

Briarcrest Middle

PTF Newsletter – January 2023

1/6/23 Meeting Minutes

- Mrs. Cummings introduced Mrs. Julie Crenshaw, the new MS Admin Assistant. She is flooded with learning front desk info, so show some grace.
- Michelle Stancil led devotion on Romans 8:26-27. Sometimes we intercede for others but in a selfish way. She encouraged us to intercede for others you don't know. Supporting verses: 2 Cor 1:11, Phil 1:19, Eph 6:18, 1 Tim 2:1
- Faculty Spotlight on Mr. JD Frizzell:
 - He is the Director of Fine Arts. He's been at BCS since '08 and has 2 kids.
 - He oversees all FA programs from PK to HS & also teaches 4 HS classes.
 - Cassie asked about the coolest things or memories he's done with BCS. His list included traveling to many different countries as well as performing at the Emmys, on America's Got Talent, and with Foreigner on national tv!
 - Cassie asked for advice for all our upcoming superstars. He said to start early! All performance is good experience. Also, have a readiness to learn.
- Cassie played a game. "MomVoice" had each table sing a popular chorus and Mr. Frizz, with the help of Mr. Pepper (MS Choir), judged.
- Mrs. Cummings spoke and began with thanks to the Beautification committee on the Christmas décor, Rachel Wall for all the hard work on a successful dance, and to everyone for the gifts, food, and support thus far.
 - She added: Mrs. Julie is a true gift with a genuine smile & loving spirit ☺
 - She explained next week's F5 Day (5th to MS) and MS Madness (8th to HS).
 - When making Spring Break plans, avoid missing Fri. 10th. It's the last day for grades. Also, please don't plan appointments during testing in April!
 - Her tip: have tough conversations with your kids. Be direct and specific. Rather than "make good choices" say "if there's alcohol or if parents aren't home, call me" and "don't vape." Also, "God made your bodies for YOU alone, not to share." Set rules and boundaries. It's never too early!!
 - She prayed over us and all parents as we navigate raising kids together.
- Cassie reviewed events and went over announcements:
 - She thanked the Fellowship Committee for a great event in Nov. and the Hospitality Committee for the Nov. luncheon and Dec. exam breakfast.
 - The BCS CBT Bible study starts next Wed. (12:30-2:30).
 - Spread the word to friends about our next Open House in February!
 - Teacher Appreciation week is next month. The Hospitality Committee organizes different things, but the biggest hit is always a gift card giveaway. If you have some from Christmas you won't use (any amount), consider re-gifting them. The committee will send more info later.
 - The annual online auction to raise general school funds is in April. Be thinking about things you could donate.
- A parent asked about Valentine's Day and whether it is celebrated in MS. Cassie (laughably) reminded us that boy/girl relationships aren't encouraged. So, note that nothing special is done (& PTL no last-minute treats by us) ☺
- **Next PTF Meeting: February 10th**

Upcoming Events

- Jan 11 – F5 Day
- Jan 12 – MS Madness
- Jan 16 – MLK Jr. Day/ NO SCHOOL
- Feb 5 – 2p Open House
- Feb 10 – PTF Meeting
- Feb 20 – Presidents Day/ NO SCHOOL
- Feb 21-24 – Teacher Appreciation
- Mar 2 – All Choir Spring Concert
- Mar 13-17 – Spring Break/ NO SCHOOL
- Mar 24 – PTF Meeting
- Apr 2 – 2p Open House
- Apr 7-10 – Easter/ NO SCHOOL
- Apr 11-13 – 6th Grade ERB testing
- Apr 12 – 7th & 8th Grade Pre-ACT
- Apr 18 – MS/HS Band Spring Concert
- Apr 27-29 – POPs Concerts
- Apr 28 – PTF Meeting

PTF Meetings

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| 🐾 Nov. 18th | 🐾 Apr. 28th |

PTF Contacts

- President:** Cassie Corless
- Vice President:** Elisabeth Hogue
- Chaplain:** Michelle Stancil
- Hospitality:** Christin Aycock, Janelle Clark, Julie Martin, Stacey Ramey