

## **BCHS PTF Meeting Minutes September 7, 2022**

### **Courtney Tucker-BCHS PTF President**

- Welcomed everyone to first PTF meeting of the year
- Introduced PTF board for '22-23 school year

### **Eric Sullivan-BCHS Principal**

- Thanked everyone for attending meeting and Courtney for taking leadership role
- Excited to start a “normal” school year and re-imagine what school gets to look like after 2 years of COVID
- Emphasized that school is truly a partnership-we all need others to come alongside and help point our kids in the right direction, so please reach out to teachers/coaches/staff so we can all work together
- Addressed the events of this past week in the city of Memphis and encouraged us to continue having conversations with our kids and to cling to our Hope in Christ in the midst of our grief
- Discussed Homecoming Dance location in downtown Memphis-monitoring situation very closely, working to provide safe venue, plan for extra security and MPD presence in surrounding area
- Introduced Lisa Godwin, new Junior Class Guidance Counselor

### **Lisa Godwin-BCHS Guidance Counselor-Junior Class**

- Excited to be at BCS this year, as a guidance counselor and parent of her 3 children attending the elementary school
- Shared her “fresh eyes” perspective as a parent and faculty member at BCS
  - As a parent, thankful to partner with a school that will share and teach the Truth to her children.
  - As an educator, loves that at BCS there is an emphasis on biblical integration and incorporating the truth of Christ into curriculum and also that she can share her relationship with Christ with her students.
- Explained that she'll be working with juniors as they launch into the college search and research process
- Discussed a few upcoming events that the guidance office has been working on:
  - Briarcrest College Fair-September 20th-7:30am-9:30am
    - 40+ colleges in attendance. All colleges are listed on the college counseling page of the BCS website
    - Students will be able to download college fair APP to input all of their information. College rep can scan QR code so students will not have to fill out info at each table.
    - Parents are encouraged to attend 7:30-800 and/or 9:00-9:30. Please park on the service road.

- TN College Tour-November 6-8th-open to Sophomores, Juniors, & Seniors
  - Vanderbilt University/Lipscomb University/University of TN-Knoxville/Union University/University of TN at Chattanooga
  - Registration deadline-September 28th
  - More info can be found on the college counseling page of BCS website
- Memphis Area College Tour-November 1st-open to Freshmen & Sophomores
  - University of Memphis and University of Mississippi
  - Registration deadline-October 1st
  - More info can be found on the college counseling page of BCS website
- PSAT Test given at BCS-October 25th-Sophomores and Juniors
  - Please reach out to counseling office for resources to help your student prepare
- ACT Test given at BCS-November 1st-Juniors and Seniors
  - Mr. Sullivan wanted to add that he knows it is the day after Halloween, but the only other option given to him by ACT was during BCS fall break
  - Mr. Sullivan does plan to offer a “retired” ACT test on a-not-yet-determined Sat in the fall and spring for freshmen/sophomores as practice. Test scores will not count in any official capacity or be sent anywhere.
  - Ms. Godwin discussed ACT’s Test Information Release (TIR) option as a way to focus tutoring on specific areas of need. TIR is only available for 3 testing dates of the year, but allows parents/students to purchase their test score information, including answer sheet and test questions.
- Please feel free to email Ms. Godwin, if you have any questions.  
[LDGodwin@briarcrest.com](mailto:LDGodwin@briarcrest.com)

**Moms in Prayer-Jean Lassiter**

- Moms in Prayer meets every Thursday 8am-9am in the Executive Board Room in Sparks
- Moms pray over our school, staff, teachers, and students-by name-throughout the year
- Moms write notes to staff/teachers to give encouragement and support
- Would love to have you! Contact Jean with any questions [Jean\\_Lassiter@juno.com](mailto:Jean_Lassiter@juno.com) or visit [momsinprayer.org](http://momsinprayer.org)

### **Devotion-Angie Luce, BCHS PTF Chaplain**

- Opened in Prayer
- Talked about how the events of this week have shown us how broken our world really is.
- What do we say to our children and how do we respond? Encouraged us to respond with God's Word and understand/remember where our hope comes from. Reminded us that our hope is not in something that this world offers, but in Him. We serve a God that has already won the victory and redeemed us. We have eternal security, and that's what we can share with our children.
- Ephesians 1:17-19: (17)that the God our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, (18) having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints (19) and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might
- Spoke of Eliza Fletcher and her life and light. Read Philippians 2:12-16 and encouraged us to be a light to those around us and to encourage our children to live this way, as well

## **Committee Reports**

### **Class Representatives**

- **Freshman Rep-Christie Williams**
  - Freshman Parent Coffee coming soon! Parents will have the opportunity to meet other freshman parents and ask Coach Harrison (freshman counselor) questions. Email will be sent out when dates are finalized.
- **Sophomore Rep-Lori Green**
  - Sophomore Parent Coffee-also coming soon! Great way to meet other people
  - Homecoming Dance-email is going out today about how to help. Please sign up to help-especially Dads! We need all of the help we can get.
  - Project Graduation is a lock-in for our seniors on graduation night to help keep them safe. We would love help from anyone who likes to fundraise. Will have several fundraising opportunities throughout the year.
- **Junior Rep-Christie Williams**
  - Sainly Snacks-parent volunteers sell snacks in the Commons to help raise money for Project Graduation. We would love to have more parent volunteers!
  - Junior Parent Coffee coming soon-Junior counselor, Ms. Godwin, will be there to answer questions.

- **Senior Rep-Lori Green**
  - Senior Parent Coffee-date to be determined. Will talk about college related things coming up
  - A lot of Senior events on the calendar to look forward to

**New Family Committee-Heather Storey**

- We are ministering and reaching out to new families in HS
- We would love to have anyone that wants to get involved!
- First event is Friday, Sept 16th

**Library Volunteers-Karen Munson-Gray**

- Ms. Manguno occasionally needs a parent volunteer to help in the library
- All spots have been filled for this semester! Thank you!

**Teacher Appreciation-Belinda Sink**

- We have a fun committee!
- Ice Cream Social is September 27th in the Conference Room
- Fall Luncheon is planned for October
- Pies for Teachers will be in November
- We will be sending out emails to parents with information on how to help!

**Teacher Birthday Brunch-Teresa Bascom**

- First Birthday Brunch is September 15th
- Provide Brunch and \$10 gift card
- Would greatly appreciate help-parents will get an email and can sign-up to bring food

**Special Events-Melanie Allen**

- Football Homecoming-Our committee honors maids and their families on the field and track at the Homecoming game. We also hold a brunch in honor of the maids during the day.
- Decorate BCS Campus for Christmas
- Honor the Basketball Homecoming maids/court (similar to football)
- If you are interested in helping, please text Melanie @ (901)568-0539. She has been involved for the last 4 years and will need someone to take over next year as her child will be graduating.

**Closing Prayer-Angie Luce**

## **Upcoming Events**

### **September**

- 15** Teacher Birthday Brunch
- 17** Homecoming Dance @ Bass Pro Pyramid
- 20** Briarcrest College Fair
- 19-23** Football Homecoming Week
- 23** Football Homecoming Game \*half day for HS
- 27** Teacher Appreciation Ice Cream Social
- 27** Band Concert-6:30pm-7:45pm
- 29** All Choirs Fall Concert

### **October**

- 7** PTF Meeting-8:15am Cox Room
- 10-14** Fall Break
- 17** Picture Make-Up Day
- 20-22** Descendants Musical Production-Sparks
- 25** PSAT (10th/11th only)
- 27** Teacher Birthday Brunch