

CRUSADER CHRONICLES

Terra Nova End of Grade Testing Week Is Coming:

Beginning **Monday, April 25** and going through **Thursday, April 28**, students of BCA will be taking the Terra Nova Achievement Norm-Referenced Test. This means that your child's scores provide a comparison of his or her performance to that of thousands of other children in the same grade who took the Terra Nova at the same time of year. The results help show what your child has learned and what your child has not yet mastered. It is important to understand that no one "passes" or "fails" the Terra Nova.

Terra Nova includes many of the subjects that your child is taught in school, ranging from reading comprehension to Bible. For each question, several answers are given and the student must select the best possible answer. The teacher will be reviewing sample questions before the Terra Nova is given in order to make sure your child understands the proper testing procedures. Students in grades kindergarten through eight will take part in this educational assessment.

Terra Nova can only give certain types of information about how your child is doing in school. To obtain a more complete picture, you also need to know how your child does with daily classwork, other tests the teacher gives, homework and other activities.

The testing will begin promptly each morning at 8:00 am. Students who arrive after the testing has begun will not be allowed to enter the classroom until the day's testing has been completed. Please make sure your child arrives to school on time. During the week of testing there will be no homework in the elementary school and only test practice homework in the middle school. If you have any questions about the testing, please feel free to ask your child's teacher or contact Mr. Manning. Results should be returned to the school in late May. The academy will issue the results to each family as soon as possible.

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April 29

Upcoming Chapels:

4-12 Fourth Grade Presents Chapel

4-19 Game Show Chapel

8:10 and 2:00

2:00
Middle
School

8:10
Elementary

BCA Is On the Road Again

As BCA strives to make sure students obtain hands on learning opportunities, several classes will be learning on the road during the month of April:

-  Second grade will be taking a train trip to Raleigh and visiting the Science Museum on April 7



Second Annual Bethesda CAR & BIKE SHOW

APRIL 9 9 AM - 1 PM

Bethesda Baptist Church
1914 S Miami Blvd
Durham, NC

- cars, trucks, & bikes welcome
- top 25 trophies
- top 5 recognition
- 50/50 raffle*
- door prizes
- food vendors*

Preregistration - \$15* Day of Show - \$20*

Show Sponsorships Available* (details on back)

Online info & registration: bethesdacarshow.com

For more info contact Rick @ 919.650.9159

*All proceeds benefit Bethesda Baptist Missions

Physical Activity Club

April 4-April 28



Crusaders Move! is the new physical activity club for this spring. This is a fitness incentive program designed to promote exercise 60 minutes a day. Our school encourages students to set fitness goals in a community based setting. Students will exercise during the day with their class an additional 15 minutes, four days a week. Elementary students will participate in recess during the school day with these minutes counting toward their fitness goal. Students may walk before or after school with a parent or grandparent AND students who participate in recreational sports, dance classes or supervised physical activity can count this time toward their activity goal. Yes, we still will offer tokens, medals, etc. when students reach their milestones! More information is available on Mrs. Fields' website or in the brochure in the office. What a great way to enjoy your family this spring! Let's get moving!!

Spin Man Comes to BCA

April 11, 2:00

Grades 4-8

The Spin Man will be on campus April 11 to entertain as well as encourage our students to resist negative influences and reinforce positive attitudes. He does all this while spinning as many as eleven basketballs, spinning one on a pool cue balancing on his nose, and much more. Parents are invited to join their children for this fun event.

BCA Birthday Bash

May 13



The Birthday Bash date has been changed to May 13. Look for further information to come soon!



Soccer Field Here We Come!

BCA presented the final plans for the Crusader Soccer Field to the Durham Board of Adjustments on March 22. We have received approval and have now filed for our grading permits! We are thrilled to announce that we should begin work on the "Crusader Field" in April. As with any building project, we will have to make some adjustments to our routine as this project is completed. Thank you for helping us to keep our students and families safe during construction. Please continue to pray for this project as we move forward. We know the project will cost a minimum of \$125,000 and we have raised about \$85,000 of the needed funds. We are now praying that we can find a company to donate the dirt we need to level out this field and a company that is willing to donate trucks to haul the dirt to our school. Will you join us in praying for God to meet our every need?

Chalk Walk

Wednesday, April 6 1:00

Kindergarten –Fifth and Middle School Art

We will be celebrating the birthday of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" written by Eric Carle.

Come and watch the fun as our students work together to draw the Longest Chalk Caterpillar "Ever". Each student will be drawing different sections of the book.

This will be a great time of learning and working together to create an amazing masterpiece.

BCA Receives High Accreditation Marks

BCA is pleased to announce that we have completed our ACSI and AdvancED Accreditation visit and the team has recommended that BCA receive accreditation for another five years! BCA received the highest scores ever from an accreditation team and we are so thankful to our students, parents, staff and school board for all their hard work, prayers and dedication to excellence. BCA received scores well above the national average in the areas of "Teaching and Learning Impact"; "Leadership Capacity" and "Resource Utilization". Listed below are a few of the Powerful Practices the Accreditation Team developed from their visit:

1. BCA has a culture that cultivates a high level of investment and involvement by the parent constituency which results in an enhanced learning environment for students.
2. BCA has effectively engaged stakeholders by creating a Long Range Planning Team that has given a focus and direction to the school's short and long term goals.
3. The technical and security upgrades that have enhanced the safety, security and effectiveness of the learning environment for students is exceptional.
4. Stakeholders understand, articulate and actively embrace the school's mission and share a fervent commitment to BCA's values and beliefs. There is a high level of trust and confidence in the leadership, administrative team and personnel of BCA.

Coaches Corner

Spring teams have started and continue to work hard to improve. Soccer has faced some tough competition early in the spring and look to add some wins to their record in the month of April. Golf has also shown some improvement through their first few matches and will continue to prepare for their conference matches. Baseball began the season with a big win over defending conference champion Crossroads Christian. They are looking to improve by one spot after finishing runner up last year. Make sure you check the athletics page for the schedules so you can come out and support your Crusaders!



2016 Bethesda Baldies

St. Baldrick's Fundraiser

Head Shaving Event- Sunday May 1, 2016

Time: 11:00am-12:00 noon Balder Dash 5k/
12:00 noon-5:00pm Headshaving Event

Location: West 94th St. Pub

Woodcroft Shopping Center

4711 Hope Valley Rd.

Durham, NC 27707

Contact Kerry Bryant for more information

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Spiritual Emphasis Week

April 25-27

Spiritual Emphasis Week is quickly approaching the BCA campus. This year's theme is **Eternity: God's Plan for Me**, based on 1 John 2:25 "And this is the promise that He has given us, eternal life."

Students will be challenged in their spiritual walk with inspirational speakers.

Pastor Ivey Rhodes from Cross Culture Church of Raleigh will be the guest speaker for the Middle School services.

Elementary students will be inspired by guest speakers, Mrs. April Lemons of Bethesda Baptist Church and Mrs. Coral McDonald of Cross Culture Church.

Students will enjoy celebrating life through music with guest worship leaders. Testimonies and special music from BCA's student body will be an integral part of our worship. Middle School services will be held from 12:40PM to 1:40PM. Elementary Services will be held from 2:05PM to 2:50PM.