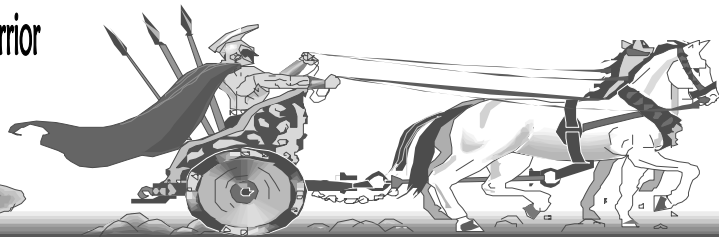


Make trumpets
... and use them
for calling the
community
together (Num.
10:2).

Bowling Green Christian Academy's Warrior Trumpet



January 8, 2009

Mr. Petitt's Post

He must become greater; I must become less (John 3:30).

Dear fellow Warriors,

I hope our "snow days" last week were met with joy in your household (I know the kids were excited, I hope you were too) and served as a blessing to everyone. My boys loved the snow and we enjoyed making some memories as we playfully pelted each other with snow balls. Thank you, Lord, for "shaking things up" sometimes by providing some unexpected breaks in the routines of our lives.

Do you love a break in routine or are you someone who doesn't handle that very well? Traditionally, I have fallen into the latter category but I am gradually becoming someone who appreciates unexpected change more and more. There is value to routine – we all have our going to bed and getting up routines, schedules are very important (especially at schools), and having some type of bill-paying customs can prevent some potentially serious problems – but there can be too much routine in our lives.

Marriage and family life can become mundane if there is too much of a routine; we can miss out on a lot of wonderful experiences if we are so caught up in our daily rituals that we fail to notice where we are and who we are with. Even worse, we can miss out on the blessings God is providing if our spiritual life practices become more habit than heartfelt.

Although I am hopeful that we will not have any more unexpected breaks in our schedule, I know that if we do, rather than worry about all the tasks I am unable to do, I will look for the blessings, instead. I hope you will, as well.

In His service,
Tim Petitt

Top 6 Things to Know:

1. Family Night at Chick-Fil-A (Monday)

Visit Chick-Fil-A on Campbell Lane, Monday, January 11, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Tell the cashier you are with BGCA when ordering and we receive some of the proceeds of sales that night! Thanks for helping BGCA with family dining!

2. Slipper Day (Wednesday)

To commemorate our first day in the building, 13 years ago, we encourage everyone to wear slippers to school on Wednesday, January 13. The floors were still curing and drying when we moved into the building on January 13, 1997, so everyone was asked to wear slippers only when walking on the floors. Join us for this fun anniversary celebration!

3. Karate at BGCA

Is your student interested in participating in Karate if it is offered after school? There will be an interest level sign-up sheet in the hallway Monday through Friday, next week only, January 11-15. Please be sure to list your child's name and age, as well as a contact phone number. Once interest level and numbers are determined, we will know whether to move forward – beginning in late January or early February - with a program which has been offered to BGCA.

4. Extended Care Tax Statements

To request a statement of total payments made for Extended Care in 2009 for tax preparation purposes, please contact Paula Bennett. Messages may be left at any time of day at 782-9552, ext. 19, or extendedcare@bgcaky.com. Please plan ahead and allow sufficient time for processing your request. *Please Note:* There is no Extended Care on Monday, January 18, for MLK Jr. Day.

5. Safety First!

Make certain that our BGCA drivers allow traffic on McIntosh or Destiny to flow smoothly. We want local travelers through the neighborhood to think of us very positively. ☺ Be sure to drive through our campus slowly and attentively (no cell phones and distractions) to keep our students and staff safe. Thank you for remembering to be good neighbors and not park in or block driveways and parking lots of any of our neighbors – including during arrival and pick-up. Thanks!

6. Electronic Communication with Families

We use announcement postings and e-mail messaging through SnapGrades as a primary way to communicate with families. Please be sure your address is listed in SnapGrades and is current.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date: Monday, Jan 11 vs. St. Peter & Paul @ ROC,
4:15 p.m. (6th-8th only)

Date: Tuesday, Jan 12 vs. St. Anne's Cherokees @
ROC, 4:30 p.m. (6th-8th only)

Date: Saturday, Jan 16 vs St. Anne's @ Morganfield,
KY, 10:30 a.m. (4th-6th), 11:45 a.m. (6th-8th)

PTP CHICK-FIL-A NIGHT

Date: Monday, January 11, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Campbell Ln

ALL-SCHOOL PEP RALLY

Date: Friday, January 15, 2:15 p.m.

