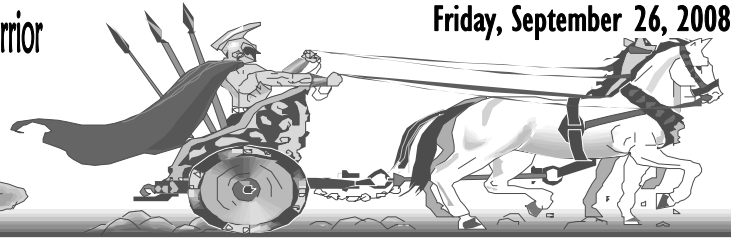


*"Make trumpets
...and use them for
calling the
community
together."
Numbers 10:2*

Bowling Green Christian Academy's Warrior

Trumpet

Friday, September 26, 2008



Dear Families,

Parent-teacher communication is paramount to students' success both in and out of the classroom. Most of you have been contacted by now to schedule a conference for your child during the end-of-quarter window from October 1 – 3, 2008. If that is not convenient, another offering will be given. If you have not scheduled a time to discuss your child's progress, please call the school, and leave a message for your child's teacher to contact you. Every effort is made for the conferences in the middle school level to allow one setting whereby all teachers will be present to discuss all curriculum areas. Please do not be intimidated by several teachers in the room. This is the one setting where your child's school experience is the focus of the conversation. Make every effort to take advantage of this opportunity.

In preparation for the conference, there are some valuable tips. State any concerns you may have with any homework assignments, projects, grades, etc. which may need clarification or change. Be aware of what your child has been learning and how you think they are progressing. Know your child's strengths and ask about any concerns you have in the school setting. Be receptive to the teacher(s)' suggestions and recommendations for the student and how you can help at home with their education. Offer your suggestions and insights! You should know your child better than anyone else. Ask about any social interactions or self-esteem issues that are causing concern. This is not a time for teachers to evaluate parenting skills or for parents to evaluate the teacher's expertise. It is about all of us assisting the student. Please be on time as a five minute delay can really shorten the time for conferencing about your student. Relax and learn from each other. This is a good thing!

Most of all, begin praying now for the parent-teacher meeting, for your child, and for the teacher(s) who work with your child every day. We are told to *"First seek the counsel of the Lord"* (1 Kings 22:5), and then to thank God for His counsel to us *"I will praise the Lord, who counsels me"* (Psalms 16:7).

Serving Him with you,
Mattie Jane Cobb

TOP 6 THINGS TO KNOW:

- (1) Picture Days** are Monday and Tuesday, Sept 29-30. Note this *Change*: Students may wear any appropriate clothing for pictures *on their picture day* and regular SAC wear on their non-picture day. Teachers are communicating their classroom picture day in Parent Letters. Everyone will have a photo taken for the yearbook. Purchasing photos and photo gift items is optional, and anything purchased through Picateers will earn money for the school.
- (2)** We have **Early Dismissal** on Wed, Thur, and Fri, October 1, 2, and 3. Students will need to be picked up during the 1:00pm dismissal *unless* they are registered for Extended Care. Contact Paula Bennett, Extended Care Director, ext 19, to let her know if your student will be staying on those days. Thanks for helping to keep us informed and updated!
- (3)** Just a reminder.... *All students must be supervised* by an adult **during conferences** next week. They cannot be left unsupervised anywhere inside or outside the building. Students may go to Extended Care if they are registered. Thank you!
- (4)** This is the **last Trumpet** until after Fall Break, Friday, October 17. Watch our website for updates, www.bgcaky.com.
- (5) HEART Day** on Friday, October 3. Students may wear HEART shirts and regular SAC bottoms on that day.
- (6) Fundraiser Delivery Date:** The cookie dough, gift items, and prizes will be delivered to school on **Thurs, Oct 16**. Please mark that date on your calendar to arrange pick-up of your student's sold items. We would love to have several volunteers to help that day! Please call Nan Higgins, 799-5000.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

High Five Class will not meet on Wed, Oct 1. We will resume on Wed, Oct 15, after Fall Break.

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:

Whatever ____ does, let her work at it with all his/her heart, as working for you, not for people (Col 3:23).

