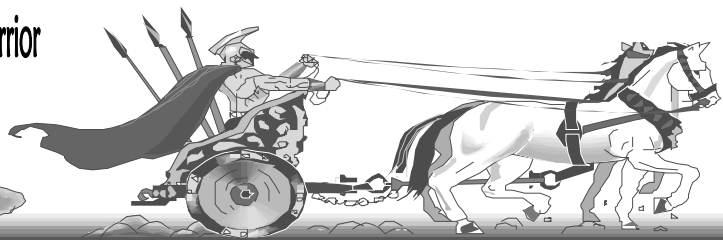


Make trumpets
... and use them
for calling the
community
together (Num.
10:2).

Bowling Green Christian Academy's Warrior Trumpet



February 19, 2010

Mr. Petitt's Post

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

Dear Warrior Families,

Do you know that Christian education is biblically mandated? In both the Old and New Testaments, there are many references to the importance of children receiving an education that honors God's ways. At this time of year, when many of you are contemplating sending your child to a public school, I feel compelled to provide you with some basic facts that I hope will help you make your decision.

Since the Bible is clear about the responsibility parents have to provide their children with a Christ-centered education, you have to wonder if this is possible in the public setting. Public schools are legally prohibited from providing this type of education; instead, students are often taught relativism, tolerance for all beliefs and lifestyles, the use of feelings to determine truth, evolution of the human species, and the importance of self-esteem (in contrast to the importance of God-esteem).

It is my hope that you will not take this message as "anti-public education", that is not my intent. I am simply stating facts about the differences between our educational philosophies. How do I know? Well, as a product of a public school education and after teaching and coaching for years in public schools, I am very much aware of what is taught, both formally and informally, in public classrooms.

I also know that about 70 percent of teens involved in church youth groups stop attending church two years after graduation, and only 7 percent of born-again teenagers regularly base moral choices on biblical principles (McDowell 2006). Obviously, involvement in church and church activities alone is not getting the job done. If we want to fulfill our God-given responsibilities regarding education and prepare our children to enter adult life as committed Christians, we will continue to make Christian education a priority. At BGCA, we will work with you to equip your children with the education they need for life as godly men and women.

Thanks to all of you who have, once again, chosen to allow us to educate your children. For those who are still undecided – I would be glad to assist you with your decision.

In His service,
Tim

Top 4 Things to Know:

1. Group Picture Day (Wednesday)

The photographer will be at school on Wed, Feb 24. She will be photographing class groups, teams, and clubs. Students should wear regular Chapel Day SAC which includes only burgundy, green, or white polo shirts with logo. Team members with a uniform or team shirt should bring their uniforms with them to school on that day to quickly change into and out of for the team and club photos. Check with coaches for specifics. We would also appreciate the help of a volunteer or two to help the photographer and gather classes. Let us know if you are interested.

2. Winning Solution & Open House

Open Enrollment begins this coming week. Tell your friends about BGCA and receive a tuition credit. Share about the great things going on at your school, complete The Winning Solution referral and turn it in. You could earn a tuition credit of \$500 per full-time referred student who enrolls next year. Some stipulations apply. Be sure to tell your friends to come to our Admissions Open House on Sunday, February 28, 2:00-4:00 p.m., where they can learn more about what BGCA offers to families like yours.

3. Facts to Know

We've recently come across interesting information about how many BGCA families use SnapGrades and access this very helpful program. Here's the breakdown: 77% of our parents average 2.2 logins and emails per student per week; 38% of our students average .5 logins and emails per student per week. Two grades have 100% parent participation! That's what we like to see! One grade level has 100% student participation; these students appreciate following where they stand. We realize not all households have access to the internet, but want to remind you that unless you are one of those homes, you can benefit greatly by periodically checking SnapGrades. Attendance, grades, teacher memos and school information are updated often. Taking advantage of this helpful tool only increases our ability to effectively communicate with you. Be sure your email address stays current for your SnapGrades account.

