

PTF President's Message

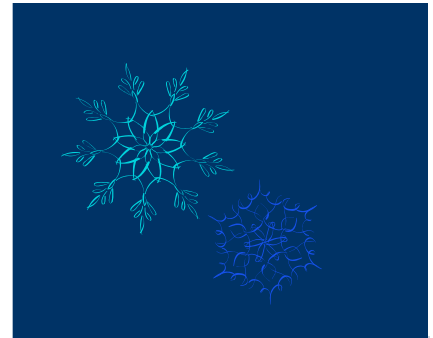
Suzanne Osberg

Take Time to Enjoy the Holiday Season

It's hard to deny that the Christmas season is upon us. Everywhere you turn, you see wreaths and lights and hear jolly holiday music. In our house, we barely put away the Halloween pumpkins before my son asked to put up our Christmas tree! Already I'm a bit frazzled – holiday get-togethers from now until the end of December; finalizing the Christmas Day menu; finding and decorating the tree; mailing holiday cards and finding that special gift for my kids!

This holiday season, my prayer for BCA's families and friends is serenity – finding peace as we balance the hustle and bustle of the holidays while at the same time, actually taking time to enjoy the holiday season. Here are some ideas how:

- ✿ **Focus on the meaning of the holidays.** If the Christmas season has become all about getting and receiving lots of gifts, then it is definitely time to reevaluate what the holidays mean to you and your family. Think about how you would like the holidays to turn out and then make changes in your life to bring you and your family closer to your ideal holiday. And let's not forget the REAL REASON FOR THE SEASON – take time to celebrate the birth of our Savior!
- ✿ **Plan.** Discuss with your spouse and children, if old enough, the things you would like to do during this holiday season. What traditions are important to continue? What traditions would you like to begin? Decide as a family what is important and then shape your holiday plans around this as much as possible.
- ✿ **Learn to say NO.** If you're like me, saying NO is hard. But if an activity or event is difficult to fit in with your plans, then say no without guilt. Save your YES's for those things that are most important to you and those you love.
- ✿ **Be prepared.** December is a hectic month! Know what events you need to have cookies, or a gift or a dish for. Seek out events and activities you want to be involved in so that you can be prepared.
- ✿ **Make memories with your family.** Be sure to enjoy the time you spend with your spouse and family. It will be the little things they remember, not the gifts. Bake cookies together and go caroling. Drink hot cocoa and watch Frosty the Snowman snuggled up on the couch. Read holiday books in front of the fireplace. The most important gift you give this year may be the memories you create of a happy time spent together with your loved ones.



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From our family to yours, best wishes for a peaceful Christmas and Happy New Year!



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Fundraisers Update

Thank you to everyone who supported BCA's fundraisers during October and November!

BOX TOPS

Wow! BCA earned \$956.60 from the collection of Box Tops! Congratulations to Ms. McCracken's 3rd grade class - winner of the Box Tops competition!

BCA in BLOOM ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION

Attendance at this year's Annual Benefit Auction event was the largest in BCA's six-year auction history! We pray that you and your family had awesome time bidding on BCA artwork, gift baskets and travel getaways, and were wowed by the sumo wrestling talents of our very own Mr. Manning and Mr. Overcash.

It is with a BIG HEART that we say THANK YOU for generously donating auction items for classroom baskets and for purchasing items at the Silent and Live Auctions. With your support and generosity, BCA raised **over \$16,000** from this event. BCA will use these donations to install an outdoor water fountain, acquire its second SmartBoard and purchase new tires for the Academy bus.

The success of the BCA in Bloom Annual Benefit Auction depends solely on our families, our donors and volunteers. On behalf of the Benefit Auction Committee and BCA's staff and teachers, thank you for making this year's event such a success!

YANKEE CANDLES

The Yankee Candle Fundraiser was also a HUGE success this year!! Merchandise orders totaled \$4,699 which BCA earned \$1,850. All orders should arrive in the next week and will be delivered to your child to bring home.

