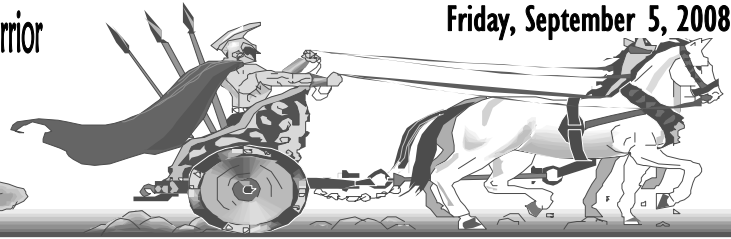


*"Make trumpets
...and use them for
calling the
community
together."
Numbers 10:2*

Bowling Green Christian Academy's Warrior Trumpet

Friday, September 5, 2008



Dear Families,

I am often reminded of the partnership that our families and our faculty and staff share in providing the very best spiritual, academic and social setting for our students. It is hard to believe that this week ends the mid-quarter grading period for students at Bowling Green Christian Academy. Our school year seems to go so fast! I have spent the last two days meeting with each student who has one or more grades below a C on their grade card at this time. I do monitor our students' academic progress, and I do want them to take pride in doing their very best. Below average work is not the students' very best! If that were the case, interventions should have been implemented to ensure more academic success. When I conference with the students: some are stunned; some already knew it, but thought they had more time to bring up the low grade; some asked me not to call their parents; some wanted to aggressively and hurriedly "fix it"; but no one said they did not care about their grades. That is a good thing!

This is the first year for monitoring grades through Snapgrades.net. This program is designed to help families become informed of the academic status of the student in each class. The passwords for your student(s) have been issued. If for some reason you did not receive your information, contact our office immediately. The grades are constantly updated. After a look at our statistics, only 66 passwords have been used out of 146 student passwords issued. This constitutes a 45% usage for monitoring grades and attendance through Snapgrades.net. Some of these passwords have been used by early primary parents or just to check out the authenticity of the password. In talking with students about their low grades, many said they did not know they had a low grade. Middle grade students are not necessarily expected to see or monitor the "big picture" of grading. Teachers remind the students when quiz, test, and project grades are recorded. We try to be as reasonable as possible with exceptions to the rule, and we do try to work with individual students to help them improve and succeed. We are asking for parents to assist us in keeping our students informed of their grades and being proactive in assuring their academic success. Positive self-discipline and high morale correlate highly with high academic achievement.

Parenting is the hardest job we are asked to do, and our families do it so well! Thanks for your assistance with monitoring grades and being encouragers to our students. *"Be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded."* 2 Chronicles 15:7

Serving Him with you,
Mattie Jane Cobb

TOP 2 THINGS TO KNOW:

- (1) Get Ready for Sept 8!!** We kick-off our new school fundraiser with Great American Fundraising. This year, BGCA will be selling cookie dough, but we will also be able to participate in a fundraising/mission project. Helping Hands is a school fundraiser in which handmade items from earthquake effected provinces in China will be sold. BGCA receives 40% of the sales, BUT a portion of the remaining 60% of the sales goes back to the people effected by the devastating earthquakes. BGCA is really excited about this opportunity. If families do not wish to participate in the fundraiser sales, a suggested \$100 donation will be accepted. There will be fabulous prizes and incentives this year for children, parents, and teachers. For anyone making a donation in lieu of selling, their \$\$\$ will go toward teacher and classroom incentives, and a LARGE end-of-fundraiser school-wide prize. Anyone making a donation rather than selling will not be eligible for individual or parent prizes.
- (2) Parking and Logistics,** for our Grandparents' Day Celebration on Wednesday, September 10. Thank you for planning, in advance, to carpool and to leave parking spots open, close to the school, for our visiting Grandparents. We want these precious family members to have easy access to our building for their program. Faculty and staff will make alternate parking arrangements on that day to open additional spaces. *Did you notice the adjusted Chapel times for Grandparents' Day?* K4 through 2nd grades will meet at their regular time, 8:15am. There is an **adjusted starting time** for 3rd through 8th grades of 9:30am. Please plan accordingly.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

High Five Class schedule for Wednesday, Sept 10:

It is a very special day at BGCA - **Grandparents' Day!!**
We welcome visitors to share and worship with us at the following adjusted times for our important Grandparents' Day activities!

8:15am K4 through 2nd grades

9:30am (this week only) 3rd through 8th grades

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

Don't let ____ become weary in doing good. Let him/her know that at the proper time s/he will reap a harvest if s/he does not give up (Gal 6:9).

ACADEMIC LIFE

Ms. Cummins' Spanish classes consistently work to learn and recite Bible verses in Spanish. This past week's assignment was Mark 16:15.

