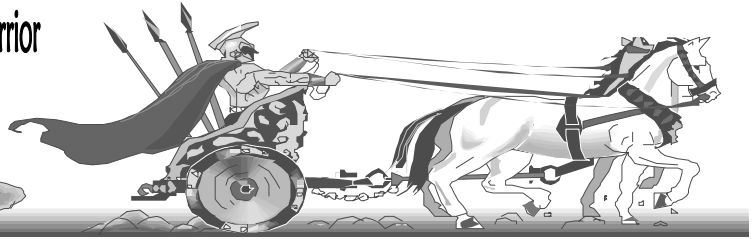


Make trumpets
... and use them
for calling the
community
together (Num.
10:2).

Bowling Green Christian Academy's Warrior Trumpet



January 22, 2009

Mr. Pettitt's Post

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

Dear Warrior Families,

In this week's chapel, a lesson on the spiritual discipline of fasting was presented. This discipline is often left out of our spiritual lives due to the perceived unpleasantness that is associated with it. There are many examples, however, of the importance of fasting in both the Old and New Testament, especially when it comes to seeking God's direction and the movement of the Holy Spirit.

As we approach February, there are many important decisions to be made concerning our school. Some of them, such as setting the school calendar and other policy decisions, are somewhat mundane compared to more exciting decisions regarding the possibility of beginning a preschool and high school program here at BGCA. As we should be, the administration and board are in prayer about these decisions and others that could affect Christian education in our area in a positive manner.

I feel impelled to ask the entire BGCA family to help us with these decisions by fasting with me and the board from Wednesday through Friday of next week. During this time of humbling ourselves through this spiritual discipline, I ask you to intensify your prayers for BGCA and all of our Christian education brothers and sisters.

What you decide to fast is between you and the Lord. While some may not eat for three days, others may decide to fast only one meal each day. It is important for our children to eat all of their meals but they could choose to fast their favorite foods or desserts. You could lead your family in a "media fast" by fasting television, movies, and video games. There are many ways for you to participate so I encourage you to pray for some direction this weekend and discuss this with your kids; I think they will be excited about it.

Whether fasting or not, I implore you to pray fervently for our school and for Christian education in our city and county. Pray for direction and guidance; for our current students and families; for our teachers and staff; for the new students and families we will receive; and most of all, that we will continue to serve His purpose, and that our actions will honor and glorify our Savior, Jesus Christ.

In His service,
Tim

Top 5 Things to Know:

1. Science Fair Open House & Wax Museum

Join us on **Tuesday, January 26**, 6:30-7:30 p.m. for a fun evening showcasing our students' work! The 3rd graders will have their Wax Museum of historical characters. The science fair projects will be on display and winners will be announced during the evening. We are proud of our students' work!

2. Commercial Filming Postponed

The commercial that was to be filmed this week has been postponed due to production conflicts. Hopefully, they will film next week – planning for Wednesday again but that could change - and we will announce to students and staff when that will be. We still anticipate this to last a couple of hours. Although there may be over an hour of footage, we are aware that most students, staff, and areas will only be shown briefly in the final cut. If you prefer that your student not be included in this promotion, please send us a signed note so that we may remove him/her from the filming areas. The focus of the commercials will include enrollment, student success during and beyond BGCA, and staff excellence. Please pray with us that this project will bring God glory!

3. Re-Enrollment and Enrollment

Re-enrollment season is around the corner! We appreciate your continued prayer for our board and administration as they make decisions regarding next year including the calendar, budget, tuition, and building usage. This group takes seriously their servant leadership responsibilities. Be in prayer, also, for our families and for those who God leads to join us at BGCA!

4. Policy Changes Approved

Please watch for an addendum to the Parent-Student Handbook for recent discipline policy changes which were approved by the Board of Trustees at their January 18 meeting. Also, the Standardized Appearance Code (SAC) has been slightly adjusted for 2010-2011. Watch for a flyer in backpacks today which lists the upcoming SAC changes. The updated SAC policy and list of approved wear will be included in the Parent-Student Handbook. Printed copies of the handbook will be available on-line and in the office when those changes have been included.

