

July 17, 2024

I am praying that you are having a wonderful summer and enjoying each day to the fullest! Much of our focus, this summer, has been to prayerfully and strategically hire Godly teachers and staff who share our mission of providing an excellent Christian education based on God's Word, in partnership with the church and family. We realize what an awesome responsibility and privilege we have been given to educate and teach your biggest blessing – your children – that God is the center of absolutely everything!

We are excited to share our 2024-25 school theme of, **STEADFAST – “The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in STEADFAST love.” Psalm 145:8.** Each student will receive a t-shirt printed with the theme and verse as a gift from BCS when school begins. And yes, school does start on August 14, and we are excited to rejoice in this **STEADFAST** love of Jesus Christ along with your children!



Now to reveal that this is our inaugural year to start BCS's organized parent group called PANTHER PARENTS. We pray you will get involved and support our school and students as a collaborative group of PANTHER PARENTS. Please go to this link on our BCS website to learn more and get ready to have a great year, www.bcspanthers.org/get-involved/pantherparents.

I also want to point out our great PANTHER PRESS Newsletter that comes out at the end of each month. Play a part and send photos and information to help highlight all the events and happenings at our school. There are also opportunities to sponsor in our Panther Press plus get involved in our events, arts and athletics. Please refer to this page on our website <https://www.bcspanthers.org/get-involved>.

This leads me to announce the 2024-25 attached “SUMMER MAILER” which is written to help you prepare for the school year. As you will see there are many parts to this mailer, AND we ask you to please read it over, share it with your student(s), and also refer to our BCS website. We have been making a few changes in daily routines, dress codes, cell phone policies, and schedules.

Thank you for partnering with us as we nurture these young people with Christ's **STEADFAST** love. We covet your prayers as we get ready to roll into another school year. Please be in prayer for our school board, our administration, our faculty and staff, our maintenance crew, and most importantly, our students. We will be praying for you, our parents and guardians as you train up the next generation of Christ followers.

In Christ's **STEADFAST** Love,
Linda Dahnke
BCS Interim Superintendent



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merciful,
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Psalm 145:8

While we are preparing the campus for an awesome year, there are items of importance to note as your family prepares for the year as well. Please take a few minutes to thoroughly review the information contained in this packet. Our prayer is that your students learn to see Christ in every aspect of life. May they be challenged and successful as they journey through the school year and all that the Lord has in store for them. May they dream, reach new goals, and experience the joy of learning. Answers to many of your questions about the upcoming school year can be found in this packet. If you don't find the answer you are looking for, please feel free to contact the appropriate office.

Main number: 941-792-5454

<p>Administration</p> <p>Superintendent – Linda Dahnke (ext. 155)</p> <p>Secondary School Administration</p> <p>Principal – Matt Ruta (ext. 116)</p> <p>Assistant Principal- Kim Gryglewicz (ext. 113)</p> <p>High School Assistant – Erica Weaver (ext. 110)</p> <p>High School Front Office – Dawn Cotrone (ext. 135)</p> <p>Middle School Assistant – Amber Coombs (ext. 216)</p> <p>Elementary Administration</p> <p>Principal – Stephanie Edmonds (ext. 352)</p> <p>Elementary Assistant – Kirsti Brown (ext. 157)</p> <p>Athletic Director</p> <p>Athletic Director- Bret Bystricky (ext. 119)</p> <p>Asst. Athletic Dir. - Jim Aller - jaller@bcspanthers.org</p> <p>Campus Liaison- (located in Welcome Center)</p> <p>Amanda Bowman (ext. 132)</p> <p>Human Resources</p> <p>Jeanna Stinehelfer (ext. 112)</p>	<p>Advancement Director</p> <p>Heidi Sikkema (ext. 160)</p> <p>Advancement Assistant- BobbiJo Norris (ext. 114)</p> <p>Guidance</p> <p>High School Counselor – Julie Cunard (ext. 118)</p> <p>Middle School Counselor – Jennell Vanzant (ext. 180)</p> <p>Elementary- Emily Buskirk (ext.120)</p> <p>Admissions</p> <p>Amy Steiner (ext. 150)</p> <p>Student Billing & Financial Aid</p> <p>Trish Sturiano (ext. 203)</p> <p>Health Room (located in Elementary)</p> <p>Jennifer Griffith (ext. 117)</p> <p>Hot Lunch/Campus Café</p> <p>Angela Hamilton (ext. 141)</p> <p>Transportation Coordinator</p> <p>Heather Warrell (ext. 121)</p>
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Campus Beautification Day

Mark your calendars for our annual

BCS Beautification Day Saturday, August 3, 2024.

Many hands are needed to help get the campus looking great for the start of the school year. This is a great way for the entire family to serve. Please contact BobbiJo Norris if you can commit to helping or with questions at

bnorris@bcspanthers.org.



JOIN US!

BCS BEAUTIFICATION DAY
AUGUST 03, 2024

SAVE THE DATE
See you at 8:30am!



• **GATHER AT ELEMENTARY FRONT ENTRY**
8:30AM



• **WORK TO BEAUTIFY OUR CAMPUS**
9:00AM



• **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**
11:30AM



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Positions Available at BCS

We are looking for talented, Christ-centered faculty and staff members! Check our website often for up-to-date BCS employment opportunities and detailed job descriptions at

<https://www.bcspanthers.org/about-us/employment-opportunities>.

Please spread the word that BCS is a fantastic place to work and encourage applicants to check us out. We have both part-time and full-time opportunities available, and benefits may even include a tuition discount for those who work more than 20 hours per week! Full health & retirement benefits are available for full-time employees.

Some of our current open positions include:

Staff Positions Available!

FULL TIME OPPORTUNITIES:

- Director of Admissions and Enrollment
- Admissions Assistant

PART-TIME OPPORTUNITIES:

- Substitute Teachers: We always welcome substitute teacher applications.
- Aftercare Aide
- Aftercare Director
- Bus Driver
- Part time Learning Services Specialist

Head Coaching Positions Available!

- Boys Varsity Soccer Coach
- Boys Varsity Lacrosse Coach
- Boys and Girls Wrestling Coach
- Strength and Conditioning Coach

Questions about our open positions can be directed to Jeanna Stinehelfer in Human Resources using the hiring@bcspanthers.org email account. Come work alongside our dynamic and highly skilled faculty and staff!

