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All God's Children

I can only imagine what Heaven will be like when we are all joined together regardless of what kind of car we drove, the color of our skin, the house that we lived in, the way we looked, or the GPA that we carried with us throughout our lives. When I was in eighth grade, I knew that one day I wanted to adopt a baby with Down Syndrome, but even more so, I knew I wanted to teach students who struggled to learn and function in our "normal" world. My dream was to teach in a Christian school that had a strong program for students of all abilities. However, if you have been in the Christian school world for any length of time, you know that finding a school that truly serves all students is not as easy as it should be. My daughter Shelby, who has Down Syndrome, graduated from a Christian high school, but I wouldn't say it significantly enhanced her academic skills. What it did give her was an incredible support system-teachers who loved her and some lifelong friends who continue to walk alongside her. Still, that experience wasn't exactly what you would expect from a school that claims to serve all of God's children.

The fifth core value for BCS is **Universal Accessibility** for all students, and this is one that is very near and dear to my heart. We are thrilled about the Honors and AP courses we offer our students, and that list continues to grow. We are equally excited about our Learning Services programs, but we recognize that we are not yet where we want to be with either of these programs. By committing to this value, we are intentionally working toward becoming a school that truly serves all of God's children.

In a perfect world, BCS would already include even more students with a wider range of abilities and economic backgrounds. Looking back at our value of diligent stewardship, we do not want to accept students who need instruction that we are not equipped to provide. That would not be stewardly with the resources we have or with your funds. We want to ensure that the programs we offer are solid and provide comprehensive excellence. By God's grace and mercy, we hope and pray that we will be given the financial and curricular support needed in the future to provide an education for all of God's covenantal children—or at the very least, the opportunity to guide them toward a program that is worthy of their God-given gifts and abilities, while also leading them to recognize Him as the source of all things (Biblical Worldview).

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In truth, this may seem like a pie-in-the-sky dream, but it is something we will continue to pursue with your prayers and support. God continues to bless each of us and calls us to give Him what we are able—whether that means supporting BCS financially, prayerfully, or socially; being part of the solution; thinking outside the box; encouraging our leadership, faculty, and staff; or actively belonging to this community of believers. God does not need us to make things happen, but He has called us to honor Him with what He has given us and to be His hands and feet to those around us.

Praying for each of you as we approach spring break and, if possible, take some time to focus on family. Look around at what God has blessed you with, especially as you look at each of your children. God is so good, and even in our trials and weaknesses, His love for us remains steadfast. Lifting up those who are struggling right now and praying that you will see God's hand at work in your hardships and pain. Thank you for being faithful supporters of BCS and the students we love and serve. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of the lives of your most precious possessions. Thank you for challenging us to do better and to be better as we honor and glorify God from whom all blessings flow.

Anchored in His Steadfast Love, Linda

Housing Need

We are looking for a rental home for a parent and her two children, with a budget of up to \$1,500 per month. If you have a room available or know of someone who can help, please contact the elementary school with any information.



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BRADENTON **CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**



March 17-21

Spring Break- NO SCHOOL

March 27-29

BCS Drama Production





2025 GIVING CHALLENGE MARCH 1-15



We have ONE day remaining for our "Have a Heart" Giving Challenge, and we're excited to share we are well over half way to our goal! Your gift will be doubled thanks to \$40,000 in matching funds from generous donors. We invite you to partner with us to support robust, accessible Christian education. Give any time by March 15 by mail or online, and your gift will be matched.

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 SPOTLIGH



Lauren Jolly & Faith Allen

We are delighted to jointly spotlight two outstanding seniors, Lauren Jolly and Faith Allen, who have significantly contributed to the BCS community.

Lauren Jolly has been an integral member of BCS since 2nd grade. As captain of the weightlifting team, she earned four state medals. Her leadership roles include Treasurer of the Key Club, Vice President of the Beta Club, Media Officer of the Student Council, and Creative Director of the BCS Claw. Lauren is also a member of the National Honor Society, Hispanic Honor Society, and participates in track and field.

Faith Allen, a BCS student since preschool, has demonstrated exceptional dedication. She captained the soccer, volleyball, and beach volleyball teams. Her involvement extends to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Beta Club, Hispanic Honor Society, Key Club, and National Honor Society. Faith also serves as Vice President of the Student Council and Creative Director of the BCS Claw.

Both Lauren and Faith exemplify the spirit of BCS through their leadership, athletic achievements, and commitment to service.



March 27-29 Drama Production

Carousel Playground Host Click HERE to volunteer.

• April 2 & May 7-

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



PRESCHOOL



Upcoming Events:

- HAVE A GREAT SPRING
 BREAK! See you on
 Monday, March 24th!
- March 24-28- The Preschool students will be learning about different types of bugs!



Weather Crafts and Projects







Preschool students made their own bracelets using solar beads. It was fun watching the beads change colors when outside in the sun!









ELEMENTARY

SPRING

March 17-21 🖌 🎇

Enjoy your break!

SOME FUN EVENTS FROM THIS WEEK!

Kindergarten Dr. Seuss and Cubby

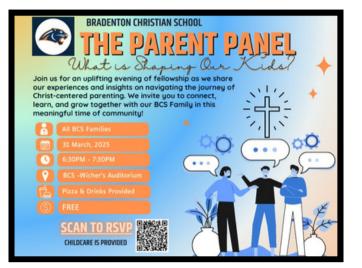


MIDDLE SCHOOL



Upcoming Events

- March 17-21 Spring Break (No School)
- March 31 Parent Panel 6:30-7:30 in Wichers Auditorium
- April 1 8th grade DC parent meeting in Wicher's at 6:00pm





Relationship Building

Middle schoolers had Iowa testing last week in the morning on Thursday and Friday. After lunch they headed off campus for some fun relationship building activities at Astro Skate, Altitude Trampoline Park, and Bowlero. This was a great opportunity to relax and have some fun outside of school.















HIGH SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

- March 17-21: Spring Break!
- March 27-29: <u>Freaky Friday</u> Drama Production
- April 10-12: Spiritual Retreat
- April 14-17: Spiritual Emphasis Week
- April 21: Remote Learning Day off campus
- April 25: Jr/Sr. Banquet

Cubby Buddy, Dr. Suess Style

On Wednesday the Seniors and their Kindergarten Buddies enjoyed outside games and activities in a fun, Suessical style.







Reminders

 Jr/Sr. Banquet invitations are now available! Juniors and Seniors please check your email to RSVP online. FACTS account will be charged. A physical copy of the invite is available in the High School Office.



Mr. Moss' Physics class celebrated Pi Day with some pizza pies and dessert pies!

Help needed in Drama!

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
- <u>Student Volunteers</u>













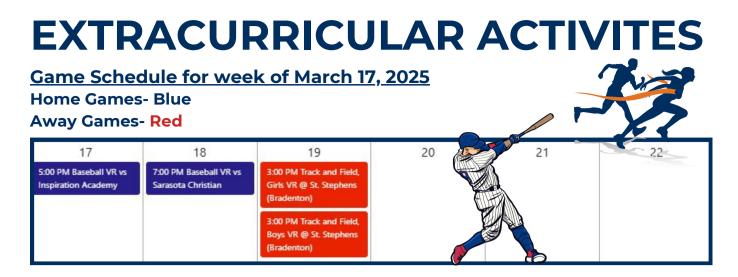




















Congratulations to Seniors Will & Wayne Grant, Taylor Blunden and Lana Price for each being selected to the Manatee-Sarasota County Basketball All-Star Games!

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