



BRADENTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Panther Press



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From Interim Superintendent, Linda Dahnke

As we navigate the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, our hearts ache for the families who have been deeply impacted by this devastating storm. Several of our students and their families have endured significant property damage, loss of belongings, and emotional distress.

Reflecting the Love of Christ

During this challenging time, we are called to demonstrate the love of Christ through tangible support and unwavering compassion for our affected families.

Here's how we can come together:

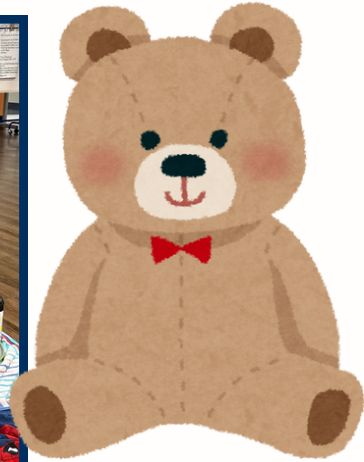
- For Families Needing Support: We understand the burden this storm has placed upon you. Whether you require essential supplies, assistance with cleanup, or simply prayers, please know we are here for you. [Click here to share your specific needs](#). Your information will help us provide targeted support and resources to ensure your well-being.
- For Families Who Can Help: We are deeply grateful for the outpouring of compassion from our BCS community. If your family is in a position to offer assistance, [click here to learn about volunteer opportunities and ways to donate](#). Your generosity can make a significant difference in the lives of our fellow families.

Together, We Rise Stronger!

As a community of faith, let us rise together in the spirit of Christ. Let us offer practical assistance, heartfelt prayers, and unwavering support for those impacted by this storm. Your willingness to help will demonstrate the strength and resilience of our BCS family.

Thank you for your compassion and unwavering support.

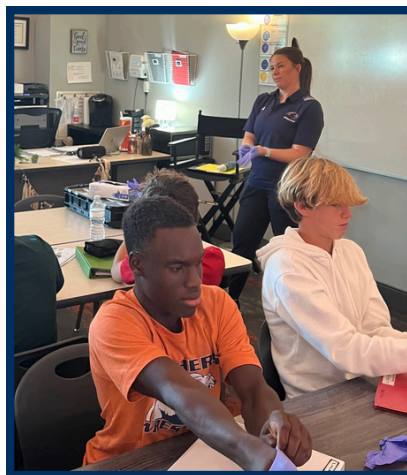
The Kindergarten classes recently completed their unit on the color **Brown** and **Bears**. They were so excited to bring in Teddy Bears and celebrate together! What a blessing for our classes to share the day with our parent volunteers and administration. Our Kindergarteners day included bear creation stations, bear snacks, and a bear picnic.



CAMPUS NEWS

Life Skills Class

At the conclusion of our CPR and First Aid unit, we had guest speaker and our very own Trainer Dr. Nicole come speak to our Life Skills classes. She reviewed with us the steps of CPR, and demonstrated for us what she does with athletes at our school in regards to first aid treatment. She showed us some of her tools and equipment as well as had us practice various first aid etiquette techniques. We all came away with some great practical CPR and first aid knowledge!



We had a guest speaker and parent, Mrs. McSwain, come talk to the Life Skills classes about finances to accompany our financial literacy unit. What a blessing for our students to learn a skillset they can utilize as they grow. Below are some of the topics we learned about during her visit.

- What a Financial Advisor does,
- What influences present and future financial security,
- Budgeting and the uses of money (Live {wants, needs & protection}, Give, Grow {investing & savings}, and Owe {taxes & debt}),
- We discussed short, middle & long term goals & how to set smart goals,
- Foundations of investing: learning the different types of investments.



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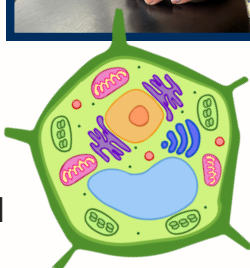
Middle School Science

The Middle School Science students have been working on a “bonding experience” in which they were forming covalent, ionic, and metallic chemical bonds. Ionic bonds are formed when two atoms exchange electrons to create



a positive and negative ion. Covalent bonds are formed when atoms share electrons to create a molecule. Metallic bonds are created when metal atoms lose their outermost electron to form positively charged ions. To gain scientific knowledge through a biblical lens deepens our understanding for God’s creation and allows us to “bond” more in our relationship with Christ.