BARNES AND NOBLE BOOKFAIR

The Barnes and Noble Bookfair is December 1st and 2nd. This fundraiser comes just in time for Christmas and helps BCA earn money at the same time. Shop at any B&N or online on these days. All you need is our ID#10468767.

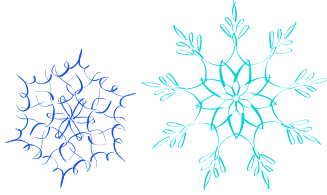
BOOSTER CLUB

Basketball Games are every Tuesday & Thursday nights. Admission to Home Basketball games is \$3 for Adults & \$1 Kids. **BCA students get in FREE!** At all home games, the Booster Club sponsors a concession stand with lots of great food available. Please be sure to bring cash to the games! All proceeds benefit BCA's athletic programs.

Partners in Prayer

Lisa Shriver

BCA's Partners in Prayer and ePrayer Committee is a group of dedicated parents, family and friends of BCA. We meet Friday mornings at 8:00 am in the Parlor and faithfully pray for family, staff and the school. We also email a weekly ePrayer to those who cannot meet on Fridays, but still want to pray for our school. ePrayer is a copy of our prayer list and helps keep everyone in touch with important prayer needs. If you have a prayer request or would like to sign up for the ePrayer email, please email Lisa Shriver at kurtandlisa@nc.rr.com. Please join us for our weekly prayer meetings!



Staff Appreciation

Michele Pozo

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Staff Appreciation Fund. To date, we have showered our staff with birthday treats and special gift. At the beginning of the year, we made sure our staff was well-stocked with school supplies. We will also be carrying on the tradition of giving Christmas gifts to each staff member.

Thank you again for the contributions and support. We continue to take donations throughout the year, so if you are interested in donating additional funds to the Staff Appreciation Fund, please drop a check in the tuition box with a note stating that it is for the Staff Appreciation Fund.

Please help us Grow

Christine Jouannet



The Community Relations and Promotions Committees have joined forces to think of creative ideas to advertise BCA in our community & grow our enrollment.

BCA Staff will visit several local preschools to educate parents about BCA and all it has to offer. In addition, we will be working with local churches, schools, and communities to include information about BCA in their newsletters.

This year, we will also be sending home informational postcards with students. **We need your help getting the word out!** Please use these postcards as a way to encourage your church, your friends and family to learn more about BCA. Invite them to attend BCA's Open House in December or January. Open House will be held on December 6th from 9am-11am.

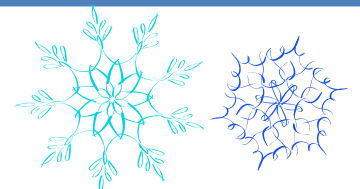
If you have ideas on how to involve the community in our school or for our school to be involved in the community, please join us at the Committee meeting on December 13th at 5:15pm in the library.

Crusaders Give Back

Suzanne Osberg

On October 26, 100 World War II veterans from North Carolina boarded a plane for our nation's capital. These heroes were part of Triangle Flight of Honor, a program that brings veterans to Washington DC, free of charge, to visit the memorials created in their honor.

This year, BCA proudly supported Triangle Flight of Honor. Our students created cards and wrote letters to ALL 100 veterans who made the trip. Students thanked our veterans for their military service, prayed for them on their journey and shared stories about their loved ones in the armed forces. Thank you BCA for touching the hearts of those who have sacrificed for us and our country!



Staff Highlight

Selena Sinclair **Band / Bible Teacher**

15 Years Teaching

11 Years at BCA

Favorite Quote: Bach gave us God's Word, Mozart gave us God's Laughter, Beethoven gave us God's Fire, God gave us Music that we might pray without words. - German Opera House



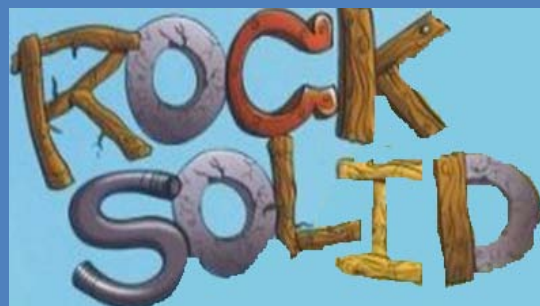
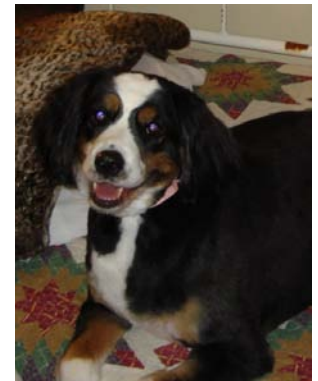
Ms. Sinclair started her career teaching in the Buncombe County Schools.

