

Crusader Chronicles



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CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
PREMIER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Standardized Testing Coming Our Way In April

Students in grades K-8 will take the Terra Nova End of Grade Standardized Test during the week of April 29. This is a week where students can demonstrate what they have mastered throughout this academic year. As we begin to prepare for this testing session, we are providing all families with our Standardized Testing Practices and Policies. We are looking forward for our students to show off how much they have learned this year.

Purpose of Testing:

When administered properly, standardized assessments allow students to demonstrate their abilities, knowledge, aptitude, and skills.

Valid and reliable results from uniform assessments provide information used by:

Students to determine how well they have learned the skills and curriculum they are expected to know.

Parents to know whether their student is gaining the skills and competencies needed to be competitive and successful.

Teachers to gauge their students' understanding and identify potential areas of improvement in their teaching.

Administrators to evaluate programs and provide additional support.

The public to evaluate schools.

As educators, we are obligated to provide students with an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and skills fairly and accurately. The best test preparation a teacher can provide is good instruction throughout the year that covers the breadth and depth of the curriculum for a course, using varied instructional and assessment activities tailored to individual students.

Testing Procedures

Educators must ensure that:

An appropriate environment is set for testing to limit distractions.

All students who are eligible for testing are tested.

Active test proctoring occurs, which includes walking around the room to make sure that each student is actively participating in the testing process.

March 2019

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Bedford Falls Book Fair

Bedford Falls Book Fair

March 25-29

Monday Noon - 3:30 pm

Tuesday-Thursday 7:30 am - 3:30 pm Friday 7:30 am – 8:30 am

Please join us as our school hosts our annual spring book fair. There will be many new books for your child to choose from. This is the perfect time to stock up on your child's favorite authors for summer reading. Families and friends are invited to browse. All proceeds from the book fair go towards new books for our growing library.

We need lots of volunteers to make our book fair successful! Please contact Mrs. Phipps at kyla.phipps@bcacrusaders.org if you can help.



Suggestion Box

Calling All Parents and Students for Suggestions:

BCA has brought back our “**SUGGESTION MAILBOX**”. It is located directly beside the academy office door. If students or parents have a suggestion for BCA, we would love for you to take a moment and complete a suggestion card and place it inside the Suggestion Mailbox.

This is your school and we want to hear from you!



Parenting Seminar

BCA PRESENTS



EMPOWERED

PARENTING SEMINAR

FEATURING



LANS JONES



FAMILY ESSENTIALS MINISTRIES, LLC

MARCH 4

6:30-8PM
IN THE SANCTUARY
This session is focused for parents of
K-4th graders.

MARCH 11

6:30-8PM
IN THE SANCTUARY
This session is focused for parents of
5-8th graders.
Childcare will be provided.

BCA is pleased to host a parenting seminar. "Empowered Parenting" will be an introductory focus on a holistic approach to Biblical parenting principles. Our speaker will be **Lans Jones of Family Essentials Ministries, LLC.**

Lans Jones is a husband, a father, a teacher, and a parent coach, but most importantly he is a child of God. He and his wife of over 20 years absolutely adore the seven children they raise together in North Carolina. Lans serves as the Discipleship Pastor at Mosaic Church of Durham while helping parents become the best caretakers they can be through the Family Essentials Ministries organization.

Contact Lans at 203.900.4336 or familyessentialsministries@gmail.com for individual parent support.

THIS IS A FREE EVENT! CHILDCARE PROVIDED.

Flight Production



Atlantic Coast Theater Presents...

Flight!
March 29
2:00 pm
K-5th Grade

Mankind has always been fascinated with the skies, the stars, and reaching new heights. **FLIGHT!** combines creative staging, original music, & audience participation into a theatrical production that explores the stories of flight including the Wright Brothers, Amelia Earhart, The US/Soviet "Space Race", & NASA's many accomplishments.

Parents are invited to attend as their students are encouraged to think about the future of flight, and perhaps be inspired to become pioneers reaching for the stars themselves.

ACSI Music Festival

The 6th-8th grade band students are working hard to prepare music to represent BCA at the ACSI Music Festival at North Raleigh Christian Academy on Friday, March 8th. The 6th-8th grade band will perform 2 pieces for adjudication in the Fine Arts Center at 8:30 a.m. Parents can attend this performance. Throughout the rest of the day, our soloists will play their piece for adjudication (no visitors/parents can go in to listen to these performances, but each student will receive, by email, a recording of them playing their piece and the judges' comments). Please pray for these students to have their music well prepared and to give them peace and confidence as they perform.

