



We Want to Hear From You!

Suzanne Osberg

It's hard to believe that the end of the first nine weeks of school is fast upon us and report cards will be issued. Seems not that long ago my kids and I were at Wal-Mart shopping for back to school supplies!

We pray that your family's first few months at BCA have exceeded your expectations – that you feel like part of the BCA family, that your child is receiving a quality Christian education and that activities and events are worth your family's time to volunteer and/or attend. Remember, BCA is committed to *Raising its Sights and Reaching New Heights* in all that it does! We cannot achieve excellence unless you partner with us and we share open two-way communication.

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for the middle of October. Please make every effort to attend these meetings and get to know your child's teachers. It's a great way to both give and get feedback about your child's strengths and weaknesses. Last year, our son's grades began to suffer because he always wanted to finish his work first and move on to the next thing. At parent-teacher conferences, we discussed this with his teacher and came up with a plan TOGETHER that would help our son and that both us, as parents, and his teacher could reinforce with him.

Hopefully, you and your family have attended some of the fellowship events hosted by PTF, such as Durham Bull night and the Golf Tournament. Look for other opportunities for your family to get together with other BCA families throughout the year. PTF takes great pride in planning and coordinating these activities. They are meant to be fun and to promote community and school spirit. Please let us know what events you enjoy and how we can improve other events. You may email me (PTFPresident@BCACrusaders.org) or drop a note in the PTF mailbox in the teachers' workroom.

Have you ever seen the mailbox located near the Crusader knight in the academy lobby? That mailbox is actually a Suggestion Box. Please drop a note in the box with any thoughts or feedback.

And as always, BCA teachers and staff, including Mr. Manning and Ms. Brown, have an "open door policy" and are available to address concerns and other feedback throughout the day, via email and phone.

BCA is committed to being the best Christian school in the Triangle! Each year, our curriculum, electives, athletics and after-school programs get better and better thanks to feedback from our families. Please commit and support us in our endeavors by letting us know what we do great and where we can improve!



Check out BCA's Photo Gallery at
www.bcacrusaders.org/photo-gallery

Elementary Musical



The cast and crew of *Happily Forever After* are hard at work preparing a wonderful program to share on **Thursday, November 15th at 1:30 & 6:30 p.m.**

The music room is busy with singing and dancing, students are memorizing lines and learning places, sets and props are being constructed....whew!

It's an exciting time here in the castle! Please join us as we journey down the narrow road to a Far Away Land.

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See What's Happening at BCA



No, it's not NCAA basketball season quite yet!
Actually, BCA has partnered with UNC and Duke to offer new and helpful programs for BCA and our students!

BCA Welcomes UNC to Campus!

BCA has partnered with the University of North Carolina Nursing School for the upcoming school year.

We have been blessed with two senior nursing students who will come to our campus once a week to help us update and review policies, update our health website (health.bcacrusaders.org), and create a health assessment for our school.

These students have assisted us in reviewing a school peanut allergy policy and will be teaching classes about allergies to our students.

Please join us in welcoming UNC to our campus.

Go Heels!

BCA Welcomes Reading with the Blue Devils!

BCA has partnered with Duke University to begin a new reading incentive program with our 3rd Grade students.

3rd Graders are asked to read for 15 minutes each night. Once doing so for 15 times, they will be honored with an award from Duke University. Each time they complete a reading form, the prizes get a little more exciting. Prizes start with a Duke pencil or ruler and end with 2 tickets to a Duke Men's Basketball Awards Dinner.

In addition, we will have Duke athletes visit our campus two times during the year to read with our 3rd Graders.

Go Duke!



BCA's 1st Annual Golf Tournament

September 28th, 2012

Our first Golf Tournament was a success!! A total of 32 golfers participated in the tournament held at The Crossings Golf Course in Durham. Additionally, we raised over \$4,000 in sponsorship money, as well as, had several donations for giveaway bags.

Congratulations to the big winners of the day!

