

# Briarcrest Middle

PTF Newsletter – February 2023

## 2/10/23 Meeting Minutes

- Michelle Stancil read a devotion about how circumstances may be black, but God is light. The solution is not trying harder, it's faith. "Praise God in those dark times." Acts 16:31
- Faculty Spotlight on Mr. Bernhardt:
  - He's 8<sup>th</sup> grade American History teacher (& sometimes past presidents).
  - His son teaches in HS & daughter-in-law is 8<sup>th</sup> grade Writing teacher.
  - Fave thing about MS: watching this age develop (& slowly get his jokes).
  - Fave history time: during WW1, going from horses to tanks & early 1800s
  - How to teach parallels of Jesus and history: His answer: how underdogs constantly win: by God's design. Things that shouldn't have happened do so with His sovereignty. He tells kids to "Be a student for Jesus."
- We played a Pop Quiz history trivia game where each table had to answer ten 8<sup>th</sup> grade history questions. The winning table got six correct!
- Mrs. Cummings spoke and began with details about her crazy week thus far
  - To ping off today's devotion: it's been dark, but He is light!
  - Her tip: talk to your kids about private pictures: don't take, send, or share them! You do not want them on your device either. Know that even OUR kids are being contacted to share pictures. "Friends" online may be predators posing as actual friends. They may also be real friends. These people then ask for money to not share those pics & kids are paying it. Before it's too late, say to your kids: "Tell me. I need to know if you're being asked or even if you've already sent a pic. And if it was a "real" friend asking, that's not okay!" BCS can help you know what to do. But again, do not share or transfer to another device. That can be considered child pornography. Kids could face criminal charges for sharing private pics. Have the tough conversations!
  - She prayed over us and all parents as we navigate raising kids together.
- Janelle talked about the upcoming Teacher Appreciation week
  - It's extended to Monday due to Book Fair & the Monday holiday
  - All slots are filled: THANK YOU! May bring items the Friday before
  - Tues: Grab & Go: teachers will get bags to fill with goodies
  - Wed: Gift card Giveaway: each will receive a gift card they get to choose
  - Thurs: Custom Cookies: a BCS mom/ baker will have cookies for all staff
  - Fri: Boxed lunches: teachers will get a boxed lunch from Jason's Deli
  - Mon: Teacher's Luncheon: moved because lunch is in classroom during BF
- Elisabeth reviewed events and went over announcements:
  - Book Fair is Christian company I55. MS Volunteers needed Thurs night!
  - When making Spring Break plans, avoid missing Fri. 10<sup>th</sup>. It's the last day for grades. Also, please don't plan appointments during testing in April!
  - Tell incoming parents you know about the used uniform sale in May
  - She asked all of us to pray over the middle school – it's tough years
  - She thanked Mershon for allowing teachers the opportunity to come talk to us during school. (Especially today when many substitutes were called.)
- **Next PTF Meeting: March 24<sup>th</sup>**

## Upcoming Events

- Feb 18 – Book Fair setup
- Feb 20 – Presidents Day/ NO SCHOOL
- Feb 21-24 – Book Fair
- Feb 21-27 – 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 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade ERB testing
- Apr 12 – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pre-ACT
- Apr 18 – MS/HS Band Spring Concert
- Apr 27-29 – POPs Concerts
- Apr 28 – PTF Meeting
- May 6 – Uniform Sale
- May 11 – 8<sup>th</sup> Recognition Ceremony
- May 16-19 – Exams

## PTF Meetings

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| <del>🐾 Aug. 26<sup>th</sup></del> | <del>🐾 Jan. 6<sup>th</sup></del>  |
| <del>🐾 Sep. 30<sup>th</sup></del> | <del>🐾 Feb. 10<sup>th</sup></del> |
| <del>🐾 Oct. 28<sup>th</sup></del> | 🐾 Mar. 24 <sup>th</sup>           |
| <del>🐾 Nov. 18<sup>th</sup></del> | 🐾 Apr. 28 <sup>th</sup>           |

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