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Greetings, Panther Families!

I'm honored to introduce this new parent newsletter! Each week, we will include a message from one of our administrators to share encouragement, updates, and important insights with you.

First, let me say what a blessing it has been to work with you and your students this school year! At the start of the year, I had the opportunity to share my favorite passage of Scripture with our middle and high school students—Philippians 2:3-11. Part of this passage says, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

It has been truly encouraging to see our students embody these qualities of selflessness, humility, and kindness in the hallways, classrooms, lunchroom, and at extracurricular events. We are blessed with a wonderful community here at BCS, and I'm grateful to be a part of it.

Have a great weekend, and GO PANTHERS!

Matt Ruta
Secondary School Principal

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Minds of God's Children"**





BRADENTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Important Dates & Announcements

February 6th - 20th

Re-Enrollment

Tuesday, February 11th

Late Start

Friday, February 14th

Grandparents Day

Friday, February 14th

11:30am Dismissal EL & MS
(HS Remote only)

Monday, February 17th

REMOTE Learning- Off Campus

GET PLUGGED IN!



We're thrilled to announce the BCS 2025 Gala: Love & Laughter on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at 5:00pm in Wichers Auditorium.

We welcome Danny Adams, former professional athlete, comedian, and author, who will bring laughter and inspiration to the evening with his blend of humor and resilience. We are also excited to have Matt Beach, a BCS alumnus from the Class of 1994, as our Emcee. Matt's passion for life and for BCS is sure to make the evening even more memorable! Dress up, enjoy a delicious dinner, and fellowship with the BCS community while celebrating Christian education. For more information and to reserve your seat please click [HERE](#).

We can't wait to see you there!

PANTHER PARENT OPPORTUNITIES!

- **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

PANTHER SPOTLIGHT

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, Jacquie 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

Juan Arango

This week, we proudly recognize Mr. Juan Arango, our dedicated and passionate Spanish teacher who has been an integral part of BCS for the past 18 years!

Mr. Arango teaches AP and Honors Spanish classes and serves as the head of the Spanish department. His commitment to language education extends beyond the classroom, he also leads the Hispanic Honor Society, inspiring students to embrace Hispanic culture and excellence in language studies.

Beyond his leadership at BCS, Mr. Arango has broadened students' horizons by organizing international trips to incredible destinations such as Spain, Italy, Greece, and Germany. Through these experiences, he has given students the opportunity to immerse themselves in new cultures, bringing language and history to life.

Thank you, Mr. Arango, for your dedication, enthusiasm, and the lasting impact you have made on our students! ¡Gracias por todo lo que haces!





PRESCHOOL

Upcoming Events:

- February 4th-** Soccer lesson with Amazing Athletes
- February 11th-** Visit from Dr. Rob for Dental Health Month
- February 13th-** Valentine Parties
- February 14th-** Grandparents Day (11:30 dismissal)
- February 17th-** NO SCHOOL



Pajama Day!

The Preschool students enjoyed wearing pajamas, playing flashlight games, and learning about day/night and opposites. Our breakfast for lunch was delicious! Thank you to all who helped with this exciting day!

Volunteers/Donations Needed



The Preschool Helping Hearts Tree will be located in the Preschool hallway for the month of February. Stop by if you would like to donate items needed for the second semester of school and for volunteer opportunities! Thank you for your support!



ELEMENTARY

Upcoming Events

- **February 11th-** Late start @ 9:00am
- **February 12th-** 2nd grade in-house store
- **February 13th-** Class Valentine Parties
- **February 14th-** Grandparents Day (11:30 dismissal)
- **February 17th-** Remote Learning, off-campus

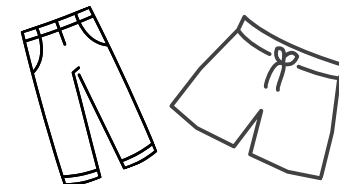
Reminders

- **Health Notice-** We've seen an increase in flu and other illnesses going around. Please help us keep our school community healthy by keeping your child home if they are feeling unwell.
- **Candy Grams!** Available until February 12th. Purchase before school for any student or staff member. *Cash only
- **LOST & FOUND-** Please come check to see if your child has any items in the lost and found. Please mark your children's items so we can easily return them.



