

Principal's Corner

Can you believe that summer is over and autumn has arrived? This school year is going so well and we want to give God all the glory for every good and perfect gift. Our teachers are working harder than ever to give each student the very best Christian education possible and our students are dedicated to giving their all as they seek to honor our Lord and Savior.

We have encouraged our students and staff to give 100%, not just because they want to receive an A or human praise, but because they LOVE the LORD enough to give their very best! Thank you for caring enough about your children to give them the BEST CHRISTIAN EDUCATION possible.

I was recently at a principal's meeting and I was reminded that parents have a lot of educational choices today—public school, private school, Christian school, charter school and home schooling, so why chose BCA? I hope you have chosen BCA because you are committed to helping your child know the Savior and you desire for your child to be well equipped to stand strong in this world.

We will give your child a quality education, as our students rank three levels ahead of the national standard; we will also give your children a loving, safe and happy environment in which to learn; but more than that—we are going to pray for them and with them and we are going to help them learn about the POWER and LOVE of Jesus. Is anything more important than your child becoming a dedicated believer and servant of our Savior?

Silent Auction

You don't want to miss BCA's 4th Annual Silent Auction, November 6 at Grove Park Chapel! Dinner will be served from 5:30 until 6:30 and the Auction will begin promptly at 6:30.

This year's proceeds will purchase new visibility signage for our school and if God blesses us, as we know He will, more school improvements will be made--such as additional playground equipment and new technology resources.

We already have some great auction items! A set of braces, an autographed Carolina Coaches basketball and an autographed Duke football! Our fabulous teachers have already selected themes for their class baskets. *(cont'd on page 2)*

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Dates to Remember:

- October 16 - All Pro Dad
- October 16 - Coffee with the Principal
- October 20 - Donut sell begins
- October 23 - Report Cards issued
- October 26 - Picture make-up day
- October 26 - Book Fair begins
- October 26 - PTF night/band concert
- November 2 - NJHS induction
- November 6 - All Pro Dad
- November 6 - Silent Auction
- November 10 - Open House at 8:15am
- November 12 and 13 - ACSI and All State Band
- November 20 - Elementary Musical

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We will have a grilling basket, a fall picnic basket, bird basket, baking basket, golf basket and much more.

Back this year – Principal of the Day!

Who dares to step into Mr. Manning's shoes for just one day? This could be a great opportunity for you to sit back and prop your feet up and enjoy the sweet life

of our principal!

Come early, dinner will be served by the Ruritan Club. But save room for dessert! The cheesecake lady, Heidi Kivel, is back. If you didn't get a piece of her awesome cheesecake last year you missed a special treat.

New this year, look for our Christmas tree. Where you can purchase ornaments created by our students or buy a BCA

Crusaders ornament. Maybe you can get a little of your Christmas shopping done while you are here.

We will accept donations for the auction until Thursday, November 5th. All we ask is that the donation be new, nothing is too big or too small.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!

2010 BCA 5k

During this school year, your family will have the opportunity to participate in our annual spring fundraising event. We will host our second annual BCA Fun 5k (formally the Annual BCA Walk-a-Thon)! The BCA Fun 5k race/run is 5 kilometers long and is equivalent to 3.1 miles. This is a fun event for the entire family and is a very important event for our school!



Begin praying about your participation in this event. Are you a visionary person and like to work with a fun group of people? If so, join our team of volunteers to help organize and plan for our big event. Some areas include:

- Sponsorship – corporate and local
- Design a t-shirt and contact vendor
- Advertising/Marketing (contact the neighborhood, newspaper, and advertise to the parents.)
- Meal planning

- Set up & clean up
- Activities for the day

Start making notes now and attend the planning meeting on January 11th at 6:30pm.

If you are interested in serving in a particular area and cannot attend the meeting, please contact Jane Mitchell at ptfpresident@bcacrusaders.org or at 544-0767. You can also contact Sandi Wheelis at swheelis@nc.rr.com.

Together we can make this our most successful walk-a-thon ever!

How can you help?

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.

Labels & Community Winner

And the winner of the Fall 2009 Box Tops & Labels Contest is... Mrs. Niehaus's class! Congratulations! For collecting the most box tops and labels, Mrs. Niehaus's class will be treated to an ice cream party. School-wide, in just one

month, students collected a total of 9,300 box tops and labels and raised more than \$700 for BCA. A big thanks to all the students, parents and teachers who helped make our contest such a huge success!

Please continue to clip and collect box tops and labels throughout the year. Collection bins are located in the teacher's workroom.

