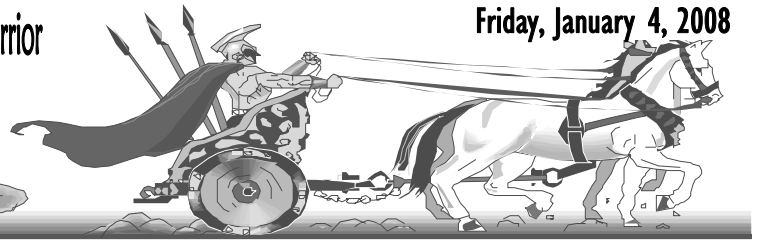


"Make trumpets
...and use them for
calling the
community
together."
Numbers 10:2

Bowling Green Christian Academy's Warrior Trumpet

Friday, January 4, 2008



Dear Families,

Happy New Year to one and all! We are excited about what the future holds for Bowling Green Christian Academy and for our families. January can be a time of reflection and gratitude. January can also be a time of renewal, planning and optimism for the coming year. The ultimate goal in life is not to be healthy, wealthy, prosperous, or problem free. The ultimate goal must be to bring glory to God! We are committed to that goal as we serve together in this place.

This week signifies the half-way mark for our school year. We ask our parents to assist us in getting back into the work and study routine. There are many school activities and extra-curricular activities which require time and attention as well as the daily academic work load. The overall grade averages were great, and the need for individual conferences were few. Thanks for helping us assist you and your child in acquiring an excellent education in a Christian environment.

Ephesians 3:16-17a (MSG) is my prayer for you and yours in 2008: "I ask Him to strengthen you by His spirit—not a brute strength, but a glorious strength—that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite Him in."

Serving Him with you,
Mattie Jane Cobb

TOP 5 THINGS TO KNOW:

- (1) Safety First!** We welcome school visitors and encourage hospitality to all - current families *and* visitors. We do ask, however, that you let school personnel answer the locked doors when someone rings through the intercom. There are areas in the school where we can quickly see visitors at the door, but this usually happens only if they first use the intercom. Someone who slips through the doors with you (even if *your* visit is announced) must stop at the office rather than move to another area of the building. All visitors must check in at the office - even our familiar parents. Please help us enforce this. Anyone not familiar to us must state the purpose of their visit and sign-in at the office. There are occasions when it is in the interest of our students and staff that we not allow entrance. Thank you for helping to explain our policy to visitors if you come upon this situation.
- (2) Slipper Day!** We encourage all of our students, faculty, and staff to wear slippers to school on Friday, January 11. This is the day we celebrate the anniversary of our first day in this building 11 years ago. The tile floors were not yet completed and needed to remain as clean and scuff-free as possible. Everyone changed into slippers, at the front door, 11 years ago and we recognize that time each year on or near January 13.
- (3) ACSI In-House Speech** has been adjusted to last only one day this year. All students in grades 1-6 will compete on Monday, January 14. Several rooms will be used, beginning at 8:15am. We thank the volunteer judges and assistants who will help on that day! Questions? Contact Christy Schuette, coordinator, 991-7991.
- (4)** There will be **no school and no Extended Care** during the week of **January 21-25**. We will be closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Jan 21, and the remainder of the week will be used for faculty professional development and the ACSI convention in Birmingham, AL. The 8th graders will be on a mission trip in Jamaica during that week.
- (5) Thank you so much** for your generosity during the Christmas season. I loved the cards, pictures, notes and gifts and will treasure them for years to come. Bowling Green Christian Academy is a wonderful place to "live it, love it and work it!" God Bless!! ~Mattie Cobb

SPIRITUAL LIFE

High Five Class schedule for Wednesday, Jan 9:
We welcome visitors to share and worship with us!

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

→👏 We will celebrate January birthdays on Jan. 9, so students, faculty, and staff may wear **High Five** 👏 shirts.

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

May ____ not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. ~Matthew 4:4

ACADEMIC LIFE

Mrs. Betty Harris' K4 class has included all types of "wrappings" in their Heritage (social) Studies curriculum. This included the fact that Jesus was *wrapped* in swaddling clothes.

Mrs. Wilkerson's 1st grade class visited several elderly homebound people just before Christmas Break. They shared Christmas songs and small gifts and cards during the season of giving to others. The class is so happy to have added and they welcome two new students (former classmates), Bradley and Grace Benneworth!

IN BACKPACKS

(Watch deadlines!)

Look for these items in backpacks today unless otherwise noted:

- ✓ **Report Cards** - sign and return on Mon, Jan 7
- ✓ **January/February Calendar** - also available on-line
- ✓ **SCRIP Order Form & Vendor List** - due Thur, Jan 10

FUNDRAISING & HELPING

SCRIP Program gives our school free money! - Please note that for accounting purposes, the **turn in dates** have changed to Thursdays. That means that Thurs, January 10, is the next turn-in date. *Don't forget* to purchase cards for your January Break travel plans, Wal-Mart shopping needs, Gymbucks redemption and Valentine's Gifts! Check out the attached order form and simplified vendor list.