Meet Your Teacher Monday, August 12

Pre-K & Elementary – 3pm-5pm

Middle School – 5pm-7pm

High School – 6pm-8pm

All **new and returning** students and parents are invited to an optional open house where you may come and go as you please during your designated time above. Students may put supplies in their desks, walk through your class schedule and meet your teachers.

****New Middle School and High School Students:** A table will be set up in your designated school for you to visit to get your class schedule, locker assignments, and be assigned to a Student Government member who will be able to walk you through your class schedule.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – ½ day

- The first day of school is **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14** with all students being dismissed at **11:30**.

School Wide DRESS CODE:

As the school is an extension of the home, appropriateness of dress is first the responsibility of the home. We need and expect parental support to effectively maintain standards of dress. Parents are encouraged to teach their child to submit to the guidelines within the dress code. It has been established so that matters of dress are not a distracting or dividing force within our community.

To that end, we ask parents to please:

- Do not allow your child to push the envelope. Make every effort to stay well within the established parameters.
- Do not take dress code infraction incidents personally. School employees seek to administer the dress code as consistently and as fairly as possible.
- Help your child to understand the stated purposes of the dress code and the importance of learning to live within guidelines.
- Uniforms can be ordered through Manatee Apparel at 1130 9th Street W., Bradenton, 941-746-6353.
- We will be selling used BCS polo's, hoodies and spirit shirts in Wichers auditorium in the High School building (*Please see photo for dates and times)

We accept CASH or CHECK only!

[BCS has adopted the below campus wide Standardized Dress Code for both BOYS AND GIRLS](#)

The purpose is to:

- Have our dress reflect pride in our school
- Address modesty issues
- Have a fair, consistent and objective dress code
- Have a campus wide plan that works toward the goal of training our students in appropriate dress



BCS SHIRT SALE

Gently Used School Shirts

High School Lobby
August 5, 6, 7, 8th
Mon-Thur 9am-1:00pm
August 12th 3pm-8pm

		
Tee shirts \$3.00		Long Sleeve shirt \$5.00
Collared Shirts \$8.00		Sweatshirts \$10.00

Shoes:

- K-5th Sneakers ONLY
- 6 - 12 Sneakers, Sandals, Crocs, Dress Shoes, Loafers are permitted
- Bedroom style slippers are NOT permitted
- Any shoe style that is deemed inappropriate by BCS admin is NOT permitted.

Shorts/Skorts:

- Solid Colors ONLY, no designs, no multi colors
- Small brand logos are permitted
- Length – Mid Thigh, fingertip length (at the shortest point of the shorts)
- No butterfly, cheer shorts or form fitting or spandex shorts

Skirts and Dresses

- Solid colors ONLY, no designs, no multi colors
- Must touch the top of the knee
- Only BCS logo dresses permitted PK - 5th grade
- NO dresses permitted 6th - 12th Grades

Pants

- Solid Colors ONLY, no designs, no multi colors
- Performance style pants / joggers are allowed
- Jeans are allowed (rips/frays are only allowed at the knee or lower)
- Sweatpants, pajama pants, lounge pants and leggings are NOT permitted

Shirts- all shirts must be BCS branded

- All BCS branded t-shirts / collared shirts are allowed any day of the week (sold by Manatee Apparel or directly purchased through BCS, this includes BCS spirit wear)
- No more than the top two buttons of any shirt may be worn unbuttoned

Outerwear – Solid Colors ONLY

- Any jacket or sweatshirt worn during the school day may have no words displayed except a BCS logo or the brand name of the manufacturer to be located on the front chest area and be no bigger than a handprint.

Other Dress Code Notes

- All clothing and personal appearance must be neat, clean, in good repair, and modest in fit and length and appropriate to a Christian educational environment.
- No Hats or Sunglasses
- Clothing, jewelry, cosmetics, or other items that refer to, symbolize, or enhance a culture of music groups, gangs, New Age Movement, racial prejudice (i.e. – Confederate flag), drugs, alcohol, Satanism, death, immorality, or any other item that contributes an inappropriate theme for a Christian school as determined by the administration, is not permitted at any school function on or off campus.

- Clothes fit well and are not tight or baggy. Undergarments are not to be visible.
- Hair is to be worn in a style that is not distracting. Decisions on the appropriateness of hairstyles are at the sole discretion of the school administration. Students are encouraged to seek clarification before making a change to their hairstyle. A student may be asked to leave school until a situation with a hairstyle is resolved. Hair must be styled out of student's eyes, and unnatural colors will not be permitted. Facial hair must be well groomed.
- Items such as excessive makeup or face paint, excessive or distracting body piercings are not permitted.
- Girls may not wear any pierced body ornaments, other than those normally worn in their ears or small stud earrings in the nose. Boys may not wear any earrings at school or school functions.
- Footwear must be worn at all times.
- Tattoos deemed inappropriate by BCS administration are not to be visible at any time during school hours or at school events.
- Some exceptions will be made to the dress code during Homecoming Week or other special dress-up days.
- Standardized dress apparel has been selected for specific fit and style reasons. Altering these items without expressed written consent of the administration will be seen as an attempt to disregard the dress code policy and will be handled as such. If a shirt must be altered to fit a student, please consult with the administration.
- 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. Students who choose to abuse this provision will be placed on a more restrictive dress code contract.
- For modesty reasons, bras must be worn for female students in grades 6 - 12.
- Specific dress codes for field trips and school organized events will be distributed in advance.

Dress Code Violation Consequences

- The administration has the right to determine the appropriateness of any and all student dress at school and/or school functions. Please recognize that this list is not exhaustive, nor does it touch all the possible combinations of acceptable dress.
- Students coming to school in violation of the dress code will be sent to the office. Administration personnel will determine appropriate and acceptable dress. The consequences for dress code infractions are located in the Discipline Chart for each division.
- Parents should supervise student's dress daily. Class time missed because of a violation will be an unexcused absence.
- While students are not required to wear the standardized dress code to after school activities, they are expected to be modest and appropriate in their attire.