Staff Appreciation

What a wonderful start to the new school year! Thank you to all of those who have signed on to our committee! What a blessing you will be to our staff this school year.

For the beginning of this school year, we have treated our staff with apple pie flavored candy apples that were provided thanks to Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory. We appreciate all the yummy treats they help us with year round! We will be receiving more yummy treats for

our teachers in October!

If you have not had a chance to give a donation toward the staff appreciation committee, you can still do so! Just stop by the office and inquire with Mrs. Brown how that can be made possible. We also accept donations year round that can go toward the staff appreciation week that is held in the Spring.

If you have a business or know of a business that would like to donate items for this week, please contact me at

tammysmith@nc.rr.com. Some of our previous donations have included cosmetic bags from Beauticontrol, gift cards to Maggie Moo, and much more. This special week takes place in the spring and we would love to be able to raffle prizes each day!

Remember that you can do your part to show appreciation to our staff each day. A kind note or a thank you in passing goes a long way! Thank you!

Sports News

Basketball Tryouts for Middle School students (6th through 8th Grade) will be held October 27, 29, and 30 from 3:30pm to 5:30pm.

Boys Location: Bethesda Ruritan Club.

Girl's location: Greystone Baptist Church on Tuesday. Bethesda Ruritan Gym on Thursday and Friday.

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!

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

The Booster Club of BCA is seeking to raise needed funds to help support Crusader Athletics. Each student will be receiving a Krispy Kreme order form. If you would like to purchase a box of doughnuts, simply complete the form and return to your child's homeroom class. Additional order forms are located in the academy office.

All Pro Dad

The next All Pro Dad breakfast will be held on October 16. Following breakfast, dads are encouraged to go to the Coffee with the Principal.

The All Pro Dad breakfast focuses on Christian fellowship and strengthening



the relationship between fathers and their families.

All middle school age students and their fathers are invited.

During a typical breakfast meeting we'll have a scriptural message, a challenge, and three follow

up activities will be handed out to dad.

We also make time for sharing, discussion, and the raffle of cool stuff.

Breakfast is free, provided by Chic-Fil-A and starts at 7:15am.

The following breakfast will be held on November 6.

PTF Family Night At BCA

WE ARE FAMILY and we want to spend time with you! On Monday evening, October 26, 2009 the Parent Teacher Fellowship of BCA will be hosting a GREAT family night of fun, entertainment and fellowship.

At 6:30 PM the BCA middle school bands will give a short fall performance, sharing some of the gifts that God has blessed them with. Next, Kimberly

Elliott, a Wells Fargo Financial Advisor will be with us to talk about how to set up college saving programs for your children, so that you are prepared for future educational expenses. We will also enjoy informational skits; the Scholastic Fall Book Fair and BCA updates.

Finally—BCA will be hosting a FREE special dessert and coffee bar for our

families so that we have some time to get to know each other and be reminded of why it is so nice to be a part of the Bethesda Christian Academy Family.

Students whose parents attend this event will receive a NO HOMEWORK pass for Monday evening. Please mark your calendar NOW for October 26, 2009.

Musical

Nan, Dan, and Tan N. Baum join us with the promise of a “Baumbastic” Christmas celebration!

Between the garland on-the-greased-pig competition, the anticipation of Nan’s Christmas possum, and a revolving door of hilarious Baum relatives, there is still a message of hope and expectation of a Redeeming Savior.

We will meet reporter Ginger Breadhouse and her assistant, Jean Gubells as they visit into the Baum mayhem. The music is rich with new songs like “The Whole World Sings,” to a brand

new, disco-funk arrangement of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.”

The elementary students look forward to

sharing this fun with you on November 20th at 1:30pm and 6:30pm. You won’t want to miss this one! Join us for The First Day of Christmas!



National Junior Honor Society

Welcome to the Bethesda Crusader Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. This is a national student based organization designed to honor high achieving students in grades seven and eight.

Student selection into the NJHS is based upon careful consideration of one’s scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship and character. Qualifying students

will be notified by mail of their acceptance.

Bethesda Christian Academy will hold a candlelight induction ceremony for these students on Monday, November 2, 2009 beginning at 2:00 pm. A reception for all honorees and their families will be held directly after the ceremony. Students who receive this honor will have an op-

portunity to experience a multitude of educational and cultural events as we seek to help each student reach their full potential in Christ.

Ms. Jenna Williams, our middle school math teacher, is the NJHS advisor and is available to answer any questions you may have about the Crusader Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

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

- 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

