf of non-profit organizations and passes on a portion of its discount. That means that for every gift card purchased a face value, BCA retains between 1-15% as profit for our school! Look for opportunities to purchase gift cards soon!!

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Upcoming PTF Sponsored Events for 2009/2010

- Movie Under the Stars — September 18
- Family Night at the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science — October 2
- Coffee with the Principal — October 16
- PTF Fellowship Dinner — October 26
- Silent Auction — November 6
- Elementary Musical — November 20
- Pastor’s Prayer Breakfast — January 11
- PTF Fellowship/Game Night — January 25
- Coffee with the Principal — March 12
- Skate Night at Jellybeans — March 20
- BCA Fun 5k — May 1
- Christian School Sunday — May 2
- Field Day — May 28

BCA Booster Club

As we start each sport season, we are asking our parents, corporate, and business friends to support the Bethesda Crusaders Athletic Program for this upcoming year.

If you or your business make a tax deductible donation to our program, we will advertise you with a 3’ x 5’ banner, designed cooperatively by your company and us, to be displayed in the school gym.

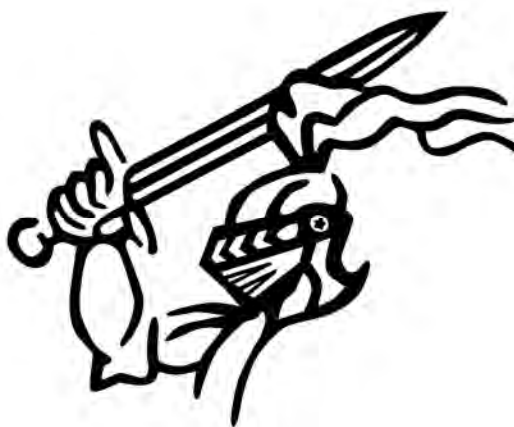
We are offering these banner advertisement levels:

Level One: \$150 annual contribution; receives banner for one year

Level Two: \$250 annual contribution; receives banner for 3 years

Level Three: \$350 annual contribution; receives banner for 5 years

Banner Renewal: \$100 to \$300



Anonymous donations are also welcome.

As an athletic department we have established a list of necessities and wants for the 2009-2010 school year. **We are excited to include on our list for this year a new floor for BCA’s indoor sports home at the Bethesda Ruritan Club**

Gym. This project will cost \$10,000.

You can sponsor our athletic program as a parent or advertise your company. In order to get your advertisement on a banner for this school year, please submit your money and advertisement information by September 30, 2009. Address your submission to:

Bethesda Christian Academy Athletics
1914 South Miami Blvd
Durham, NC 27703
Attention: Melissa Eccleston

and make checks payable to “Bethesda Christian Academy Athletics.”

If you have any questions, please contact our Athletic Director, Melissa Eccleston, at (919) 698-2610. Help our athletic program to reach its full potential.

Thank you for your support!