SCHOOLWIDE CELL PHONE POLICY (K-12)

- Cell phones, smart watches and any other communication devices may NOT be used or visible while on campus for ALL students during school hours.
- If you feel your child must have a cell phone, it must remain in their backpack, and TURNED OFF while at school.
- Devices may not be kept in pockets, etc.
- Phone calls, texting and taking photos/videos are not permitted anytime during the school day including in the hallways or outdoors during or in between class time.
- Cell phones may NOT be used in a restroom at any time.

Exceptions to this rule may be made for special occasions with the approval of the school principal.

School Hours

Preschool

- Preschool begins at 8:00am
- VPK students – dismissed at 11:30am
- Half day students – dismissed at 12:30 pm
- Full Day students – dismissed at 2:45pm
- Students should be picked up outside their classrooms.

Elementary (K - 5th grade) Hours:

- 7:40am- Drop off begins- Do not drop off prior to 7:40am as this is when supervision begins.
- 8:00am- classes begin- Students must be in their classroom by this time.
- 2:55pm- classes end
- 3:00pm- carpool line begins

Elementary Procedures:

- Students may be dropped off beginning at 7:40am. (Students should not drop off prior to 7:40am as this is when supervision begins.)
- Safety Patrol will be present to assist in pick up and drop off.
- K, 3rd, and 4th grade student drop off and pick up is in the front of car loop by the playground.
- 1st, 2nd, and 5th grade student drop off and pick up is in the back parking loop of the elementary.
- Pick up and drop off points for multiple students are based on the youngest students' grade.
- Parents may drop off their students through the car lines or walk students to the designated drop off points. No parents are to go beyond the designated drop off points.
- All dismissals will be done through car lines. There will be no walk-ups allowed unless a parent has permission by administration due to them walking/biking to pick up their student.
- At dismissal, all students will stay in their classrooms. Their name will be called once the pickup vehicle enters the designated pickup area.
- Please display the car pickup tag in the passenger side dashboard of your vehicle.
- Signs directing pickup will be visible upon arriving at the school.
- Students can be released only to those designated in FACTS as permitted to pick up. Please contact the office should you need to change the list.

- Please remember to pull forward as far as possible to pick up and drop off students to keep the line moving.
- ALL parents and parent vehicles must be off the premises by 8:15am.

Secondary (6th-12th grade) School Hours:

- 8:10am- Classes begin
- 3:05pm- Dismissal

Secondary Procedures:

- Campus doors are not opened until 8am.
- Use the lane along the sidewalk in front of the fine arts building, PAC, High School and Middle School
- These are for ACTIVE loading and unloading only- there is NO parking along the curbs at ANY TIME.
- ALL parents and parent vehicles must be off premises by 8:15am.

Late Start Days

Sept. 10 Oct. 8 Nov. 5 Dec. 10 Feb. 11 Mar. 11

The 2024-2025 school calendar notes that school will start at 9:00am for elementary school and 9:10am for middle and high school six times this year. On these days:

- Elementary drop off begins at 8:40am
- Students cannot be dropped off at school before 8:40am when outside supervision begins.
- Students will be admitted to class at 8:55am (Elementary) and 9:00am (Middle & High)
- Class begins at 9:00am (Elementary) and 9:10am (Middle & High)
- Parents who need to drop students off before 8:40am need to register their students for before school care. Before school care for students in K-5 will be offered from 7:40am – 8:40am for a \$10 fee. Call 941-792-5454, ext. 157 for more information.
- To register for Before School Care, click here
<https://www.bcspanthers.org/academics/elementary/before-school-care>

Parent Meet the Teacher Night (Parents Only K-12th Grades)

Elementary Parent Meet the Teacher Night - Monday, August 26 at 4:00pm

Back to School Night for **Elementary School Parents only**. Elementary parents will meet in one of their student's classrooms at 4:00 pm to hear about the upcoming year from their student's teacher. If you have multiple students in elementary, you will have the opportunity to visit each child's classroom.

Secondary Parent Meet the Teacher Night - Monday, August 26 at 6:00 pm

Back to School Night for **Middle and High School Parents only**. We will meet briefly in Wichers Auditorium at 6:00 pm for a message from the administration and then all parents will follow their student's schedule, visiting each class to hear from the teacher for 8 minutes.

FACTS (RenWeb)

FACTS is an excellent resource for parent and student information. You will be able to access your student's grades, attendance, conduct and homework through FACTS throughout the school year.

Did you know there is a Facts (RenWeb) App? Stay connected to BCS on the FACTS Family App with everything you need for a successful school year right in the palm of your hand.

To download the RenWeb App:

1. Go to your app store and search for RenWeb Facts, then install app
2. Open app and log in

*District code is Brad-Fl

*Log in is the same email and password used online for your facts account

E-mail Address and Contact Information

E-mail is the primary means for school-wide communication for BCS so it is vital that all of your contact information is up-to-date at all times.

If your contact information changes at any time during the year, please update your information in FACTS. After signing into FACTS, simply click Web Forms then Family Demographics to manage your family's information. If you have any issues or problems updating your information, contact Jeanna Stinehelfer (941) 792-5454 ext. 112

Medical Information

Prior to the start of school, please verify that the medical and emergency contact information is correct in FACTS.

Once you've logged into FACTS, click on Web Forms located on the left menu listing and go to Family Demographics. From there, please verify the accuracy of each student's medical information, as well as the emergency contact information. ***Parents are requested to notify the school and teachers, including enrichment teachers, of any serious handicaps, allergies or illnesses that their children may have or may develop during the school year.*** All health and shot records must be up to date!

School Calendar

The school calendar is accessible on our BCS website. Changes to the calendar throughout the year will be communicated through the Panther Press and email. www.bcspanthers.org/about-us/school-calendar

Student Billing & Financial Aid

Please contact Trish Sturiano at tsturiano@bcspanthers.org or 792-5454 ext. 203 with any questions regarding student billing or financial aid. If you have questions pertaining to state scholarships, please contact Karen Speciale at kspeciale@bcspanthers.org

School Picture Days

Middle School: Tuesday, September 3

High School: Wednesday, September 4

Preschool: Thursday, September 5 and retakes: Tuesday, October 22

Elementary: Tuesday, September 17 and Wednesday, September 18

Retakes: October 24, 2024

Preschool retakes: October 25, 2024

*Students must wear approved dress code for picture day.

