



# NEWS BULLETIN

DECEMBER 2015

## A NOTE FROM MR. BACCHUS

I would like to take this time to wish everyone a Merry Christmas!!! Remember that Jesus is the Reason we celebrate Christmas and how important is His birth. Christmas is a special time of year, and I pray that each of you will enjoy your time with friends and family.

Just another reminder to sign up for the Remind Me App to receive important text alerts and information from me regarding two hour delays, closures, and other announcements. This is a great tool and can be used for quick, short announcements. To be entered onto the list, **text @c3g6d to the number 81010.**

## SANTA'S SWEET SHOP

The eighth grade is selling Christmas Candy to raise money for their WV Adventure trip. You can purchase Christmas goodies from the Sweet Shop to treat your children and their teachers! The order forms have already been sent out via email, but if you still need one, they can be located in the school office. **The last day to place orders is Friday, December 11. Deliveries will be made on Thursday, December 17.** Please return your order form in an envelope along with your money to the school office. Thank you for your support!

## DONUTS FOR DADS

Dads, don't forget that a special Christmas coffee hour, "Donuts for Dads," will be held on **December 15 from 7:15am to 8:30am, in the RIM.** We invite you to come and enjoy donuts and a special time of fellowship with your children before school. Teachers have been notified of this special coffee hour.

## CHRISTMAS COOKIE TRAYS

We are gearing up to give Christmas cookie trays to our teachers, preschool teachers, and church staff. Our teachers LOVE the cookie trays, and are always so appreciative, but to make this a success and fill the trays, a LOT of cookies are needed! **We need 75 dozen cookies!! If you are interested in baking cookies for the trays, please sign up on VolunteerSpot and let**

**everyone know what type of cookie you intend to bring. Cookies need to be delivered to the RIM on Wednesday, December 16, by 8:00am.** Please contact Cindy Mulanax at [mulyhoo@yahoo.com](mailto:mulyhoo@yahoo.com) if you have any questions. Thank you to all who contribute and for blessing our teachers in this way.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECTS

There are numerous activities that BCS teachers and students undertake to serve our school, community, and Christ during his birthday season. These projects are one of the MANY reasons BCS is such a special place. Here is a list of the many wonderful ways we show the love of Christ through service:

-Kindergarteners and first graders participate in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child program. Students are asked to fill up wrapped shoeboxes with small gifts and toiletry items for needy children across the globe.

-Second graders, third graders, and fifth graders adopt a family from Union Mission. The teachers send out a list of the things that the family wants and needs, and the families purchase them. Teachers schedule a day for parents to come in and help wrap the gifts and then take them to the Union Mission to be sent to the adopted family.

-Fourth graders will visit the residents at Edgewood Summit and perform excerpts from the Christmas program. They will sing carols and give cards to the residents there. They will also sing at Thomas and St. Francis Hospitals.

## PEPPERONI ROLLS

BCS families, Connie Bergstedt from Gourmet Catering and Food Services is selling gift certificates for one dozen of her homemade pepperoni rolls! Each certificate costs \$21.00, and \$12.00 of every certificate sold will go directly to help Mikinzi Casto and her family. Please help us support them! Gift certificates are available in the school office.

## RECESS TOYS NEEDED

Now that the weather is turning, recess will be held in the RIM on most days. The Recess Committee will be working on organizing and replenishing the Recess game/toy cabinet. We are in need of donations of any new or gently used (good condition please) toys and games. Thank you in advance for your support!

## SKI SCHOOL

We have an exciting opportunity for BCS families to enjoy the upcoming winter ski season and practice their skiing and snowboarding skills during a five week program at Winterplace. It starts Thursday, January 14, 2016, and will run through the following four Thursdays. This program allows you to ski on a Monday-Thursday, but Thursday is designated as BCS' night. The price is \$109.00 for the ski program and \$199.00 for the snowboard program. Please note that BCS does not provide transportation to Winterplace. Lessons begin on the hour and are included in the program price. **The deadline for signups is January 8, 2016.** Please sign up in the office, or see Amy Williams with questions. The sign up form can also be located online at <http://www.biblecenterschool.com/2015/11/ski-school-3/>.

## PTFO

Homeroom parents are supporting our teachers and classrooms this year and they are doing a great job! You are truly appreciated, and our teachers are very thankful!

A big thank you to the volunteers who signed up to help with the BCS Book Fair. Your time is greatly appreciated. The sales were robust, totaling \$3,004.72.

The next PTFO meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at 7:45am.**

## RAM WEAR

Parents, a RAM Wear table will be set up in the school lobby this week! BCS RAM shirts are still being sold as season passes for BCS Basketball games. The shirt sales are going great. The purchase price is \$30.00 per shirt, or no more than \$80.00 for a family. Order forms are available in the school office. Go Rams!

