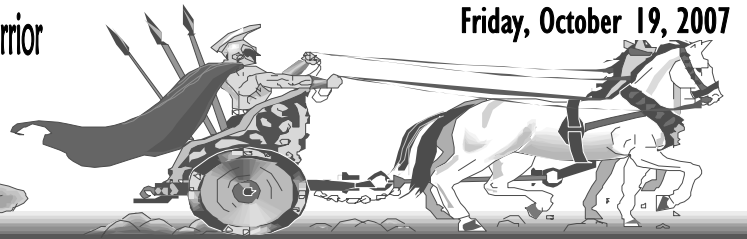


*"Make trumpets
...and use them for
calling the
community
together."
Numbers 10:2*

Bowling Green Christian Academy's Warrior Trumpet

Friday, October 19, 2007



Dear Families,

It seems that every academic year the schedule becomes more complex for sharing family time, extra-curricular activities, homework and free time, which often includes watching television. We are observing our BGCA students being exposed to more and more choices, and experiencing more and more frustration in choosing how to monitor their time. In an attempt to be everything to everyone, our school tries to maintain high academic standards and to offer an array of extra-curricular activities related to academics and sports. It is not our desire to dictate use of time on school nights. However, homework is essential to utilizing basic concepts and to practicing the application of skills taught in the classroom. The completion of homework, done individually, with little to no distraction, provides feedback for the teacher to plan how to progress with instruction for each individual child.

Free time is a major concern for our busy families, and it is vital to a healthy balance in life. Often the term free time is synonymous with television time. Ken Smitherman, ACSI President, sums up this situation in his article, "Competing for Their Hearts and Minds". He gives information and research to support the awesome responsibility given to parents in monitoring the use of television in our homes today. We have attached a copy of the "Christian School Comment" for your perusal. Please take the time to read and enjoy the article.

Serving Him with you,
Mattie Jane Cobb

TOP 6 THINGS TO KNOW:

- (1) Minister Appreciation Day** is Tuesday, Oct 23, 8:30am. Invitations have been sent from the school and students are encouraged to give their ministers personal invitations, as well. Be sure your minister(s) R.S.V.P. to the school by Monday to let us know how many are coming. We always look forward to sharing our school and programs with our churches and ministers.
- (2) BGCA Basketball** tryouts and sign-ups are scheduled for **Monday, Oct 22, 6:00pm**. Parents need to be here! Boys and girls in grades 6-8 will participate in tryouts. Boys (only) teams are being formed, ages 8-11 (grades 2-5), to play through BG Parks and Rec. Registration forms will be available at Monday evening's meeting.
- (3) Turn in Smart Cards & Money Now.** Please turn in all money and unsold cards on Monday, October 22, so we can finalize our records. Thank you for participating in this fundraiser which brought our school 100% profit with over \$1000 so far.
- (4) School Picture Order Deadline Extended:** to Friday, October 26. We are sorry some of the information and claim check numbers made it home late. The extended deadline should give you time to shop. BGCA receives 50% of every package ordered. Participation in this program is optional, but if you are ordering school photos, why not have the satisfaction of knowing that BGCA benefits? Tracy McBrayer: h/781-6696, c/799-5075, or fmcbraayer@bellsouth.net.
- (5) The Scholastic Book Fair** will be at BGCA during the week of October 29 through November 2. Join us for the *Book Fair Blizzard - Chill Out with a Good Book!* This year's Family Night is Thurs, Nov 1, 6:00-7:30pm. There will be lots of gift ideas and fun for families.
- (6) Parents:** It often happens that someone calls the school because our phone number shows up on their caller ID. If anyone makes a phone call from school, they are encouraged to leave a message. We receive several calls in the office each day asking us who called their number or why. We usually do not know because we did not make the call. Thank you for your help!

SPIRITUAL LIFE

High Five Class Schedule for Wednesday, Oct 24:

We welcome visitors to share and worship with us!

8:15am K4 through 2nd grades
8:45am 3rd through 8th grades >Jana Boswell

Pray scripturally for our students....Insert a student name and pray for them each day during the week:

Let ___ keep your words and store up your commands so that s/he will live. Cause him/her to guard your teachings as the apple of his/her eye, and let them be written on the tablet of his/her heart. -Proverbs 7:2,3

ACADEMIC LIFE

On Thursday, October 4, **Mr. Motter's 7th grade Bible class** was able to help the adult care center, our neighbors across the street, by preparing several dozen folders for long-term care and nursing home patients, that were distributed during a conference the following weekend. Working in two teams, it only took the students a short time to finish the project during class. It was a big help for the center and a blessing for the class to be able to serve.

The K4, K5, 1st and 2nd grade classes will get to see a fire truck and hear about fire safety on Monday, Oct 22. October is Fire Safety Month so the local fire department schedules visits to various schools to share with students.

IN BACKPACKS

(Watch deadlines!)