The Life Science Lab in 7th grade has been learning all about Cell Division. Cell Division is the process by which new cells are formed for growth, repair, and replacement in the body. This process includes division of the nuclear material and division of the cytoplasm. The 7th grade class was able to demonstrate cell division by using Oreos and sprinkles. What a fun project that allows the students a hands on experience all while exploring God’s beautifully designed creation of cells.



SCIENCE

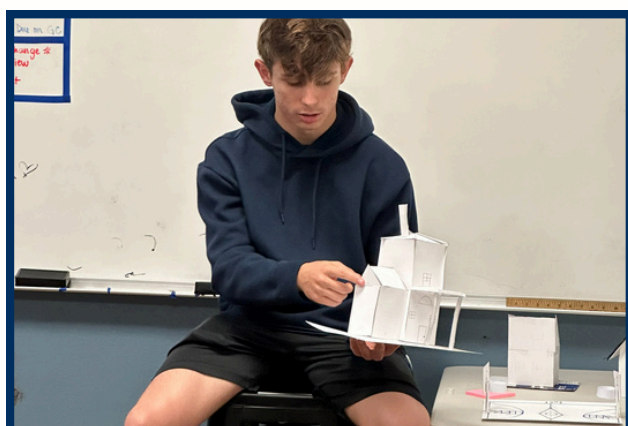
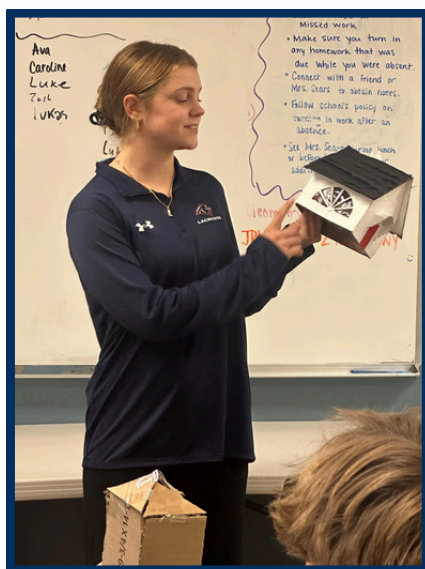


CAMPUS NEWS

High School Honors Geometry

In Honors Geometry at Bradenton Christian School, our high school students recently completed an individual project that put their geometric knowledge to the test. Each student was tasked with designing and constructing their own three-dimensional structure, applying key concepts they had learned about lines, angles, points, planes, and angle relationships. They also demonstrated their skills in geometric constructions, ensuring that their designs were precise and structurally sound.

To make the project even more exciting, we held a class competition where students voted for the best overall structure. After much consideration, Bethany Hollar and Lena Spencer were selected as the class winners for their outstanding designs. Their projects exemplified not only mathematical accuracy but also creativity and attention to detail.



GET INVOLVED



Calling All Panther Parents!

The Panther Parents is an organized volunteer group to help promote the school's mission and come alongside the school to help facilitate events and coordinate volunteerism. Current parents and guardians are automatically a part of this group. This group is also open to alumni and grandparents who desire to volunteer for Bradenton Christian School.

This group will operate off suggested dues of \$50 and/or donations (The \$50 is a suggestion, not a requirement to be a part of Panther Parents. Dues and donations are a tax write off.) The dues/donations will help cover the cost of staff appreciation throughout the year and any other needs that arise at BCS with approval from administration. We are excited to support BCS in so many ways!

Looking to dive in? Current Panther Parent opportunities that are open:

- Carousel's Creamery Parent Playground Day-
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44A9AE29A6FAC70-50861817-carousels>
- Auction- Are you connected in the community? Do you know local business owners? We are looking for volunteers to help gather items for the auction and sponsorships. Click [HERE](#) for more info.