Transportation

If your family is interested in bus transportation, please contact Heather Warrell
hwarrell@bcspanthers.org.

BCS Website – www.bcspanthers.org

The website contains the BCS calendar, news, and information on school events. Please check it often for the latest information.

BCS Facebook Page and Instagram Account

Make sure you are following Bradenton Christian School on all our social media platforms. You will find videos and photos of your students, updated information, important announcements along with a ton of other information campus wide.

Facebook: @bradentonchristianschool

Instagram: @bradentonchristianschool

Twitter: @BCSPanthers



Preschool

Located at: West Bradenton Baptist Church

1305 43rd Street West - Just 1.1 miles (3-minute car ride) from our main campus

Phone Number: (941) 404-4491

Preschool Hours

Preschool and extended morning – any time after 7:45 am

VPK drop off - 8:15 am

VPK pick up - 11:30 am

Half day pick up - 12:30 pm

Full Day pickup: 2:30-2:45 (\$1 a minute will be charged after your scheduled pick-up time)

The full **Preschool Handbook** can be found on our website under the Academics tab, then click on Preschool.

Preschool Supply List

The Preschool Supply List can be located on our website under Academics, then the Preschool tab.

The Preschool Class lists will be available on Meet Your Teacher night – posted outside of the classrooms. If you do not see your child's name on the list, please contact Reese Hernandez at
rhernandez@bcspanthers.org.

Morning Snack

Each preschooler will need a morning snack and a kid-size reusable water bottle every day.

Lunch

If your preschooler will be staying all day, please be sure to pack a lunch with all necessary items included (spoon, fork, freezer pack, etc.). Hot lunch is NOT available for preschoolers.

Dress Code

Preschool students may wear play clothes (that can get dirty) to school. Items can be purchased from any store. Students may wear BCS items, but it is not required. Students must wear tennis shoes, sneakers, or athletic shoes – Velcro is highly encouraged since laces can get caught on the equipment. NO sandals, slip-ons, crocs, boots, light-up, noise-making or wheeled shoes, etc. are allowed.

Aftercare

Preschool aftercare until 5:30pm. \$2500.00/annually billed in FACTS in 10 installments of \$250/month. Must register and pay for the whole year. No drop-in or pay-by-day option offered. Limited seats available. Transportation included to main campus.

Elementary

Elementary Classroom Supply List and Class List

The Elementary Classroom Supply lists can be located on our website under Academics, then the Elementary tab. The Elementary Class lists are accessible in your FACTS Family Portal. If you do not see your child's name on the list, please email Stephanie Edmonds at sedmonds@bcspanthers.org

Elementary Lunch

All food must be ready to eat. Elementary students will not be permitted to use classroom microwaves to heat up lunch items. Please ensure students have all they will need to enjoy a healthy lunch at school, without the need for a microwave.

After School Program

Preschool BCS Main Campus Panther Care:

- Available after full days that school is in session from 3:00pm - 5:30pm.
- Preschool students must be pre-registered and pay for the entire year which was completed on their enrollment packet.
- For the safety of all students, children must be picked up by pre-authorized adults on your pick-up list in FACTS before 5:30.

Elementary After School Program:

- Available after full days that school is in session from 3:15pm - 5:30pm.
- Panther Care costs \$15 per day for attendance and is to be pre-paid for 2 weeks at a time.
- Any drop-ins will be billed monthly to your FACTS account for Elementary students for a fee of \$20/day.
- For the safety of all students, children must be picked up by pre-authorized adults on your pick-up list in FACTS before 5:30.
- Please use the following link to register for Panther Care
<https://www.bcspanthers.org/academics/elementary/panther-care>

Panther Care Schedule- This year, students will have the option to **add extracurricular activities for an additional fee**. The registration will take place directly with the vendor. The After Care fee of \$15 per day is charged to all families for any students attending the extracurricular activity. These include but are not limited to:

- Karate-class will be held at BCS main campus
- Amazing Athletes

Daycare Link: <https://registration.amazingathletes.com/events/aa-bradenton-christian-school-tuesday-3-30-pm-18-y-0-m-5-y-0-m>

Elementary Link: <https://registration.amazingathletes.com/events/pe-bradenton-christian-school-monday-5-y-0-m-12-y-0-m>

- Lego Robotics
- Piano lessons

Registration for some activities is included in the summer mailer. More information and details will be provided.

Each student will also need to bring the following to Panther Care:

- Snack, Water bottle, Homework, a book to read

Self Defense Classes at Bradenton Christian School



Enrollment is on-going
Mondays 3:30 - 4:15 Ages 5 - 12 are welcome

This program is not affiliated with Bradenton Christian School or Manatee County School District

Self Defense/Karate Class Registration
Classes will be offered at Bradenton Christian School on Mondays after dismissal.

Student's Name: _____ Date of birth: _____
Teacher's Name: _____ Grade: _____
Start Date: ____/____/_____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ OK to text? _____ e-mail: _____
Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____
Relationship to student: _____

By registering for this program, your child will take one 45-minute Karate class on Monday of each week from **August 19, 2024 to the end of May 2025**, unless you contact Clark's Self Defense 7 days before the payment due date to cancel. There is no fee to cancel. Registered students will be allowed to attend classes in August at no charge.

There will be no refunds for unused classes, however, missed classes can be made up at the Clark's Self Defense studio located at 8261 Blaikie Court in Sarasota.

The cost of the Karate program is \$90/month per child. All fees will be charged to the Credit Card provided below on the 1st of every month. Karate uniforms will be worn to each class. The cost of the uniform is \$35, and it should be ordered directly from Derrick Clark at the start of the program.

***All students must be picked up no later than 4:20pm.

PLEASE BRING THIS FORM TO FIRST CLASS OR MAIL TO 8261 BLAIKIE COURT,
SARASOTA 34240 OR E-MAIL DERRICK.CLARK@COMCAST.NET.

I, _____ authorize Clark's Self Defense to deduct \$90 from my credit card provided on this form, on the 1st of every month, for the following months: September 2024 through May 2025, unless I cancel.

