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### What an incredible week it's been at BCS!

Our music concerts were truly outstanding—what a joy to see students using their God-given talents to glorify Him. We're also excited for a special milestone: our very **first Percussion Ensemble concert is tonight, May 1 at 7:00 PM in Wichers Auditorium**—come out and support these talented students!



Looking ahead, don't miss the **Book Fair (May 4–15)** and be sure to check out the **summer camps** featured in this edition of Panther Press. We also warmly invite you to join us for the **National Day of Prayer on May 7** as we come together in faith for our school and community.



We also have so much to celebrate in Panther athletics! **Congratulations to seniors Matthew Johnson and Jeremy Worley**, who officially signed to continue their baseball careers at Penn State-Beaver University and Thomas College. We are so proud of you both!



A big congratulations as well to these athletes recognized on the **2025 SSAA 8-Man All-State Football Team: Connor Henderson, Holland Hume, Zach Feikema, Jeremy Worley, Remy Fuller, and Ben Krikke**—an incredible honor!



And congratulations to our **Girls Lacrosse team (14-1), who defeated Cardinal Mooney 14-10 in the FHSAA 1A Regional Semifinal to advance to the Regional Final!** The Panthers are once again among the final eight teams in the state and will travel to face Community School of Naples on Saturday, May 2 at 7:00pm.



We give God all the glory for these blessings—thank you for being such an incredible part of our BCS family!



# BRADENTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## Important Dates & Announcements

May 4-15	AP Exams
May 7	National Day of Prayer
May 7	MS and HS Art Show
May 12	HS Academic Awards
May 12	Senior Walk
May 13-14	Senior Exams
May 18	MS Academic Awards
May 19-21	MS and HS Exams
May 20	PreK Graduation (10:00am)
May 21	Elementary Awards / 11:30am Dismissal
May 22	Graduation (No School)

### Save the Date: Join Us for the National Day of Prayer – Thursday, May 7

Join Us for the  
**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**  
*Seeking Him in all generations.*

**THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026**  
— 11:30 AM —  
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*Let's gather as a community to pray  
for our city and nation.*

*Bring a friend and come seek the Lord with us.*

NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG  
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We invite our BCS families to join us and unite in prayer as we observe the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 7. This is a meaningful opportunity to seek the Lord's presence, lift up our school, our community, and our nation, and stand together in the POWER OF PRAYER. There are two special ways to participate:

- At **7:20 AM**, Moms in Prayer will be gathering on the BCS football field and extending an open invitation to our entire school community. Start your day centered in Christ as we join hearts in prayer for our students, staff, and families.
- At **11:30 AM**, a community-wide prayer gathering will take place outside at the Manatee County Courthouse steps downtown. Local leaders will be praying, and we are blessed that our BCS Choir will be participating by singing three songs and helping lead a time of worship beforehand. Free parking is available at First Bradenton Baptist Church—simply park and walk across Manatee Avenue to the courthouse steps. **Please see the attached flyer for additional details.**

7:00 PM

MAY 1, 2026

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# CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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- Instructional - Elementary/Secondary - General Substitute Teacher Application (All Grade Levels)
- Instructional - Elementary/Secondary - General Teacher Application (All Grade Levels)
- Secondary Math Teacher (Grades 6-12)
- High School Spanish Teacher
- Secondary Social Studies Teacher (Grades 6-12)

## **Athletics-Positions available for immediate start**

- General Coach Application

## **Transportation-Positions available for immediate start**

- Bus Drivers (CDL Needed)
- Bus Aide

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Jeanna Stinehelfer. Thank you for helping us keep our school community moving safely!

To Apply for an open position, please visit our [website](#).

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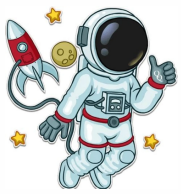


# PRESCHOOL

MAY 4TH-8TH  
MOTHER'S DAY ACTIVITIES



FRIDAY, MAY 8TH  
VPK WATER DAY



3,2,1...Blast Off!

These little astronauts learned all about rockets, space stations and planets this week. Wednesday was "Space Day" with lots of outdoor science exploration, snacks and fun!



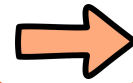
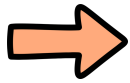
# ELEMENTARY

## Looking Ahead



- **May 6<sup>th</sup>**- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade at Florida Aquarium
- **May 8<sup>th</sup>**- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Mother's Day Tea
- **May 15<sup>th</sup>**- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Verse Showcase
- **May 19<sup>th</sup>**- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Kickball Game
- **May 20<sup>th</sup>**- Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade End of Year Party
- **May 20<sup>th</sup>**- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade at Siesta Key
- **May 21<sup>st</sup>**- Awards Ceremony K-2 at 8:30 3-5 at 9:45
- **May 21<sup>st</sup>**- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - 11:30 Dismissal

Check the Next Few Pages for Some  
Summer Camp Options!



