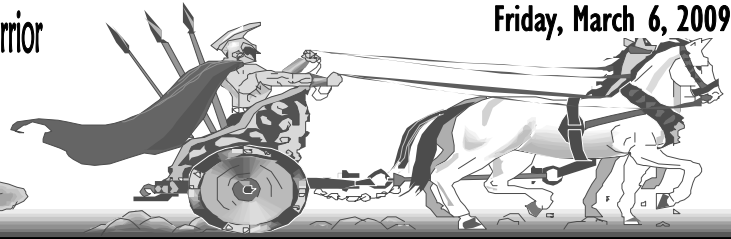


"Make trumpets
...and use them for
calling the
community
together."
Numbers 10:2

Bowling Green Christian Academy's Warrior

Friday, March 6, 2009

Trumpet



Dear Families,

As I was driving to school this morning, I heard a statistic that has stayed with me all day. Just in the month of February, 2009, some 700,000 people have lost jobs in our country. This is a staggering number and certainly a time for a call to prayer. It is our responsibility, as Christians and people who practice our faith, to go to our knees for our country, for the status of our work force, and for our own families affected by this financial crisis.

Our re-enrollment numbers are good. We have much confidence as we plan for the coming school year. The preschool numbers cannot be predicted this early as many families make that choice later in the spring. We are touring new families daily. Unfortunately, a few of our families are experiencing financial stress, but they have expressed how they are sincerely hoping and praying for their children to return to BGCA in the fall.

Many of you know that we maintain a financial assistance fund at our school. If you feel led to do so, please stop by our finance office and make a contribution to assist some of our families who are committed to Christian education. As we bring glory to God by serving others with our gifts, we are making eternal investments. God is good, and our prayer is that we will soon see a positive turn in our nation's economy. Please join me in praying to that end. *As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more. (2 Corinthians 3:18 NLT).*

Serving Him with you,
Mattie Jane Cobb

TOP 5 THINGS TO KNOW:

- (1) The BGCA Deadline** for the Fun to be Fit, One Mile Run for Children is 12:00 noon on Thursday, March 12. Please turn in your \$10 entry fee and signed form to Mrs. Tanner by that time so that she can complete the registration.
- (2) FFNA Applications** (Financial Assistance) for next year's tuition must be filed no later than Friday, Mar 13. Funds are distributed on a first come, first served, basis as they are available. If there are any financial assistance monies remaining after the BGCA family deadline of Mar 13, they will be made available to newly admitted families.
- (3) There are Important Calendar Revisions** for '08-'09 to make up our two days of inclement weather. Please make these adjustments to your family calendar: **1** 3rd quarter *will now end* on Friday, Mar 13, and 3rd quarter report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, Mar 18; **2** Kindergarten (K5) Graduation date *remains* Thursday, May 14; **3** Field Day *remains* Friday, May 15 (rain date 5/18); **4** Eighth Grade (8th) Graduation *has been changed* to Thursday, May 21, 7:00pm; **5** Awards Chapel and the Volunteer Appreciation Buffet *has been changed* to Wednesday, May 20 (from 5/13); **6** the school year *has been extended* to Friday, May 22. Watch for further updates on our website. A few of these dates have not yet been added.
- (4) BGCA's Spring Break** is **April 6-10, 2009**. This was changed very early this year from an earlier printed date. The office will be closed April 6-10; mail and general voicemail messages will be checked periodically.
- (5) Make plans to join your friends at BGCA's own summer day camp called Acad-A-Camp.** Activities will include group service projects, games, crafts and field trips. Students must be at least 5 years old by June 1, 2009, to enroll. Watch for camp information and enrollment forms to be sent home with students in the next couple of weeks.

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 **High Five** schedule for Wednesday, Mar 11:

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

Pray scripturally for our students....Each week we include a short prayer based on scripture. The current focus is "A Servant's Heart." Insert a student name and pray for them each day during the week:

Do not give _____ a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love, and of self-discipline (II Tim. 1:7).

ACADEMIC LIFE

Mrs. Carrico's K5 art students are learning about the shape and design of a kite and using Monet paintings as inspiration. They will be using paint and paper to make their own kites, decorated in the style of Claude Monet.

Mrs. Swanson's 5th grade science students are discussing the relationship between speed, velocity, and acceleration. This has included calculating speed and experiments with items such as playground balls.

Mrs. McBrayer's 9th grade biology class dissected a crayfish under the interested and watchful eyes of the 6th grade class. A crayfish stomach has teeth to grind its food, and the teeth were spotted during the dissection.

IN BACKPACKS

(Watch deadlines!)