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ACADEMIC LIFE

Mrs. Harris' K -5 class recently went to the Garden Patch in Smiths Grove. They learned about different types of pumpkins and got to feed a goat. Students saw a bunny and pot-bellied pigs. They saw beautiful fall flowers and discovered how beautiful God's creation is. This field trip coincided with a unit of study on the season of fall.

Mrs. Johnson's 7th & 8th grade science class has been studying space and they had a star party at the Sheldon's house last Friday night. Students took telescopes to look at the moon, planets, stars, galaxies, and nebula. They discussed the power of God in the creation of all of these magnificent objects.

IN BACKPACKS

(Watch deadlines!)

Look for these items in backpacks today unless otherwise noted:

- ✓ **October/November Calendar** (*pink*)
- ✓ **Picture Day Info** regarding your student's individual photos on Mon, Sept 29, or Tue, Sept 30
- ✓ **P3, K4, K5 flyer** for picnic tonight - bring a dish to share!
- ✓ (*sent home Fri, Sept 19*) **Ident-A-Kid** (*optional program*) forms - return to homeroom teacher for Mon, Sept 29, if participating

SCHOOL NEWS & NEEDS

P3-K5 "Little House" family picnic: *Tonight, Fri, Sept. 26*, 5:30-8:00pm, at Basil Griffin Park in the big fenced-in playground. The school will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks and condiments. Each family is asked to bring a side dish and dessert. There will be tables inside the playground at the back to serve food on. **Wear your Heart Shirts** so it will be easy to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Renee Johnston, (256)653-7335.

Casual Day Passes may be redeemed during the week of October 13-17, when we return from Fall Break. Students must turn in a Casual Day Pass to their homeroom teacher in order to wear appropriate casual day clothing instead of regular SAC wear.

Do you have an article for the *Trumpet*? Please be sure to turn it in to the office by Wednesday morning. The *Trumpet* needs to be prepared for Thursday afternoon printing. Thanks!

Collecting gently used books for the Book Walk at Fall Festival. Leave your donated books in the box outside the 4th grade classroom. Questions? Contact Abbe Sewell, 791-9350.

FUNDRAISING & HELPING

Drum Roll, Please! Ta-Da! Thank you for your amazing help with the cookie dough and Helping Hands fundraiser! We are excited to share that with donations and sales we have received **more than \$5000** for our school! That is the net amount after our expenses, so we are extremely pleased.

The following **SCRIP Cards** are available in the Finance Office:

- \$25 Walmart cards;
- \$10 Cracker Barrel cards;
- \$10 Panera Bread cards (3); and
- \$100 Marathon card (1).

Did you know that these cards cost you *nothing* extra while they earn money for our school?

SPIRITUAL LIFE *CONTINUED*

After Fall Break - on Wednesday, October 15, students may wear **High Five** t-shirts in celebration of October birthdays during High Five. The schedule for Wednesday, Oct 15:

We welcome visitors to share and worship with us any time!

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

PTP

A Fall Festival Calendar Change has been made: The *new* Fall Festival date is **Saturday, October 25**, 5:00-8:00pm at the school. There will be games for the children and the ever-popular basket and pottery live auction. Food will be available through the 8th grade to raise money for their Jamaica Mission Trip. PTP hopes to see everyone that evening for a night of FUN!! The date will sneak up on us quickly, so be sure to make that adjustment on your calendar.

BOARD NEWS

Welcome! We are pleased to announce the newest board member, **Mr. Richard Carwile**. Richard is husband to Sandy and father to Parker (4th), Vivian (1st), Anna Claire (K4H), and Caroline (at home).

THANK YOU/CONGRATULATIONS

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! There were lots of needs and amazing responses to our request for help with classroom and school-wide Crisis Kits which were part of our Crisis Management Plan. Many parents donated backpacks, tools, safety goggles, food items, tarps, whistles, gloves, etc. We hope we never have to use these items, but we are prepared if the need arises. We also truly appreciate the following businesses for their help with our collection efforts:

- Sheldon's Express Pharmacy - all first aid supplies
- Booth Fire & Safety - dust masks
- Drs. Scott & Kelli Barbee - toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Overhead Door - additional tarps and whistles

OPPORTUNITIES

Information is available in the office for:

- **UPWARD Basketball & Cheerleading**, for boys and girls, K5 through 6th grade - *October evaluations are scheduled*
- Warren County Youth Football & Cheerleading League and Youth Volleyball

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