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2021-2022 Theme



Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year

We are so excited to be back on campus with your children for the 2021-2022 school year. God continues to bless BCS with a strong faculty, wonderful families, no debt, and a growing enrollment. It is a blessing to be living and working together on campus in community once again.

Psalm 133 states "How good and pleasing it is when people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down the beard." We treasure our partnership with your family, your church and our school. It is the best possible situation for our children to hear the same message from church, home and school. Thanks again for partnering in Preparing Hearts and Minds. Mr. Vande Pol



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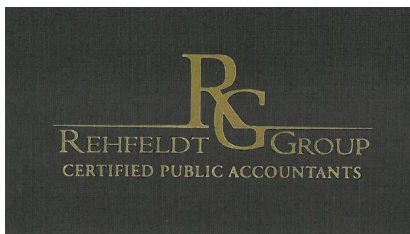
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Announcements:

*We want all of our healthy students on campus for in person learning. We ask for your efforts in making this happen. **Please do not send your child to school with any symptoms.** If your child has Covid like symptoms, please get them tested and if positive, keep them home for the required ten days from the start of symptoms or a positive test.

Employment Opportunities:

- Part-time Elementary Recess Aide
- Part-time Aftercare Assistant
- Please contact the Elementary Office if interested.

Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Sale: Starts September 1

No School/Labor Day: Monday, September 6

Freshman/Parent Workshop: Monday, September 13 at 6:00 pm in Wichers Auditorium

Senior/Parent Workshop: Monday, September 13 at 7:00 pm in Wichers Auditorium



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Student Activities

School Picture Days

*Students must be in school dress code for pictures



MIDDLE SCHOOL: Tuesday, September 7

HIGH SCHOOL: Wednesday, September 8

PRESCHOOL: Thursday & Friday, September 9 & 10

ELEMENTARY: K-2nd - Tuesday, September 21
3rd-5th - Wednesday, September 22

No School (Labor Day)

Monday, September 6

Homecoming Week/Game

September 20-24

Builders Club

Middle School students who are interested in signing up for Builders Club should pick up a form from Mrs. Romaniello or Mrs. Ellis. Sign up is August 30—September 10.

Key Club

Interest meeting - Monday, August 30 during lunch in Mrs. Kliewer's classroom.
First meeting is on Wednesday, September 8 during lunch in Mrs. Kliewer's classroom.

Middle & High School Students in Need of Service Hours

Coach Williford is looking for students to help with sports (video, manager opportunities, etc.). This is a great way to earn service hours! If you are interested, please see Coach Williford or contact him at gwilliford@bcspanthers.org.













New PE Unit!

For the first time, we will have a wrestling unit for the elementary PE classes. Our very own coaching staff and student athletes from our wrestling team will join Mr. Mark in teaching our elementary students the basics of the sport. The unit will take place during the week of August 30th through September 3rd for grades K - 4 (5th grade will take place in October). Topics taught and learned during the unit include the following:

- Gymnastics and tumbling movements
- Basic positioning
- Wrestling movements and level changes
- Leveraging
- Fitness
- Gaining an appreciation and excitement for the sport

BCS T-shirts for Sale!

Sophomore Class Fundraiser: The Sophomore class is selling BCS t-shirts and sweatshirts. All money raised will go towards the Senior Cruise and Junior/Senior Banquet. To order, please use the form below. Order forms are also located in the front offices. **Orders are due by 3:00 pm on Monday, August 30**. Please contact Amber Walinga at awalinga@bcspanthers.org if you are a Sophomore parent or student that is interested in signing up for a shift to sell shirts.

 <p>A</p>	<p>DRY FIT COMES IN GREY AND WHITE LONG S25/SHORT S20 SLEEVE YXS-3XL</p>	 <p>*B</p>	<p>ANY COLOR YXS-3XL</p>	 <p>*C</p>	<p>ANY COLOR YXS-3XL</p>	 <p>*C</p>
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 <p>*F</p>	<p>ANY COLOR YXS-3XL</p>	 <p>*F</p>	<hr/> <p>NAME</p> <hr/> <p>PHONE #</p> <hr/> <p>GRADE/TEACHER (PK-5)/MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL (1ST PERIOD)</p> <hr/> <p>SIZE YXS-3XL</p> <hr/> <p>COLOR & DESCRIPTION</p>			
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*ALL DESIGNS CAN BE ORDERED IN
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HOODIES \$30,
SHORT \$15/ LONG \$20
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SOPHOMORE CLASS SHIRT FUNDRAISER

