

# Bowling Green Christian Academy

Winter 2006

## YES, IT IS WORTH IT!

This year we sent a survey to the BGCA Alumni who graduated from the school's 8th grade class in 2000 or before (that was our highest grade offered at the time). We have received a number of responses, but one in particular caught our attention. A young man wrote that he was not sure how to describe the experience he had at BGCA. In his words, "I was not a believer at the time" and yet "I can appreciate the teachers, especially Mr. Cox, who sought to teach us how to think Biblically." He concluded saying, "thank you, BGCA, for seeking to be faithful to teach me, even though I did not want any of it." Today, this young man is training to serve God in full time ministry!

*"For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus." Phil. 1:6*



**BGCA 2006 Re-Enrollment:**

**February 13, 14, & 15**

**New Family Enrollment:**

**February 21**

## News from Destiny Lane

### Reduce Your Tuition

Is your family looking for ways to make your money go further in 2006? BGCA offers some wonderful and SIMPLE opportunities to reduce the cost of Tuition.



#### The Winning Solution

Do you love BGCA? Then this is the perfect solution for you! Just share your passion for BGCA with friends in the community and if they choose to enroll their students full-time, you will receive \$500 toward your tuition or \$250 for part-time students. Winning Solution forms are available in the school office.

#### Scripps Program/T.R.I.P. Cards

T.R.I.P. stands for Tuition Reduction Incentive Program. When you purchase T.R.I.P., you are purchasing gift certificates that are used just like cash. Because the certificates are purchased upfront, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. That discount, from two to fifteen percent or more, generates revenue which is credited to your family's tuition, another family's tuition of your choice, or to a special fund at BGCA. You choose how the credit you earn is used.

Participating vendors include gas stations, restaurants, departments stores, home stores and much more. Get a T.R.I.P packet at the school office or contact Becky Furbush with any questions. (270) 745-7318

#### **\*\*NEW PROGRAM\*\*** OneCause Shopping

Do you ever order clothes, books, or office supplies online? If so, this online shopping site has access to over 350 popular vendors and each purchase using this specially designed BGCA site, profits an average 3-5% return. Watch for the full information sheet attached to this week's Trumpet. An easy link to OneCause will soon be available on the BGCA website.

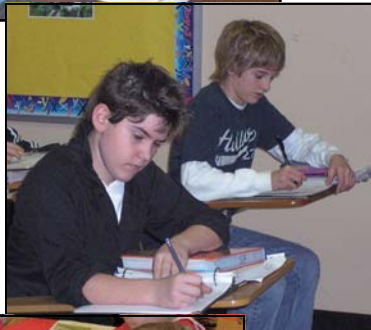


## What Makes a Great School?

Education articles and research offer a variety of answers to this question. Some argue that it is all about the number of AP courses offered, the average test scores, the college placement rates, or the number of social programs offered. On Tuesday, January 17, 2006, a *Washington Post* staff writer, Jay Matthews, published an article entitled "Self-Discipline May Beat Smarts as Key to Success." Matthews quotes recent studies demonstrating that self-discipline outperforms 'smarts' in academic achievement. The results further stated that "unlike IQ, self-discipline predicted gains in academic performance over the school year." Surprised? Probably not. It is no secret that, in the long run, virtuous character supersedes talent.

Self-discipline, like any other virtue, is not handed out like a gift of nature or circumstance, but individuals gradually possess this as a practiced response to circumstance. Ownership of virtue is not limited to the Christian community or an immediate result of proclaiming allegiance to Jesus. II Peter 1:5-7 exhorts Christians to apply all diligence in adding "moral excellence," "knowledge," "self-control," "perseverance," "godliness," "brotherly kindness," and "love" to their faith. The scripture promises that effectiveness and fruitfulness in the knowledge of Jesus Christ will follow.

To apply diligence means to apply a persistent effort in doing something and self-discipline is the ability to motivate self to do what is necessary without needing to be urged by someone else. What facilitates the development of these characteristics in our culture of immediate gratification? And if we want our students to achieve academically and more importantly to glorify God with their lives, what is to be done to teach these characteristics?



Many parents choose private or Christian schools assured that their students will be protected from offensive, rude, inappropriate language or suggestive material. These families deeply value the virtues that have been traditionally part of the American education. Furthermore, they view their students' education as an important investment, and are therefore more likely to encourage and monitor homework and study habits.

At BGCA we believe that the term "Christian education" means so much more than a wholesome atmosphere, free from offense, and sprinkled with a weekly chapel service. Instead, teaching our students about Jesus is our only hope that the lessons in virtue and morality will have any lasting value. The daily bible classes are indispensable and serve as the foundation for studying science, math, history and language as all part of God's creation and plan. In fact, because of our selective curriculum and our Godly teachers, courses at BGCA carry an entirely different tone than those in the secular settings.

For example, upper school teacher, Sarah Hubbard teaches a high school Geography course. She finds that even geography looks different from a Christian perspective. We consider how God situated the earth in such a way that any small change would drastically alter the earth's climate and our ability to survive. Furthermore, events related in the Bible are considered such as the flood's impact on our landscape.