Credit Card # _____ Exp. date _____

Name on card: _____ CVV: _____ Zip: _____

Sign _____ Print _____ Date _____

For more information, please visit www.clarkselfdefense.com or call Derrick Clark at 941-225-1065

Secondary School Information: Grades 6-12

Seniors Pictures

Mrs. Weaver has sent out the schedule for Senior Portraits. The remaining dates are July 20th, 22nd, and 24th. Please reach out to Mrs. Weaver if you are unaware of your student's portrait time by emailing eweaver@bcspanthers.org. A date in late August will be arranged for those incoming seniors and for anyone who could not make it during the summer. This date is yet to be determined.

PARKING PERMITS

Juniors / Seniors: Parking permits may be obtained starting Monday, July 29. Permits can be purchased between 10am - Noon from the High School office. Permits will not be sold before 10am or after Noon. All Junior and Seniors driving to school must have a permit by Friday, August 16th. (Permits must be purchased in person!)

Sophomores: Hardship applications will be accepted starting Monday, July 29th, but no permits will be granted until the 2nd week of school. Sophomores who are granted a hardship parking permit may begin to drive to school on Monday, August 19th. No sophomore may drive to school prior to August 19th.

Parking permit applications and hardship applications can be obtained on the BCS website- www.bcspanthers.org > Academics > Secondary > Parking Permits.

Students are not permitted to park in the first two rows nearest the high school building during school hours.

All vehicles must have a permit to park in any of our parking lots from 7:45am to 3:15pm. Anyone visiting campus during the day must come into the front office and get a temporary permit. This includes all parking lots on campus.

Parents, you will not be permitted to wait in parking spots in front of the fine arts building, PAC, middle or high school with your child when dropping off in the morning.

Summer Reading Assignments

Middle School and High School summer reading assignments are listed on our website under the Academics tab, then Secondary.

Secondary School Textbooks

All students must have an ESV Bible that they will use through the 12th grade.

Grades 6-8: All textbook requirements will be provided on the first day of school - with the exception of 8th Grade Spanish I. If you are an 8th grader taking Spanish I, you will be assessed a \$68 fee on your FACTS account and we will provide your textbook, online textbook and workbook.

Grade 9: All textbook requirements will be provided on the first day of school. You will be assessed a onetime fee of \$225, which will cover textbook online codes, workbooks & novels.

Grades 10-12:

Students are responsible for purchasing their own textbooks and should have all of their materials by the first day of school. The textbook checklist is on our website under Academics, then Secondary.

All materials for English* (novels, vocab & grammar workbooks) will be provided by the school and a charge will be assessed to your account. ***Exception:** if you are taking **AP English (Lang. or Lit.)**, you are responsible for purchasing the AP English textbook. (Limited quantities are available to rent in the office.)

There are a limited number of textbooks available for rent through the HS office. Book rentals will be available from 10am to Noon starting the week of July 29th in the High School office. All book rentals must take place IN PERSON. Please understand that the office cannot take requests over the phone or via email to hold textbooks for you. Book rentals first come first serve and are CASH or CHECK only.

9th Grade & New High School Student Laptop Requirement

BCS will be purchasing laptops through a technology fee of \$750 that will be assessed to student's FACTS account in 5 increments of \$150.00 per month from September through January. This allows BCS to partner with parents in the maintenance and management of your device. This also allows the device to travel between home and school.

Calculators: On the first day of class your son's or daughter's teacher will make a recommendation for the calculator type that is appropriate for the course in which they are enrolled. It is suggested that you wait to purchase a new calculator until after the first day of class. Graphing calculators that have the capability to manipulate algebraic symbols will not be permitted. For example, the following calculators are NOT acceptable: TI-92, TI-89, TI Voyager, TI Multiview, Casio Natural Display and Sharp Write View Display. If you have further questions regarding an approved calculator, please contact Mr. Dickmann at ddickmann@bcspanthers.org

All 6th Graders

All 6th grade students will be offered a Scoliosis screening. More information and permission forms will be sent in the fall.

All 7th Graders

The Tdap (Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis) Vaccine is required for 7th grade entry, as well as the 2nd Varicella (chickenpox) Vaccine. If you have any questions, please contact Amber Coombs at acoombs@bcspanthers.org

Art & Drumline Students

A fee will be assessed for the use of materials & equipment. Fees will be in your FACTS tuition statement.

Middle & High School PE

Required dress for PE: athletic shoes (**MUST be worn at all times**), BCS t-shirt and athletic shorts (any color). **PE shorts must be consistent with the uniform policy and may not be shorter than fingertip length.** High school PE includes a health class with a provided textbook.

High School Supplies

The High School supply list can be located on our website under Academics, then the Secondary tab. It will also be on most teachers' syllabus on the first day of school.

Middle School Supplies

The Middle School supply list can be located on our website under Academics, then the Secondary tab. It will also be listed in the Middle School booklet.

Athletic Information

Athletic Director: Bret Bystricky

bbystricky@bcspanthers.org or 941-792-5454 ext. 119

FALL SPORTS

Begin on Wednesday, July 29 per FHSAA (see page 20 for times and days of tryouts)
Football, Cheer, Golf, Volleyball, Swimming, Cross Country

Fall Sports: Football • Volleyball • Golf • Cross Country • Swimming • Cheerleading

Fall sports will begin on Wednesday, July 29 per the FHSAA

Winter Sports: Soccer • Basketball • Wrestling • Girls Weightlifting

Spring Sports: Baseball • Softball • Lacrosse • Track & Field • Boys Weightlifting • Beach Volleyball • Tennis

Athletic Fees

Middle School athletic fee is \$100 per sport

High School athletic fee is \$125 per sport*

**Middle school student playing up on high school team will be assessed \$125*

Athletic Physicals & Athletic Clearance

Any student-athlete involved or wishing to be involved in interscholastic sports must have a CURRENT pre-participation physical on file. This pre-participation physical MUST be on the FHSAA EL2 form.

All athletic paperwork will be turned in electronically via the athletes athletic clearance account. **No hard copies of physicals will be accepted whatsoever on campus. DO NOT submit them to anyone.** Please visit the following link for instructions on creating your athletic clearance account, forms, and all requirements.
<https://www.bcspanthers.org/athletics/forms>

Email our Athletic Trainer, Nicole Kemper, at nkemper@bcspanthers.org with any questions or concerns.