- Greg Long won a 3 night/4 day cruise
- George Bryant won \$1,200 in the putting contest
- Kedan Whitt won the qualifying round for putting

We look forward to making this an annual event.

Thank you to our sponsors, volunteers and players. Thank you, Kerry Bryant and Brandon Overcash, for organizing the event!

Scholastic Book Fair

Our recent book fair ran from Monday, 09-24-12 - Friday, 09-28-12. As always, this event was a great Success! We greatly appreciate the volunteered their time and talents to possible. Also, a big thank you to those who donated books to our school.



If you did not find the book you were looking for or did not get a chance to attend, not to worry. We will host an event at Barnes and Noble in the fall! Keep an eye out in the next edition of the newsletter for more details on this upcoming event.

See you at the Pole / Pastors' Breakfast

On September 26th, BCA took part in See You at the Pole Day, a global event in which students meet at their school's flagpole before school on the fourth Wednesday of every September to pray for their school, the students, teachers, government, and our nation. Although we are blessed with the opportunity to pray in school each day, many are not able to do so. BCA feels this is an important event to participate in as it provides an opportunity for our students to pray with their family, teachers, and pastors. For more information on See You at the Pole Day, visit:

www.seeyouatthepole.org

Mr. Manning kicked off See You at the Pole and then turned it over to our students to help lead the event. Laura Kate Niehaus, BCA's Student Council President, and Chase Elliott, Student Chaplain, led us in prayer; followed by songs led by BJ Brantley and pastor-led smaller prayer sessions.

This year, in addition to the See You at the Pole event, we also hosted our annual Pastors' Prayer Breakfast. This is the first year that we have combined these events. Several pastors from the community attended and had the opportunity to learn more about BCA. If you or your pastor was unable to attend this event, we highly encourage you to talk to your student about the experience and consider attending this event in the future.

Thank you to all the families and pastors who attended this event and our Partners in Prayer PTF Committee that made these events possible.





Introducing BCA's 2012-2013 Student Council

Student Council elections were held in early September. Congratulations to this year's Student Council members:

President: Laura Kate Niehaus

Vice President: Asia Singletary

Treasurer: Zion Singletary

Secretary: Morgan Davis

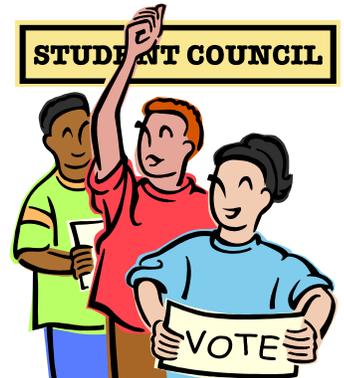
Chaplain: Chase Elliott

Activities Director: Joseph Mbemba

8th Grade Representatives: Shawn Seargent, Zack Tate

7th Grade Representatives: Austin Gronewald, Jordan Kivel, Payton Leary, and Brandon Partin

6th Grade Representatives: Claire Anderson, Conner Carr, Caleb McDonald, Jordyn Reaves, Julianna Rodriguez, and Kedan Whitt



National Junior Honor Society

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding middle school level students. More than just an honor roll, NJHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character and Citizenship. These characteristics have been associated with NJHS membership since its beginning in 1929.



The purposes of the National Junior Honor Society are "to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools." These four main purposes help guide each chapter, including BCA's chapter.

NJHS membership honors outstanding students. Eligible students can be identified starting in second semester of sixth through eighth grade. Once selected, member participation in chapter activities provides opportunities for students to reach their fullest potential at school and in life. All chapters are required to conduct at least one chapter service project each year and to promote individual service projects for all members. NJHS believes that organizational, leadership, and service skills developed through these activities build stronger students. **On Monday October 8th, BCA will induct new members to the National Junior Honor Society.** Check the November Edition of *Crusader Chronicles* for a list of new inductees.