Donations Needed

Please consider donating any shorts or pants to the health room. These items help us support students who might need a change of clothes during the school day.



Highlights

Cubby Buddy Fun!



Dress Down Day: Sports theme



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

February 11th - Late Start @ 9:05

February 13th - Tri-M Lunch Meeting

February 14th - Early Release @ 11:30

February 17th - Remote Learning,
off-campus



Classroom Highlights

Middle School Drama class enjoying their dance unit.



Chapel

Once a month, Middle Schoolers have color teams that meet in small groups during chapel. This month we focused on team spirit and team building with a scavenger hunt.



Reminders

- Please check lost and found before or after school.
- Builders Club is collecting plastic shopping bags to weave mats for the homeless. Please donate your grocery bags in the Middle School lobby.
- Key Club Candy Grams are available until February 12th. Purchase before or after school for any student or staff member.
- Key Club will be collecting change to donate to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society from Feb. 1-28th. The class who collects the most change will have an Olive Garden luncheon on 3/12!



HIGH SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

- February 11th- Late Start @ 9:05
- February 11th- Key Club lunch meeting
- February 14th- Remote Learning, off-campus
- February 17th- Remote Learning, off-campus



Pizza party for the class
with the most students
attending the District
Champ games Friday
and Saturday!

Cubby Buddy Fun!



Reminders

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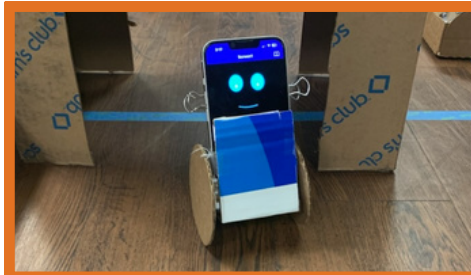


TSA Prepping for Their State Competition



Classroom Highlights

Digital Tech Class Makes Smartphone Robots



Help needed in Drama: Anyone Welcome!

- Students needed: February & March
- Set Design dates for service hours
 - Saturday, February 15 (9am- 12pm) and (1pm- 5pm)
 - Saturday, March 8 (12pm- 5pm)
 - Wednesday, March 12 (5:30pm- 9pm)

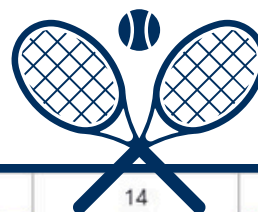


EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITES

Game Schedule for week of February 10, 2025

Home Games- Blue

Away Games- Red



9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	<div>3:45 PM Baseball MSV @ IMG Academy (Bradenton)</div> <div>7:00 PM Baseball VR @ Indian Rocks Christian (Largo)</div>	<div>2:00 PM Wrestling, Girls VR @ TBA</div> <div>3:30 PM Tennis, Boys VR @ Manatee (Bradenton)</div> <div>3:30 PM Tennis, Girls VR @ Manatee (Bradenton)</div> <div>6:00 PM Baseball VR @ Sarasota Christian</div> <div>7:00 PM Soccer, Girls VR @ Evangelical Christian (Fort Myers)</div>		<div>3:30 PM Tennis, Girls VR vs St. Petersburg Catholic</div> <div>3:30 PM Tennis, Boys VR vs St. Petersburg Catholic</div> <div>4:00 PM Baseball JV vs Parrish</div> <div>4:00 PM Lacrosse, Boys MSV vs TBA</div> <div>6:00 PM Lacrosse, Girls VR @ Berkeley Prep (Tampa)</div> <div>7:00 PM Baseball VR @ Booker (Sarasota)</div>		<div>8:00 AM Wrestling, Boys VR @ Lemon Bay (Englewood)</div>



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