**Happy** **PRINCIPAL'S**  
**DAY!**

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# Literacy Workshop

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Registration and payment due by July 10<sup>th</sup>.

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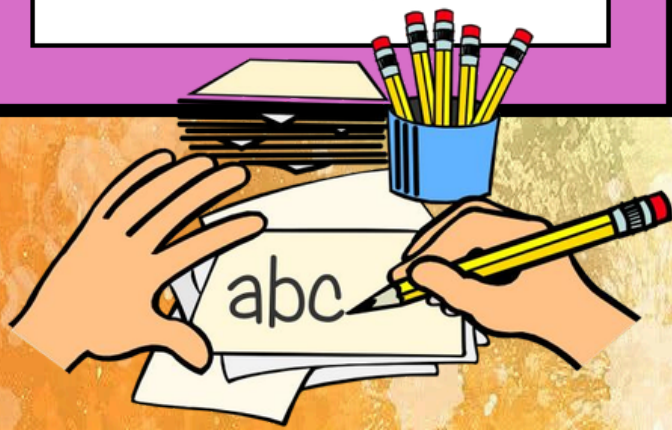
**July 22 - 23**

**9AM-3PM**

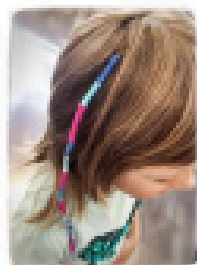
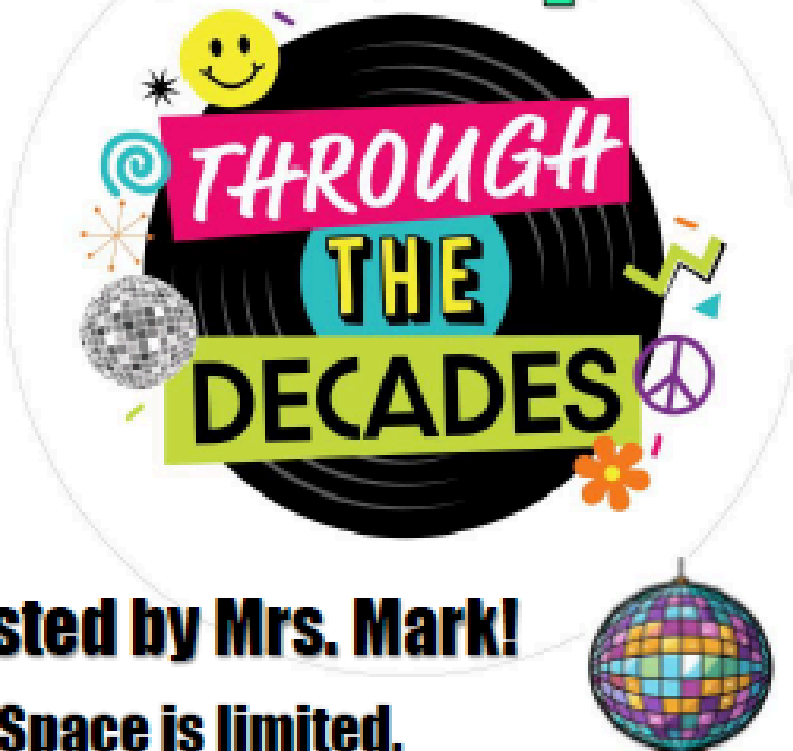
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**Grades K - 2**



# Summer Camp

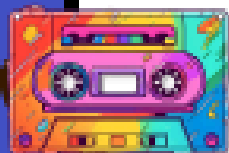


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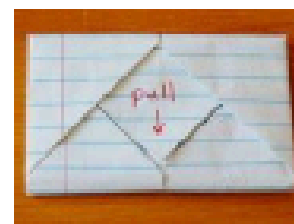
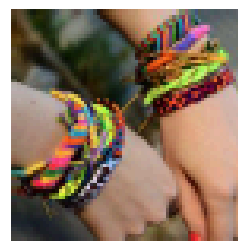
Email [imark@bcspanthers.org](mailto:imark@bcspanthers.org) with questions.