Look for these items in backpacks today unless otherwise noted:

- ✓ **November Lunch Orders** - due Monday, Oct 22
- ✓ **Picture Day** ordering information (*sent home before Fall Break & Wed, Oct 17*) - due Fri, Oct 26 (REVISED)
- ✓ **Extended Care Invoices** (*bright orange envelopes*) covers charges for September part-time care and November full-time care - due Thu, Nov 1
- ✓ **Christian School Comment** article "Competing for Their Hearts & Minds" with "A Very Interesting True Story" on the back page
- ✓ **Chuck E Cheese** flyer for BGCA Night, Tues, Oct 23, 3:00-9:00pm (*sent home earlier this week*)

SCHOOL NEEDS

BGCA will host an ACSI committee in October, 2008, to re-evaluate our ACSI certification. **Now** is our preparatory year for many reports that spell out our goals, facilities, procedures, etc. Our faculty members, board members and staff personnel are involved with several different committees. **You can help!** **Parent involvement** on these committees will help us greatly. There is a wide range of areas that would be of interest to you! If you can help us out, please leave a message for Betty Harris, ext. 17, or Julie Troyer, ext. 11, and we will contact you. You may also e-mail to: bharris@bgcaky.com or bgca@bgcaky.com. Thank you for helping us keep the standard high. We are proud of our ACSI accreditation!

Is there a Veteran in your family, church or circle of friends? We invite them to attend our **All-School Veterans' Day Chapel** on Wednesday, Nov 7, for a time set aside to honor them. If you think of a Veteran who might like to share about their experiences during the chapel, please contact Betty Harris, ext. 17, or bharris@bgcaky.com.

Family Photos for a pictorial directory. Please remember to send in the 4x6 family photo of your whole family (even siblings who do not attend BGCA). We are making a BGCA family directory. We want to include everyone so please send your pictures next week. You may put your photos in an envelope marked "Christy Schuette, family pictures" and leave them in the office or in her box. Need a picture? We plan to schedule a night at school when we will be available to take pictures. If you are interested, contact Shelley Baird, ext. 41, or finance@bgcaky.com.

Notes, in advance, regarding upcoming planned student absences. The **requests** need to be sent to the office to be pre-approved by the Administration. The office will then also notify the teacher(s) involved.

UPCOMING

International Night, hosted by BGCA Brownie Troop #201, Tues, Oct 30, 6:30-8:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend. The girls have worked hard to earn four international badges. They have each learned about a different country and have made presentations to their leaders. The displays will be available, along with food from their country, on International Night. Please join us for lots of fun!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Important Beta Club Information:

- Sorry! We apologize for some earlier misinformation. Only students in **grades 6, 7 and 8** are eligible for Beta Club.
- Do you need **service hours**? Contact Gina Graham, 780-4775, to help with Christmas Shoppe. Call her soon! She needs help the first week of November to wrap gifts and do inventory. Drinks and treats are provided!
- Mark your calendar for our planned **Induction Ceremony** on Monday, October 29, 6:00pm.

FUNDRAISING & HELPING

SCRIP Update... We will occasionally pass on updates on this program, even if some vendors are not local. You may be traveling or a friend or relative might be interested in these updates:
1) **BP** offers a 1% bonus discount through Dec 31, 2007, so that \$50 gift cards receive a 3% discount rather than the normal 2%;
2) **Quizno's** is switching from gift certificates to \$10 gift cards;
3) **Dunham's** has been added as a retailer with \$25 gift cards, an 8% discount, and they are in the mall for My School's Cool benefits;
4) **Circle K** is available in a \$25 gift card with a 2% discount and can be used anywhere Circle K is honored - even some Shell, Marathon or BP stations.

Keep Pulling Tabs from soft drink cans to benefit the *Ronald McDonald House in Nashville*. The contest with other schools ends Fri, Nov 9. The total weight of our collected pull tabs will be divided by our total number of students. The school with the highest weight of tabs per student will receive a local McDonald's lunch for every student! All participating students receive a free ice cream cone coupon. Collect from your neighbors, friends and family, too! We will weigh *everything* collected! Remember to drop off rinsed out soda cans (not in bags, please) in our **Aluminator** bin.

THANK YOU/CONGRATULATIONS

Oops, Sorry! We accidentally omitted **McKenzie Morris** (5) from the First Quarter Honor Roll list in Monday's *Trumpet*. Great work, McKenzie!

Thank you for sharing with **Children of the World!** Our students and families collected over \$338 in quarters and donations to this program. What a wonderful ministry this organization has! God spoke to us through some amazing and precious children during their visit with us in September.

First Quarter **HEART drawing winners** during **High Five** (Chapel) on Oct 3 were: **Jennifer Brooks** (1) at K4-2nd grade **High Five** & **Aaron Bilbrey** (5) during 3rd-8th grade **High Five**. **Mrs. Emily Meador** was the faculty/staff recipient. Each received a gift card to a local store or restaurant. Congratulations to all of our students and staff for showing such tremendous HEART during the quarter!