

# Principal's Corner

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your family this year. We began in August telling students that we were going to strive to be of "One Heart and One Mind" during this school year, and that is exactly what we were able to accomplish.

Our students have stepped up to the challenge academically, socially and spiritually. Students have excelled in the classroom as our teachers have implemented more and more "multiple intelligence" instruction. Students rose to the challenge socially, as we moved to a higher more difficult sports conference and added a new sport, cross country. Students soared spiritually as they began individual bible studies, created the ignition bible club and completed numerous community service projects—such as "Shoes For Haiti."

Our staff has been working hard to stay of one heart and one mind by attending more professional development workshops than ever before and by using more and more technology in the classroom. Teachers are now consistently using PowerPoint presentations and web based resources in their classrooms. Our school computer system has been totally revamped with high internet connections and computer upgrades throughout the building. In April, each classroom will be receiving new flat screen computer systems to enhance our technology skills even more. Our school has now updated its school website and created a Facebook Fan page to help with communication.

God has truly blessed us during this school year and we are excited to see where God is going to take us for 2010-2011.

# PTF President's Message



### PTF Wants You!

As I write this note, it is bittersweet. My time as PTF President is coming to an end. While my daughter and family have one more year at BCA, it is time that I step aside and let someone else step up. We will be in good hands under the leadership of Suzanne Osberg.

To make BCA the best school possible requires active parent involvement. Please take an interest in serving on one of the many PTF committees. There are many areas in which you can serve that only require a fraction of your time. *(cont'd on page 2)*

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### Dates to Remember:

- April 19-23 — Stanford Testing Week / Spiritual Emphasis Week
- May 2 — Christian School Sunday
- May 7 — Parent Celebration
- May 11 — Band Concert
- May 13 — Athletic Banquet
- May 17 — Kindergarten Awards Chapel
- May 21 — 7th & 8th Grade Bands to Carowinds
- May 24 — Awards Chapel
- May 24 — Middle School Exam Week
- May 25 — 8th Grade Celebration
- May 26 — Yearbook Distribution
- May 27 — 5th Grade Celebration
- May 27 — Kindergarten Graduation

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More important is the blessing that you will receive through the fellowship, friendship, and prayer by serving on one of the BCA Committees. Prayerfully consider where God might be calling you

to serve. It is never too soon to think about 2010-2011!

To learn more about the various committees and areas of ministry at BCA, pick up a PTF brochure from the academy office or contact the PTF at

PTFPresident@bcacrusaders.org.

Remember, that by “*partnering together we can inform the student's mind, affect the student's heart, and increase the student's personal talents as they seek to be an Ambassador for Christ.*”

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## Christian School Sunday

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Each year the students, staff and families of Bethesda Christian Academy are asked to attend a Sunday morning worship service at Bethesda Baptist Church. We do this to say thank you to the church for caring enough to begin a Christian School ministry and it gives us an opportunity to share the awesome talents of our students

with the church. This year—Christian School Sunday is scheduled for May 2, 2010 at 10:45 am. Our elementary students will be singing a special song at the beginning of the service; our middle school band students will be blessing us with beautiful music; staff and parents will be recognized and Pastor Jacob

Green will be sharing God's Word with us.

Please make a note now to attend this special service. We ask that all elementary students meet in the church rose garden at 10:30 am so that we can prepare them to open up our service.

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## End of Grade Testing

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Can you believe that the end of the year is just around the corner?

BCA will be administering the Stanford 10 Achievement Tests for students in grades 1-8 during the week of April 19-23. This means that you will receive a print out to compare your child's score with thousands of other children in the same grade who took the Stanford.

Stanford 10 includes many of the subjects that your child is taught in school, ranging from reading comprehension to Bible. BCA students have consistently scored 2

to 2.5 levels ahead of the national norm for the past 14 years. Our teachers work hard — our students work hard and all that hard work is paying off.

What can you do to help your child with End of Grade Testing?

- Make sure they get a good night's sleep before taking the test.
- Eat a good breakfast on the morning of the test. Activities such as those on the Stanford 10 use a lot of energy.

- Remind your child to listen carefully to the directions the teacher gives and follow them closely.
- Remind your child to simply do their best. Students are not expected to know the answer to every question.
- Have your student to school on time. Testing will begin promptly at 8:05 am each day. Once testing begins, students are not allowed to enter the classroom until the testing session is over.

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## Celebrations are Just Around the Corner!

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As the 2009-2010 school year comes to a close, many celebrations have been created to honor the students for a job well done. Listed below are a few of those special celebrations:

- Athletic Banquet: All BCA athletes will be honored on May 13 at 6:30 pm at the annual Athletic Banquet. This event will take place at Grey-stone Baptist Church.
- Kindergarten Awards Day: Each kindergarten student will be honored during chapel on May 17 beginning

at 8:10 am.