Her family includes her husband Joe, and her children Melissa, Jennifer, and Jacob. When she is not at school, Ms. Sinclair likes to spend time relaxing with her family. She attends church at Aversboro Road Baptist Church in Garner, NC

One of her favorite things that she must have in her home is her cockapoo/collie, Rowdie!

Ms. Sinclair's students would be surprised to learn that she played High School basketball, volleyball, and softball.

Ms. Sinclair wants BCA parents to know that she considers it a privilege to work at BCA!!



Elementary Musical – Rock Solid

Our Elementary students performed another great musical, well 2 of them! Thank you to all the students, staff & volunteers that made this event possible (including a special thanks to the Hospitality Committee for the lovely reception following the evening show). Videos are still available for \$12 each. If you are interested, please stop by the office to purchase prior to December 6th. Also be sure to see the evening showing of the musical at Barnes & Noble on Friday evening at 6:00pm.



Crusader Chronicles

Important Dates

Every Tuesday & Thursday - 4pm Girls Basketball games (check bcacrusaders.org calendar for location)

Every Tuesday & Thursday - 5:15pm Boys Basketball games (check bcacrusaders.org calendar for location)

December 1st ~ BCA Pep Rally

December 1st - 2nd ~ Barnes & Noble Book Fair

December 5th ~ Band Concert 1:30pm & 6:30pm

December 6th ~ Open House 9am -11am

Please encourage friends, family and church members to attend one of our monthly open house sessions to learn more about BCA. Spread the word about our great school!

December 12th ~ BCA Staff Chapel

The BCA staff will perform in a special chapel to celebrate the season of Christmas.

December 13th ~ Community Relations & Promotions Committee Meeting in the Library 5:15pm

Committee will discuss how to promote BCA in the community. Please feel free to join us!

December 14th ~ Winter Sports Pictures

December 16th ~ School Dismisses at 12pm

December 19th – January 1st ~ School Closed for Winter Break

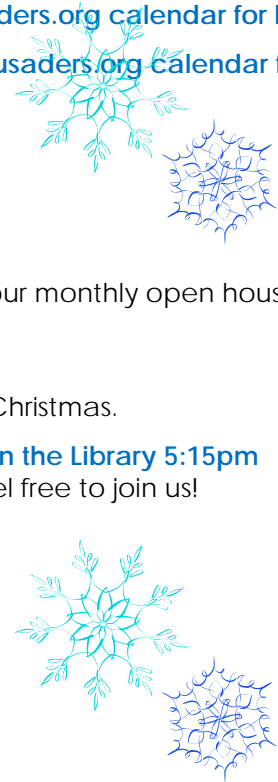
January 2nd ~ Staff Returns to School

January 3rd ~ Students Return to School

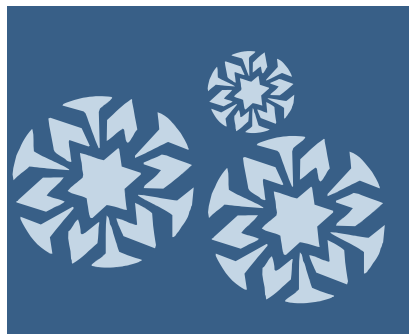
January 6th ~ End of the 2nd Quarter

January 16th ~ School Closed

Martin Luther King Holiday



Do you have something you would like to share with BCA's staff and families? If so, please send all announcements and article information to Christine Jouannet by the 12th of each month to be included in the monthly newsletter. **E-Mail:** ptfnews@bcacrusaders.org



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