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Stewardship

One of the things we all expect—usually two or three times a year—is a sermon in church about giving and stewardship. It's a necessary message, but sometimes, we find ourselves tuning out because we feel like we've "heard it all before." This week's value is all about stewardship, but we may be approaching it differently than you expect.

At a Christian school, stewardship isn't just about being fiscally wise and responsible. It also includes caring for our physical environment, ensuring excellence in education, fostering community support, prioritizing spiritual formation, and preparing to invest wisely for the future.

Financial Stewardship

The first area of stewardship at BCS is ensuring we handle our budget and financial resources responsibly. This includes fundraising, annual budgets, and tuition. We don't raise tuition simply because it's expected; rather, we carefully evaluate tuition to ensure it covers our expenses, including faculty and staff compensation, utilities, reserves, and much more. It amazes me when I see some of the monthly utility bills that come through in a school our size. It makes me want to go around and turn the lights off all the time. In addition to managing expenses wisely, clear communication about our financial needs is an essential part of stewardship. This is why we hold two association meetings each year—to present our finances, answer questions, and maintain transparency.

Facilities and Physical Environment

Another area of stewardship is our facilities and physical environment. We strive to maintain our buildings properly—not just to keep them clean, but to ensure they are safe, conducive to learning, and welcoming to parents and visitors. God has blessed us with this facility, and it is our responsibility to care for it, seek ways to improve it, and use our resources wisely.

Educational Stewardship

One of the most important aspects of stewardship at BCS is educational stewardship—and this is an area where you should expect us to excel. Our commitment extends beyond ensuring a Christian worldview in our curriculum; we also hold ourselves accountable for providing an education that honors God's truths in every subject. This means that we regularly evaluate our curriculum, faculty, and staff to ensure that we are aligned with our mission and vision. As we look ahead to next year, we are carefully assessing class sizes, course offerings, and faculty placement to ensure that we have the right teachers in the right roles—equipping students to grow and succeed to the best of their abilities. This is an ongoing process, one that requires discernment, wisdom, and, most importantly, continual prayer.

Partnership and Communication

As parents and stakeholders, you may not always see the inner workings of what really goes on in faculty meetings, board discussions, or one-on-one meetings between teachers, parents, and administrators. But rest assured, very few issues go undiscussed by those who have the ability to implement change. Often, when a parent shares a concern, they mention that "many other parents feel the same way." If that's the case, my encouragement to all of you is to come and talk with one of us in administration. We want to hear from you and want to discourage small-group discussions that don't lead to solutions. We've also heard concerns that teachers might take frustrations out on students. If this ever happens, it is a serious issue that we want to address immediately. We want to reaffirm that we want to be in partnership with you, not against you. Our goal is to help your students succeed—not just now, but in the years ahead as they grow into the men and women God has created them to be.

Spiritual Stewardship

Spiritual stewardship is foundational—not just for our students, but for all of us at BCS. Our prayer is that we will exemplify Christ-like behavior so that our students see a glimpse of Him in our actions. At the same time, we also pray that we will see Christ in them. We are all a work in progress, but we ask God to continue shaping us in our interactions—with parents, students, and colleagues. Additionally, we strive to provide opportunities for students to serve in the community, as true stewardship involves giving back. Our service requirements and volunteer opportunities help students learn through serving. One incredible example was watching our students and families come together after the recent hurricanes, reaching out in countless ways to help those in need. It was a beautiful demonstration of faith in action.

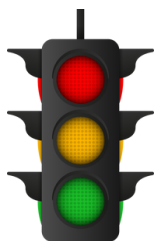
Legacy Stewardship

That brings me to the area of legacy stewardship. With everything that falls under stewardship, our ultimate goal is to ensure that this school continues to serve families for generations to come. God has entrusted us with this land, these buildings, our resources, our faculty and staff, our parents, and—most importantly—our students so that we may proclaim His name long after we are gone. This includes our Parrish property, which was given to us for this very purpose. God calls us to use the blessings He has provided to glorify Him and expand His Kingdom.