Fall Sports Tryouts

HS Football: August 5- August 9 @ 8am-9:30am

** there will also be a parent meeting on August 12 at 5:30pm. Practice will begin August 12th from 6pm-7:30pm and going forward.

MS Football: July 29- August 8 @ 3:30pm-5:30pm

MS & HS Volleyball: July 29 @ 9am-11am & Aug 1 @ 6pm-8pm

**Regular practices will begin on Friday, 8/2, for HS teams only.

Times will be determined after rosters are finalized Thursday night.

MS & HS Cheer Signups & Tryouts: July 29-July 30 @ 3:30pm - 5:30 pm (Auxiliary Gym)

MS & HS Golf: August 7 & 8 at Bradenton Country Club @ 2:30pm -5:30pm
(4949 9th Avenue W, Bradenton 34209)

MS & HS Girls/Boys Cross Country: Meet in PAC Lobby

July 29 - August 2 @ 7:30am- 8:30am

MS & HS Swim: July 29 to July 31 at the Bradenton YMCA – 3:30-5:00pm

Parent Meeting will be July 31 at the Bradenton YMCA at 4:30pm

- Coaches will inform players and parents of what normal practices (days/times) will look like after the tryout period concludes.
- MS students must attend MS tryout and HS students must attend HS tryout.
- Coaches will determine placement of athlete at the conclusion of tryouts.
- Once students are officially rostered, they must finish and complete their season in good standing to be eligible for winter sports.
- Questions about tryouts? Please contact the head varsity coach listed on page 18.

Coach Contact Information

(6 th -12 th grade students)	Head Coach	Cell	Email
Baseball	Ryan Werner	817-681-1083	rwerner@bcspanthers.org
Boys Basketball	Wayne Grant	941-685-7132	wgrant@bcspanthers.org
Girls Basketball	Jerry Aquino	973-941-9594	jerry.aquino@novartis.com
Beach Volleyball	Ricky Tyrrell	941-779-8054	bcsbeachvball@gmail.com
Cheer	Anna McSwain	941-228-8455	Annajoy9@aol.com
Cross Country	Rebekah Ma	713-854-8377	scottma@gmail.com
Football	Phillip Spess	941-792-5454 Ext.182	pspess@bcspanthers.org
Golf	Ryan Macey	863-602-8882	rmacey@bradentoncc.org
Girls Lacrosse	Pat Cassella	941-737-3096	patcassella@hotmail.com
Boys Lacrosse	Questions- contact Bret Bystricky		
Boys Soccer	Questions- contact Bret Bystricky		
Girls Soccer	Stephen Jerome	941-545-0859	Sjerome528@gmail.com
Softball	Lacey Stovall	941-737-7474	soccerace07@gmail.com
Swim & Dive	Amanda Bowman	941-792-5454	abowman@bcspanthers.org
Tennis	Roger Meadows	941-526-9816	rmeadows@bcspanthers.org
Track & Field	Phillip Spess	941-792-5454 Ext.182	pspess@bcspanthers.org
Volleyball	Jon Sherfy	941-893-7142	jsherfybcs@gmail.com
Weightlifting	Sean Riley	561-301-2812	sriley5775@gmail
Wrestling	Questions- contact Bret Bystricky		

Hot Lunch Program (The Campus Café)

The Hot Lunch program will kick off on Thursday, August 15th!

An updated menu will be available on Monday, August 5th in Ren-Web/FACTS. You may also place your orders for lunch at this time as the lunch ordering will close on Friday, August 9th @ 8:00 a.m. (normally closes on Thursday mornings @ 8:00 a.m.) for the following week's lunch orders. An updated e-mail will be sent if any changes occur. Please review the policies and instructions below for ordering lunches.

Ordering Lunches through RenWeb/FACTS

- Log into your parent RenWeb/FACTS SIS Log In account the district code is BRAD-FL.
- Go to Student section on the left-hand side of the screen and click Lunch
- You will see a calendar for the current week. Above the calendar, click on create web order.
- Click on the box with your child's name that you want to order lunch for. The order form is listed by day and date. You can now place your lunch order/s on the scroll down list. All your students will show up in order of grade level on the scroll down list just keep scrolling to get to the end of the month to see your next child.
- Once you have finished all orders for your student(s), scroll to the bottom and click Order Items. Fill in your credit/debit card (fee will apply) or bank account information. Follow the prompts to complete the payment, make sure you are scrolling to the bottom of the pages to complete the steps for payment processing.
- Please do not pay lunch and tuition together in the same payment as the system cannot recognize them separately. The food order will not be placed.
- Orders may be placed weekly or monthly and are due by Thursday at 8:00 am for the following week's lunches.
- To confirm payment has been made, return to the weekly or monthly calendar and see if the items ordered are in blue (paid) or in red (unpaid). If they are in red, please contact Angela Hamilton at 792-5454, ext. 141 or e-mail ahamilton@bcspanthers.org.

Lunch Refunds

- Refunds for lunches WILL NOT be issued for sick days, class parties or field trips, as food has already been ordered and paid for. Watch for field trips, class parties and special events from your child/rens teacher/s, placing the order.
- A refund may be requested for state tournament game days or when school is closed due to weather.

Panther Credit

Panther Credit may be purchased on RenWeb/FACTS in the amount of \$5, \$10, or \$20 and will allow middle/high students to purchase hot food, drinks, and snacks.

For Elementary Students: Panther Credit is highly recommended for all students to cover the cost in the event your student forgets their lunch. There is no extra hot food/drinks or snacks to buy in Elementary.

For Middle & High School Students: Panther Credit is highly recommended for all students to cover the cost of purchasing extra hot food/drinks and snacks, or in the event your student forgets their lunch.

No Lunch Policy

If a student is without a lunch the school will provide:

Elementary: PB & J Uncrustable, applesauce, and water (if an allergy a lunchable will be provided)

Middle/High: PB & J Uncrustable, chips, and water (if an allergy a lunchable will be provided)

A fee of \$6.50 will be charged to your account. Some exceptions may apply.

Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers who would like to help serve lunch. Sign up for one day a week or as many as you want. The hours are 11:00 am - 1:00 pm but can be flexible. Please contact Angela Hamilton at ahamilton@bcspanthers.org or 792-5454 ext. 141 for more information.

Health Room Policy and Procedures

Medication Policy

Prescription medication may only be dispensed from its original container and accompanied by a physician's prescription and written parental permission. **If your child needs an over-the-counter medication, the student MUST have a physician's prescription and written parental permission as well.** All medication must be delivered to the health room by the student's parent, legal guardian or a previously designated adult. It is against school policy for a student to carry ANY medication on their person without prior approval. All medication must be maintained in the Health Room. Medication needed on field trips is also covered by this policy and must be administered by an individual designated by the principal.

For your child's safety please remember:

- Absolutely no medication will be given without written parental permission.
- School health room personnel may not administer the first dose of any medication. (Student should be monitored by the parent at home for possible side effects following initial dose).
- School health room personnel are legally required to administer only medications with FDA approval.
- All PRESCRIPTION medication must be administered as labeled and OTC medications may not exceed package directions.
- ALL MEDICATION MUST BE IN THE ORIGINAL CONTAINER. No medication will be given from zip-lock bags or envelopes.
- If your child forgets to take a morning dose of medication, school health room personnel are not allowed to give that dose at school. Parents may come to the Health Room to give the missed dose.
- Students with medication prescribed by a health care provider contained in the original packaging and appropriately labeled may carry these medications, may self-monitor and may self-administer these medications only if we have permission from the prescribing doctor and the parent/legal guardian. If there is sufficient evidence that unsupervised self-monitoring or self-medicating would seriously jeopardize the safety of the student or others, the school may refuse the student to carry his/her medication.

Contacting Parents

If your child comes to the Health Room and needs to go home, we must contact a parent or legal guardian. We cannot send a student home with anyone until a parent has been notified. **This is why it is so very important that we have your current contact information of how to contact you at all times.** If your child has an emergency situation or needs immediate care that cannot be provided at school, those contacts you list on the Health Card will be called, IF we cannot reach a parent first. If this information should change, please notify your school health room personnel immediately. Please understand that this is for your child's protection.

Any questions, please contact Jennifer Griffith at 941-792-5454 ext. 117 or jgriffith@bcspanthers.org

**** Parents are requested to notify the school of any serious physical handicap that their child may have.**

SPONSORSHIPS, EVENTS, FUNDRAISING & VOLUNTEERING



WHY WE FUNDRAISE at Bradenton Christian School - We do it to honor God and help our students! We are here to serve our Lord and help give our students the best Christian Educational experience so they can impact the world for Christ! In order to accomplish this, we have various fundraisers throughout the year to help keep our Christian school tuition affordable for families and help current BCS students.

This coming year our amount to raise is \$400,000. Please prayerfully consider being a part of our efforts to raise this amount and please know that every gift, whether small or large, makes an impact! ***And of course, if you have a God given desire to help impact BCS and our students in a creative way or would like to help by donating to special projects, please reach out to Heidi Sikkema at hsikkema@bcspanthers.org or 941792-5454 x 160.***

HIGH SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

From freshman through junior year each class will fundraise to help pay for the Junior-Senior Banquet and to help defray expenses for their Senior Trip. Please be on the look-out for various fundraisers to help our high school students.

ATHLETIC SPONSORSHIPS

We have exciting opportunities in our Athletic Sponsorships again this year. Please help our sports programs bridge the gap to make our athletic program successful and nurturing for our student-athletes and families. Please consider participating in a family or business sponsorship. If you would like to learn more, contact Bret Bystricky at bbystricky@bcspanthers.org or 941-792-5454 x 119 or visit our BCS website under Athletics at <https://www.bcspanthers.org/athletics/athletic-sponsorships>.

ART, MUSIC & DRAMA

Our BCS Art, Drama and Music Departments are always looking for donations in many forms, from giving of your money, time, talents, even treasures you may have. Things lying around could be used as props or to help build a stage set; old instruments or art supplies could be donated to benefit our students within these programs. If you would like to donate or contribute to these programs, contact BobbiJo Norris at bnorris@bcspanthers.org or 941-792-5454 x 114.

CAROUSEL GIVE BACK PROGRAM



On the First Wednesday of each month, Bradenton Christian School and Carousels's Soft Serve Iceery will provide students with the ultimate product and experience. Carousels gives back 30% of net sales to our BCS student body organizations which benefits our elementary, middle, and high school activities. To sign up, please use the following link:

<https://carousels.com/fundraiser/bradenton-christian-school-2024/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

BCS BEAUTIFICATION DAY

Saturday, August 3, 2024



It's time for COMMUNITY! Please Join us on Saturday, August 3, 2024 to bless our campus. Gather at the elementary front entry doors at 8:30am. We will begin working at 9:00 with a fellowship lunch at 11:30. Bring your hard work ethic, gloves, and a smile! We look forward to building community and co-laboring together. All ages are welcome. Sign up today!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AA4AF2FA4FFC43-50107862-beautification#/>

BOUWER CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, September 27, 2024

Bouwer Cup

Golf Tournament

IMG Academies

Golf & Country Club

The Bouwer Cup Golf Tournament is Friday, September 27, 2024. This event will support the exceptional Christian Education offered at Bradenton Christian School focusing on the health and wellness of our student athletes. For more information contact BobbiJo Norris at bnorris@bcspanthers.org or 941-792-5454 x 114.

Be on the lookout for more information under the "get involved" tab on our website:

<https://www.bcspanthers.org/get-involved>.

BCS FAMILY AUCTION

Saturday, November 2, 2024



Join us for our 40th BCS Festival & Auction! Our Auction is a wonderful time to celebrate all that the Lord has blessed us with as He has entrusted us to educate and nurture His children! Contact us at bcsauctionplanning@gmail.com to volunteer for the event, to be an Auction Class organizer, donate an item, or to be part of our Auction planning group. If you would like to sponsor this event, contact Heidi Sikkema at hsikkema@bcspanthers.org or 941-792-5454 x 160.

