

Briarcrest Christian High School

PTF Newsletter – October 2024

10/31/24 Meeting Minutes

- Cassie Corless opened with an introduction and welcome to attendees.
- Angie Luce read from John chapter 11 – the story of Lazarus. After word was sent to Jesus about Lazarus, he stays two more days (verse 42, “so that they will believe you sent me.”) Angie reminded us that God’s plan is not always what we understand, but He’s working for us all the time. She then opened us up in prayer.
- Faculty Spotlight on librarian, Mrs. Ginny Manguno:
 - This is her 9th year as BCHS librarian, and she also teaches oral communication and is the Wilson Society club advisor.
 - Early on, her library goal was to be the hub/ gathering place. Currently, students come throughout the day: during activity period and lunch too. ☺
 - **Q:** How has the library changed over the years? **A:** Kids prefer digital books over physical now. Books still get checked out, but mostly for required reading. Library use is most common for collaborative learning/ group projects.
 - **Q:** Are there still encyclopedias? **A:** Yes, but they’re not really used because research papers require more scholarly journals as resources now.
 - **Q:** Tell us more about the Wilson Society club! **A:** It’s a project based (not hourly) service club where students apply for grants in the spring and perform those projects throughout the year, so opportunities are endless. The longest lasting project is with Orange Mound Outreach Ministries (OMOM), an after-school program for kids born into poverty right here in Memphis that provides them with meals, clothing, and laundry services. Donations are accepted ALL year long (drop off in library) for clothing of all sizes, linens, and nonperishable food. The club also sponsors a monthly dinner for OMOM, so if you’re interested in helping sponsor or provide a large meal, contact Mrs. Manguno. Follow along on Instagram @BCSWilsonSociety and get Remind notifications @WilsonBCS
- Jason Ellis talked about the many Bible Study opportunities for students. Seniors are also being taught how to lead discipleship (D-Groups) right now, and underclassmen can sign up for a group now. Contact Amy Schuler to learn more – your student can jump into a group at any time!
 - Parents can get plugged in through the Parent Equipping classes, held monthly in the PAC media room, and recordings can be viewed on the YouTube channel. The Dads in Fellowship Bible Study is every other Wed morning in the Cox Room. There’s a CBT Chronological Bible Study every Tuesday in the Cox Room too.
 - Jason also does the BCS podcast: Courageous Conversations, which is like a snapshot into his apologetics class. Follow on YouTube here: <https://youtube.com/@BriarcrestSaints>.
- Mitzi May discussed Sainly Snacks, benefiting Project Graduation. This year’s profits are up thanks to grab-n-go after chapel and by adding healthier options.
- Teresa Bascom thanked everyone who supplied teacher birthday gift cards and food
- Lori Green leads Project Graduation and is looking for someone to do it next year!
 - Christmas Formal will be held at Botanic Garden – **chaperones needed**
- Tyler Salyer talked about the High School Happenings:
 - It’s really encouraging to see the kids come to know the Lord through the many school opportunities, and he’d love to see every kid join a D-Group or Bible Study
 - Major issues impacting kids today are pornography and vaping, both are easily accessible and very addictive. Pray your kids get caught now so they can still be supported through restoration and seek repentance, but not avoid consequence.
 - Advice: Don’t have the mindset of “my kids are almost grown so they can suffer any consequences on their own” – they are still kids that you need to shepherd.
- Cassie played a game: the winner of the candy slogan game received a gift card!
- **Next PTF Meeting: January 9th at 6:00 PM**

Upcoming Events

- Nov 20 – 8:15a Parent Equipping Class
- Nov 22 – Christmas decorating setup
- Nov 27-29 – NO SCHOOL/ Thanksgiving
- Dec 4 – 8:15a Parent Equipping Class
- Dec 7 – Christmas Formal Dance
- Dec 16-20 – Half Days/ Exams
- Dec 19 – Christmas décor take down
- Dec 20 – 12p Christmas Break begins
- Jan 6 – Classes resume
- Jan 9 – 6p PTF Meeting
- Jan 15 – 8:15a Parent Equipping Class
- Jan 20 – NO SCHOOL - MLK Jr. Day

PTF Meetings

- ~~🐾 Aug. 15th 6p~~ 🐾 Jan. 9th 6p
- ~~🐾 Oct. 31st 8:15a~~ 🐾 Mar. 27th 8:15a

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