- 8th Grade Celebration: The 8th grade students will be honored at a semi-formal banquet held at the Radisson of the Triangle on Tuesday night, May 25, beginning at 6:30 pm. Invitations have been sent home with each student and RSVP's should be returned to the academy office.
- 5th Grade Celebration: The 5th grade students will be honored during a special assembly on Thursday, May 27 beginning at 8:15 am. Di-

rectly after the assembly, the students and families will leave BCA and enjoy a family styled cookout. Details will be sent home to each family in the very near future.

- Kindergarten Graduation: Our nearly first graders will be graduating on May 27 at 6:30 pm in the Bethesda Baptist Church Sanctuary. A reception hosted by the current first grade families will be held in the BCA Café directly following the graduation.

## Partners in Prayer

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Partners in Prayer meet every Monday from 7:50-8:10am in the parlor to lift up BCA in prayer.

April 26 -30 will be a week of prayer for the BCA fun 5K. We will meet each morning in the parlor from 7:50 - 8:10 am, Come join us!!!!

Contact Tonda Smith with any questions, tonda\_smith@yahoo.com, 919-484-2757.

## Student Council

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The BCA Student Council Committee will be focusing on implementing a plan to help BCA "Go Green". We would like to see more recycling in our building so that we can become better stewards of the resources that God has so graciously sup-

plied us with. Morgan Travis, an 8th grade representative, felt this burden and has challenged us to do something to help. If anyone has an idea, information or a contact that would help us with this endeavor please notify Mrs.Dobson by

email at tdobson@bcacrusaders.org.

Also, be on the lookout for a Middle School Fun Night after Spring Break. Details soon.

## BCA Band Festival ACSI Music Festival Results

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I am very proud of every member of the 7th/8th grade band, who performed at North Raleigh Christian Academy on March 12. They played 3 concert band pieces for adjudication, and then split up into small ensemble groups to play another piece for the judges. The 6th Grade Band participated by playing solos for adjudication.

The ratings are as follows:

- 7th/8th Grade Band: Superior (I)
- 7th Grade Flute Ensemble: Superior (I)
- 8th Grade Flute Ensemble: Superior (I)
- 7th/8th Clarinet Ensemble: Superior (I)
- 7th/8th Saxophone Ensemble: Superior (I)
- 7th/8th Brass Ensemble: Excellent (II)
- 7th/8th Percussion Ensemble: Superior (I)
- 6th Grade Band Solos: 11 Superiors (I), and 5 Excellents (II)

## Math Olympics

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Math Olympic students have kicked it into high gear, as they prepare for the Math Olympics Competition on Friday, April 30 at Crossroads Christian School in Henderson.

Students will compete in Math Computation Skills and Math Reasoning Skills.

We are very excited and proud of our Math Olympic Champions. We know that the Lord will bless them because of the commitment and effort that they have put into this special event.

Please be in prayer for these students as the time for the competition draws closer.

3rd Grade: Michael Thaggard, Caleb McDonald, Aaron Williams, Sarah Elliott, Josiah Williams, Spencer Friedlein.

4th Grade: Tyler Emery, Morgan Davis, Daniel Rosengarth, Tanner Dobson, Brandon Partin, Candace Swepson.

5th Grade: Nick Cantin, Karsen Lee, Hannah Mishler, Cole Trout, Ashton

Morris, Asia Singletary

6th Grade: Jeremy Blount, Taylor Byers, Alexis Hollis, Daniel Cain, Ryan Stevens, Camber Woodall

7th Grade: Paige Thompson, Adam Wolfe, Philip Dobson, Grant Friedlein, Deborah Rosengarth, Sarah Page

8th Grade: Gabe Little, Chandler Elliott, Carly Phelps, Marshall Thompson, Kristen Clay, Lindsey Ellis.

# Walking Club

Beginning Thursday, March 25 and continuing through Friday, April 30, Bethesda Christian Academy families will participate in our annual Walking Club.

Our Walking Club will take place Tuesday through Friday each week during your child's recess time. Walking is one of the safest and easiest forms of physical activity. This program promotes

walking as a life-long form of exercise that the entire family can enjoy.

Our Walking Club culminates with the BCA Fun 5K on May 1st so get your walking shoes ready!

## 2010 BCA Fun 5K

**Save the Date!**  
**Saturday, May 1st**  
**9:30AM – 12:00PM**

I hope that you are as excited about the upcoming BCA Fun 5k as I am! "One Heart and One Mind" is our theme. Yes, we will be walking or running our Fun 5k course around the academy and surrounding neighborhoods. So, save the date: Saturday, May 1 from 9:30AM – 12:00PM. You might be wondering – "What is a Fun 5k?" What makes it "fun" is that it is not a "competition" but it is an event for the entire family. Additionally, it is only 3.1 miles instead of our 4 miles completed in past years.



In addition to our "traditional" walk, I am excited that the BCA Fun 5k Planning Team has incorporated a "mission focus". You will be receiving additional information from our Prayer Committee about our "prayer walking" focus. And, our "Hope for Haiti" shoe drive is well underway. How important it is that we, Bethesda Christian Academy families, be a light in our community showing how BCA partners with Christian families to inform the student's mind, to affect the student's heart, and to increase the student's personal talents as they seek to be Ambassadors for Christ. Please show your support of BCA and Christian education as we walk with "One Heart and One Mind" for BCA.

