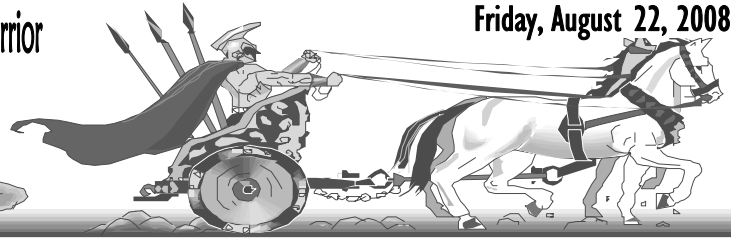


*"Make trumpets
...and use them for
calling the
community
together."
Numbers 10:2*

Bowling Green Christian Academy's Warrior Trumpet

Friday, August 22, 2008



Dear Families,

Thank you so much for the wonderful outpouring of prayers, flowers, cards and concern during my recent illness. It has been good to return to work this week and be back with my BGCA family.

Our faculty, staff and Board are busy planning for the upcoming visit from the accreditation team assigned by ACSI (Association for Christian Schools International). The official visit will take place October 22-24. A team of seven Christian school educators will spend three days evaluating our building, curriculum and academic program, extracurricular programs, financial status, personnel and certification standing, and various other components of our school. Accreditation is a good thing in that we will receive positive criticisms for improving our overall program. It is a very busy time for us, however.

Visitation members have been notified of their assignments. We would like for you to join us in praying for these individuals as they prepare for the visit. Please pray that each one be mentally prepared as they read and study information about our school. Pray that the team members will come together and bond in spirit and truth as they serve here. Pray that the process will go smoothly. And, pray for us as we prepare all of the documentation required for this extensive study. Most of all, pray that God will be glorified through this entire process.

The following persons have been assigned to work with Bowling Green Christian Academy: Mrs. Elizabeth Hodges, Chairman, Hendersonville, TN; Debbie Lucas, Frankfort Christian Academy; Cheryl Ellington, Calvary Christian School, Covington; Beth May, Christian Academy of Louisville; Becki Greener, Christian Academy of Louisville; Steve Hill, Portland Christian School, Louisville; and Dan Fisher, Oakdale Christian Academy, Jackson, KY.

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thes 5:16-18 NASB

Serving Him with you,
Mattie Jane Cobb

TOP 5 THINGS TO KNOW:

- (1) A Spring Break Calendar Change** has been approved by the Board. Please see the Revised 2008-2009 Calendar, attached, and make note of this important change.
- (2) September Lunch Order Forms** are ready and attached! Just in case you forgot our procedure, completed forms require a very quick turn-around and are due, with payment **on Monday, August 25**. This deadline is critical so our monthly orders can be sent to the vendors. Thank you for your help!
- (3)** There are still a few **Yearbooks (last year, 2007-2008)** left for purchase - \$25. Leave a note and a check for Renee Johnston, Development, if you would like one. You may also e-mail her, development@bgcaky.com.
- (4) Read - Read - Read...**then write notes, mark calendars, and look forward to the next event! We are a vibrant and active school. God blesses us daily with so many talented people willing to share and with gifts galore. We will do our best to communicate upcoming events, fundraisers, deadlines, and information which we believe might be helpful to you. Take time to review the information in newsletters and parent letters, check the website often, and add BGCA dates to your personal calendar. Thank you for sharing your precious children and families with us!
- (5) Being Neighborly:** Thank you for not blocking the parking places, entrances, and exits of our neighboring businesses. This includes during arrival, pick-up, and regular school hours. Pay special attention while in line or when needing to park.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

High Five Class schedule for Wednesday, Aug 27:

We welcome visitors to share and worship with us!

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

Pray scripturally for our students....Each week we will include a short prayer based on scripture. Scripture praying is a powerful weapon that the intercessor uses in praying for others. It is praying back to God His very words on behalf of the one for whom we are interceding. When we pray for our children - in everything from their character to their future - we invite God to strengthen and equip them to promote His kingdom. Insert a student name and pray for them each day during the week:

Let ___ bear fruit in every good work and grow in the knowledge of you, Lord (Col 1:9-10).

ACADEMIC LIFE

During their Heritage Studies, students in the three **K4 classes** are learning about manners, being polite, and using kind words.

Mrs. Shelia Harris' K5 class is studying creation and how important we are to God. They are incorporating their learning about firefighters, police officers, and mail carriers in language arts, science and social studies.

Mrs. Meador's 3rd graders have been learning about ecosystems in science. Their math studies have included Roman numerals and multiplication by 3's.

Mrs. Thompson's 4th grade class is going "buggy" collecting specimens for insect identification and presentation in science. Students are also preparing one book report each month, using various report styles. They are doing outlines to prepare the reports.

IN BACKPACKS

(Watch deadlines!)