If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Bowman at abowman@bcspanthers.org

Church Connection

Throughout the school year we connect with several local churches to guide our youth to stay "plugged in" and growing in Christ. Please check out the website links below:

- **Bradenton CRC:**
<https://bradentoncrc.org/ministries>
- **Bayside Community Church:**
<https://www.mybayside.church/ministries/bayside-youth>
- **West Bradenton Baptist:**
<https://fortheneighborhood.com/students/>
- **Grace Community Church:**
<https://www.gracesarasota.com/ministry/high-school>
- **North River:**
<https://www.gonorthriver.org/students>
- **The Bridge Church:**
<https://www.bridgechurchfl.com/students>
- **First Baptist Church of Bradenton:**
<https://firstbradenton.com/>

If you would like your church featured in Panther Press for youth events, please email BobbiJo Norris at bnorris@bcspanthers.org.

If you would like to speak at Middle or High School chapel services for BCS please contact Calvin Morley at CMorley@bcspanthers.org.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Important Dates

- October 8- National Honor Society Induction
- October 8- **Late Start**
- October 11- **No School**
- October 11- Bouwer Cup Golf Tournament
- October 16- PSAT/NMSQT
- October 21-25- Homecoming Week
- October 28- Townhall Meeting 6pm-7pm
- October 28 BCS Society Meeting 7pm
- October 29-November 1- Spiritual Emphasis Week

October

Late Start Details

- Start time on these Tuesdays is 9:00am for Elementary School and 9:10am for Middle and High School.
- Elementary drop off begins at 8:40am, that is when supervision begins.
- Students will be admitted to class at 8:55am(Elementary) and 9:00am(Middle & High).
- Parents who need to drop students off before 8:40am need to register for Before School Care.
- Before School Care for students in K-5 will be offered from 7:40am – 8:40am for a fee, please register for Before School Care by clicking [HERE](#).
- If you have any questions, contact Kirsti Brown at kbrown@bcspanthers.org or call 941-792-5454, ext. 157.

Create Change

Did you know that BCS Key Club is an international student-led organization which provides its members with opportunities to serve, build character, and develop leadership. Each year our BCS Key Club partners with Samaritan's Purse through Operation Christmas Child, collecting and packing over 200 shoeboxes for children around the world. We have also maintained strong support for The Leukemia Society and The American Heart Association. Additionally, each year the Key Club fundraises for the Chase Away Epilepsy Walk, which takes place this year on November 2, 2024. We invite you to help our Key Club support Epilepsy through The Chase Away Epilepsy Walk.



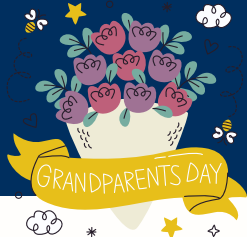
So, please mark your calendars and lace up your shoes! Josh Provides Chase Away Epilepsy walk began 5 years ago in honor of Chase Signor, a 9th grader at Bradenton Christian School. Chase is 1 in 26 who has epilepsy. We began this walk to raise epilepsy awareness and fundraise for Josh Provides, a local non profit whose mission is to improve the lives of those living with epilepsy or other seizure disorders. We walk at GT Bray Park, inviting our school, church and neighborhood communities to support us in this journey to end epilepsy! Register to join us at <https://givebutter.com/1pk0hb>

♥ the Signor family



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Save the Date

Grandparents, you are a blessing in your grandchild's life and we are thankful for the impact you make on your grandkids. Your Christ-centered faith and the wisdom you provide make a difference in the life of your family. We cherish our grandparents here at BCS and pray that you will join us on **February 14, 2025** for a special day to celebrate you and the influence you have on your grandkids. Please save the date, more details to come. Thank you for being an important part of our BCS community, we look forward to seeing you on Grandparents Day!



Planning with Purpose

Have you ever wondered what giving options are best for your current financial goals and situation? This November, Bradenton Christian School will be joined by Steve Baker, J.D. an estate planner from Barnabas Foundation. In this complimentary, no-obligation consultation, Steve will help you develop a plan that honors God, provides for your family, and supports the causes close to your heart. The Barnabas Foundation is a Christian organization that Bradenton Christian School has been a member of for decades. For more information contact Heidi Sikkema at hsikkema@bcspanthers.org.



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SPORTS

Swim

BCS had a great first meet of the swim season. BCS came in 2nd Overall, 2nd in Men's, and 2nd in Women's events. Congratulations Panthers on such an incredible swim meet.

