



BRADENTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Panther Press

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As we enter the second semester of the school year, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to each of you—our dedicated donors, volunteers, supporters, and friends of Bradenton Christian School. Your commitment to our mission and the love you show our students makes a lasting impact on this school community. Together, we are better, and it's through your contributions that God continues to provide in ways we couldn't have imagined. From your financial support to the countless hours spent volunteering, you have allowed God to work through you to create an environment where students can grow in both knowledge and faith. As we look ahead to the rest of this school year, we are reminded of all the ways God has provided for us, and we are excited for what's yet to come. Thank you for being such an integral part of Bradenton Christian School.



Panther Spotlight

Preschool Crew

This week Spotlight, we get to celebrate our incredible Preschool Crew, including lead teachers Gail Dickerson, Gail Unger, and Julee Orms, along with assistants Paula Murray, Jacque Hartmeyer, and Joanna Evans. Together, this amazing team works tirelessly to care for, teach, and love our littlest Panthers. They collaborate daily to create a nurturing and engaging environment, using hands-on activities and play to help children develop social skills, grow in character, and learn about the love of Jesus. By preparing the hearts and minds of our youngest learners for Kindergarten at BCS, the Preschool Crew ensures that school is a fun and exciting place to learn, explore, and thrive!



Panther Spotlight

Colson Kragt

This week, we shine the spotlight on Colson Kragt, an exceptional senior who embodies leadership, dedication, and excellence both on and off the field.

Colson serves as the Treasurer of the Student Council and is an active member of the Key Club, where he contributes to making a positive impact in the community. As a student-athlete, he excels as the captain of both the golf and soccer teams and also plays baseball, showcasing his versatility and commitment to athletics.

In addition to his sports achievements, Colson challenges himself academically by taking four AP classes, maintaining high academic standards. His hard work, leadership, and positive attitude make him a role model for his peers.

We are proud to have Colson represent our school and wish him continued success in all his endeavors!



Panther Spotlight

Trish Sturiano

This week's Spotlight shines on **Trish Sturiano**, our dedicated **Director of Financial Aid and Student Billing**. With unwavering commitment and attention to detail, Trish ensures that the billing process runs smoothly for students and families, providing clarity and support whenever needed. Trish is always willing to help, and her problem-solving skills make her an invaluable resource for both staff and students alike. Having been at BCS for over 11 years, Trish's ability to handle complex situations with efficiency and care reflects her deep dedication to the success and well-being of our community. Thank you, Trish, for your hard work and the positive impact you bring to our Bradenton Christian School every day!



Panther Spotlight

Debbie Romaniello

This week, we celebrate Mrs. Debbie Romaniello, our dedicated Middle School Bible teacher and an integral part of our BCS family. A proud mother of two BCS alumni—one of whom now teaches in our high school—Debbie’s commitment to our community runs deep. She leads the Builders Club, inspiring students to serve and make a positive impact in our community, and organizes small groups for middle schoolers during monthly chapel sessions, fostering meaningful connections and spiritual growth. Known for her kind heart and compassionate spirit, Debbie is truly a beautiful person inside and out, and we are blessed to have her as part of our BCS family.

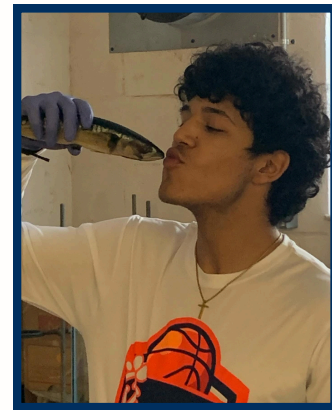


CAMPUS NEWS

Fish Anatomy Fun in Ms. Davis' Class

Ms. Davis' class dove into the fascinating world of fish anatomy! Students created stunning Japanese Gyotaku ink prints, a traditional art form used to record the external anatomy of fish in incredible detail.

The excitement doesn't stop there, the class will take their learning a step further by dissecting fish to explore their internal anatomy. It's hands-on science at its best, blending art, biology, and curiosity!



