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Biblical Worldview

What a way to end last week with Grandparents' Day! It was so much fun to see the genuine love and excitement in our students' eyes as they welcomed their grandparents. You are all a part of that, and it's one of the things that makes a Christian school so special—it the compilation of generations of Christ-followers pouring the love of God into the next generations.

Last week, we began our five-week series on the **Bradenton Christian School Statement of Values**, starting with **Comprehensive Excellence**. This week, we turn our focus to **Biblical Worldview**. We believe that God's living Word is the ultimate authority on the truth revealed in creation. It is the very core of how we hope to shape students' understanding of the world around them. If we fail to address the pressing issues in society, we believe we have lost an opportunity to prepare them to navigate those complex issues.

Most of us know the children's song about the wise man and the foolish man—the wise man built his house upon the rock, while the foolish man built his house upon the sand. In the middle of the storms, which one held firm? The house on the rock. In the midst of our personal storms, we, too, will only stand firm if we build our foundation on the Rock of Ages, Jesus Christ. As our students step out into the world, we want them to be equipped with the tools to approach everything through a Biblical foundation, evaluating life through the lens of Scripture.

We believe the key values and benefits of a Biblical Worldview include:

- **Christ-centered education**
- **Moral and ethical foundation**
- **Purpose and meaning**
- **Critical thinking and discernment**
- **Global perspective**
- **Community and relationships**
- **Spiritual development**

Next week, we will explore what it means to be a **Covenantal Community**. Also, be on the lookout for an email highlighting what we have been working on this year, what will continue, and what's ahead for the 2025-2026 school year.

Anchored in His Steadfast Love,

Linda Dahnke
Superintendent

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





BRADENTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Important Dates & Announcements

March 1

Love & Laughter Gala

Love & Laughter Gala 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!

Have a Heart for BCS!



We are gearing up for our **HAVE A HEART BCS Giving Challenge** which will **start March 1 and end on March 15.**

This year, since this is our own internal giving challenge, we are going to keep our challenge open for two full weeks. Be on the lookout more information!

BRADENTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL JUNIOR CLASS

SPRING FLOWER FUNDRAISER

Choose from:

6" HYDRANGEAS (ASSORTED COLORS) \$15

6" EASTER LILY (1 BULB PER POT) \$15

Payment & Order Deadline:

Friday, March 7th

Customer Payment Options:

- Cash
- Check (Payable to Bradenton Christian School)

Flowers will be available for pick up at BCS
Wednesday, April 9th, 2025

Questions:

Ask your favorite Junior!

PANTHER SPOTLIGHT

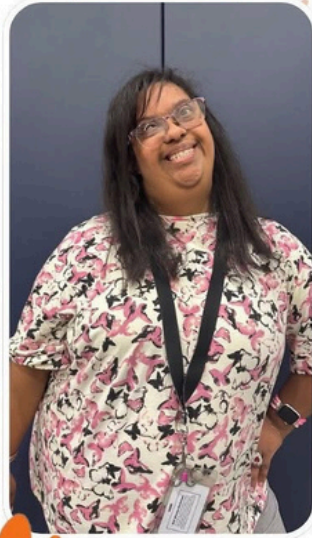
Panther Spotlight

Shelby Dahnke

This week, we are excited to recognize Shelby Dahnke as our Spotlight of the Week! Shelby is a dedicated team member in our BCS campus Café, and she brings positivity and kindness to everyone she encounters.

Shelby goes above and beyond every single day- helping students, keeping the lunch area clean, and making sure everything runs smoothly. Her hard work, cheerful attitude, and willingness to go the extra mile make a huge difference in our school community.

Everyone at BCS loves Shelby, and we are so grateful for all she does! Thank you, Shelby, for being a bright light across our school campus.



PANTHER PARENT OPPORTUNITIES!

- **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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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



PRESCHOOL

Upcoming Events:

- **February 27th**-Spring Pictures (form will be sent home soon.)
- **February 24-28**- Famous Artists- the preschool students will be learning about different art styles and artists (Pollack, Picasso, Monet)
- **March 3-7**- Dr. Seuss/Read Across America Week

Grandparents Day!



We enjoyed sharing a morning full of crafts, activities and singing with our grandparents.



