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As we move through the month of May, there are so many special moments happening across our campus!

Don't forget—the **Book Fair** is in full swing and will continue through May 15. It's a great opportunity to encourage a love of reading while supporting our school!



Save the Date! We invite you to join us on **May 18, 2026**, after school, as we honor and celebrate faculty and staff members for their years of faithful service and recognize those retiring/transitioning from their roles at BCS.

TIME TO Celebrate

And as a special bonus for our families, **Manatee Apparel is offering 10% off throughout the entire month of May!** Be sure to take advantage of this discount on school-approved apparel that keeps your students looking their best while supporting a valued partner of our school.



It's a joy to finish the school year strong together—thank you for being such an important part of the BCS family!





BRADENTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Important Dates & Announcements

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)

As summer approaches, we're excited to share that there are many **summer camps happening on campus!** Camp information can be found here in the Panther Press or on our website through the Family Portal.

Each summer, we also release a **Summer Mailer** packed with important information to help families prepare for the upcoming school year — be on the lookout for that in early July.

In addition, students will have opportunities to earn **service hours throughout the summer** by volunteering alongside our incredible maintenance team, with more details coming soon.

Finally, be sure to **save the date for the Bower Cup Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 19, 2026**, at The River Club in Lakewood Ranch!



This event will support the exceptional Christian Education offered at Bradenton Christian School.

WE'RE HAVING A **BOOK FAIR!**

**Bradenton Christian School
Library/Media Center**

May 4 - 15

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Get some **GREAT** books for
Summer Reading!!



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[ORDER HERE](#)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

**Every role at BCS plays a vital part in shaping the future!
We have opportunities available for key roles.
Spread the word!**

- 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

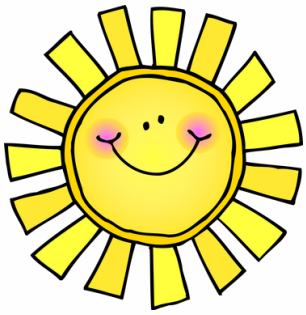
- Bus Drivers (CDL Needed)
- Bus Aide

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](#).

**WE'RE
HIRING!**





PRESCHOOL

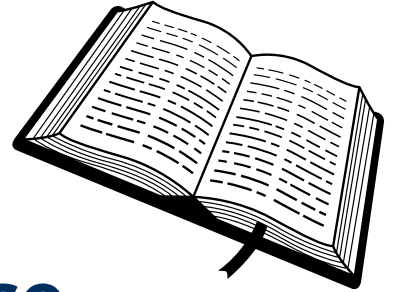
MAY 11TH-15TH
SUMMER CAMP THEME



- SUMMER CAMP FUN WEEK!**
- BOUNCE HOUSES
 - T-SHIRT MAKING
 - SUMMER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
 - CHAPEL TRIVIA
 - GRADUATION REHEARSALS



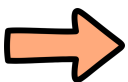
ELEMENTARY



- **May 15th- 4th Grade Bible Verse Showcase**
- **May 19th- 5th Grade Kickball Game**
- **May 20th- Kindergarten and 1st Grade End of Year Party**
- **May 20th- 5th Grade at Siesta Key**
- **May 21st- Awards Ceremony K-2 at 8:30
3-5 at 9:45**
- **May 21st- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - 11:30
Dismissal**

HELLO
SUMMER

Check the Next Few Pages for Some
Summer Camp Options!



COOK AND CREATE CAMP!

With hosts: Mrs. VanDuijn 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 Upcoming 5th through Middle School Aged Student

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



Limited Spots Available – Sign Up by May 22!!

★ ✨ What to Expect:

- Fun and easy cooking activities
- craft projects
- Basic Life Skills
- For questions email:
 - nvanduinen@bcspanthers.org
 - dfernandez@bcspanthers.org



Literacy Workshop

Hosted by Mrs. Mark!

Space is limited.

Email mark@bcspanthers.org with questions.

Registration and payment due by July 10th.

Refresh your skills

And get ready for a new school year!

Designed for students of all levels!

Review grade level skills.

Introduce next level skills.

Practice special word patterns and letter teams.

Comprehension strategies.

Writing skills for all levels!

Explore through hands on learning and movement!

