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Happy Friday, Panther Families!

If you attended the Society meeting on Monday, February 3, you were introduced to the **five core values** that BCS has embraced to further define our mission. Over the coming weeks, we will be highlighting each of these values.

The first value is Comprehensive Excellence. Colossians 3:23 reminds us, "Whatever we do should be done with all our hearts as if working for the Lord." We believe that serving the Lord means serving His children with excellence in all that we do. This commitment extends to every part of our school—from our bus drivers and maintenance staff to our coaches, cafeteria crew, faculty, leadership, and administration.

Comprehensive means “all-inclusive”, and this means we are striving for high standards in every area, including:

- **Spiritual growth and faith development**
- **Academic excellence**
- **Emotional and social well-being**
- **Leadership and personal development**
- **Community and parental involvement**
- **Extracurricular and co-curricular activities**
- **Faithful faculty and staff**

That's quite a list, isn't it? While we desire to be exceptional in all these areas, we recognize that true excellence is only possible through the grace and strength of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This is why we emphasize the collaboration of the church, the home, and the school—each plays a vital role in supporting and shaping the whole child. When one area struggles, the others are there to encourage, uplift, and pray.

We are so grateful for each and every one of you—parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents, friends, and neighbors—who partner with us in this journey. We are constantly “under construction” but we can make baby steps along the way with your continued prayers and support.

Linda Dahnke
Superintendent

“Preparing the Hearts and
Minds of God’s Children”





BRADENTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Important Dates & Announcements

February 6-20th

Re-Enrollment

Monday, February 17th

REMOTE Learning- Off Campus

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!

LECOM will be hosting a wonderful summer opportunity for high school students through the LECOM Bradenton's 2025 Medical Science Academy (MSA). This two-week summer experience will provide an opportunity for high school students to interact closely with faculty and medical students from the College of Medicine. Students will attend classes in large and small groups as well as participate in hands-on laboratory activities and an interactive suture skills session with volunteers from the US Army. A demonstration will be given by the East Manatee Fire Rescue as well as Manatee County EMS. Additionally, in the second week, students will receive Basic First Aid training, CPR training, Stop the Bleed training, tour Blake Hospital's trauma bays, operating rooms, step down units, emergency medical helicopter, and interact with the medical flight crew. The second week will also include LECOM Dental Day in which the students learn from LECOM faculty and participate in simulation lab as well as LECOM Pharmacy Day where students learn from LECOM faculty and participate in a compounding activity.

- **The dates will be June 9-20.**
- **Cost is \$400**
- **The theme this year is G.I. - Gastrointestinal**
- **Visit the following website to register as these spots fill up quickly**
[2025 LECOM Medical Science Academy Registration](#)



PANTHER SPOTLIGHT



PANTHER PARENT OPPORTUNITIES!

- **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.

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If you have any questions, please contact
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PRESCHOOL

Upcoming Events:

- **February 17th-** NO SCHOOL
- **February 25th-** Amazing Athletes Sports on Tuesdays (Feb.- Apr.)
- **February 27th-** Spring Pictures (form will be sent home soon)
- **March 3-7-** Dr. Seuss/Read Across America Week



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!

Dental Health Month
Thank you to Dr. Rob for visiting the preschool and teaching us the importance of good dental health.



ELEMENTARY

Upcoming Events

- **February 17th-** Remote Learning, off-campus
- **February 25th and 26th -** Class & Personality pictures (use order forms to order)

Reminders

- **Monday is a Remote Learning Day/Hurricane make-up day. No students will be on campus. Assignments have been given and must be turned in on Tuesday, Feb. 18, to be marked present for the remote learning day.**

100th Day of School!

On February 6th We Celebrated
100 Days of School!



MIDDLE SCHOOL

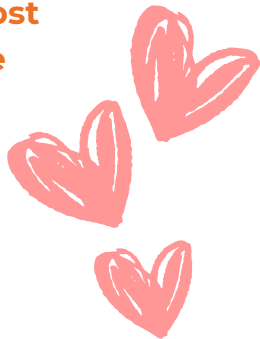
Upcoming Events



- **February 17th** - Remote Learning, off campus
- **February 24th** - Tri-M meeting after school
- **March 6th and 7th** - Iowa testing

Reminders

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- **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 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!**



Orchestra Concert



On Thursday, February 6th at Bradenton Christian Reformed Church, orchestra students showcased new skills and an entirely new concert after having just performed in December! Students spoke directly to the audience about what they've been learning, and the Philharmonic performed their three pieces in preparation for the Music Performance Assessment in front of judges on February 14th.