I ♥ my
GRAND PARENTS



ELEMENTARY

Upcoming Events

- **February 25th and 26th** - Class & Personality pictures (use order forms to order)
- **March 3rd- 6th**- IOWA Testing
- **March 11th**- Late start @ 9:00

Reminders

- **Chapel**- Parents are always welcome to join us for Chapel on Thursdays at 9:00. Come a little early to get check in!

Grandparents Day

We had a very special day with our grandparents/grandfriends last week Friday!



MIDDLE SCHOOL



Upcoming Events



- **February 24th** - Tri-M meeting after school
- **March 6th and 7th** - Iowa testing

Reminders

- 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!

Random Act of Kindness Day

National Junior Honor Society students visited 5th graders for Random Act of Kindness Day. 5th grade received a treat and they were given a challenge card to show some kindness. Through these acts, NJHS demonstrated how small gestures can make a big difference in creating a more supportive and caring environment.



Congratulations Adeline du Toit

Addy was named an Outstanding Spokesperson of the Future for her essay submitted in the 2025 Veterans of Foreign Wars Patriot's Pen Essay Contest. Addy won 1st place for the Ellenton Post and 3rd place for District 10 of the VFW. She was awarded certificates and financial prizes for each as well as a trophy. Well done!

HIGH SCHOOL

Upcoming Events



- February 27: FCA meeting during lunch in Wichers
- March 1: Key Club Coastal Cleanup at Warner's Bayou 9:00 am (Date change from 2/22)
- March 5: Choral MPA field trip
- March 4: Parent coffee in the Sky Box
- March 11: Late Start Day
- March 14: End of third quarter

Reminders

- 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.
- 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!



The High School Faculty and Staff want to say thank you to the parents who organized the candy bar in the Teacher's Lounge. Such a sweet treat!



Help needed in Drama: Anyone Welcome!

Set Design dates for service hours

- March 8 (12-5)
- March 12 (5:30-9:30)

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. Click the link below:

- [Parent Volunteers](#)
- [Student Volunteers](#)



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Game Schedule for week of February 24, 2025

Home Games- Blue

Away Games- Red



24	25	26	27	28
TBA Lacrosse, Girls VR vs Holy Names (Tampa)	3:30 PM Beach Volleyball, Girls VR vs Parrish		4:00 PM MS Boys LAX @ GTBray	3:30 PM Tennis, Boys MSV vs Out-of-Door (Sarasota)
3:30 PM Tennis, Boys VR vs Out-of-Door (Sarasota)	3:30 PM Tennis, Boys MSV vs Indian Rocks Christian (Largo)		4:00 PM Baseball MSV vs Out-of-Door (Sarasota)	3:30 PM Tennis, Girls MSV vs Out-of-Door (Sarasota)
3:30 PM Tennis, Girls VR vs Out-of-Door (Sarasota)	4:00 PM MS Boys LAX @ GTBray		TBA Lacrosse, Boys MSV @ St. Stephens (Bradenton)	4:00 PM Baseball MSV vs St. Stephens (Bradenton)
4:00 PM Weightlifting, Boys VR vs St. Stephens (Bradenton)	4:00 PM Baseball VR @ Seffner Christian		4:00 PM Beach Volleyball, Girls JV vs Classical Academy (Sarasota)	5:00 PM Lacrosse, Girls VR @ Out-of-Door (Sarasota)
4:00 PM Beach Volleyball, Girls VR @ Riverview (Sarasota)	4:00 PM Baseball MSV vs Inspiration Academy		4:15 PM Weightlifting, Boys VR vs Seffner Christian	5:00 PM Softball JV vs Parrish
6:00 PM Softball VR vs Palmetto	4:30 PM Softball MSV vs Evangelical Christian (Fort Myers)		5:00 PM Beach Volleyball, Girls VR @ Berkeley Prep (Tampa)	7:00 PM Softball VR vs Manatee (Bradenton)
6:00 PM Softball JV @ Booker (Sarasota)	6:30 PM Softball VR vs Evangelical Christian (Fort Myers)		7:00 PM Baseball VR vs Bayshore (Bradenton)	
7:00 PM Baseball VR vs Parrish				



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