2 Days

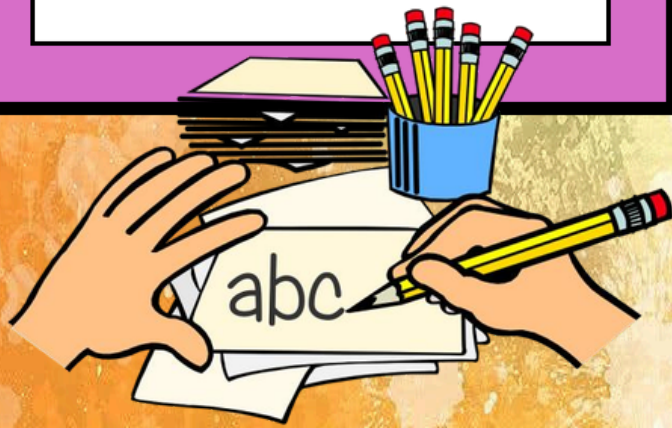
July 22 - 23

9AM-3PM

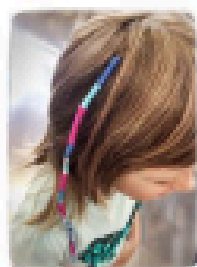
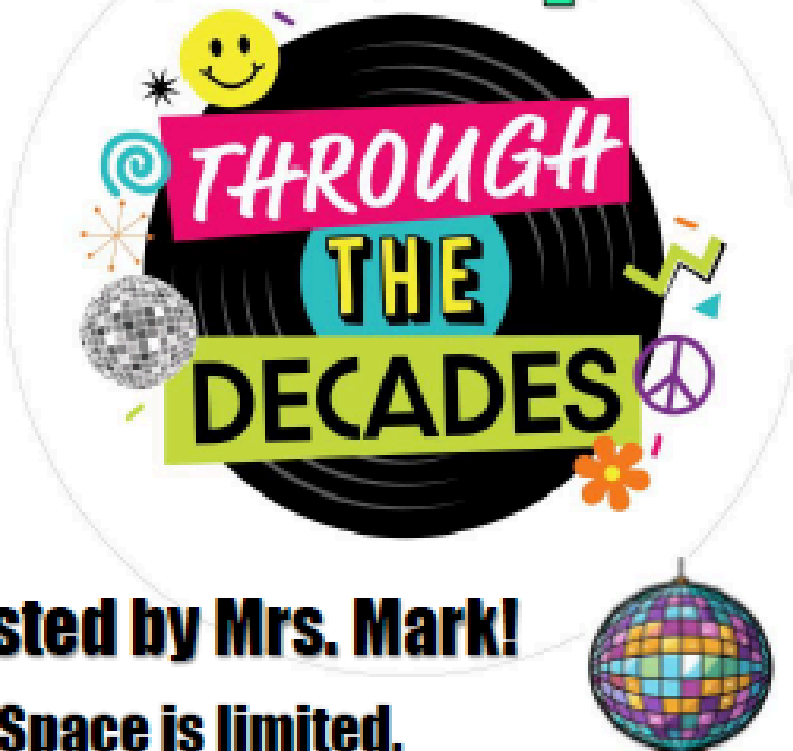
\$75



Grades K - 2



Summer Camp



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Email imark@bcspanthers.org with questions.

Registration and payment due by May 22nd.

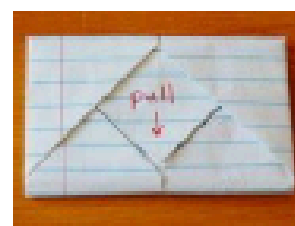
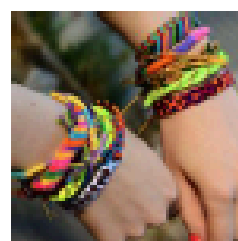


3 Days
June 2-4
9AM-3PM

\$175

Grades 2 - 6

Sibling discount offered!



70's, 80's, 90's
themed activities!

Daily art project!

Lessons on being
a 70's, 80's, 90's kid!

Daily prizes

And MUCH MORE!

MUSICAL THEATRE

Summer Camp

Hosted by Mrs. Mark!

Space is limited.

Email Imark@bcspanthers.org with questions.

Registration and payment due by May 29th.



Perform a live production from
Beat by Beat Press!

Choose from singing/acting,
prop making, and
stage crew!

Friday show
for families.

Daily prizes

5 Days

June 8 - 12

9AM-3PM

\$250

Grades 2 - 8

Sibling discount offered.



P.E. GAMES AND SPORTS CARDS

Summer Camp



Hosted by Mr. Mark!

Space is limited.

**Email wmark@bcspanthers.org with questions.
Registration and payment due by May 22nd.**

**3 Days
June 2 - 4
or
July 7 - 9
9AM-3PM
\$150**

**Grades K - 2
Includes materials
and give aways!**



**HOURS OF YOUR FAVORITE
P.E. GAMES
INTRO. TO SPORTS
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**TRADE DAY!
AND MORE!**

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SPORTS CARDS**

Summer Camp



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Registration and payment due by May 22nd.

**3 Days
June 9 - 11
or
July 14 - 16
9AM-3PM
\$150**

**Grades 3 - 6
Includes materials
and give aways!**



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YOUR FAVORITE
P.E. GAMES
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MIDDLE SCHOOL

- **May 12:** Rising 8th Grade Class Trip Meeting - Wichers, 6:00 pm
- **May 14:** 8th Grade Chapel (8:50-9:30)
- **May 18:** Middle School Awards Ceremony
- **May 19-20:** Exam week (see schedule)
- **May 21:** Last day of school



Thanks to your generous support, the NJHS was able to donate over 100 pairs of pajamas to the Manatee Foster and Adoption Parent Association! Way to go, BCS!!



