

Briarcrest Middle

PTF Newsletter – August 2022

8/26/22 Meeting Minutes

- Cassie Corless opened with an introduction and welcome to attendees.
- Michelle Stancil referenced GotQuestions.org for today's devotion on Psalm 119. The Word of God reflects the character of God. Our theme verse this year is Psalm 119:105. She closed in prayer.
- Cassie introduced the PTF Board and gave brief descriptions of each.
- Faculty Spotlight on Mrs. Teri Ford:
 - She is the awesome person you see behind the desk in the front office.
 - We learned about her family and work history (at BCS for 8 years).
 - She had us laughing about all the lost items turned in over the years. (If your kid is missing a retainer 😞, credit card, or phone, she has it!)
 - DON'T bring anything left at home – they'll survive – and learn a lesson!
 - Her advice: Let your student fail. It's not the end of the world. It builds character and teaches responsibility.
 - Cassie asked: "What's the biggest thing that drives you nuts about parents?" Mrs. Ford said: "Read Your Emails!!" We know you get a lot, but all the information you call her asking about is usually found in an email.
- Cassie went over Announcements:
 - We need a new Christmas tree! It doesn't have to be fancy or even new – just a pre-lit ten to twelve foot tree for the main lobby. If you're buying a new one this year, consider donating your old one!
 - A handout was given (it will be emailed later) on ways to support the school via Amazon Smile, Box Tops, and Kroger.
 - \$23,500 has already been raised from the fundraiser! Keep selling!
 - The New Moms Lunches are for new (to the school) moms only due to space limitations. In October, the Fellowship committee will host coffee and donuts for ALL parents per grade to socialize and chat. Come and go!
 - Middle School Night at the varsity football game is coming up. Be on the lookout for an email with a sign up for snacks and drinks.
 - Elisabeth discussed the Saints Boosterclub. It's not too late to sign up!
- Mrs. Cummings spoke – she said we're off to a great start!
 - MS Night is not the time to let your student be free – they still need supervision and guidance. Students are not allowed on the visitor's side. Come watch the game with your child and cheer on the Saints!
 - You will begin to see more test grades – don't panic yet! Interims go out around Labor Day. You'll be contacted if your student has a D or less.
 - Check your student's grades online & tell your friends to do the same.
 - Show some grace but let her know of any specific issues. She can't use constructive criticism to make changes if she isn't aware of the problem.
 - This brought up a question about the parking lot. Do NOT ever turn left into the parking lot (and don't move the barrier and cones!).
 - Her Parent Tip: If you can't monitor your kid's social media, then they don't need it! Specifically, don't just follow them, but have more screening.
- Cassie played "Are You Smarter Than A BCS 5th Grader" using kahoot. With Mrs. Ford's advice, the goal was to make you feel like you can't help your kid because you're not that smart anyway. 😊 Winners were given gift cards.
- Next PTF Meeting: September 30th – Spotlight: Mrs. Caron Swatley

Upcoming Events

- Aug 29 – 6th grade New Moms Lunch
- Aug 30 – 7th grade New Moms Lunch
- Aug 31 – 8th grade New Moms Lunch
- Sep 1-2 – 8th grade retreat
- Sep 5 – Labor Day/ NO SCHOOL
- Sep 7 – Fundraiser End
- Sep 9 – Middle School Night
- Sep 19-23 – Homecoming Spirit Week
- Sep 21 – See You At The Pole
- Sep 21 – Make-Up Picture Day
- Sep 30 – PTF Meeting
- Oct 3 – 6th grade Parents Coffee
- Oct 4 – 7th grade Parents Coffee
- Oct 7 – 8th grade Parents Coffee
- Oct 10-14 – Fall Break/ NO SCHOOL
- Oct 28 – PTF Meeting

PTF Meetings

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