Look for these items in backpacks today unless otherwise noted:

- ✓ **September Lunch Order** form (*yellow*) - due Mon, Aug 25
- ✓ **Extra-Curricular Survey** (*white*) - due Fri, Aug 29
- ✓ **Extended Care invoices** for students registered for full time care before or after school. Watch for (*bright orange*) envelopes - Fees are due by September 1
- ✓ **REVISED 2008-2009 Calendar** (*pink*)

SCHOOL NEEDS

Your Beautiful Faces! We would like to update our family pictorial directory and would love a family photo of you. If you did not turn in a family picture last year or if you are a new family, please give us a picture so we can include you in the directory. Put the photo in an envelope marked "Family Directory," and send it to the office *no later than Tues, Sept. 2*. Questions? Contact Christy Schuette, 991-7991.

Let us know in advance if your student will be absent. If they are sick, call in the absence any time before 8:30am. You can leave a message at 782-9552, ext 10. Absences arranged in advance must have administrative approval. Please send a note to Ms. Cobb, at least one week in advance, for approval. We will communicate the approved absence to teachers.

FUNDRAISING & HELPING

Raise Funds at No Charge! Did you know that you can help raise funds for BGCA without it costing you one extra cent? We participate in several Shopping Cart Fundraisers. These programs donate to BGCA through the items you are already purchasing. They are: SCRIP gift cards, Kroger Gift cards, Schoolpop.com, Tyson's A+ program, Box Tops and Campbells' Labels for Education. Look for detailed information concerning each of these programs in the coming weeks.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

5th-8th Grade Basketball: Students interested in participating should plan to attend a *Required Pre-Season Basketball Workout* on Tuesday, September 2. This session will be from 3:30-5:30pm at First Baptist Church, Recreation & Outreach Center (ROC). Parents will need to arrive a little before the end of the session for a brief meeting. Questions? Contact Mike Newton, 796-9062.

CHEERS, CHUCKLES, & WORK TO SHARE

Fruit of the Spirit

Gentleness, Faithfulness, Self-Control
These are the things I want to sow

Patience, Joy, Peace and Love
Are Fruits of the Spirit sent from above

With each of these Fruits people will see
The image of Christ living in me

*Tanner Holland
6th grade*

PTP

The BGCA PTP Leadership is in place and excited about this school year!

John Holland, *President*

Nan Higgins, *Vice President*

Melissa Campbell, *Secretary/Treasurer*

At Large: Laura Cohron

Kim Lawrence

Amy Richey

Julie Howard

Rachel Neimeier

Linda Williams

THANK YOU/CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations Taylor Boswell! We have a national forensics (speech) champion and budding star among us! A former BGCA student, Taylor is home-schooled at the freshman level in our building. In July, Taylor placed first in the nation in Prose Interpretation and third in the nation in Poetry Interpretation. Competitors came from all 50 states and four countries. This year's national tournament was hosted by WKU. Did you know that WKU consistently places high nationally and internationally in their forensics competitions? Their team is top notch!

To get to national finals, Taylor performed each 7.5 minute speech three times in the preliminary round, three times in quarter-finals, three times in the semi-finals, and once for five judges in the final round. These 20 performances took place over two long, but exciting days.

Taylor's favorite part about speech is going to the tournaments. She especially likes the time right before performing when she runs through her piece in her head, performs it, gets it perfect, and then says, "Yes!" under her breath.

Two things tend to be a little more difficult for Taylor. She says it is especially hard for her "to get the motions to look and feel natural without overworking them and making them mechanical." She also finds it hard and sometimes uncomfortable to dress for competitions because this active 14-year-old must dress almost as a lawyer, complete with suit jacket, button-down shirt, and heels.

What is the easiest part of speech competitions for Taylor? Memorizing comes very quickly to someone with a photographic memory, and she is very grateful for that.

Her current project is an Oratory she wrote, which is a nine-minute persuasive speech on the importance of volunteering. Taylor is also preparing two additional competition pieces: one in Storytelling, from an old radio show, and another piece in Dramatic Interpretation (D.I.). This means she will be triple entered in each tournament this year.

Taylor has been invited to competitions in Glenbrook, IL; Berkeley, CA; and Harvard University in Boston during the second semester. She also plans to compete in a number of tournaments in Kentucky as well as Senior Nationals in Hunstville, AL, and CFL (Catholic Forensic League) Nationals in New York City.

Speech has been part of Taylor's life since her first tournament experience which she really enjoyed in 2005. She truly feels that she has been called by God to share with others through speech and drama. Taylor aspires to be an actress some day and seems to be well on her way!

Taylor will present a demonstration to the 5th-8th grade classes on Thursday, Aug 28, 1:10pm. This will include her two winning pieces along with some other speech samples. You are welcome to attend.

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