**Registration and payment due by May 22<sup>nd</sup>.**



**3 Days**  
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**\$175**  
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Grades 2 - 8

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Registration and payment due by May 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

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9AM-3PM  
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and give aways!**



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**TRADE DAY!  
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# MIDDLE SCHOOL

- **May 1:** Percussion Concert in Wichers
- **May 4-6:** MAP Testing 
- **May 4:** Tri-M Induction Ceremony
- **May 5:** NJHS Induction Ceremony
- **May 6:** Middle School Drama performance - Wichers, 3:30 p.m
- **May 7:** MS/HS Art Show - Gym 3:30 -5:00
- **May 8:** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Sock Hop (8<sup>th</sup> period)
- **May 12:** Rising 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip Meeting - Wichers, 6:00 pm
- **May 18:** Middle School Awards Ceremony
- **May 19-20:** Exam week - adjusted schedule
- **May 21:** Last day of school



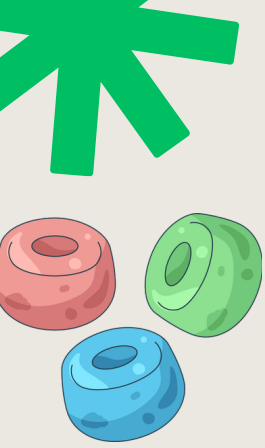
## Principal Appreciation Day

Behind every **great** SCHOOL is a **great** PRINCIPAL!

**Mrs. Gryglewicz** - thank you for all you do!

You are truly appreciated.





# COOK AND CREATE CAMP!



With hosts: Mrs. VanDuinen and Mrs. Fernandez

Get ready for a fun-filled week of creativity and cooking and Life Skills! Students will explore their imagination through hands-on projects and delicious recipes they can make (and eat!).

Dates: May 26th – May 29th

Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Cost: \$129

Who: Any Middle School Aged Student



Limited Spots Available – Sign Up by May 22!!

Perfect for young chefs and creators who love to create, explore, and have fun!

## ★ What to Expect:

- Fun and easy cooking activities
- craft projects
- Basic Life Skills
- For questions email:
  - [nvanduinen@bcspanthers.org](mailto:nvanduinen@bcspanthers.org)
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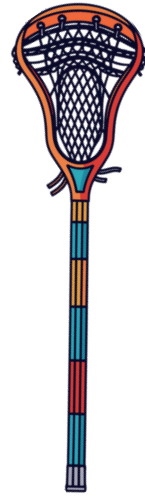
# HIGH SCHOOL

## Upcoming Events

May 4-15 AP Exams

May 7<sup>th</sup> MS-HS Art show

May 12 HS Academic Awards/ Senior Walk



## Varsity Lacrosse advances to Regional Finals



## Signing Day

Jeremy Worley committed  
to Thomas College

Matthew Johnson committed  
to Penn State-Beaver University

# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

27	28	29	30	
	TBA Softball VR vs 1A District 10 Semifinal		TBA Softball VR vs 1A District 10 Final	



This past Saturday, we had the honor of hosting the Regional Championship—and our Panthers rose to the moment in an incredible way. Five of our athletes earned medals in their respective weight classes, and as a team, we finished 3rd in the region for Olympic classification!

A special congratulations to **Josh Ditzel and Nathan Reed for qualifying for the State Championship**—your hard work and determination are paying off!

**Individual Highlights:**

- 119: Rowen Pye – 4th (Olympic), 5th (Traditional)
- 139: Josh Ditzel – 1st (Olympic), 3rd (Traditional)
- 154: Andere Delgado – 2nd (Olympic)
- 169: Nathan Reed – 1st (Olympic & Traditional)
- Unlimited: Joshua Benson – 5th (Olympic)

**Let’s go Panthers—on to States!**



We are incredibly excited to celebrate the outstanding student-athletes who have been recognized on the 2025 Sunshine State Athletic Association (SSAA) 8-Man All-State Football Team!

Announced by [FloridaHSFootball.com](http://FloridaHSFootball.com) on April 1, 2026, this honor highlights some of the top performers across the state—and we are blessed to have Panthers among them.

**Congratulations to:**

- **Connor Henderson**
- **Holland Hume**
- **Zach Feikema**
- **Jeremy Worley**
- **Remy Fuller**
- **Ben Krikke**

Your hard work, perseverance, and commitment both on and off the field reflect something greater.

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord...”

Colossians 3:23



# SWIM TEAM

Interest Meeting May 6<sup>th</sup>

MS: 11:25–11:49

HS: 12:15–12:40

Skybox



## MORE INFORMATION

- ✓ Swim practices begin 7/27/26
- ✓ Practices are Mon–Friday before school at GT Bray Pool
- ✓ We car pool kids to school after practice
- ✓ Most meets are on Saturday mornings and done before 11am
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