5. Mission Trip Items Needed

The 8th gr Jamaica Mission Team leaves on Saturday, Feb 6! A list of items needed at Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf (CCCD) is in the box on the left. If you can help, please leave donations with your student's homeroom teacher by Fri.

CCCD Items Needed for team to transport: Sharpeners-wall, desk; Pens; Markers-permanent & dry erase; Paper-construction, copy; Bags-freezer (all sizes), lg garbage (42"x50" or larger); Note Books; Tape-masking, scotch, duct; CD/DVD blanks; Joy of Signing books; Envelopes (all sizes); Gloves-rubber, latex; Dry Erase Solution; Batteries-AA, C, D. *Due by Friday, January 29.*

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 27:

8:15 a.m. K4 – 2nd Grades

8:45 a.m. 3rd – 8th Grades

Chapel Speakers: TBA

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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:

Shape _____ into a friend who loves at all times (Proverbs 17:17).

IN BACKPACKS

(Watch deadlines)

Look for items in backpacks today unless otherwise noted:

- 📌 SAC Updates for 2010-2011 (*red*)
- 📌 Father/Daughter Dance Registration form (*multi*) – due Friday, February 5

SUPPORT BGCA

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.bgcak.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. Enter once a day from 1/4/10 to 2/28/10.

SCHOOL NEWS & NEEDS

Judges are needed for our ACSI in-house speech meet. Contact Betty Harris, bharris@bgcak.com or ext. 40, if you can help on Monday, February 8, from 8:00 - 12:00.

Does your student have or did s/he 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.

Event Photos are needed of many events, theme dress days, fieldtrips, and classroom activities. These will be used for the yearbook and sometimes on our website. Please submit photos on a CD, DVD, or flash drive. It is also appropriate to e-mail photos if there are only one or two: bgca@bgcak.com. Capture the memories!

UPCOMING EVENTS

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date: Friday, Jan 22 vs W KY Homeschoolers @ Potter gym, 4:00 p.m. (4th-6th), 5:15 p.m. (6th-8th)

Date: Saturday, Jan 23 @ Donelson C.A., 10:00 a.m. (4th-6th), 12:30 p.m. (6th-8th)

IN-HOUSE SCIENCE FAIR

Date: All projects due at arrival Monday, January 25

Date: Tue, Jan 26, 6:30 p.m. Open House & 3rd gr Wax Mus.

CASUAL DAY PASSES ACCEPTED

Date: Friday, January 29

ACADEMIC LIFE

Mrs. Betty Harris' K4 students are celebrating the 100th day of school with lots of fun activities. They are also learning about winter things in heritage studies such as Eskimos, igloos, and snow. They will be building their own igloos out of styrofoam bowls and miniature marshmallows.

Mrs. Coats' 4th grade students have had a recent special guest speaker during Bible. Mr. Pettitt has led the class in discussions about interpersonal relationships and getting along. The Scriptures have great guidance in many areas!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Have you attended a BGCA **basketball game**? Watch the website calendar for the game schedule. Home game gate fees are \$3/adults and \$2/students, with a \$12/family maximum.

Now is the season for a plethora of **ACSI student activities!** Thank you for working with your student on their projects whether they are involved in one or more of the following: science fair, speech, or spelling bee.

WELCOME!

We welcome our newest students and families:

Fenner & Ann Castner (**Emily K4**) 270.782.5170
Shelby (2) is already a current student
320 Westwood Ave., Bowling Green, 42103

PTP

Put on your dancing shoes! **PTP's annual Father/Daughter dance** will be held at BGCA on Saturday, February 20, 6:30-9:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Under the Sea" and the dance will be a dressy affair (either church or formal attire). Look for registration information in this week. We hope to see everyone there! If you are interested in helping with the dance, please contact Nan Higgins 799-5000 or Rachel Neimeier 784-2325.

OPPORTUNITIES

Additional information is available in the office:

-Shepherding A Child's Heart - parents with any age children. The 10 wk DVD study provides Biblical perspective for shepherding. Richard Carwile leads, rcarwile@lhb.org, LHBC #219, 5:30 p.m. starts Jan 24.