The **Jamaica Mission Team** is gathering supplies and preparing for their trip, January 19-26. Watch for a list of items to collect for students at the Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf (CCCD) which the team will take with them. Each teacher has sent this home. Thank you for sharing with the students at CCCD. Pray that this ministry will bless those who are involved.

Kroger Gift Cards purchased through the school earn 4% for every dollar purchased. One participant suggests getting several cards, *"Buy a large one for the grocery shopper, a couple of smaller ones for the college student or for gifts, and another couple for purchasing gas. Collect empty cards to 'refill' and disburse again!"* The school gets account credit for new orders and rebate checks for refilled or recharged cards. Order forms are available in the office.

SCHOOL NEEDS

Healthy Children Wanted! Help keep all of our children healthy by keeping sick ones at home. Students who are vomiting, who have diarrhea or a fever over 99°F must remain at home. Please strongly consider keeping a student home—for special family TLC—who is clearly uncomfortable with a constantly runny nose or a persistent cough. Students must be fever-free for at least 24-hours before returning to school. *Also*, please remember to send students in appropriate clothing for outside play - especially when the weather is windy and cooler. Hats, coats, and gloves are helpful for recess play *and* for dismissal waiting.

Volunteers Needed for January LUNCHES - One day or several each week of one or more of the following: order call-in, confirmation, pick-up, lunch set-up, distribution, monitoring, and clean-up. Let us know if you can fill-in for absent volunteers, as well! Miss Mable does a tremendous job in our lunchroom, but it takes more than one person to keep everything running smoothly during all lunch periods. We truly appreciate the help we receive!

Parent Volunteers Needed for Yearbook planning. Creation of the 2007-2008 BGCA Yearbook is underway. We are looking for parent volunteers to assist with some planning. Please leave a message with your contact information in the office, the Yearbook mailbox, or leave a voicemail for Amanda Hughes, Yearbook Editor, at 782-9552, ext 23.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We still need to know who would like to participate in an **all-school fan bus** and trip to Frankfort (KY) on Fri, February 1. We are gathering interest information at this time. If you are interested, please send a message to bgca@bgcaky.com or leave a note in the office. You can even call and leave a message at 782-9552, ext 10. Please be aware that there might be some cost involved, but it should not be exorbitant since the transportation will be covered. There will also be some criteria in place for certain age or grade level students to need a parent chaperone to accompany them on the trip. The basketball team and cheerleaders will travel with coaches and sponsors. Those who participated in this trip last year had a wonderful time. School will be in session for any who do not participate in the trip.

THANK YOU/CONGRATULATIONS

Thank You!!! The many Christmas cards, gifts, sweets, and treats given to the office and faculty/staff have been most appreciated and enjoyed! We are so grateful for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

The 2nd Quarter HEART Drawing occurred during our last week of school before Christmas Break. We collect all HEART slips which students have earned for the marking period and draw for our "winners". Faculty and staff who have given HEART slips to students are also entered into a drawing. The prizes are gift certificates for shopping or eating out. **Congratulations** to our 2nd quarter winners:

K4-2nd gr	Elizabeth Felty (2)
3rd-8th gr	Hunter Sewell (6)
Fac/Staff	Amanda Hughes (P3, K4 3-day teacher)

SHARE & CARE

We often receive information from **ACSI**, our accrediting body, which we like to pass on to our families. Feel free to access it and share! We recently received an e-mail with the following:

"I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" (Isaiah: 41:9-10, NIV).

The ACSI International Ministries online **Prayer Guide** for the month of January 2008 offers ways to continue being an active part of the work of God among His children around the world. To download the **Prayer Guide**, go to www.acsi.org/-prayerguide and click on Volume 2008.

The January edition of a similar guide, designed for students of all ages, **K.I.D. Time** (Kids Interceding Daily) is available on the ACSI web-site for teachers and families. To download **K.I.D. Time**, go to www.acsi.org/-kidtime and click on Volume 2008.

Make a New Year's resolution to read the **K.I.D. Time** prayer calendar daily with your student. Each weekday your student will get to know the people of the Philippines and will learn how to pray for these people, who are dearly loved by our heavenly Father. Encourage your family to develop a heart that desires all people to hear the gospel.

Martin and Gracia Burnham, missionaries to the Philippines with New Tribes Mission, were kidnapped and held hostage by terrorists. The Burnhams made headlines around the world in June, 2002, when their 376 days of captivity came to an end. During the rescue operation, Martin was killed. Instead of becoming bitter about her captivity and her loss, Gracia speaks of her love for the Filipino people and of her forgiveness toward her captors. As you follow the weekend readings in the January **K.I.D. Time** calendar, you will learn about these missionaries.

Thanks for praying! -ACSI International Ministries

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