Psalm 100:5 – “For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and His faithfulness continues to each generation.”

Anchored in His Steadfast Love,
Linda Dahnke

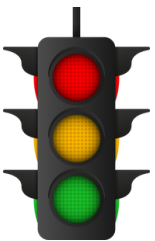
“Preparing the Hearts and Minds of God’s Children”



Traffic Concerns on 43rd

Among the many concerns that we continue to work on when it comes to carline, traffic congestion and getting across 43rd St is a nightmare and dangerous at many times during the day and evening. One of our families has started a petition that will be delivered to the City Commissioner to put up a traffic light there. Please check out this petition and sign it if you would like to see a light at this intersection.

[Sign petition here](#)





BRADENTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Important Dates & Announcements

March 11

Late Start

March 12

Dress Down Day- Wear Green

March 14

Hurricane Make-Up Day

March 17-21

Spring Break

Have a Heart for BCS!



We are excited to kick off the Bradenton Christian School "Have a Heart for BCS" Giving Challenge, running from March 1-15, 2025. Our challenge began at the BCS Gala on, and we're off to a great start.

This year, we have behind-the-scenes donors offering matching gifts to encourage support for BCS. Every donation you make will be doubled, thanks to \$40,000 in matching funds already committed. We ask that you prayerfully consider contributing to ensure our students continue receiving an excellent Christ-centered education.

Now is the perfect time to come together and invest in the future of our Christian leaders. Your generosity truly makes a difference, and we thank you for being a blessing to Bradenton Christian School. To learn more and donate today, click [HERE](#).



PANTHER SPOTLIGHT

Panther Spotlight

Amber Coombs

This week, we are excited to Spotlight Amber Coombs! As the Middle School Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Principal, Amber plays a key role in keeping things running smoothly in our Middle School Building. Amber has been a dedicated part of BCS for five years, ensuring clear communication with staff and families. Beyond the office, she also coaches cross country, showing her commitment to our students both in and out of the office. Amber is not only an essential part of our school but also a proud BCS parent, with two graduates and two current students. Thank you, Amber, for all you do!



PANTHER PARENT OPPORTUNITIES!

- **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

HATS OFF TO...

Upcoming Events:

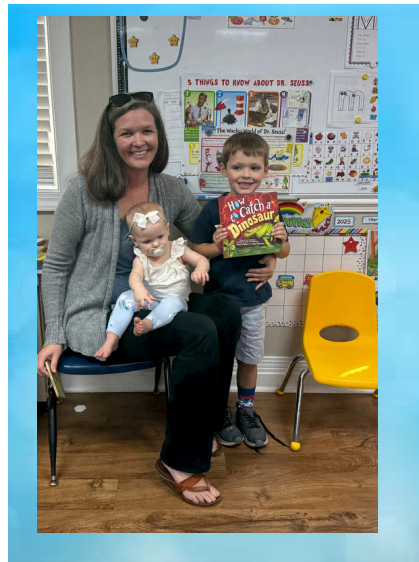
- **March 10-14-** Preschool students will be learning all about weather with making solar bead bracelets and creating weather experiments.
- **March 14-** Hurricane Make-up Day
- **March 17-21-** Spring Break-No School!



Thank you to our mystery readers
who surprised
our classes with fun stories
throughout the week!





Read Across America Week with Dr. Seuss!



ELEMENTARY

Important Dates

- **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

LOST &
FOUND

Our lost and found is overflowing again! Please check the picture below and claim any missing items by March 14th. Any unmarked items left after that date will be donated.



Join
Mrs. Edmonds
for coffee and
treats!