## LUNCHROOM NEWS

We are looking forward to some exciting changes and additions to our school lunches! Beginning in January, our preschool cooks will be providing lunch on Wednesdays and Thursdays for our elementary and middle school students. Our Preschool cooks are excited to provide lunch for our students. Nothing will change with regard to ordering your child's lunch. The same process of ordering through Info-Direct will still be in place. Also coming in January, a Salad Bar will be available! There will be two options – 1) a salad, or 2) a side salad with a meal. Principal Bacchus is watching snacks closely to evaluate the current offering and the choices that students make. He would like to offer healthier options encouraging "positive choices." We are thankful for all of his hard work in this regard and we are excited for these changes.

## READ-TO-ME DAY UPDATE

"Read-To-Me Day" was a great success! Every class was read to, most multiple times. Our eighth grade students even helped to read to our classes. Thank you volunteers for your help!

## THANKSGIVING CHAPEL UPDATE

We had a packed house for Thanksgiving Chapel! Thank you to everyone who attended. Our guest speaker, Rex Whiteman, CEO of The Union Mission, did a great job. We plan to continue this tradition annually.

## DEVELOPMENT TEAM

The BCS Development Team has scheduled the annual BCS Business Partners Luncheon for **April 19, 2016.** This luncheon replaces the Gala, our former spring fundraiser, and will serve as the official fundraiser to purchase a new full-size yellow school bus for the school. All current BCS Business Partners will be invited to this ticketed event. The Development Team is also working to recruit new business partners as well.

## TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Principal Bacchus is in the process of updating the Wi-Fi in our school building. Updated Wi-Fi will provide many opportunities for our students and teachers, as this is a huge step toward the implementation of a 1:1 ratio for electronic devices for our students. We are grateful that positive steps are being made toward technological advances for our school.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Coffee Fellowship** - Volunteers are needed to staff coffee hour. Any help you could provide would be appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bonnie Bailey with the Coffee Fellowship Committee at [bjbaileymd@me.com](mailto:bjbaileymd@me.com).

**Moms in Prayer** - We are still in need of a BCS mom to help lead our Moms in Prayer Group. Please be in prayer that God will guide a BCS mom to lead this important group.

## CLASSROOM NEWS

### Kindergarten

The Kindergarten Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 18 at 10:00am in the lunchroom. We have a sign-up sheet in the office for the supplies needed. All are welcome! We will need parent volunteers to help run the games!

### First Grade

The first grade Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 18. First graders can wear comfy clothes and bring a pillow and/or blanket to lay on during the movies in Mrs. Bacchus' room. Volunteers for the party do not need to show up until 9:15am. Following our party on Friday, Dec. 18, we will have a book signing and reveal our classroom book that the students have been working on. Please feel free to join us on Friday, Dec. 18 at 10:45am for our book signing!

### Second Grade

The second grade wrapping party is scheduled for Friday, December 11 at 1:30pm. The second grade Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 18. We will watch Christmas movies and students can wear their pajamas that day. See the sign-up email for Christmas party snacks!

### Third Grade

The third grade wrapping party for our Union Mission adopted family is now scheduled for Thursday, December 10 in the RIM. We will need many hands to help our wrapping skills!

The 3rd-5th Grade Town Center Christmas Program will be held on December 15 at 11:45am. Practice for this program will begin at 9:30am that morning.

Additionally, we are working hard on our BCS Christmas program. Be sure to invite family and friends to Bible Center Church (located near Southridge) on Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00 pm.

We will work on our Gingerbread Houses on Wednesday, December 16 from 1:00-2:30pm in the RIM. Don't forget your icing and candy! Our class Christmas party is on Friday, December 18. We will have a "Rest Before Christmas" party with breakfast foods. We wear our pajamas and enjoy some fun activities.

### Fourth Grade

Both fourth grade classes will have their Christmas party together on Friday, December 18 from 10:30-11:45am. Check VolunteerSpot or contact Kelli Hill or Holly Gardner to help or donate needed items.

The Town Center Christmas Program will be held on December 15 at 11:45am. Practice for this program will begin at 9:30am that morning.

On December 16, the fourth graders will go caroling at Edgewood Summit.

### Fifth Grade

The Town Center Christmas Program will be held on December 15 at 11:45am. Practice for this program will begin at 9:30am that morning.

### Middle School

#### *Alumni Breakfast*

On November 25, eighth grade students were treated to a special breakfast program. Several BCS alumni who are currently in high school were invited to speak to the current eighth grade class. After a scrumptious breakfast buffet provided by parents, the alumni students provided their insight and reflections on the transition to high school. Mrs. Jones and Col. Cunnings served as moderators. Alumni students shared personal stories and answered questions. This was the first year that this program has been offered and it was an exciting event for our eighth graders!

#### *Math Field Day*

Congratulations to the following BCS Math Field Day Winners:

6th Grade - Bella Gharib

7th Grade - Taylor Fultineer

8th Grade - Kai Lewis

The winners will be competing in the KCS Math Field day on February 19. We wish you the best of luck!

### Spelling Bee

The BCS Spelling Bee will be held on January 7, 2016. The winner will represent the school at the KCS Spelling Bee.