Here are some pointers to guide you from start to finish – READY... SET... GO!

### READY!

- Each family is responsible for raising a minimum of \$250 for the fundraiser.
- The BCA Walking Club will soon be underway so you can begin your training!
- We will walk/run a 2 lap course leaving the BCA campus turning down Ellis, turning onto Cash, onto Stage, to Bethesda Provision Co. two times, and then return to the BCA campus.

### SET!

- Begin asking family, friends and colleagues to sponsor you.
- Turn in your participation form by March 22.
- Each participating BCA student will receive a Fun 5k t-shirt, turn in order form by March 22.
- T-shirts will be available for purchase, turn in order form by March 22.
- Active.com (Optional – more information will be coming home at a later date):
  - Register on-line.
  - Set-up your own webpage and track your progress.
  - Accepts credit card contributions.
- Turn in your Chick-fil-A lunch order form by April 23.

### GO!

- Saturday, May 1 at 9:30AM.
- Music by the SAS Band.
- Smoothie King will provide smoothies for \$2.00.
- Lunch is sponsored by Chick-fil-A and Pepsi.
- Planned activities for the day:
  - Climbing Wall sponsored by The Vertical Edge Climbing Center.
  - Bounce Houses provided by F&M Entertainment.
  - Chick-fil-A tent with spinning wheel and the Chick-Fil-a Cow!
  - Finish-Line Photos sponsored by Laurie Scoggins Photography.
  - Massage station by Julie Marciniak – all donations will go to BCA.
- Prayer Walking (local mission focus).
- Hope for Haiti Shoe Drive (international focus).
- Please note that no pets, bikes, trikes, or hee-lies will be allowed.

Finally, I ask that you pray for the BCA Fun 5k. Pray for the fellowship, the community, the planning team, the weather, and most importantly that through it all, that God will be glorified!

## “Hope for Haiti” Shoe Drive

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We are excited to kick-off BCA’s Spring Mission Project led by our Ignition Bible Club. Our goal is to collect 2,000 pair of shoes for the men, women, and children of Haiti. We will collect shoes through May 1st at the BCA Fun 5K.

- Families are encouraged to bring in gently worn shoes.
- All types of shoes are needed except slippers and no heels taller than 3”.

- Work boots without a steel toe are acceptable.
- All lace up shoes should be tied together.
- All other shoes should be paired with the use of a rubber band.

Students will receive a Homework Pass for bringing in ten (10) pairs of shoes up to a maximum of 2 homework passes.

We encourage you to ask your churches, family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors to donate shoes as they begin their spring cleaning. Ignition is praying that we will exceed our goal of 2,000 pairs of shoes. We know that we have a BIG God and He is using our school to do awesome and great things for His Kingdom!!

## Staff Appreciation Committee

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Wow! Is it the third nine weeks already? The year is almost gone, but we still have lots of exciting events yet to come! Staff Appreciation Week will be May 3-7. During this time, the staff will receive a treat each day and there will be a special slide presentation on that Monday during chapel. We are also excited about our special drawing that will be held during that week. The drawing will be for a Chevy Corvette for the weekend! This fun prize is provided by the fabulous team at Hendrick Chevrolet of Cary.

Our committee has provided some really great gifts for our staff so far this year. For the month of December, the staff received a gift card for Christmas. For January and February, they received treats from Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory. They were very grateful for the lovely chocolate goodies! For March, the staff were treated with a lunch catered from New Japan during the teacher work-day.

The Lord has blessed our school with a

loving staff and we are so happy to be able to provide them with a little token of our gratitude each month. Of course, none of these wonderful things would have been possible without the donations from our BCA families! If you have a business service, or item that you would like to donate for the staff appreciation week, please leave your information or item in the school office in attention to Tammy Smith. Thank you so much for all you do!

## Thank You to the BCA PTF

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A heartfelt “thank you” to our PTF Committee Chairs and PTF Officers! Without you, each committee would not run as smoothly as it does! I count it a privilege to have served the 2009-2010 school year with you!

It is my hope and prayer that you will “prayerfully consider” serving again in 2010-2011; however, I know that if “you never step aside, you never give someone else the chance to step up.”

-Jane Mitchell, PTA President

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## Athletics

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Please see Coaching Mark for Girls Soccer and Boys Baseball Schedule.

The Athletic Banquet will take place on May 13 at 6:30 at Greystone Baptist

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*"One Heart and One Mind at BCA"*

#### Upcoming PTF Sponsored Events for 2010

- BCA Fun 5k — May 1
- Christian School Sunday — May 2
- Field Day — May 28

**[ bcacrusaders.org ]**

#### SPORTS SCHEDULES

Go to the [bcacrusaders.org](http://bcacrusaders.org) website for an up to date listing of dates, locations and times for all BCA sporting activities.

In the Spring, BCA competes in girls' soccer and boys' baseball.

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