HIGH SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

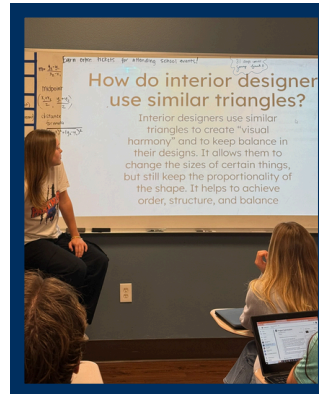


- **February 14th-** Remote Learning, off-campus
- **February 17th-** Remote Learning, off-campus

Reminders

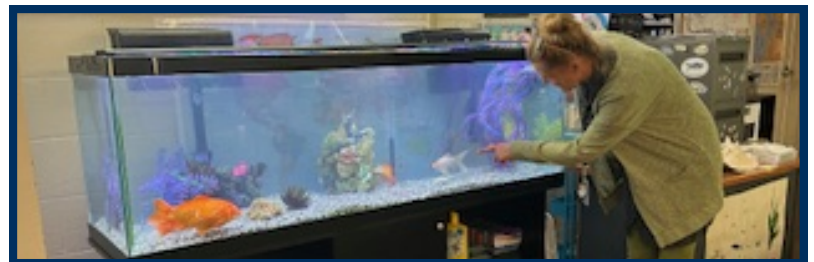
- Remote Learning Days and Hurricane make-up days listed above. No high schoolers will be on campus. Assignments have been given and must be submitted by Tuesday, February 18, to be marked present for those days.
- The Class of 2026 is hosting a Spring Flower Fundraiser! Please consider supporting the Junior Class with the purchase of a beautiful Easter Lily or Hydrangea plant for \$15 each. You may also place your order directly with any Junior, now through March 7th. Plants will be available for pick-up Wednesday, April 9th. Thank you for supporting the BCS Junior Class of 2026! If you have any questions, please contact David Moss and dmoss@bcspanthers.org.
- **Help needed in Drama: Anyone Welcome!**
 - Students needed: February & March
 - Set Design dates for service hours
 - Saturday, February 15 (9am- 12pm) and (1pm- 5pm)
 - More dates available in March!
 - Anyone who volunteers on the day of a show can see that show for free. We have a row reserved along the back of the auditorium for those who help.
- Parent Volunteers
- Student Volunteers

Classroom Highlights

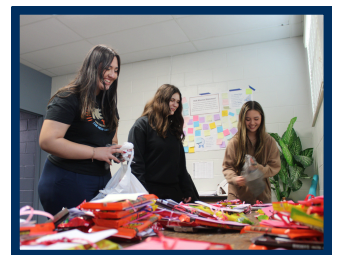


Honors Geometry researched careers that use similar triangles as part of their day to day.

Mr. Ruta's Senior boys' class cooked and served pancakes to the High School teachers via mobile cart.



The Science Department is excited about their new mascots and fish tank addition. Ms. Davis is taking name suggestions for the fish. Students will cast their votes next week.




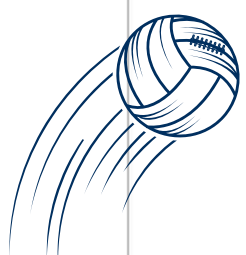

Key Club passed out a record number of Candy Grams this year! All proceeds will be given to the Leukemia Foundation!

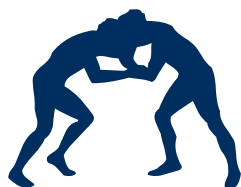
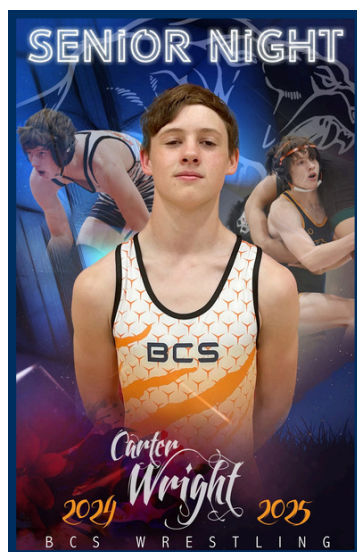
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Game Schedule for week of February 17, 2025

Home Games- Blue

Away Games- Red

17	18	19	20	21	22
4:30 PM Lacrosse, Girls VR vs Sickles (Tampa)	3:30 PM Tennis, Boys VR @ Palmetto	TBA Wrestling, Boys VR @ TBA	3:30 PM Tennis, Girls VR @ Cambridge (Tampa)	4:00 PM Baseball MSV vs IMG Academy (Bradenton)	4:00 PM Softball JV @ TBA
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	4:00 PM Baseball MSV vs Inspiration Academy		4:00 PM MS Boys LAX @ GTBray	5:00 PM Beach Volleyball, Girls VR @ Lakewood Ranch (Bradenton)	
	7:00 PM Baseball VR vs IMG Academy (Bradenton)		4:00 PM Weightlifting, Boys VR vs Keswick Christian (St. Petersburg)	7:00 PM Baseball VR vs Lakewood Ranch Prep (Bradenton)	
			4:00 PM Beach Volleyball, Girls JV vs Classical Academy (Sarasota)		
			TBA Lacrosse, Girls VR vs St. Petersburg Catholic		
			7:00 PM Baseball VR @ Manatee (Bradenton)		
			7:00 PM Softball JV @ TBA		
					



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