

Briarcrest Christian High School

PTF Newsletter – March 2025

3/27/25 Meeting Minutes

- Cassie Corless opened with an introduction and welcome to attendees.
- Jonathan Bernhardt led devotion based on the new 9th grade Bible curriculum. The first unit on "Creator & Creation" pulls from Genesis 2:15-17. "What do you see as mankind's role according to God?" Work. It was part of the garden before the fall. It's part of God's perfect design and something to inspire to do. WHO are we working for? WHAT is He calling you to do? God commands; don't flee from it. Along with the devotion, Mr. Bernhardt gave us a brief introduction into the new class. Cassie prayed.
- Faculty Spotlight on Academic Coordinator, Mr. Jonathan Bernhardt:
 - Has been at Briarcrest for seven years. Taught AP History.
 - He's married to Ashley, the 8th grade writing teacher. His father is the 8th grade history teacher.
 - Started his new role last year. He felt led to make a wider impact (900 kids versus 90 in a classroom). He shared many of his tasks within this new role.
 - "What is changing with the upcoming 9th grade curriculum?" Answer: Health is being split into an extra bible for half the semester. The idea of this is to set a foundation early for modeling discipleship. No changes to the current high school classes' curriculums; this begins with the class of 2029.
 - Fun fact: He was a dancing star in the BCS snow day video that went viral (with 60k views and made it onto the local news)! We also sang Happy Birthday to him!
- Cassie recalled past events and talked about a couple of upcoming ones:
 - The online auction will run from Apr 3-7 with LOTS of good items!
 - BC's Big Bash is Apr 26 from 4-8p. More events have been added for older students and families. Plus, there are lots of volunteer opportunities – see signup link & share with high schoolers needing service hours.
- Mitzi updated our Sainly Snacks sales and gave praise to MoJo & OhGrate!
- Belinda thanked everyone for the Teacher Luncheon & Appreciation donations. Our last event will be a dessert extravaganza – be looking for a signup genius.
- Christie Williams spoke about Project Graduation, senior lock-in on graduation night. She's looking for people to take over the chair position next year. Donations are also still being accepted – it takes a lot to keep the kids busy!
- Cassie announced that chairpersons for ALL committees are needed for next year! Email her now for more information on where you can serve – it's a joy!!
 - You can also use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/PTF24>
 - Lori Green received the GOAT award for doing the dances for 11 years!
- High School Happenings (things going on in the HS that parents should know):
 - Mr. Salyer listed A LOT of events coming up – check your emails!
 - New student council elections for next year just happened
 - The TN Arts Academy is coming soon to decide if we qualify for top 3 in TN!
 - He thanked us for the teacher lunches and goodies throughout the year
 - There are so many opportunities even in the summer! Get plugged in! "Don't just attend BCS, but experience it!"
- Cassie played a game (therapy really) for senior parents. She quizzed the moms on how long they've been here, where their kids are going to college, and asked for advice. One repetitive answer was: "Enjoy the ride! Stay involved & have fun!" "They won't tell you, but kids appreciate your involvement."

Upcoming Events

- Apr 3-7 – Online Auction
- Apr 6 – Open House 2p
- Apr 9 – Parent Equipping Class 8:15a
- Apr 18-21 – Easter Break/ NO SCHOOL
- Apr 22 – Academic Awards Ceremony
- Apr 25 – HALF DAY – Career Conf/
Prom 8:30p
- Apr 26 – BC's Bash 4-8p
- Apr 29 – Athletic Awards Ceremony
- May 1-3 – POPs 7p
- May 3 – Used Uniform Sale 9a-1p
- May 5 – Joseph A. Clayton Awards 7p
- May 7 – Parent Equipping Class 8:15a
- May 10 – One Voice album release concert 7p
- May 16-21 – HALF DAYS – Exams
- May 17 – Graduation Ceremony 2p
- May 21 – Summer Break Begins at 12p!

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PTF Interest Form:
<https://tinyurl.com/PTF24>

**Courageous Conversations Podcast
& the Parent Equipping Classes:**
<https://youtube.com/@BriarcrestSaints>

BCHS PTF Facebook page:
<https://facebook.com/BCHSPTF>

Signup for BC's Bash:
<https://tinyurl.com/BCBash25>

Volunteer for Career Fair:
<https://tinyurl.com/BCSCareerFair>