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Covenantal Community

One of the things I like to do—and I know most of our faculty and staff do as well—is open meetings with prayer, especially parent meetings. I believe that when we come together in prayer, even for just a minute or two, God is present in the situation. It also serves as a reminder that we are all working toward the same goal with a common purpose in mind. Our desire is to train each child to love the Lord through a personal relationship with Him and to know that He loves each of us right where we are. If we, as adults, continue to grow in this and demonstrate it to our children, peers, colleagues, and parents, just imagine the impact we could have as a Christian school. Our light would shine so brightly in this community, and we would be known for something truly unique and praiseworthy to God.

I am constantly reminded of God's goodness as I see and hear the students throughout the day:

- As I write this, I can hear Mr. Mark and his morning PE class in the gym. I love hearing all the squeals and screams!
- Recently, I was invited to the 8th-grade art class, where students selected a painting and recreated it using various mediums. They then presented their masterpieces to their peers. Let me just say—we have an incredibly talented group of students!
- This morning, I had the privilege of hearing the 3rd graders praise the Lord through song and movement in chapel, followed by a special recognition of our elementary LEGO team for winning first place in last weekend's competition.
- At the end of each day, it's common to see our middle and high school student-athletes practicing or competing on the fields. Right now, if you walk into Wichers Auditorium, you'll also find students rehearsing for next month's musical. (Have you bought your tickets yet?)

We have an amazing, talented group of students that continuously remind us of God's goodness, His faithfulness, and the way that He has made each of us unique! One of the greatest blessings of being in a Christian school is that we can openly celebrate these differences in a way that glorifies God.

This brings us to the third statement in our **BCS Statement of Values**, following **Comprehensive Excellence** and **Biblical Worldview**. We firmly believe that all things come from God and that the Bible is His living Word. Because of this, we believe that it is our mandate to do everything to the best of our abilities for the glory of God.

Our third value is that we strive to be a **Covenantal Community** for our families and students. This value is one of the main reasons we are so adamant about church recommendations and our desire to follow up with families to ensure regular involvement in a Christian church. It is not because we believe ourselves to be better at this than anyone else, that is certainly not the case. Rather, by asking for church attendance, we affirm a shared foundation and starting point for our community. Our community is made up of parents and guardians whose children are set apart by God and who are part of a covenantal community. He has given us a network of like-minded faculty, staff, parents, and students.

This week, I had a conversation with one of our local pastors, and we both agreed on the importance of partnering with churches. We desire to work together in partnership with you so that we can provide students with the strongest possible foundation as they grow and navigate life in this world.

Covenantal means that we have entered into an agreement with God to train our students to believe and profess that He is Lord of all. Our students are set apart by God, and as such, we are all part of His covenantal community—His called believers.

For the month of March, let us remember: “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.” —1 John 5:14

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						1 – Thank God for the legacy of BCS.
2 – Pray for our PreK- Kdgn students.	3 - Pray for wisdom for our School Board.	4 – Pray for our students who are taking IOWA tests this week.	5 – Pray for our 1 st -3 rd grade students.	6 – Pray for our custodial and maintenance staff.	7 – Pray for our 4 th and 5 th graders.	8 – Thank God for our cafeteria staff.
9 – Pray for a spiritual awakening on our campus.	10 – Pray for our middle schoolers.	11 – Pray for our coaches.	12 – Pray for our elementary school principal.	13 – Pray for our school neighbors.	14 – Praise God for <u>all</u> of His blessings to us.	15 – Praise God for Spring Break.
16 – Pray for those families who are still undecided if BCS is right for their children.	17 – Praise God for the excitement of our youngest to our oldest students!	18 – Thank God for answering prayers.	19 – Pray for our Leadership Team (Finance, HR, Purchasing, Admissions, Development, Marketing, Finance, etc.)	20 – Pray for our Secondary school administrators.	21 – Pray for those involved in the superintendent search.	22 – Pray for the safety of our campus and families.
23 – Pray for our faculty/staff.	24 – Thank God for our school counselors.	25 – Thank God for our Christian churches.	26 – Pray for our high school students.	27 – Pray for those students involved in the musical, “Freaky Friday.”	28 – Pray for the future of BCS.	29 – Thank God for our school families.
30 – Pray for BCS alumni.	31 – Pray for our Aftercare Staff.					

Next week, we’ll dive into everyone’s favorite topic: **Diligent Stewardship!** In the meantime, enjoy all that God has given you, and get outside this weekend to appreciate the beautiful creation He designed with you in mind.