Hats Off to Student Council

Student Council recently hosted "Hats Off...or On". Students purchased tickets for \$0.50 to wear a hat in school on Thursday, September 27th and to be entered into a prize drawing. Students raised \$93 with this event which Student Council will use to benefit BCA. Congratulations Darius Singletary, Erica Hollis, and April Whitten - winners of the gift cards drawings.



ACSI Teacher Convention

Our staff will be attending the 2012 ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) Convention. This convention is meant to engage Christian educators in professional development. Our teachers will participate in sessions with respected thought leaders and practitioners. The speaker panel is diverse; it consists of CEOs, Chaplains, Professors, Educators, & Program Developers.

In addition to the conference speakers, our staff will have opportunities to fellowship with other North Carolina educators, as well as, update their education certifications and learn new techniques and technologies to bring to BCA to enhance the quality of our students' education.

To learn more about ACSI and this convention, visit: www.acsiglobal.org



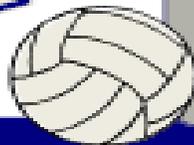
BCA'S PEP RALLY

**THURSDAY
OCTOBER 11TH, 2012
5:30PM - 7:30PM
BETHESDA RURIAN GYM
ADMISSION
\$3 - ADULTS
\$1 - KIDS**

Show your school spirit
by joining us for our
2012 Pep Rally!

Wear your
BLUE & WHITE
& cheer on BCA's
Volleyball, Soccer,
Cross Country &
Cheerleaders!

THE LINE UP:



The Game:
Girls Volleyball vs. BCA Coaches
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Performances by...
BCA Cheerleaders & PEP Band



8th Grade Player Recognition For All Teams



Spirit Stick Competition
Elementary vs. Middle School



COME HUNGRY!

Food Concessions
Will Be Served

Proceeds to Benefit:
The Athletic Booster Club





Brier Creek Location



WELCOME TO MOE'S BCA SPIRIT NIGHT

Monday, October 15, 2012

Present this flyer at Moe's Brier Creek and a portion of your purchase will be donated to Bethesda Christian Academy!

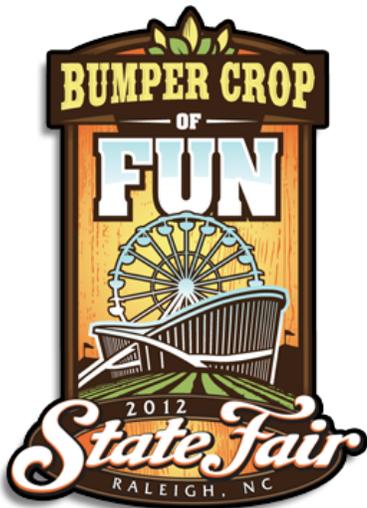
A simply delicious way to support our school!

LUNCH: BCA receives 15% of sales

DINNER (4pm—8pm): BCA receives 20% of sales

Starting at 5 PM, BCA teachers will be working the burrito line!

North Carolina State Fair



OCTOBER 11 - 21

Over fall break, we encourage you to take time out with your family and visit the NC State Fair. BCA is closed on October 17th to give you and your family time to see the fair.

We all know the fair has lots of great rides and food, but did you also know it hosts some great exhibits as well? Have you heard of **Villages of Yesteryear**? At this exhibit, you can watch crafters spin wool into yarn, weave yarn into cloth, make rugs, turn pottery, carve wooden bowls and utensils, make split-oak baskets and more. Native American crafts, such as, hand-coiled pottery, beadwork and stone carving are also featured. Kids and kids-at-heart can even make their own dolls or stuffed toy to take home.

In addition, fairgoers can see cattle, sheep, goats, and swine and learn more about the various breeds of farm animals raised in North Carolina. The Ark's Avenue of Champions will feature grand and reserve champions from the junior market steer, lamb, goat, turkey and barrow shows.