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QUESTIONS CONTACT AWALINGA@BCSPANTERS.ORG

First Day of School



First Day of School



Freshman & Senior Workshops

Mrs. Cunard, High School Guidance Counselor

The BCS School Counseling Office is offering a **Freshman Parent/Student workshop**. The purpose of this evening is to provide you with important information to help students prepare for a successful high school career and better assist in guiding through the college admission process. It is highly recommended for both students and parents to attend the meeting to hear the same message. Some of the most frequently asked questions to be discussed include:

- What is the difference in unweighted and weighted GPAs?
- What is the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program?
- What is a student profile?
- How can I earn community service hours?
- What is the difference between Honors and AP courses?

These workshops are always informative and hopefully provide better direction for both students and parents before diving into the college admissions process. The Freshman Parent/Student Workshop will be held on **Monday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m.** in Wichers Auditorium. I always do my best to keep the meeting at one hour or less. I look forward to seeing you there!

The BCS School Counseling Office is offering a **Senior Parent/Student workshop**. The purpose of this evening is to provide important information to better assist students as they begin the college admission process. It is highly recommended for both students and parents to attend the meeting to hear the same message. Some of the most frequently asked questions to be discussed include:

- What is the deadline to apply for colleges?
- How do I apply for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Programs?
- What is a student profile?
- How are colleges going to weigh the SAT or ACT in the admission process this year?
- How do I apply for the NCAA or NAIA?
- How do I find out about scholarships?
- What is the Coalition Application and the Common Application?

I will be attending the Florida State University Systems workshop where all of the Florida state universities were represented by the Director of Admissions from each university at the end of August with the most updated information from their universities. I will be relaying all of the information I obtained from these workshops on what colleges are looking for in prospective students and the dos and do nots on the application. These workshops are always informative and hopefully provide better direction as you forge into this exciting new chapter with your child.

The Senior Parent/Student Workshop will be held on **Monday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m.** in Wichers Auditorium. I always do my best to keep the meeting at one hour or less. I look forward to seeing you there!

Please welcome our new Faculty & Staff members...



Elizabeth Baas
5th Grade



Christine Bradford
Elementary Principal



Amber Coombs
MS Admin
Assistant



Vincent Corvino
HS English



Stephanie Golden
Kindergarten Sub/
Elementary Aide



Jacqueline Jordan
Preschool Aide



Allie Leerar
MS Math



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3rd Grade



Paula Murray
Preschool Aide



Nichole Simpson
Preschool Aide



Steve Whalen
Bus Driver

Not pictured:

Josh Phillips

HS Science

Patricia Beach

Bus Driver

SECONDARY DRESS CODE REMINDERS

Please review our Dress Code and make sure your student is adhering to it. The complete Secondary School Handbook can be found by logging into your FACTS account and clicking on the School tab, then Resource Documents.

Clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No holes or excessively frayed edges 	T-Shirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fridays only - Any BCS T- shirt OK
Shorts/ Skorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be 4" from the floor when kneeling No athletic shorts or athletic pants No skorts or shorts on Chapel day 	Shirts/ Blouses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCS uniforms shirts only
Pants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No blue denim on Chapel day No athletic, sweat or pajama pants Calf-length capris are acceptable 	Outerwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jackets or Sweatshirts – Plain, BCS or logo must be smaller than 3 inches. Must have a BCS collared shirt under any outerwear. ("BCS t- shirt" ok on Friday)
Skirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No dresses Skirt length-must touch floor when kneeling 		

SPECIAL DRESS ISSUES FOR GIRLS

- Girls shirts should extend so that the midriff and back will not show even if arms are extended. All tops must cover the lower back when sitting. Long tanks may be worn under a shirt to ensure compliance.
- Regular fitting jeans are permitted. All clothes must be free of holes or ragged edges. The following types of clothes are **NOT** permitted: warm-ups, sweat pants, "lounging pants", "pajama" pants, joggers, jeggings or leggings.
- The hemline of a skirt must touch floor when kneeling. If a skirt with a slit is worn, the level of the slit must touch the floor when kneeling.
- Hair must not cause a distraction (i.e. multicolored hair, unnatural hair colors, etc.). **Nose piercings/rings are NOT allowed at school or school functions.**