Look for these items in backpacks today unless otherwise noted:

- ✓ **Christian School Comment** - ACSI letter from Ken Smitherman, President
- ✓ **March Into Reading** packets were distributed on Monday, Mar 2 - due 3:00pm, Tuesday, Mar 31

SCHOOL NEWS & NEEDS

Book Fair Volunteers Needed: Mrs. Kim McGuffey needs volunteers to help with set-up, take-down, wish lists, and family night. Please contact her if you can help in any way. Set-up will begin on Thursday, Mar 19, and the Book Fair will run the week of March 23-27.

Sniffles and Sneezes: We've had more than our share of these health issues this year, and our office (facial) tissue supply has been depleted. We would happily accept additional tissue contributions for the offices and other more public areas of the building. Check with classroom teachers to be sure they haven't also run out.

SAC Updates -- After SAC committee discussion in Jan. and approval from the Board, there is one addition to the SAC: Any knee socks or tights must be a solid color of navy, white, cream, black, or brown. No patterned tights or knee socks. Also, students need to remember that only green, burgundy, and white logo polo shirts are worn for Chapel Day wear. Only solid colored shirts are permissible to layer under SAC shirts.

2009-2010 Tuition Information: (1) Prepaid tuition is due on or before May 1, 2009.

(2) SMART Tuition Payment Participants:

- ✓ If you intend to use SMART for tuition payments, please contact Lori Wilson to verify address/bank information.
- ✓ Family tuition information with SMART will automatically rollover for the 2009-2010 school year.
- ✓ Your first payment for the 2009-2010 school year is due June 10, 2009.
- ✓ If you have your payments automatically deducted from your checking account, your first payment will be deducted on June 10, 2009.
- ✓ **If you choose to prepay instead of making monthly payments, please notify Lori Wilson before Friday, April 3, 2009.** BGCA must have all completed SMART applications turned into SMART by April 10, 2009 to avoid delays in processing.
- ✓ Reminder to families who use a **bill pay service** to pay SMART tuition: Please remember to change your SMART account number and your new monthly tuition amounts with your bill pay service starting with your June 10, 2009 payment. Your new SMART account number and monthly tuition payment will be on your first SMART invoice.

(3) If you are taking the Multi-Student or Pastoral Discount, you must complete the appropriate form in order to receive the discount. You may obtain these forms from Christi Bilbrey, Admissions Director or Lori in the Finance Office.

(4) If you need assistance or have questions regarding tuition, please contact Lori at 782-9552 ext. 41.

FUNDRAISING & HELPING

Our First Graders collected \$23 during Mission Week by doing chores around their homes and earning money. They will be sending the money to a young couple and their three children from Bowling Green who are soon leaving for India.

March Into Reading Has Begun! Students are gathering pledges and reading books to help their school. Would your place of business consider matching pledges? Contact Nan Higgins, coordinator, 843-8822.

We have truly **Turned Trash Into Treasure!** This year the school has already earned over \$650 through Box Tops 4 Education and Tyson's A+ labels. These little labels can add up fast, so scan your food's packaging before tossing it in the trash (or recycle bin!). When you see either of these labels, cut them out and send them to school. We collect, sort, count and send them off. The school gets a check! It can't get much easier than that!

If anyone still wants to contribute to our school, go to the **BGCA website** and click on the Great American Fundraising link to order from the online store.

PTP

Upcoming Events:

Monday, Mar 9, 5:00-8:00pm - Chick-Fil-A family night

Wednesday, Mar 11, 7:00-8:00am - Donuts with Dad

Wednesday, Mar 18, 7:00-8:00am - Muffins with Mom

PTP's **Meet, Greet, & Eat** is set for Tuesday, Mar 31, 6:30-7:30pm. PTP will announce the March Into Reading winners and PTP elections. This will be an ice cream sundae bar event. **SWEET!**

We trust all the **Daddies and Daughters** had fun at the Dance on Saturday, Feb 28. A *big thanks* to everyone who helped make it a memorable night for all. Special credits go to the following: Abbe Sewell, Lee Young, Charles Benneyworth, Linda Harnack, Abby Harnack, Brenda Brooks, Julie Gaskill, Lana Kilgore, Amy Richey, Laura Cohron, Rob Gaines, Leslie Tutt, Billy Lawrence, Pete Neimeier, Seth Neimeier, Kim McGuffey, Christy Schuette, John Higgins, Hannah Higgins, and Christian Lawrence. If we have inadvertently forgotten anyone, we are very sorry but still appreciative of your help.

CD's of the red carpet interviews will be available to purchase in the coming weeks. Watch for more information.

A big thanks to all of the moms who brought delicious food for all to enjoy. If you **brought goodies or items** used at the Father/Daughter Dance, please pick them up in the lunchroom or the prayer room.

OPPORTUNITIES

Information is available in the office for:

- Various Summer Camp options - mostly older grades at this time, but keep checking
- Capitol Arts Youth Theatre & Academy Reg. for Jan-May

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