4. Alice In Wonderland Tickets

BGCA presents a student production on Mar 5-7. Tickets are still available. Disney's "Alice in Wonderland" is scheduled to open the same weekend. Ours is a family friendly version for everyone. Disney's Tim Burton version may not be appropriate for younger children.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ATHLETIC BANQUET

Date: Tuesday, February 23, 5:30 p.m., @ LHBC

PICTURE DAY

Date: Wednesday, February 24

CASUAL DAY PASSES ACCEPTED

Date: Friday, February 26

ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE

Date: Sunday, February 28, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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, February 24:

8:15 a.m. K4 – 2nd Grades

8:45 a.m. 3rd – 8th Grades

Chapel Speakers: Melanie Thompson & 5th grade class

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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:

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of _____'s mouth, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen (Eph. 4:29).

IN BACKPACKS

(Watch deadlines)

Look for items in backpacks today unless otherwise noted:

- ✦ Ext. Care Invoices (*orange env*) – for Mar full-time and Jan part-time care – due Mar 1

SCHOOL NEWS & NEEDS

1,2,3,4....March Into Reading, BGCA's spring fundraiser will kick off Monday, March 1, with a school-wide assembly. From March 1 - March 25, children are encouraged to read as many books as they can and collect pledges or flat donations for each book. Prizes will be awarded for the top readers in each age division, and the fundraiser will conclude with an ice cream social at the library's annual spring book fair on Thursday, March 25. This was a huge success last spring, and with your help we expect great things again. Children will be given a packet at the assembly explaining the fundraiser, but if you have any questions, please call Nan Higgins 799-5000.

Needed: one or more air pumps for Extended Care sports equipment. Questions? See Mrs. Bennett.

Supplies Needed for the Office: Jr. Strength Motrin (chewable), Thermometer Probe Covers, Benadryl Liquid and/or Quick Dissolve Strips for children, and Ziploc sandwich bags. We seem to go through these items quickly.

TVs Needed... We've found that some of the television combinations (w/ DVD or VCR) we use in the library and classrooms are aging and losing some of their functions. One lost color and others have DVD players which no longer work. If you have a good working television (especially with DVD, maybe one with VCR) that you are replacing at home, please let us know.

ACADEMIC LIFE

Mrs. Scattergood's 1st grade Spanish class is learning the terms of various parts of a calendar including seasons, weather, months, and days.

Mrs. Scattergood's 5th grade Spanish students are learning to tell time and to conjugate verbs.

Spanish Bible Verse memorized by all students during this Valentine's season is:

Y ahora permanecen la fe, la esperanza, y el amor, estos tres (1 Corintios 13:13).

CONGRATULATIONS!

Aleya Matthews (1st gr) is competing in the Funniest Kids Around contest. See Aleya and other local students compete on Saturday, February 20, 6:30 p.m. at the Capitol Arts Theatre. This event is a fundraiser for the Family Enrichment Center. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. After hearing about this event a year ago, Aleya set it as her own personal goal to make the show and perform on stage at the Capitol. Aleya was chosen as a finalist and will perform her skit "My Foot is a Phone!" The performers will arrive at the Capitol in a limo where they will receive red carpet treatment. Aleya is very excited about this!

Former BGCA student success: Warren East High School's Future Educators Association (FEA) chapter has been selected as the winner of the national FEA Public Service Announcement (PSA) competition. The award-winning video was created by WEHS students **Nate (Nathaniel) Davis**, Zach Preston, Colton Billhartz, Tyler Kelley, Preston Willis, Trevor Ayers and Austin Dubree. Entrants were required to produce a one-minute video PSA focusing on encouraging students to choose a career in education. View the WEHS entry at this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kA7o0Kdqe7M>. The award was presented at the FEA National Conference in San Antonio, February 14. BGCA student, Kennedy Grace Davis-2nd grade, is Nathaniel's sister.

Congratulations to GHS student, Amber Shindhelm, (former BGCA student) for being selected as a candidate for the United States Presidential Scholars Program. She was one of only two students selected from the Bowling Green and Warren County areas. The other student attends the Gatton Academy. This program recognizes the nation's most distinguished graduating seniors for their accomplishments in the areas of academic success, leadership, and service to school and community. Good luck Amber and job well done on being selected as a candidate.

OPPORTUNITIES

Aluminum Cans are continuously collected in the Aluminator behind the school's dumpster. No bags, please, just the cans.

Additional information is available in the office:

-Camp John Currie (summer) Fish & Wildlife