SPECIAL DRESS ISSUES FOR BOYS

- Boys pants are to be waist high. The following types of clothes are **NOT** permitted: warm-ups, athletic shorts, sweat pants, "pajama" pants and joggers.
- Regular fitting jeans are permitted. All clothes should be free of holes or ragged edges.
- Hair is not to be worn over the eyes or touch the collar of a shirt. No ponytails, man-buns or distracting hair-styles are permitted.** (i.e. – mohawks, shaved messages, multicolored hair, unnatural hair colors, etc.)
- Earrings and nose piercings/rings for boys are NOT allowed at school or school functions.**



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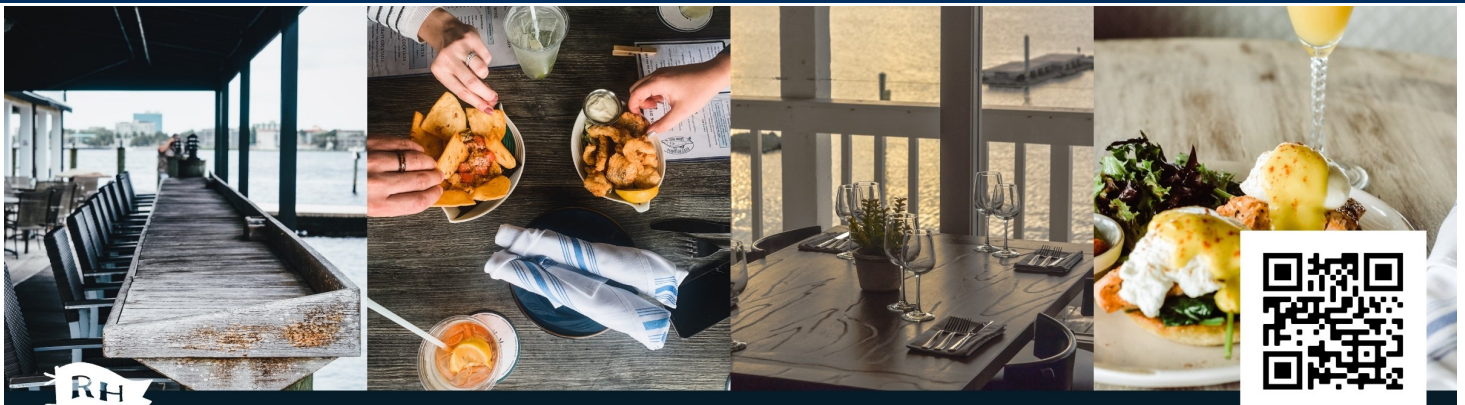
September 1 - 29

This fundraiser is a great way to raise money for BCS....and help you prepare for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Watch for more details!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VARIOUS OPPORTUNITIES

Please contact Melanie Rosen at mrosen@bcspanthers.org or 941-792-5454 ext. 205 if you are interested in volunteering.

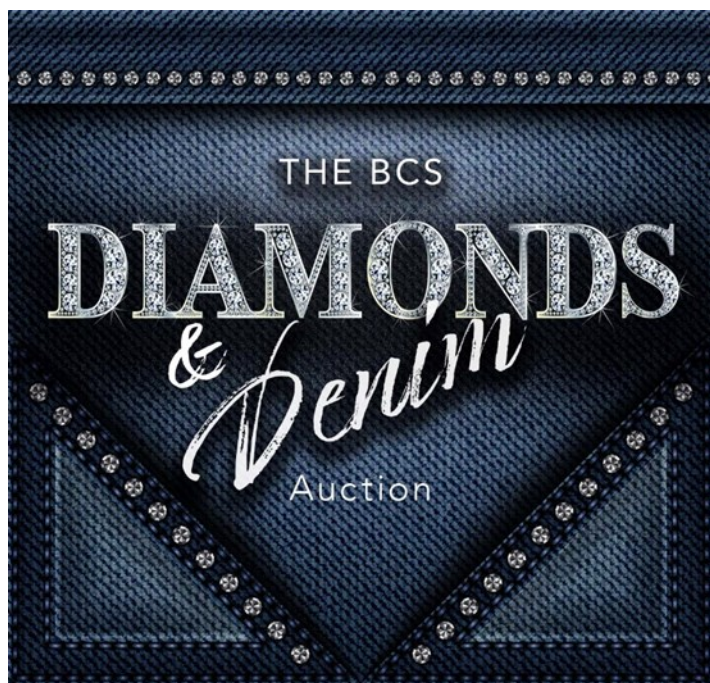


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SCAN TO CHECK OUT
OUR WEEKLY SPECIALS
& EVENTS

Please join us for the 37th BCS Family Auction and Dinner “Diamonds and Denim”



Auction & Dinner

**Saturday,
October 23, 2021
@ 4:30 pm**

Help make a difference in the lives of our students and in our community!