CASUAL DAY PASSES ACCEPTED

Date: Friday, January 15

Date: Friday, January 22

SPIRITUAL LIFE

We welcome visitors to share and worship with us any time! Students wear regular Chapel attire – BGCA logo on green, white, or burgundy polo with khaki or navy bottoms, and don't forget the belt. The Chapel schedule for **Wednesday**,

January 13:

8:15 a.m. K4 – 2nd Grades

8:45 a.m. 3rd – 8th Grades

Chapel Speakers: Mrs. Wilkerson & 1st grade

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Pray scripturally for our students. Each week we include a short prayer based on scripture. Insert your student's name(s) and pray for them each day during the week:

Let ____ flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, and let him enjoy the companionship of those who call on you out of a pure heart. (II Tim 2:22).

IN BACKPACKS

(Watch deadlines)

Look for items in backpacks today unless otherwise noted:

- ✦ January/February Calendar (*pink*)
- ✦ February Lunch forms will come home Fri, Jan 15
- ✦ Report Cards were sent home on Wed, January 6

SUPPORT BGCA

The **Aluminator** accepts empty aluminum soda cans for recycling and is a fundraising project for each 8th grade class mission trip to Jamaica. Please remember to collect and drop off your cans any time! No bags are allowed in the Aluminator so be sure to dump the cans from the bags, and then put the bags in the dumpster in front of the Aluminator.

There are many opportunities to raise money for our school without having to spend money:

Kroger Gift Cards: Starting January 18, if you register your Kroger cards at www.rewardyourschool.com, the school receives 5 bonus box tops. Offer details: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/bonus/LocalOfferDetail.aspx?id=320>. Need Kroger gift cards? Order forms are on-line, www.bgcaky.com, or in the office.

Box Tops for Education has a General Mills bonus: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/Sweepstakes.aspx/Pillsbury-Kids-Love--Schools-Adore-Sweepstakes/281> for a chance to win 50,000 bonus box tops for our school. It runs from 1/4/10 to 2/28/10 and you can enter once a day.

WELCOME!

We welcome our newest students and families:

Terry & Tabitha Dean (**Morgan-K5**) 270.846.2256
2405 Shamrock Dr., Bowling Green, 42104

Scott & Kelly Sparks (**Dylan-2**) 270.393.1813
71 Onyx Ct., Bowling Green, 42104

ACADEMIC LIFE

Mrs. Carrico's K5-5th grade students are making all types of snowflakes: 3D, paper, and kirigami – the art of folding paper and then cutting it. Let it snow!

SCHOOL NEWS & NEEDS

Please send students to school with appropriate coats and gear (hats, mittens, etc.) for recess. **Playing outside** is so much more fun when you are able to stay warm. ☺

Did you receive the **e-mail reminder** about our school delay and closing policies and procedures? If not, you must update your e-mail contact information through SnapGrades. You may also review the shortened version below or in the Parent/Student Handbook, available on our website or in the office.

We make our own announcements regarding delays, early dismissals, or closings due to weather. They will be posted on local TV and radio, primarily WBKO-TV13, WCVK-90.7fm, and WUHU-107.1fm. We are independent and do not follow the policies, schedules, and calendars of local county, city, or private schools.

Did your student receive new **electronics** for Christmas? Just a reminder that these are not allowed during school and that any electronics – games, phones, MP3s, etc. – must be turned in to the office in the morning and reclaimed after school.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

The Lego Robotics Team (Robots For Christ) won 1st place in Robot Performance at December's regional tournament, qualifying them for the state tournament Saturday, January 9, at WKU. Great work and congratulations, RFC!!!

THANK YOU

We are **truly grateful** for our families and the love shown to us through the many gifts and goodies received at Christmas. You are truly a remarkable group of parents and students for whom we thank God. Thank you for being our BGCA family!

OPPORTUNITIES

A Former BGCA Family Need: Many have heard of the sudden passing of Steve Parmley. The funeral was last week and Kathy and the children, Anya, Ivan, and Kalyssa, have some immediate needs until everything is settled. Monetary donations to the family will be accepted in the school office for things like food, housing, utilities, etc., and will be shared with them in several days. Meals for the Parmley family are being coordinated by former BGCA parent, Lisa Lancaster, 781-1786 (home). Please be in prayer for the family during this difficult time.

Additional information is available in the office:

-Shepherding A Child's Heart for parents with children of any age, this 10 week DVD study provides a Biblical perspective for shepherding your child's heart. Led by Richard Carwile, rcarwile@lhb.org, LHBC room 219, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. beginning January 24.

-WKU Lady Topper Education Day order forms for free student tickets for game on Sunday, January 24