Happy Teacher Appreciation Week

To our incredible middle school teachers - thank you for the hard work, patience, and dedication you pour into your students every day. We are grateful for you today and always!

MIDDLE SCHOOL Exam Week

THINGS TO KNOW:

Students may be picked up as early as 11am (early release); all students must be picked up after exam 2

Hot lunch will not be served after Monday (May 18)

Exam reschedule requests must be approved by teacher and principal. - \$50 fee may be applied

Students are to report to study hall areas between exams

19
MAY
MS DISMISS
11:30AM

EXAM 1: LANGUAGE ARTS
8:15AM - 9:45AM; EARLY RELEASE 9:15AM
ALL STUDENTS GRADES 6-8

20
MAY
MS DISMISS
11:30AM

EXAM 1: SCIENCE
8:15AM - 9:45AM; EARLY RELEASE 9:15AM
ALL STUDENTS GRADES 6-8

21
MAY
ALL DISMISS
11:30AM

EXAM 1: MAKE-UPS
8:15AM - 9:45AM; EARLY RELEASE 9:15AM

EXAM 2: SPANISH I
10:00AM-11:30AM; EARLY RELEASE 11:00AM
ONLY SPANISH I STUDENTS

STUDY HALL AREAS:

6TH: BOYS: BAND 7TH: BOYS: FIELDS 8TH ALL: MAIN GYM
 GIRLS: CHOIR GIRLS: WICHERS

Gentleness Award



Evangeline Zupa



Lauryn DePoy



Claire Miller

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. Proverbs 15:20

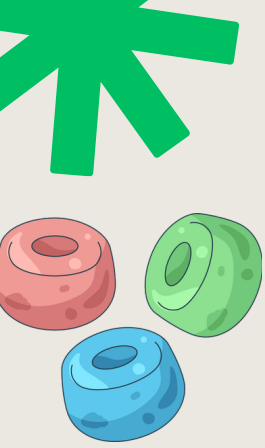
ATTENTION

For Parents of Rising 8th Graders:

2027 8th Grade Trip Meeting

Tues. May 12
6:00pm

WICHERS AUDITORIUM



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HIGH SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

- May 4-15 AP Exams
- May 12 HS Academic Awards
- Senior Walk
- May 13-14 SR. Exams
- May 15-18 Senior Trip
- May 19-21 MS - HS Exams
- May 21st Half Day 11:30 dismissal

TRI-M Induction



BCS HIGH SCHOOL SPRING EXAM SCHEDULE

May 19-21

Important Notes:

- Students **MUST** be in dress code to take exams.
- Students who are exempt from exams or do not have exams (for example, study hall) are not required to be at school during those periods.
- Students who are on campus during these days must be in a classroom taking their exams or in a study hall. Students may only leave class once we have reached the early release time. Parents should coordinate pick up times with their student.
- Please bring a lunch if you are unable to be picked up during the lunch break. Hot lunch will **NOT** be available on Tuesday and Wednesday exam days. Thursday dismissal is at 11:30.
- It is important to communicate with your students' plans for picking up. During lunch break (11:30-1:30) All students will be in Wichers Auditorium. Students will not be permitted to walk off campus during school day.
- Any students on campus and not taking a test **MUST** be in study hall. (Report to Coach Werner's room in the PAC).
- Any student who wishes to reschedule an exam must first gain permission from their teacher and administration. Changing an exam time will result in a fee charged to your FACTS account.

TUESDAY

- Pd 1 8:15 - 9:45
Early Release 9:15
- Pd 2 10:00 - 11:30
Early Release 11:00
- Pd 7 1:30 - 3:00
Early Release 2:30

WEDNESDAY

- Pd 3 8:15 - 9:45
Early Release 9:15
- Pd 4 10:00 - 11:30
Early Release 11:00
- Pd 8 1:30 - 3:00
Early Release 2:30

THURSDAY

- Pd 5 8:15 - 9:45
Early Release 9:15
- Pd 6 10:00 - 11:30
Early Release 11:00

PICK UP

Please pick up within 15 minutes after your testing time concludes.



Celebrating the Arts HS Art Show



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

11

12

13

14

15

6:00 PM Football (8 man) VR vs
Foundation Christian (Valrico).
Classical Academy (Sarasota)



We came together as one Panther family to celebrate and support our Track & Field and Weightlifting students heading to the State competition! There is something powerful about pausing in the middle of a busy school day to cheer on these dedicated athletes—students who have poured in countless hours of hard work, discipline, and perseverance to reach this moment. Timmy Mercer went on to finish 12th in the State for Long Jump, and 4th in the State for the 400m Hurdles. Go Panthers!



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