We are excited to come together and support our community and our school. Our *Diamonds and Denim* Auction will be held on our BCS campus. We look forward to a wonderful fellowship time and fundraising event!

This fun-filled event is for the entire family! It is a casual, family affair where we have a Live Auction, Silent Auction, Class Baskets, Buffet Dinner, Childcare, and More. The BCS auction helps BCS raise between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

There are so many ways to be a part of this event!

Our next planning meeting is September 1, 2021 at 8:10 am in the conference room upstairs in the PAC (Athletic Center). We would love for you to join us!

If you are able to **DONATE an item or service**, or **SPONSOR the auction** please see the forms attached to this issue of the Panther Press. Your business (or family) and your item will receive special recognition in our high-quality auction catalog that is printed and distributed, electronically mailed, and posted on our website. This is a unique opportunity to advertise and receive a tax deduction. In order to guarantee your inclusion in our catalog, we need to receive your **completed auction donation form** no later than **September 20, 2021**. (We would appreciate your item or certificate to be to us by October 15).

Calling all CRAFTY and CREATIVE parents, grandparents, and students! We are looking for home made items to be donated to the Auction Store. Please reach out to Heidi Sikkema or Melanie Rosen. We are here to answer questions for you.

We are excited to have you involved in helping BCS Prepare the Hearts and Minds of God's Children!

Please contact us if you have any questions: Heidi Sikkema – 941-792-5454 x 160 hsikkema@bcspanthers.org or Melanie Rosen – 941-792-5454 x 205 mrosen@bcspanthers.org



Saturday, October 23, 2021

Donation Form

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Please submit your donation form to BCS via mail, email, or in person by September 20, 2021

Attn: BCS Auction, 3304 43rd St West, Bradenton, FL 34209

Email: hsikkema@bcspanthers.org Phone: 941-792-5454 x 160

____ I need BCS to pick up the item ____ I am mailing or delivering ____ Please make a certificate

The BCS Auction Committee is looking for parent helpers who are interested in putting together **CLASS BASKETS** for our 2021 *Diamonds and Denim* Auction to be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021. Each grade will be creating a class basket that will be included in our school's Auction. Helpers will have a basket theme, collect monetary and item donations from the families in your grade, shop for your basket items, and put the basket together to display at the Auction. If you would like to be the lead for your student's class basket, please contact Melanie Rosen at mrosen@bcspanthers.org or 941-792-5454 ext. 205. We appreciate your commitment to BCS and look forward to the Lord blessing our Auction once again this year.



The **AUCTION STORE** is here again during our *Diamonds and Denim* Auction on October 23, 2021! Help us fill this store with homemade crafts and goodies. We are accepting items anytime and you may drop them off during school hours to Melanie Rosen in our Admissions office. Contact mrosen@bcspanther.org or 941-792-5454 ext. 205. The Auction Store is a great way for everyone to be involved in helping support BCS and our amazing students and teachers!

Diamonds and Denim Auction

Saturday, October 23, 2021 @ 4:30pm

Auction Sponsorship

As Bradenton Christian School has reached the 61st year milestone we want to continue in the celebration of this blessing. With 60 years being represented by diamonds, we thought to make our event a casual, yet sparkly, windfall of blessings theme this year. We are reaching out to you to help us with this event and to continue to make a big impact in our community and in the lives of our students through our school. Join us in supporting and attending the Diamonds & Denim Auction on.....

Saturday, October 23, 2021 - at 4:30 pm

Your sponsorship will include:

1. Complimentary tickets to the dinner and event.
2. Advertising in our Auction Catalog sent out online and handed out to all BCS families.
3. Recognition of your support at the event.

Additional advertising exposure in all printed material related to the BCS Auction.

Please see Sponsorship Form for details.