GIVING TUESDAY

December 3, 2024



This school year, we will be celebrating God's goodness to BCS! Giving Tuesday is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Be on the lookout for opportunities to help impact lives at BCS during this coming Thanksgiving Season. We will have some great gift matching opportunities!

HAVE A HEART FOR BCS GIVING CHALLENGE

February 19-20, 2025



Save the Dates and show your love and support for BCS!

During the **Have a Heart for BCS Giving Challenge**, every donation will be matched! Please mark your calendars for this two-day event and we look forward to seeing how God does great things for BCS!

BCS GALA FUNDRAISER

Friday, April 4, 2025

We have set this evening aside to be a wonderful time of fellowship and fundraising for BCS. We are currently searching for a speaker(s) who will be enriching to our school community. If you have any connections or referrals, please contact Heidi Sikkema at 941-792-5454 x 160 or hsikkema@bcspanthers.org.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Friday, February 14, 2025

Our favorite BCS "HOLIDAY" is Grandparent's Day! Grandparents and Grandfriends will be invited to our preschool and elementary campus to spend the morning with their grandchildren and have a glimpse of how God is working through BCS in their grandchildren's lives.

OPPORTUNITIES

MOMS IN PRAYER



Are you looking to get connected at BCS but you're not sure where to start?

Come join our Moms in Prayer group! We meet every Friday at 8:10 am in the Chick-fil-A Skybox in the Athletic Center. For more information, please contact Jenny Bertsch 941-718-0841.

You can also join our BCS Moms in Prayer [Facebook Page!](#)

BRICKS OF HONOR

BCS BRICKS OF HONOR are located in front of the Secondary Building and the Athletic Center. This is a great way to honor a graduate, a child, a family, or a favorite teacher, while supporting BCS! We welcome everyone to participate to preserve a legacy and build for the future with a BRICK OF HONOR. The cost is \$150 per brick. To place an order, please fill out the form on our website at <https://www.bcspanthers.org/getinvolved/bricks-of-honor>. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Sikkema at 941-792-5454 x 160 or hsikkema@bcspanthers.org.

BARNABAS FOUNDATION



We partner with the Barnabas Foundation to assist BCS parents, grandparents, and faculty/staff to help understand Biblical stewardship at no cost. If you do not have a will, or you want to understand how to donate through stocks or commodities by deferring capital gains tax implications or learn more about

annuities and trusts - please use this resource that is available to you. To learn more, go to <https://barnabasfoundation.com/> or contact our Attorney Representative Steve Baker at sbake@barnabasfoundation.com.

Also feel free to ask Heidi Sikkema any questions at 941-792-5454 x 160 or hsikkema@bcspanthers.org.

Want to Earn Money toward your Tuition?

Join the TRIP Program (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program)

Purpose - The Tuition Reduction Incentive Program (TRIP) is an opportunity for the families of Bradenton Christian School to reduce their tuition. Through TRIP, gift cards can be purchased from participating vendors with a rebate. These cards are sold at face value to families who participate in the program and the rebate is issued in the form of tuition credit on a monthly basis.

General Information and Policies - Family and friends may participate and contribute to your TRIP account by filling out the appropriate section of the registration form. Parents looking to the future and planning for Christian education of their young children at BCS can also participate. These families will be assigned an account number. The monies earned will be held by BCS and will be credited as a tuition payment when their child is enrolled as a student. This is a non-interest bearing account.

- The gift cards are the same as cash. Neither BCS nor TRIP will accept responsibility for lost or misplaced cards.
- In no way does BCS or the TRIP program endorse the stores listed on the order form. You must make your own decisions concerning your purchases.
- Each store has their own policy on change back from cards. Review store policies before paying for your purchase.
- TRIP is being offered to promote the education of BCS; therefore, the money collected on your account will only be paid to BCS for tuition reduction. If your student no longer attends BCS, the monies held under your family account number will be put into the general tuition assistance fund upon your departure.

Registration - Anyone establishing a TRIP account must be familiar with the policies, submit a registration form and set up a PrestoPay account.

Payment - All orders will be paid through PrestoPay. Payment is due at the time of order.

Rebates - The percentage earned on each participating family's account will be held by TRIP and credited to your tuition account on a monthly basis. If your tuition is paid in full for that year, it will be credited to the next year's balance. Any discrepancies must be brought to the attention of the school within 2 weeks of the statement date. BCS will credit your account 80% of the total rebate and will retain 20% for the general tuition assistance fund and administrative TRIP cost. Rebates may be used for tuition only. Students that withdraw early may use rebates toward their tuition balance, but no reimbursement will be issued other than tuition payment.

Let's Get Started! - Complete the TRIP registration form and submit it to the TRIP coordinator, Middle School Assistant. After completing this form, you will receive an email with your username and password.

Set-Up PrestoPay Account – Once you have received your username and password, log on to www.ShopWithScrip.com, click on the PrestoPay link in the left navigation bar, and complete the bank account information. Within 2-3 business days, Great Lakes Scrip Center will deposit two small amounts into your bank account. Enter these amounts in your PrestoPay registration to verify the account. You will receive an email with an approval code which you will submit to the TRIP coordinator. The TRIP coordinator will notify you by email upon activation of your account.

Shop! - Visit www.Shopwithscrip.com, to choose your gift cards, place your orders, and view your account. Orders may be placed on-line 24/7, however, orders will be processed every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. with delivery on Thursday. You will receive an email when orders have been filled and are ready for pick-up in the Middle School Office. ScripNow and reloadable cards are always a quick, convenient option too! If you have any questions, contact the Middle School Assistant at 792-5454 ext. 216.

TRIP Registration Form
(Tuition Reduction Incentive Program)

Form must be signed and returned before you place your first order
PLEASE PRINT

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: ST _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

List the names of your current students:

Enrolled Families
List enrolled student's name(s):

Future Families (complete if your child is not yet enrolled at BCS)

Student's name(s):

Projected date of enrollment:

Friends of BCS (complete if you want your rebates to go to a current BCS Family)

BCS Family Name _____

List enrolled student's name(s):

We have read, understood and will abide by the policies of the TRIP program.

Print name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

By Mail: Bradenton Christian School
Attn: TRIP Program
3304 43rd Street West Bradenton, FL 34209
By Fax: 941-795-7190