This integration of not only the trademark "Christian" but also the worldview of Christ-followers makes all the difference in a truly successful education. Thank you for entrusting your students to BGCA. As we teach the skills of knowledge and learning, we will continue to urge each student to apply diligence to their spiritual and academic life.



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## New Website

Last fall the Marketing committee met with a number of staff members and began 'dreaming' up a new BGCA website. After many hours of work, this new website is ready to launch! As the kinks are worked out, we welcome your comments and suggestions as we seek to better serve our BGCA family. Please e-mail: [development@bgcaky.com](mailto:development@bgcaky.com).

Thanks to Linda Harnack for her contributions to this project!

## BGCA Annual Events

As BGCA grows and develops, there are a number of events and activities that have become part of the school culture. Traditions provide shared experiences, a sense of community and continuity from year to year.

### 2005 PTP Fall Festival

What a year for fun booths! Did you ever imagine coming home with a live goldfish? Or how about a nearly life-time supply of McDonald's gift certificates? Elementary students enjoyed themselves immensely and families mingled with friends and bid on beautifully designed class pottery and baskets.

This year the PTP Fall Festival raised over \$13,000! The Parent-Teacher-Partnership supports nearly every aspect of BGCA. This year they have provided books, computers, monitors, software, and much more! Thank you PTP!



### 2005 Annual Dinner and Men's Breakfast

A number of you participated in our second Annual dinner on December 1st 2005. The evening focused on building positive family relationships that make a lasting impression on young people today. It was a time shared with friends and neighbors in our community. The following morning, our guest speaker addressed a group of nearly 100 men from the Bowling Green Community. BGCA Dads' did a great job inviting their colleagues and friends to hear a positive message about fatherhood.

At the dinner, Mr. Cox received a special Christmas gift from the Board on behalf of all BGCA families. Be sure to ask him about the newest member of the Cox-farm later this spring!

### Jamaica 2006

The BGCA 8th grade class, a number of parents and alumni, along with Mr. Cox and Mr. McGee spent the week of January 27-February 3 in Jamaica. This annual class mission trip is in it's 10th year at BGCA! Students (and parents) look forward to their turn at this wonderful ministry opportunity to serve on the campus of Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf. The school is located just outside Montego Bay.

### *Looking ahead*

### BGCA 2006

### Father/Daughter Dance

It is almost time for a special BGCA Date night with Dad! On Saturday, February 18, many of BGCA's young ladies will dress for a Sweetheart dance at the Plaza Convention Center.

### Golf Scramble—May 1, 2006

Not a golfer? No worries! This year BGCA's Golf tournament packs a lot more fun than just a day of golf. All students will enjoy their own golf competition with \$100 prizes! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Meredith Marquell (270)782-9552 or Brenda Brooks (270) 780-0033



# Congratulations!

The **BGCA Cheerleading Squad** brought home a 3rd place trophy from the 2006 Fellowship of Christian Cheerleaders National Competition. The lady warriors competed in the small Jr. High division. Congratulations to Anne Claire McBrayer, Kendra Williams, Sara Cody; Emily Schuette; Krystal Young, Natasha Fraser, Hillary Guinn, Kristen Graham and their coach, Brandy Wilkerson.



## Congratulations to the 2005/2006 Science Fair Winners

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** 1<sup>st</sup> Annelise Richards/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Hannah Schuette/ 3<sup>rd</sup> Ashleigh Sewell
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** 1<sup>st</sup> Holly Young/ 2<sup>nd</sup> John Mikel Boswell / 3<sup>rd</sup> Andrew Hardin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** 1<sup>st</sup> Caroline Richards/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Hannah Higgins/ 3<sup>rd</sup> Ryan Sealey
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** 1<sup>st</sup> Hunter Sewell/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Miller Ramsey/ 3<sup>rd</sup> Aaron Carter and Christy Wilkins (tie for 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** 1<sup>st</sup> Emily Schuette/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Vaughan Richards
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** 1<sup>st</sup> Kelly Chartier/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Julia Turner/ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sara Beth Carrico
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** 1<sup>st</sup> Mia LeNoir/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Erika Wilson/ 3<sup>rd</sup> Lora White

### Advancing to ACSI State

**March 10 Little Flock, Shepherdsville, KY**

- 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>:** Annelise Richards/ Hannah Schuette/ Ashleigh Sewell
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>:** Hunter Sewell/ Miller Ramsey and Caroline Richards (tie)
- 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>:** Kelly Chartier/ Julia Turner/ Emily Schuette
- 8<sup>th</sup>:** Mia LeNoir/Erika Wilson

\*(there were no 7<sup>th</sup> grade projects entered in the Science Fair)

# All Work and No Play? No Way!



Students at BGCA work hard. Their grades and scores attest to this fact. However, even the most disciplined students enjoy a good laugh, snowball fight, and even high school students can enjoy a round of "duck, duck, goose!"



In fact, BGCA students are a close knit group. Bonds that develop

through after-school activities and sports strengthen these friendships. During morning devotions, students take time to share their concerns and pray for one another.