"In His Image" Class Experience with Mrs. Cunard

Mrs. Cunard recently took her "In His Image" class on a special field trip to Shoogie Boogie's for a delightful tea, marking the capstone of their journey together. This meaningful time served as the perfect way to reflect on and celebrate all they've learned about bearing the image of Christ as women. The elegant atmosphere, heartfelt conversations, and shared moments of joy made it a truly beautiful experience—one that brought their lessons to life in a tangible and memorable way.

CAMPUS NEWS



BCS 2nd Graders Explore Dinosaur World

To celebrate the end of their exciting unit on dinosaurs, BCS 2nd graders took a field trip to Dinosaur World! The students explored life-sized dinosaur sculptures, dug for fossils, and learned about prehistoric creatures through interactive exhibits.

The trip brought their classroom lessons to life, sparking curiosity and inspiring future paleontologists. It was a roaring good time filled with hands-on learning and unforgettable memories!



Exciting Times at the Elementary Lego Robotics Club

Under the guidance of Mr. Skinner, the after-school Elementary Robotics Club is inspiring young minds from grades two through five. Students are diving into the world of Lego building and coding while exploring the fascinating subject of marine biology.

From creating robotic models of sea creatures to programming their movements, these budding engineers are learning valuable STEM skills in a fun and creative environment. Older club members are also hard at work preparing for an upcoming local competition, showcasing their teamwork, innovation, and robotics expertise.



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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.

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

- **Feb 14th Grandparents Day**
Click [HERE](#) to volunteer.
- **Feb 20th Faculty and Staff Appreciation**
On Feb 20th, we will set up a candy bar in each of the 5 campus buildings.
Click [HERE](#) to volunteer.
- **March 1 BCS Gala Banquet**
Click [HERE](#) to volunteer.
- **March 5, April 2, May 7
Carousel Playground Host**
Click [HERE](#) to volunteer.
- **March 27-29 Drama Production**
Bonus: If you volunteer for the night of a show, you can stay and watch the show for free. You would get a seat with other volunteers along the back row. Show nights are March 27-29 (Th- Sat). You can sign up for multiple events too. Click [HERE](#) to volunteer.

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>
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<https://www.gonorthriver.org/students>
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- **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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

- February 3- Family Association Meeting
- February 6- Strings Concert (Grades 5-12)
- February 11- **Late Start 9am**
- February 14- Grandparents Day
- February 14- **Half Day (11:30 dismiss)**
- February 17- **Remote Learning- off campus**
- March 1- Gala Banquet



Re-enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year opens on Thursday, February 6, at 8:00 AM and closes on Wednesday, February 20, at 3:00 PM.

We are excited about all that God is doing at BCS and look forward to another year of spiritual growth, academic excellence, and vibrant community life! From engaging classroom experiences to championship-winning athletics, dynamic fine arts, and meaningful faith-building opportunities, the upcoming school year is shaping up to be the best one yet!

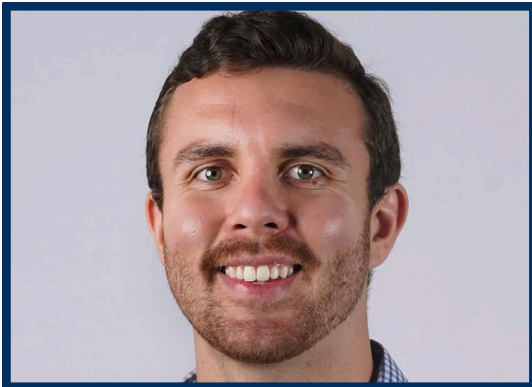
The re-enrollment fee is \$100 per student during this period. After February 20, a \$150 late fee per student will be applied in addition to the re-enrollment fee, so don't wait—secure your spot early!

High school students will receive scheduling priority based on the time re-enrollment is completed, giving them the best chance at securing preferred courses.

To re-enroll, log into FACTS Family Portal and follow the prompts. If you have any questions or need assistance, our admissions team is happy to help.

Thank you for being part of the BCS family—we can't wait to see what God has in store for the year ahead!

Joshua Ingram, BCS Alum, class of 2018, was named to SRQ magazine's 35 under 35 list



Ingram grew up in Bradenton and graduated with Honors from Bradenton Christian School. He is currently working toward a Ph.D. in Statistics at Carnegie Mellon University.