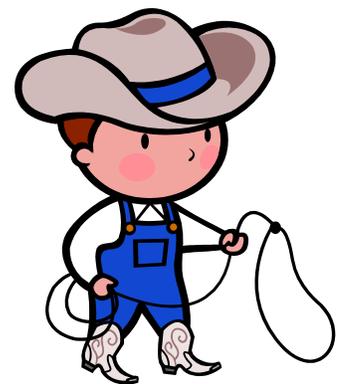
For more details on the fair and the exhibits, please visit www.ncstatefair.org



2012 Annual Benefit Auction

Yeehaw! Make plans now to attend this year's Hoedown Benefit Auction. Please invite your family and friends! Country western wear encouraged!! More details to come.

WANTED:
COWBOYS AND COWGIRLS
KICK UP YER HEELS!
MOSEY ON DOWN TO
BCA'S
BOOT SCOOTIN HOEDOWN
BENEFIT AUCTION
NOVEMBER 2, 2012
BETHESDA RURITAN GYM RANGH
2003 S. MIAMI BLVD • DURHAM, NC
SUNDOWN: 5:30PM
ROUND UP:
SILENT AND LIVE AUCTIONS
FOOD TRUCK RODEO
(ONLY BURGER, BIG MIKES BBQ AND COOKING COWGIRLS)
VENDOR SHOPPING
COUNTRY WESTERN ENTERTAINMENT
MECHANICAL BULL RIDES
KIDS RODEO
KIDS GRADES K-4TH ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
THEIR OWN RODEO AT BCA
5:30PM - 7:30PM



Each homeroom has been asked to "lasso up" an auction basket. Please check with your child's homeroom teacher and find out what items are needed. Thanks for your support!



Important Dates to Remember

Wednesday, October 4th - Jamoboree Away 3:30 pm

Monday, October 8th - National Junior Honor Society Induction & Reception

Tuesday, October 9th - Benefit Auction Committee Meeting

6:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room Volunteers are still welcome to help plan our upcoming Benefit Auction.

Thursday, October 11th - BCA Pep Rally

5:30 - 7:30 pm Ruritan Gym (across Miami blvd, next to Bethesda Elementary School) All ages are invited to come out and cheer for BCA! BCA Girls Volleyball team vs. the coaches, BCA Cheerleaders and Pep Band performances, Spirit Stick competitions, & 8th Grade player recognition, and more. Tickets are available at the door: \$3 for Adults, \$1 for Kids.

Friday, October 12th - All Pro Dad Breakfast

7:10 am Prime Time Room

BCA invites all middle school dads and their middle school student to a FREE breakfast and devotional held once a month. The program is designed to inspire and equip fathers to be actively involved in their children's lives. Breakfast is provided by Chick-Fil-A.

Monday, October 15th - BCA Spirit Night at Moe's Brier Creek

All Day Invite your friends and family to eat out and help raise money for BCA Sports & Boosters. From 11am - 4pm, BCA receives 15% of sales and from 4 pm - 8 pm, BCA receives 20%. Please bring the Spirit Night flyer with you. Come see your favorite teachers work the burrito line beginning at 5 pm!

Wednesday, October 17th through Monday, October 22nd -SCHOOL CLOSED

BCA will be closed for students October 17th - October 22nd. On October 17th, make plans to attend the NC State Fair to see great artwork, shows, and produce from around our state. On October 18th -19th, teachers will attend the ACSI Teacher Convention and return to school on October 22nd for a Teacher Workday. Classes resume on October 23rd.

Monday, October 29th - Honor Roll Chapel 8:10 - 8:50 am

Chapel service will be focused on students in Grades 1 - 5 who made the A & A/B honor rolls for the first nine weeks. Please attend and support your student.

Friday, November 2nd - Boot Scootin' Hoedown Benefit Auction

5:30 pm Bethesda Ruritan Gym Ranch

Our annual Benefit Auction has taken on a western theme this year. Gather up your cowboy boots and hats and do some shopping for yourself and your family. Bid on gift baskets, gift cards / certificates and other great items.

Thursday, November 15th - Elementary Musical

Performances at 1:30 & 6:30 pm

Elementary students will be presenting *Happily Ever After*. We invite you and your family to attend one or both of these performances.