### RAMS Soccer

We made phone calls. We texted our classmates. We begged and pleaded. We even convinced a few guys and girls who had never played soccer before to try it this year so we could have separate guys' and girls' teams... and we almost pulled it off. But we couldn't quite get the numbers so we combined both teams to form one awesome, hard-working, fun-loving, team spirit-filled co-ed group of players. Although we ended the season with four wins and ten losses for varsity and four ties and one loss for JV, coaches Willetts, Moore, and Joe kept the team unified, positive, and smiling whether the higher score belonged to us or to the opponent. The following students were on the Rams Roster for the 2015 soccer season:

Ava Anderson, Sarah Argento, Isaiah Barrick, Cadie Bibbee, Jared Boothe, Ashton Brown, Reese Wilbur, Cailen Ferrell-Brumfield, Jose Foley, Owen Friend, Bella Gharib, Daniel Harper, Wesley Hill, Hunter Hill, Kai Lewis, Kat Lowe, Haleigh Monday, Henry Moore, Jacob Mullins, Jenna Nugyn, Tyson Null, Grant Plants, Jason Plants, Peyton Plants, Elizabeth Preston, Claire Rohr, Karis Shannon, Mikayla Shobe, and Maleah Vencill.

### RAMS Basketball

The 2015-2016 basketball season is underway! We welcome back our boys' varsity and junior varsity veteran coaches, head coach, Dick Riffe, and assistant coach, John Young. The boys' team is off to a winning start with a 2-0 record.

We'd like to welcome our new BCS Rams girls' head coach, Jessica Bacchus, a first grade teacher here at Bible Center School. Her returning assistant coach is Skip Lineberg. The girls are off to a great start with a 1-1 record.

Thank you for supporting our teams, and we hope to see you at the games. Go Rams!

### **Boys' Basketball Roster**

#### 8th graders

Jose Foley (V)  
Hunter Hill (V)  
Jack Ingold (V)  
Kai Lewis (V)  
Nick Spence (V)

#### 7th graders

Jared Boothe (JV)  
James Cobb (JV)  
Taylor Fultineer (V)  
Tyson Null (V)  
Jason Plants (V)  
Peyton Plants (V)  
Kenyon Smith (JV)  
Caleb Turley (JV)

#### 6th graders

Wyatt Albertson (JV)  
Wesley Hill (JV)  
Hasten Pinkerton (V)  
Grant Plants (JV)  
Noah Spence (JV)  
Trevor Takubo (JV)

### **Girls' Basketball Roster**

#### 8th graders

Ashton Brown  
Chloe Lineberg  
Mikayla Shobe  
Maggie Takubo  
Taylor Velepec

#### 7th graders

Haleigh Monday  
Claire Rohr  
Karis Shannon  
Maleah Vincell

#### 6th graders

Kaci Brabbin  
Bella Gharib  
Brooke Haddox  
Ashley Miller  
Corrine O'Conner

### Coupon Books Fundraiser

Just another reminder that coupon books (\$20.00) are being sold to raise money for the annual sixth grade trip to space camp in the spring. Thank you to everyone who has already purchased a coupon book! Coupon books make good Christmas gifts, so if you are still interested in purchasing one, please contact the school office.

UPCOMING EVENTS	
DEC. 10	<i>Boys JV Basketball Game – Away (6:30pm)</i>
DEC. 14	<i>Girls Basketball Game – Home (4:30pm)</i> <i>Boys Basketball Game – Home (6:00pm)</i>
DEC. 15	<i>Donuts for Dads 7:15-8:30am</i>
DEC. 15	<i>BCS Christmas Program – 6:30pm</i>
DEC. 17	<i>Girls Basketball Game – Away (5:00pm)</i> <i>Boys JV Basketball Game – (6:15pm)</i> <i>Boys Basketball Game – Away (7:30pm)</i>

DEC. 21	<i>Girls Basketball Game – Home (5:00pm)</i> <i>JV Boys Basketball Game – Home (6:30pm)</i> <i>Boys Basketball Game – Home (8:00pm)</i>
JAN. 4	<i>Classes Resume</i>
JAN. 5	<i>PTFO Meeting 7:45am</i>
JAN. 5	<i>Girls Basketball Game – Away (4:30pm)</i> <i>Boys Basketball Game – Away (7:00pm)</i>
JAN. 7	<i>Girls Basketball Game – Home (6:15pm)</i> <i>Boys Basketball Game – Home (7:00pm)</i>
JAN. 8	<i>Girls Basketball Game – Away (3:30pm)</i> <i>Boys Basketball Game – Away (5:00pm)</i>
JAN. 11	<i>IS Day (No School)</i> <i>Boys JV Basketball Game – Home (5:30pm)</i>
JAN. 12	<i>January Birthday Lunch</i>
JAN. 14	<i>Girls Basketball Game – Away (4:00pm)</i> <i>Boys Basketball Game – Away (5:30pm)</i>

*...telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done. -Psalm 78:4*