New College alumnus Joshua Ingram was named to SRQ Magazine's latest "35 Under 35" list, a recognition of the most accomplished young professionals on Florida's Gulf Coast. To learn more about Joshua's incredible accomplishments, please click [HERE](#)



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Winter Blessings Auction & Festival

Thank you **BCS FAMILY** for participating in the **BCS Winter Blessings Auction & Festival** on January 11. There were so many great donations from our community, families, and classes. **We brought in a net amount of over \$102,000 – Praise be to God as he continues to provide for our students and school!** We thank all who volunteered, donated, and attended. It was a wonderful time of having some family fun while supporting Bradenton Christian School. Thank you for allowing God to work through you to help prepare the hearts and minds of God's children at BCS.



New Date BCS Gala Saturday, March 1, 2025



JOIN US for the **BCS 2025 Gala "LOVE & LAUGHTER"** with guest speaker/entertainer, **DANNY ADAMS** on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at 5:00pm in **Wichers Auditorium** at BCS.

We welcome **DANNY ADAMS**, a former professional athlete, stuntman (for Peyton Manning), lip sync sensation, author, actor, and comedian, who is known for the "Laughter is Medicine" Project, Proverbs 17:22. He comes from a family of performers, as his father, John Adams, is also involved in the entertainment industry. Danny's work often blends comedy with heartfelt, inspiring themes of resilience and joy. He uses laughter as a tool to build community and help with life's challenges. He spreads Christian love through his performances, which he often attributes to the influence of his Christian up-bringing.

Most recently, Danny has been working with Kirk Cameron filming *Adventures with Iggy & Mr. Kirk*, a new TV series that truly builds children's character through a Christian perspective. We invite you for an evening to dress up a bit, connect with one another, have a great dinner, and enjoy a lot of love and laughter as we celebrate and further Christian education together!



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SPORTS

BCS Girls' Weightlifting Team Shines at District Championship



The Girls' Weightlifting Team tied for runner-up in the Traditional District Championship Event, showcasing incredible energy, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the competition.

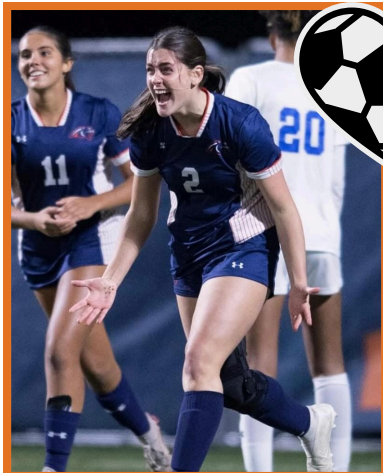
Way to go Panthers, for representing BCS with excellence! Now on to Regionals!

Congratulations to our District medal winners:

- Kloe Task, Leah Grace Young, Haddie Van Eerden: District Runner-up in both Olympic and Traditional events
- Dakota Van Eerden: Runner-up in the Traditional event, 5th place in the Olympic event
- Sophia Weaver: 3rd place in the Olympic event, 4th place in the Traditional event
- Emily Severino: 3rd place in the Olympic event, 4th place in the Traditional event
- Maggie Cordell: 4th place in both Olympic and Traditional events
- Hannah Bower: 6th place in the Olympic event, 4th place in the Traditional event
- Emma Williams: 6th place in both Olympic and Traditional events

Congratulations to Charis Johnson, who has made history by breaking the record for most goals scored in Girls' soccer at BCS! Charis has set a new standard of excellence with an incredible total of 46 goals. Way to go Charis, your hard work and dedication is an inspiration to us all.

Shoutout to Taylor Blunden for an incredible achievement in Girls' basketball. Taylor scored her 1,000th career point, a milestone that highlights her hard work, dedication and talent on the court. Congratulations Taylor, keep on shining.



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SPORTS

Congratulations to Senior Jillian Zoerman!

BCS Senior Jillian Zoerman has achieved an exciting milestone in her athletic and academic journey by committing to Southeastern University to play volleyball.

Jillian's dedication, hard work, and passion for the sport have earned her this incredible opportunity to compete at the collegiate level. Her time at BCS has been marked by outstanding performances on the court, faith driven leadership, and an unwavering commitment to her team. As she takes this next step, the BCS community celebrates her accomplishments and looks forward to seeing her excel both as a student and an athlete at Southeastern University. Congratulations, Jillian!



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