Mrs. Wilkerson's 1st graders have begun studying simple machines during science. They will soon be using hammers with the skilled assistance of some trusting and patient volunteer parents.

Mr. Cox's 8th grade Bible class is discussing the reactions of unbelieving Jews toward Paul and Barnabas. Mr. Cox also leads several interesting open discussions about topics such as eternal security.

IN BACKPACKS

(Watch deadlines!)

Look for these items in backpacks today unless otherwise noted:

- ✓ **Kroger Gift Card** order form (*blue*) - return ASAP
- ✓ **Christian School Comment** article from Ken Smitherman
- ✓ **Updated page** for your Family Directory (*1/2 sheet*)
- ✓ **Great American Fundraiser** information will be sent home on *Mon, Sept 8 - several due dates will be listed*
- ✓ **1st Quarter Midterms** will be sent home on *Wed, Sept 10.*

SCHOOL NEEDS

Library Gift Subscriptions: Would you be interested in purchasing a subscription to the Daily News, The Wall Street Journal, or renewals for some of our magazines used in the library? Contact Kim McGuffey, Librarian, if you are interested. Leave her a note or send an e-mail to library@bgcaky.com. Some of the magazine renewals can be done through Great American on our website, but Mrs. McGuffey needs to keep track of them, so please see her first.

Spread the News! You are undoubtedly confident in your choice of Christian schooling for your child(ren). Share with others the many distinctives of Christian education. You may want to frequent the following website and share it with your friends and family: discoverchristianschools.com. This website has many helpful pieces of information as does acsi.org.

Reminder: BGCA has **Early Dismissal** on Wed, Thur, and Fri, October 1, 2, and 3. Students will need to be picked up during the 1:00pm dismissal on those days *unless* they are registered for Extended Care. If you still need to register your student, please contact Paula Bennett, Extended Care Director, ext 19, or e-mail, extendedcare@bgcaky.com. She would also appreciate knowing, in advance, if your student will be staying on those days. Thanks for helping to keep us informed and updated!

We could use a few **Student Care Supplies** in the office. Donations of the following will be gratefully received: Cotton balls, Ipecac Syrup, extra large Band Aids and Nasal Saline. Thank you!

Disaster Preparedness Kit supplies are needed for classrooms and for our school-wide kit. These items will be available in case of an unlikely emergency in which the children must remain at school for an extended period of time. State and Federal guidelines suggest that all schools have these kits available. Several generous families and businesses in the area have already donated several required items, and classrooms will be collecting some additional smaller items. We still need most of the larger items listed below.

Needed Items

20 backpacks (large, sturdy, no tears; can be gently used)	1 shovel
18 tarps or ground covers (not blankets; size approx 6'x6' to 12'x12' square or rectangle)	1 pair pliers
1 crow bar	1 pair bolt cutters
1 pick ax	1 hammer
1 sledge hammer	5 screwdrivers of different sizes & heads
	20 portable radios in good working order (with required batteries)

FUNDRAISING & HELPING

Shopping Cart Fundraising:

- (1) You can earn money for BGCA just by shopping at Kroger! Use the attached order form to order, then reload, any Kroger Gift Card denomination. Use these yourself or give as a gift to help a college student, neighbor, relative, or someone in need.
- (2) Several **SCRIP Cards** will be available for sale on Wednesday while our grandparents are visiting. **Kroger** forms will also be available for orders. These are ways to help our school without spending anything extra. 😊

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

Several students enrolled after the initial Family Directories were printed. We have included their names below. You will also find an additional flyer in backpacks today for you to place in your Family Directories.

Savannah Catalan, 4th
Annabelle Ford, 4th
Derek Lee, K4C
Kaylee Miller, K4C
Ellie Grace Simmons, K4C
Seaton Sheldon, 7th
Terra Sheldon, 4th
Leah Witcher, K5H

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Attention 1st through 5th grade Boys & Parents: There will be an organizational meeting for boys and parents interested in Boy Scout opportunities on Thurs, Sept 11, at school. Mr. Scott Dobler, 793-9946, will lead the discussion, 6:30-7:30pm.

5th-8th Grade Basketball: Parents of prospective players should expect to receive a packet of registration information soon. Thanks to Mike Newton for being the team coordinator!

OPPORTUNITIES

Information is available in the office for:

- **BG H.S. Fall Cheer Clinic**, for boys and girls, 3 yrs through 8th grade - Sunday, Sept 14
- **Western Lessons & Horse Boarding @ Rising Sun Stables**
- **Warren County Youth Football & Cheerleading League, and Youth Volleyball**

Shows, music, news, and more! Check out the **Bulletin Board** display case in the front hallway. It has lots of interesting information!

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