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Bethany Christian School

Moms Meet & Greet
Friday, August 18th
8:00 am - 9:00 am
Moms, Aunts, and Grandmothers!
Join us for a special time of fellowship in the
lunchroom! A light breakfast, coffee & juice
will be provided.

Bethany Christian School will be hosting its annual Moms Meet & Greet this Friday, August 18th, from 8am-9am in the BCS cafeteria. Moms, aunts, and grandmothers, please join us for a light breakfast and morning of fellowship. We will welcome new families, discuss information about the upcoming school year, volunteer opportunities, and event information. We look forward to seeing you there.

DONUTS FOR DADS
A SWEET SUCCESS!

On Friday, August 11th, dozens of Dads, Grandpas and Uncles arrived at BCS with donuts to enjoy a sweet morning with their kids. What a great opportunity for our dads to nurture old friendships and build new ones!

Coach Wiehl led the dads and kids in the popular game challenge. The “House of Cards”. The competitive spirit came alive as each group raced to build a two foot structure that could withstand Coach Wiehl’s wind storm.

After the students were dismissed to class, Coach Wiehl encouraged the men with a short devotional.

All in all, it was a great time of food, fun, and fellowship - and a great start to the new school year!

VCHS Hosts First Annual
East Valley Schools Prayer Breakfast

and Prayer Breakfast for teachers and faculty on Tuesday, August 1. The teachers and staff joined Valley and other Christian schools teachers and staff for an hour of praise, teaching, and prayer. The presence of the Lord was felt as Valley’s worship team led worship. It was extra special because four out of the six members of the worship team were BCS alumni!

Dr. Greg Tonkinson shared a powerful message reminding us that we, in Christian education, work together as one body to fulfill the Lord’s prayer. The event concluded with groups of five or six praying for each other and this coming school year.

As Jesus was in the garden about to go to the cross, He prayed for unity among His people. That Tuesday morning, with one voice, many Christian schools were able to experience His plan for unity in the body. Please join us in continuing to pray for the Christian schools in the east valley to grow and thrive as we seek to expand His Kingdom.

Social Media/
Internet Safety Presentations

Detective Eric Oldenburg, from the Phoenix Police Internet Crimes Against Children Unit, will be on campus on Tuesday, August 22 to speak to 4th - 8th graders about Internet Safety. The Middle School presentation will be held from 12:45pm -1:30pm, and the 4th/5th graders presentation will be held 1:45pm - 2:45pm. Parents are welcome to attend.
Dear Families,

The start of a new school year always brings about a spirit of excitement and anticipation for what the Lord will bring our way! Being an accreditation year, the entire school community will be focused on evaluating our current programs, reflecting on strengths and weaknesses, and planning for continual school improvement through the strategic planning process, in order to attain the high standard of a “Flourishing School,” according to the ACSI Christian School Leadership Framework.

For our spiritual theme this year, we have chosen a scriptural passage that directs us, above all, to love one another, in order that God may be glorified and praised: 1 Peter 4:8-11. Faculty and staff are extremely enthusiastic at the prospect of teaching this biblical truth, as this passage is packed with very specific examples and great opportunities for discipleship.

May God bless you and your family in the school year ahead!

Blessings,

Kay Sterkowicz

“Love deeply, serve strongly, so that in all things God may be praised.”

Parents in Prayer

Please join us every third Friday from 12:15pm-1:00am as we come together to praise God and pray. Children are welcome.

Questions? Please email Chrystal Gellner at: c_gellner@hotmail.com

Welcome New BCS Staff!

Steve York

Coming to us from Nebraska with valuable years of experience, Mr. York has a passion for positively impacting students in their academic and spiritual walk, as both a teacher and mentor. He is excited to be teaching 1st-8th Grade Computers, 7th Grade Math, Boys Discipleship, and the Innovative Science elective. His versatility in teaching and leadership abilities brings a can-do, team-oriented spirit to our school.

Rebekah Gomez

With her dynamic teaching skills and enthusiasm for guiding students to be all that the Lord created them to be, Ms. Gomez will be teaching 6th-8th Grade Science, Advanced Math, Bible, and Girls’ Discipleship Elective. Ms. Gomez experienced a unique opportunity this past summer. She participated in a six-month YWAM Discipleship Training Program, taking a ten-week mission trip to Papua New Guinea and Australia.

Tonita Alexander

Mrs. Alexander is thrilled to be bringing her joy for the Lord, music, and performance to the elementary students at Bethany Christian School. With her contagious enthusiasm, students have already jumped into an active and engaging music program with Mrs. Alexander!