- **Girls 200 Medley Relay**
BCS 2nd place
- **Boys 200 Medley Relay**
BCS 2nd Place
- **Girls 200 Free**
Maggie Cordell – 3rd place @1:54.84
- **Girls 200 IM**
Makayla Muneio – 1st place @2:22.40
- **Boys 200 IM**
Riggs Klika -1st place @2:13.88
Jack Freed – 2nd Place @2:15.44
- **Girls 100 Fly**
Sonja Davis – 1st Place @1:10.95
- **Boys 100 Fly**
Cooper Shaffer -2nd Place @1:46.20
- **Boys 200 Free Relay**
2nd Place @2:39.06
- **Girls 100 Backstroke**
Kate Carlson -3rd Place @1:27.65
- **Boys 100 Backstroke**
Jack Freed- 1st Place @58:88
Sawyer Richardson 2nd Place @1:22.63
- **Girls 100 Breaststroke**
Makayla Muneio -1st Place @1:14.95
- **Boys 100 Breaststroke**
Riggs Klika-1st Place @1:06.68
- **Girls 400 Free Relay**
2nd Place @ 4:17.58
- **Boys 400 Free Relay**
1st Place @ 4:04.83
- **Girls 500 Free**
Kate Carlson -3rd Place @7:25.52



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CHANGE OF DATES

Bouwer Cup Golf Tournament

Please join us as we will have fun teeing it up on our new tournament date of **Friday, October 11 at IMG Golf Club at 1:30 with registration 12:30**. There is still time to register a team and enjoy the afternoon! Register TODAY!

We would love to have you join us in supporting our mission of Preparing the Hearts and Minds of God's Children!

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

**Bradenton Christian School's
Bouwer Cup
Golf Tournament**

Friday, October 11, 2024

IMG Academy Golf Club
4350 El Conquistador Pkwy
Bradenton, FL 34210

Harvest Blessings Festival and Auction

This is our 40th BCS Auction now with a **NEW DATE** of

Saturday, January 11, 2025.

Through much prayer and thoughtfulness, we are changing the date of our BCS Auction to focus on helping our families and community bounce back from the storm. We look forward to having some wonderful fun and fellowship in a few months for the Festival and Auction! You may still get involved for this event now. Please see the attached flyer. This event is so great for the ENTIRE family!

Volunteer, sponsor, donate, and share your God given talents to bless our school. Please check out this link and see the new attached flyer for ALL the information:

<https://bcspanthers.maestroweb.com/>

Any questions, contact BobbiJo Norris at bnorris@bcspanthers.org or 941-792-5454 x 114.

Same Fun But a New Date!



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Festival & Auction



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**SATURDAY
JANUARY 11, 2024**

BCS CAMPUS - 3304 43RD ST W

FESTIVAL 4 - 5:30 PM
SILENT AUCTION 4 - 5:30 PM
LIVE AUCTION STARTS AT 5:45 PM

Get Involved!

Whether you are looking to volunteer, donate, sponsor, or simply come and enjoy the event there is a place for you!

Visit the website above or call
BobbiJo Norris for more information:
941-792-5454 ext. 114

Current Needs

Donations for the Auction
(vacation homes, gift certificates, activities, services, electronics & more)

Volunteers

Grade Basket Lead Parents

Sponsors

Festival Booth Participants
(open to parents, churches, BCS organizations, and sponsoring businesses)

Event Highlights

FREE ADMISSION

Auctions
Bid on exciting items in our silent and LIVE auctions and participate in our ticket drop auction to win fantastic prizes.

Festival Games & Activities
Enjoy bounce houses, a maze, face painting, a water booth, and other fun games!

Tickets
\$1 each to use on food, games, & ticket drop.

Wristbands
Good for unlimited Festival Games and childcare/youth activity. \$20 for the 1st child & \$10 for all others in the same family.

Concessions & Dessert Room
Enjoy BBQ sandwiches, burgers, dogs, and more, plus don't forget the desserts!

Childcare & Youth Activities
Childcare and Youth Activities during the LIVE auction - \$10 / child or included with the purchase of a wristband!

Thank You Sponsors

We invite you to take the opportunity to sponsor the Panther Press. The Panther Press is a monthly publication during the school year that showcases our BCS community and all the amazing events, happenings, students and faculty. These newsletters are sent electronically which means timely delivery and accurate information. Additionally, all publications will be uploaded to our website. Imagine the exposure for your business throughout the school year for a minimal cost of \$200.

For more information contact BobbiJo Norris at bnorris@bcspanthers.org.



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