***Please complete and return form to
Heidi Sikkema by September 20, 2021***

This is a great opportunity to advertise and receive a tax deduction. If a sponsorship doesn't work for you, we welcome donations of all types and sizes which will help to raise much needed funds and to make our auction a blessing to our community and families.


We ask for your heartfelt consideration to support BCS.

Contact Heidi Sikkema at 941-792-5454 ext. 160 or hsikkema@bcspanthers.org.



2021 Auction Sponsorship Form

The Diamonds & Denim Auction / Saturday, October 23, 2021

	<p>Please fill out the following Information:</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Company _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>Email _____</p> <p>Address _____</p>		
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MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Builders Club will be
having sign-ups for the
next two weeks:
August 30 – September 10th

You are invited to join
Builders Club 2021-22

Builders Club is a club that lets you
earn your required service hours
with your friends. We will do monthly
service projects to help our
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August 30-
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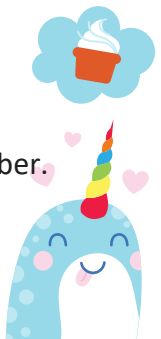
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- \$200 concessions credit
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SILVER

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- Online Panther Press ad
- Banner for all sports
- \$100 concessions credit
- 2 custom chairs for Club Level seating to all home sporting events

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2. Pay with a credit card:



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- Online Panther Press ad
- Banner for 2 sports
- \$50 concessions credit
- 2 season passes for all home sporting events

ORANGE

☐ \$500

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- Online Panther Press ad
- Banner for 1 sport

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Athletics

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As the school year started to wrap up last year, many of our students were taking Advanced Placement (AP) exams in 14 subject areas. Advanced Placement is a program in the United States and International program created by the College Board, which offers college-level curricula and examinations to high school students. Colleges and universities may grant course credit to students who obtain high scores on the AP exams.

We are pleased to announce our students had a passing rate of 74%, far exceeding the state and global passing rates. In addition, a total of 36 current and recent BCS graduates have earned 2021 AP Scholars Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams.

AP Scholar is granted to students who earned a 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams. BCS is proud to announce the following students who received this high honor:

Chloe Baxter
Calla Beukema
Emma Bivona
Katie Butts
Cailyn Connor
Delaney DeHaan
John Dykstra
Marco Figuerola
Nathan Hedman
Bryson Ivey
Logan Kliewer
Isaac Meekhof
Brianna Myers
Ben Potocki
Paisley Smelt
Sunnie Woske

AP Scholar with Honor is granted to students who have earned an average of 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four of these exams. Congratulations to the following students who were the awarded this honor:

Kali Brown
Reese DeHaan
Nico Giraldo
Gabe Holton
Kelli Kern
Kaleb Orduno
Carlie Phelps
Bella Rulon
Emma Vande Pol
Jenna White

AP Scholar with Distinction is granted to students who have earned an average of at least a 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. We are thrilled to announce the following students who received this high honor:

Liam Emmons
Annaleise
Linkenhoker
Ethan Marshall
Hannah Pickhardt
Olivia Sand
Sheldon Spencer
Emma Swaagman
Victoria Thompson
Zack Vanzant
Cleide Velasquez

This year, we had four teachers who had a 100 % pass rate, Hailey Clark (AP European History), Shirley Hudson (AP Seminar), Leah Kliewer (AP Research) and Juan Arango (AP Spanish Language & Culture). Our Advanced Placement teachers attend workshops and conferences in the summer, away from their family, to be more prepared for the classroom. They meet with our students on Saturdays to have group sessions and practice tests, and some even make breakfast for all of their students on exam days. Thank you for all of your hard work and amazing dedication to our students! Congratulations to all of these students and their teachers who did an excellent job preparing for these exams!



Beloved BCS teacher, Lois Van Beek, went home to be with the Lord on August 22, 2021. She was originally from Hull, Iowa. She graduated from Dordt College and went on to get her Master's Degree at Michigan State University. She started her teaching career in Michigan and came to BCS when she moved to Florida in 1970.

While at BCS she taught in the Elementary, and also coached volleyball, basketball and softball - even earning a state title with the softball team. Lois was at BCS for 46 years. She retired in 2016, but that didn't slow her down. She was still very involved at BCS, volunteering in many aspects all over campus.

Lois also loved music and sang in her church choir. She was also the director of the Magic of Manatee Sweet Adelines for many years.