Anchored in His Steadfast Love,
Linda Dahnke

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





BRADENTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Important Dates & Announcements

March 1-15

Have a Heart For BCS

March 3-6

Elementary Iowa Testing

March 6-7

Middle School Iowa Testing

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!

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!



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!

PANTHER SPOTLIGHT

Panther Spotlight

Angela Weaver

This week, we are celebrating our Spotlight of the Week, Mrs. Weaver! She has been a shining light in our school community, dedicating herself to nurturing young learners with kindness, patience, and wisdom. As a Kindergarten team leader, she exemplifies leadership, service, and compassion, creating an environment where students and staff feel supported and valued. Inspired by Proverbs 22:6, she tailors her approach to meet each child's unique needs, helping them grow emotionally, socially, and academically.

Beyond the classroom, Mrs. Weaver uplifts her colleagues, fostering collaboration and offering encouragement. Her servant's heart and unwavering dedication leave a lasting impact on students, staff, and parents alike. Through her faith and love for teaching, she continues to reflect the care of Christ in all she does, making her a true blessing to our school.



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.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



PRESCHOOL



Upcoming Events:

- **March 3-7**-Dr. Seuss/Read Across America Week. This is a favorite week for children and teachers alike! The preschool will celebrate this week of literacy fun with daily themed dress-up days and creative projects. Mystery Readers will be visiting daily to read to our classes.
- **March 14**- Hurricane Make-up Day
- **March 17-21**-Spring Break-No School!



Our preschool artists were hard at work this week studying famous artists and different styles of art. The students created an "Art Gallery" to display their creations!



READ ACROSS AMERICA Week!

Monday - Fox in Socks

Wear your silly socks!



Tuesday - Cat in the Hat

Wear a goofy hat!



Wednesday - Wacky Wednesday

Wear those Wacky clothes/outfits!



Thursday- Crazy Hair Day

Come with your crazy hair!



Friday - Green Eggs and Ham

Grinch Green-Wear your green!



ELEMENTARY

Important Dates

- **March 3rd- 6th- IOWA Testing**
- **March 11th- Late start @ 9:00**
- **March 12th - Cubby Buddy Dr. Seuss Day.** (Kindergarteners to dress down in theme)
- **March 12th- Green Dress down day**
- **March 13th- Coffee with Mrs. Edmonds at 8:00am in the SkyBox**
- **March 14th- Hurricane Make-up day**
- **March 17th-21st - Spring Break**

Dress Down Day

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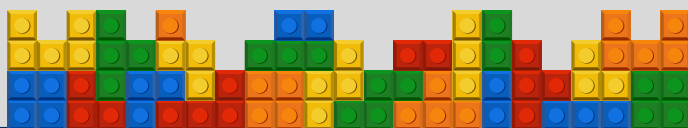
Wednesday

March 12th

All Proceeds go to the
Muscular Dystrophy Association
\$3.00 Wear GREEN



This weekend, our upper elementary students participated in a local school Lego Robotics Team challenge. They designed and coded Lego vehicles to support marine life in Florida. Our Panther Plesiosaurs Team presented their hard work at the UTC Mall and were awarded a trophy and praise from Funducation and First Lego League.



Iowa Testing Reminders

- IOWA tests are mandatory for all 3rd-5th grade students that receive state funding.
- Arrive on time to ensure a calm and prepared start to the day.
- Avoid scheduling appointments that require students to leave early.
- Encourage a positive mindset about testing to help reduce anxiety.
- Keep sick students home if they have a fever or other significant illness. Make-up testing will be arranged once they return.



Join
Mrs. Edmonds
for coffee and
treats!

THURSDAY, MARCH 13TH
8:00 AM
PENTECOST ATHLETIC
CENTER, SKYBOX



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming Events



- **March 6th and 7th** - Iowa testing and afternoon activities.
- **March 11** - Late Start (9am) and Coffee with Mrs. Gryglewicz at 9:05am
- **March 12** - Dress Down Day \$3 wear the **Color Green**
- **March 14** - Hurricane make-up day, school in session, and End of 3rd quarter
- **March 17-21** - Spring Break (No School)



Reminders



- Iowa testing is mandatory for any student receiving state funding.
- Please remember to complete the google form for you student regarding afternoon activities for March 6th and 7th.



Student Council and teachers pick a student from each grade that fits the Fruit of the Spirit we have selected for the month. This student will be the nominated student of the month, will be featured in the monthly newsletter, and receive an award from the student council.