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



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming Events



- **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)
- **April 1** - 8th grade DC parent meeting in Wicher's at 6:00pm



Classroom Highlight

Students in the middle school Life Skills class got their hands dirty this week. Thank you Mrs. Van Duinen and our incredible maintenance team for taking time to show our students some important vehicle maintenance skills. Students learned how to check tire pressure, open the hood, check fluids (Oil, coolant, transmission, windshield washer fluid), apply jumper cables, change air filters and wipers, and how to change and rotate tires. Next time your vehicle needs some maintenance make sure you test your students knowledge 🧐



HIGH SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

- **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!
- **March 27-29:** Freaky Friday Drama Production

Reminders

- TODAY is the last day to place your order for the Spring Flower Fundraiser! Please consider supporting the Junior Class with the purchase of a beautiful Easter Lily or Hydrangea plant for \$15 each. 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!

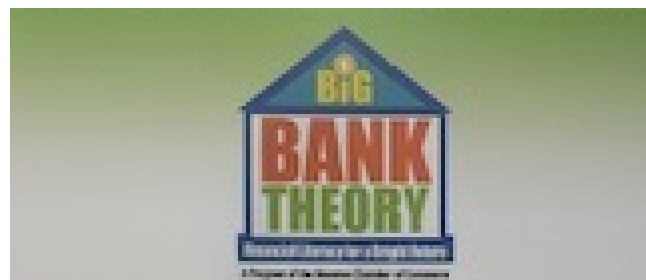
Set Design dates for service hours

- 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](#)



Thank You to Our Sponsors



The Juniors and Seniors participated in The Big Bank Theory, where students are engaged in a hands-on, real-life financial simulation that introduces them to the realities of being a financially responsible adult. Thank you to the many parent volunteers and The Manatee County Chamber of Commerce for helping make this event a huge success.




EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Game Schedule for week of March 10, 2025

Home Games- Blue

Away Games- Red



10	11	12	13	14	15
TBA Track and Field, Boys VR @ Keswick Christian (St. Petersburg)	3:30 PM Softball VR @ Lakeside Christian (Clearwater)		3:00 PM Baseball MSV @ Inspiration Academy	3:30 PM Track and Field, Boys VR @ TBA	
TBA Track and Field, Girls VR @ Keswick Christian (St. Petersburg)	3:30 PM Tennis, Boys VR @ St. Stephens (Bradenton)		3:30 PM Tennis, Girls JV vs Cardinal Mooney (Sarasota)	3:30 PM Track and Field, Girls VR @ Manatee (Bradenton)	
3:30 PM Softball MSV @ Lakeside Christian (Clearwater)	3:30 PM Tennis, Girls VR @ St. Stephens (Bradenton)		5:00 PM Lacrosse, Girls VR vs Cardinal Mooney (Sarasota)	4:00 PM Baseball JV @ Parrish	
3:30 PM Tennis, Boys VR @ St. Petersburg Catholic	3:30 PM Tennis, Boys MSV @ St. Stephens (Bradenton)		5:00 PM Softball JV @ Parrish		
3:30 PM Tennis, Girls VR @ St. Petersburg Catholic	3:30 PM Tennis, Girls MSV @ St. Stephens (Bradenton)		5:00 PM Beach Volleyball, Girls VR @ Venice		
3:45 PM Baseball MSV @ IMG Academy (Bradenton)	3:45 PM MS Boys LAX @ BCS		7:00 PM Baseball VR @ Bayshore (Bradenton)		
4:00 PM Beach Volleyball, Girls VR @ Braden River (Bradenton)	5:00 PM Lacrosse, Girls VR vs Clearwater Central Catholic				
4:30 PM Baseball VR @ St. Stephens (Bradenton)	6:00 PM Baseball MSV @ Imagine School (North Port)				
4:30 PM Weightlifting, Boys VR @ St. Stephens (Bradenton)	7:00 PM Baseball VR vs Gulf Coast HEAT (Bradenton)				
5:00 PM Softball VR @ Inspiration Academy					



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Carter Wright who is heading to States for Wrestling!

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