She touched many lives during her years of service at Bradenton Christian School. We are joyful to know she is fully healed and singing in heaven.

Memorial donations may be made to BCS Elementary Computer Lab - her favorite spot.



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God has blessed BCS in so many ways and we are excited to see how God will bless BCS once again this school year! Please read the following to give you an update on what is in the works this school year.

- BCS holds fundraising events and has an Annual Fund to bridge the gap between what you pay for tuition and what it actually costs to educate your child(ren). BCS does not charge the full price of tuition. Also, we want to ensure every family who desires a Christian education for their child, that we will walk along side them and offer some tuition assistance to those who qualify.
- We have budgeted to raise \$300,000 this school year to bridge this gap and help our families.
- We have these events & fundraisers for this year.
 - * September – May BCS Annual Fund
 - * September 1-29 Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie & More Sale
 - * October 23 BCS Auction
 - * November 30 Giving Tuesday
 - * February 25 Gala
 - * April 26-27 The Community Foundation Giving Challenge
 - * April 30 Bouwer Cup Golf Tournament
- We will be emailing you throughout the year to ask for help to meet our goal of \$300,000. Pay close attention to the opportunities to double and triple your gift through our Annual Fund and the Giving Challenge.
- Donations to Bradenton Christian School are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. BCS is a qualified organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code.
- We need many volunteers to help with our events. If you are interested, please reach out to Melanie Rosen at mrosen@bcspanthers.org or 941-792-5454 x 205.
- We are members of and partner with the Barnabas Foundation to assist BCS parents, grandparents, and faculty/staff to help understand Biblical stewardship at no cost. Please use this complimentary resource that is available to you. To learn more, go to www.barnabasfoundation.com or contact our Attorney Representative Steve Baker at sbake@barnabasfoundation.com.
- You may purchase a piece of the old gym floor for a donation of \$150 or more. You may also purchase a brick in honor or memory of a child, loved one, or teacher to be placed in front of our High School and Athletic Center. See our website for details under GET INVOLVED!
- Please know we encourage you to participate how God is leading you! Whether it is making an online donation, volunteering at an event, or praying for our school.....every volunteer and every donation makes a huge difference. After all, it is really not our money or talents; we belong to the Lord along with everything we have! He wants us to listen to His call and to be obedient to His purposes.

We look forward to serving Him and our BCS families this school year. You may visit our website to learn more by going to: <https://www.bcspanthers.org/get-involved>.

Contact us anytime!

Heidi Sikkema – 941-792-5454 x 160 or hsikkema@bcspanthers.org

Melanie Rosen – 941-792-5454 x 205 or mrosen@bcspanthers.org

Upcoming Events!

- Sept. 1-29 Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Sale
- Sept. 6 Labor Day (No School)
- Sept. 7 Middle School Pictures
- Sept. 8 High School Pictures
- Sept. 9-10 Preschool Pictures
- Sept. 13 Freshman/Parent Workshop
- Sept. 13 Senior/Parent Workshop
- Sept. 20-24 Homecoming Week
- Sept. 24 Homecoming Game
- Sept. 21-22 Elementary Pictures

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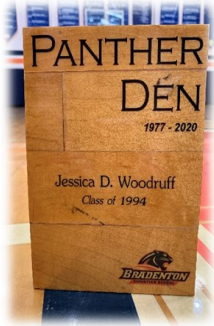
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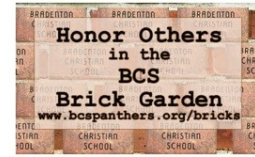
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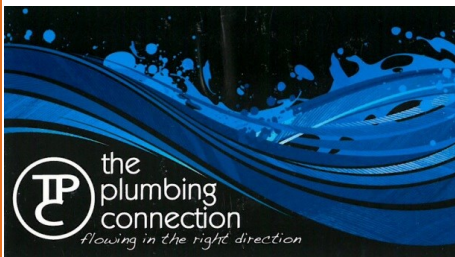
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Congratulations to SPC Zachary Cooper (BCS Class of 2016) for dominating the Promotion Board - an intense question/interview time related to all aspects of the military. SPC Cooper was in the top two performances and was recognized by CSM Milice as wanting SPC Cooper to compete in the upcoming Quarter Board - a prestigious honor where he will compete with other elite soldiers in his unit. This recognition can lead to further promotions and opportunities.

We are proud of you Zach!!



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