The fruit of the Spirit for February is love. LOVE should be exemplified by service to others with humility and no expectations to get anything back. John 15:12-13 ("This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you; greater love has no one than this that someone lay down his life for his friend.")

Middle School Chapel

The middle school worship/tech team is a ministry at BCS that gives middle school students the opportunity to lead their classmates in a meaningful way. Each week a group of students gets to school early a couple of days to practice and prepare to lead worship for middle school chapel. This became possible a few years ago when we divided high school and middle school into separate chapels and has been a great way for middle school students to have a leadership role in the spiritual life of BCS. This ministry is a blessing to BCS, but more importantly, encourages students to start developing gifts that they can use to be leaders in their churches both now and in the future.



HIGH SCHOOL

Upcoming Events



- **March 1:** Key Club Coastal Cleanup at Warner's Bayou at 9 am.
- **March 4:** TSA meeting for all members during lunch in Mrs. Lord's classroom.
- **March 5:** Choral MPA field trip
- **March 5:** Big Bank Theory in the Gym (Juniors and Seniors)
- **March 4:** Coffee with Mr. Ruta in the Sky Box
- **March 11:** Late Start Day (9 am)
- **March 12th-** Green Dress Down Day
- **March 14:** Hurricane make-up day, school in session; End of third quarter
- **March 17-21** - Spring Break!

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
- Seniors: If you have not submitted two photos to Mrs. Weaver, please do so as soon as possible. These photos will be used for the slide show that will be played at the graduation ceremony. We need a young picture, K or 1st grade, and one middle school-age picture. Take a look at your email from Mrs. Weaver for more details. Send photos to eweaver@bcspanthers.org. (If you did not receive an email, we have your picture.)

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](#)



Last week TSA members competed in fashion design, debate, problem solving, on demand video, audio podcasting, promotional design, music production and forensics. Congratulations to Grayson Chaney and Sage Sinclair for placing in the top 10 in the problem-solving competition.



During their meeting this month, FCA discussed 1 Corinthians 12:12 and the importance of ALL members in the body of Christ working together. To help drive the message home, students played the human knot game. FCA meets once a month, and all high schoolers are welcome!

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Game Schedule for week of March 3, 2025

Home Games- Blue

Away Games- Red



3	4	5	6	7	8
3:30 PM Tennis, Boys JV @ Out-of-Door (Sarasota)	3:30 PM Tennis, Girls MSV @ St. Stephens (Bradenton)	4:00 PM Track and Field, Boys JV @ Lakewood Ranch (Bradenton)	3:30 PM Tennis, Girls VR vs Manatee (Bradenton)	TBA Xplosion Basketball	Xplosion Basketball
3:30 PM Tennis, Girls JV @ Out-of-Door (Sarasota)	3:30 PM Tennis, Boys MSV @ St. Stephens (Bradenton)	4:00 PM Track and Field, Girls JV @ Lakewood Ranch (Bradenton)	3:30 PM Tennis, Boys VR vs Manatee (Bradenton)	3:00 PM Track and Field, Boys VR @ Southeast (Bradenton)	
4:00 PM Beach Volleyball, Girls JV @ Sarasota Christian	3:30 PM Tennis, Girls VR vs Sarasota Christian		3:30 PM Tennis, Boys JV @ Shorecrest Prep (St. Petersburg)	3:00 PM Track and Field, Girls VR @ Southeast (Bradenton)	
4:15 PM Baseball MSV @ Indian Rocks Christian (Largo)	4:00 PM MS Boys LAX @ BCS		3:30 PM Tennis, Girls JV @ Shorecrest Prep (St. Petersburg)	5:00 PM Lacrosse, Girls VR vs Venice	
5:00 PM Lacrosse, Girls VR vs Parrish	4:00 PM Baseball MSV @ St. Stephens (Bradenton)		3:45 PM Baseball MSV @ IMG Academy (Bradenton)		
6:00 PM Softball JV @ Palmetto	4:30 PM Weightlifting, Boys VR vs Parrish		4:00 PM Softball VR @ Foundation Christian (Valrico)		
6:30 PM Softball VR vs Braden River (Bradenton)	5:00 PM Softball JV vs Inspiration Academy		4:00 PM Beach Volleyball, Girls VR vs Tampa Catholic		
7:00 PM Baseball VR @ IMG Academy (Bradenton)	5:00 PM Beach Volleyball, Girls VR vs Lakewood Ranch (Bradenton)		6:00 PM Baseball VR @ Southeast (Bradenton)		
	7:00 PM Softball VR vs Shorecrest Prep (St. Petersburg)				



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