Kristin Hines

In our morning Extended Care and Library, we welcome Kristin Hines, who has been a dedicated parent helper and substitute for various positions over the years. She eagerly looks forward to being the first one to greet Bethany Christian families with a smile each morning, as well as have the opportunity to provide a welcoming library for students.

Paige Harrison

We are blessed to have Mrs. Harrison in the new position of Student Support, providing a liaison between home and school to promote academic success for students with individualized accommodation plans. Mrs. Harrison has taught and been a part of the education world for many years and is excited to be able to make a positive impact on the lives of students.
Bobcat Athletics Preparing to Defend Titles

Excitement is high, as the Bobcat Girls Volleyball and the Coed Soccer teams are already practicing for the upcoming fall athletic season. Both teams will have their work cut out for them, as both teams earned the title of VCSL Champions in the Small School Division just one year ago. Sarah Cornish and Becky Porter will be taking on the volleyball coaching duties this season for the Lady Bobcats. The soccer teams will once again be coached by Matt Wiehl and Jason Brady. Schedules will be released soon as the teams anticipate tremendous support from the always awesome Bobcat fans.

Mighty Cats Elementary Sports

Each year our BCS Kindergarten through Fifth grade students have the opportunity to participate in the popular Mighty Cats sports program. Mighty Cats is an after-school intramural program where our students may explore a new sport with a skills clinic as well as competing with their very own classmates. Take a moment to pencil in the following sports and the season in which they will be offered.

Looking forward to another great year of Mighty Cats!

ACSTO

PARENT WORKSHOPS

At these informative workshops, you will learn how Arizona’s tax credit program may help you with your student’s tuition.

Join us:

- Thursday, Aug 24 - 8:15am
- Thursday, Sep 14 - 6:00pm
- Thursday, Nov 2 - 6:00pm
- Thursday, Dec 7 - 8:15am

RSVP: info@bethanychristianschool.org or call the office at 480-752-8993.

TRIP Program begins Aug. 15

Now is the time to start participating in the TRIP program to earn FREE money towards your BCS account! Each time you purchase a card, a portion of the proceeds benefits your family account. Encourage your family members to participate as well, and watch your earnings multiply. Registration forms can be picked up in the office.

TRIP Dates:

- August 15, 29
- September 12, 26
- October 17, 31
- November 14, 28
- December 12
From the Health Office

Welcome back and welcome to all the new families!! I am looking forward to another year taking care of your wonderful children!

A REMINDER TO THE THE 6TH GRADE PARENTS:
Please, please, please get those required immunizations to my office ASAP. Each 6th grader/11 year old MUST have a documented Meningococcal Vaccine and a booster of Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis) or an exempt form. Thank you so much!

I will be doing hearing and vision screening at the beginning of October. I will be screening ALL Kinders, 1st graders, 2nd graders, 6th graders, as well as all new students to BCS this year. I will send out an email as it gets closer. I will definitely be in need of some volunteers. Please feel free to email me if you would be interested or able to help.

Stay healthy, get good sleep, exercise, eat your veggies, drink lots of water, and wash your hands.

Blessings,
Janine Sass

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Events At A Glance

8/15  Turtle Race Kick-0ff
8/18  Moms Meet & Greet
8/22  Internet Safety Presentations
      MS @12:45pm  &  4/5th @ 1:45pm
8/24  Lifetouch Picture Day
8/28-9/1 Spirit Week
9/4   NO SCHOOL- Labor Day
9/6-8 7th Grade Spiritual Emphasis
      Camp
9/15  NO SCHOOL - Staff Development
9/29 14th Annual Turtle Race  5-9pm

Important Phone Numbers
Office: 480-752-8993
Attendance Line: #1
Extended Care:
Cell phone 480-815-4212

Tax Credit Scholarship Tips

Have you applied with all the Student Tuition Organizations (STO’s) on our Partner list?
If not, pick one up in the front office and do it now!

Have you made your tax credit donation recommending Bethany Christian School or another Bethany student/family?
There are several ways you can do this. It’s an easy way to bless another family with your giving.

Have you developed a plan and gathered the materials and tools needed to build your donor base? If not, or you are new to the tax credit scholarship program and want to learn more…

Two things you can do:
1) Attend a Parent Workshop presented by our ACSTO Coordinator, John Ronan. Just RSVP to info@bethanychristianschool.org or call the school (480)752-8993.
   • Thursday, August 24, 2017 – 8:15am
   • Thursday, September 14, 2017 – 6:00pm
   • Thursday, November 2, 2017 – 6:00pm
   • Thursday, December 7, 2017 - 8:15am
2) Email rlucci@bethanychristianschool.org and make an appointment with me. I can help you get started with planning your strategy.

Renee Lucci, Business Manager