6th-8th Band: Olivia Newbold, Ariela Ramos-Zinter, Kaelie Goss, Hayley Dority, Jordyn Pace, Kayleigh Phipps, Gabby Phifer, Genevieve Reed, Summer Pence, Lindsey Crabtree, Sydney Sawaya, Madison Leary, Caroline Barbee, Zachary Phipps, Xander Bonkowski, Soleil Whiteside, Cooper Wheelis, Ellis Seale, Mark Harris, Haegan Bryant, Zion Oliver, Jordanne Cochrane, Zoe Richardson, Josh Brown, David McNeil, Kaylee Powell, Larell Barringer-Tinnin, Thato Chaiken, Tyler Overton, Gracie Downey

Snack with the Principal

Each year, Mr. Manning asks teachers to select two students from their class to come and enjoy a delicious snack with him. While they are eating, Mr. Manning will host a round table discussion to find out what students love about BCA, what they would like to see improved and give him ideas for the future. Mr. Manning listens! BCA is now hosting STEM classes for elementary students because it was suggested by elementary students during last year's snack event. This special day will take place on March 28. Each teacher will be given two invitations to give out to students in their homeroom. We look forward to the valuable input our students have.

Mission Operative Day

Baskets of Service at BCA

BCA students are **magnificent** at putting others first through service. Our year long focus on service will end on our last **Mission Operative Day** which is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 3**.

Our elementary students will be given a two-part task. First, they will be helping the school create gift baskets that will be delivered to various pre-schools in our area. The gift baskets will be filled with personal letters, special treats and the ingredients for the teachers and preschoolers to have fun making slime.

Next, our students will actually make an individual jar of slime to give to a friend, family member or neighbor. Please encourage your child to pass along this small gift that they would love to keep for themselves. This is a true act of service and an opportunity to talk about our school.

Middle school students will also be participating in a community project that afternoon. They will be serving others by giving their time and talents.

From the Coach



Basketball season ended in a dramatic fashion this year as the Crusaders were able to pull out a tight victory over Endeavor Charter in the TMSC Championship game on February 9th. It was a tight game but the Crusaders closed out the victory in overtime 50-47. The Crusaders were led by Josh Brown (26 points, 7 rebounds, 6 steals), Ellis Seale (14 points, 10 rebounds), and Logan Crabtree (9 points, 10 rebounds, 3 steals). The Crusaders will be losing six 8th graders but the team has some really talented young guys returning to defend our conference championship next year.

Way to go Crusaders!

Spring season has kicked off at BCA and the golf and girls soccer teams are already hard at work. BCA golf is the defending conference champions and will be led by returning players Luke Mueller and Xander Bonkowski. We also have two new additions to our golf program this year in Brady Oliver and Lloyd Armstrong. Girls soccer is returning many starters but also has many exciting newcomers as well. The Lady Crusaders hope to challenge for the top spot in the conference this year and would love to have your support. Many exciting games and matches are coming your way this spring.

We are hoping to start our baseball program back this spring and we will be having tryouts on 3rd and 4th at Bull City Little League from 3:30-5:30. If your son is interested in trying out for baseball please bring a glove, hat, and warm clothes on Monday for tryouts. We will carry the boys to the field and you will pick them up. We are still in need of a Coach! Please contact Athletic Director Brandon Overcash at Brandon.Overcash@BCACrusaders.org if you are interested.

Honk!

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, April 16th**, as BCA middle school and fifth grade students present Broadway, Jr.'s musical - *Honk, Jr!*

Come follow Ugly, the duckling, as she tries to find her way in life being criticized by family and friends because she doesn't look nor sound like them. With the help of her mom – Ida, friend - Penny, and a few more animals along the way, Ugly realizes that being different isn't as bad as she once thought.

Be on the lookout for more information about ticket sales!



Friend-A-Gram



The halls of BCA were filled with songs, sweet treats, and lots of love on Valentine's Day. The National Junior Honor Society visited each classroom serenading students and staff with special songs. They also delivered special cards and sweet treats to staff and students. Over 200 Sing-A-Grams were sold this year making this a very successful fundraiser for the National Junior Honor Society. Thank you to all who participated!

Honor Roll Chapel

Mr. Manning and Ms. Brown are bringing back the Bean Bag Clown Honor Roll Game on March 20th. All students who earned A and A/B Honor Roll will have their name placed in a drawing to have a chance to come and play the Bean Bag Clown Game. Students have an opportunity to earn individual and whole class prizes as our way of saying thank you for striving for excellence and working so hard at BCA.

March 13
Early Release
11:45 am
March 14-15
School Closed—Winter Break

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Fifth Grade Visits the Greensboro Science Museum	2
3	4	5	6 Mrs. Bowen's class presents chapel 8th Grade Presents Chapel	7	8 ACSI Band Festival End of 3rd nine weeks	9
10	11	12 First Grade goes to <i>Cat and the Hat</i>	13 No Chapel Early Dismissal 11:45	14 Winter Break School Closed	15 Winter Break School Closed	16
17	18	19	20 Honor Roll Chapel	21	22	23
24 Bedford Falls Book Fair Week Staff Appreciation Week	25	26	27 Fifth Grade Presents Chapel On Mission Bible Club 3:00-4:30 pm	28 Snack with the Principal	29 ACT Flight! 2:00 pm	30
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