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## BCA Prayer Focus

Bradford Christian Academy formed in 2002 when a group of parents determined that they would meet for prayer monthly throughout a school year to pray for students struggling in school. As these parents prayed, God literally performed miracles to establish BCA. We are thankful for the many ways that God provided for the school as He sent us extraordinary teachers, wonderful students, dedicated parents, and the resources necessary for academic instruction, fine and performing arts, and athletics programs. Most importantly, we are seeing God's transformative work in the lives of our students as they grow year after year in the gifts God has given them.

Now the board of directors is engaged in setting goals for the growth of the school over the next five years, and we desire to carry on our commitment to community-wide prayer. To this end, the board is inviting parents, students, teachers, staff, and friends of BCA to meet monthly for prayer over the next several months to seek God's leading as we move through our planning process. If you are interested in meeting with others to pray, please contact Vicki Kennedy ([vkennedy@bradfordchristianacademy.org](mailto:vkennedy@bradfordchristianacademy.org)) and she will schedule dates based on people's availability. Thank you for considering joining our prayer endeavor. We look forward to following God's leading over the next five years.

## Upcoming Events

	<u>October</u>	
Hip Hop Class	31st	
	<u>November</u>	
Beyond the Books Tour	2nd	
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip	2nd	
PTO Meeting	2nd	
Beyond the Books Tour	3rd	
HS Field Trip	4th	
End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	7th	
Basketball Meeting	7th	
College Financial Seminar	8th	
Report Cards Issued	11th	
Veteran's Day-no school	11th	
Basketball Fundraiser	11th	
Prof'l Day-no school	14th	
Beyond the Books Tour	16th	
BCA Has Talent	18th	
District Chorus Auditions	19th	
Wreath Sale Deadline	21st	

## College Financial Planning Seminar

Bradford Christian Academy is hosting a college financial planning seminar for parents of high school students on **November 8, 2011 at 7:00 pm** in room 302 at the high school. Guest speaker, Greg Rigby of Rigby Wealth Management, will explain to parents the best way to maximize their child's financial aid packages, what assets and earnings will count against them when applying for financial aid, common mistakes made filling out financial aid forms, and how to allocate financial resources to qualify for the maximum potential aid.

This seminar offers important information for all parents of high school students. Fall of senior year is a particularly important time for families to make plans to pay for their child's college education; however, there are also important steps families should take when their children are in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grades.

The seminar is not limited to BCA families. Anyone with a college-bound high school student is welcome to attend. Please call or email the high school to reserve space in order to help us plan. The high school phone number is 978-373-7960 or you may email Connie Gilford at [connie.gilford@bradfordchristianacademy.org](mailto:connie.gilford@bradfordchristianacademy.org). We look forward to seeing you at this informative session.

## "BCA Has Talent!"

Join us on **Friday, November 18th at 7:00 pm** for BCA's Performing Arts first-annual "BCA Has Talent!" Throughout the evening, the program will celebrate the diverse talents of BCA students, faculty, and parents. Slated to perform are singers, actors, dancers, hula-hoopers, and even a professional illusionist. It's going to be a night to remember.

The opening number will feature our hip/hop class, dancing to a creative medley choreographed and directed by Brian Santora. The music and words for this number were carefully chosen and mixed to eliminate any inappropriate lyrics from this foot stomping, hand clapping medley of popular hip/hop dance music. With all of our performing arts, BCA strives to present material that is culturally relevant to our students and at the same time redemptive in nature for our modern society. We hope you all enjoy the energetic and entertaining number that our students have worked so hard to create over the past few weeks.

Tickets are now on sale at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/208270](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/208270). Purchase your tickets and help support BCA's Performing Arts.

Our competitors will be judged by a panel of celebrity judges, including Adam Williams (morning anchor, WHDH), Natalie Parys (singer and songwriter), Brian Santora (award-winning choreographer and director), Dawn Jenks Sarrouf (actor, performer, and director), and John Atwater (5-time Emmy winning reporter, WCVB).

## Changes in Physical Education Locations and Parent Pick-Up

The location of PE classes will move to Cedardale Health and Fitness for all middle school and high school students scheduled for PE for the second and third quarters of the year. Please note that all 10th grade students begin Health with Mrs. Cottrell in room 201 on Friday, November 18th. Below are the dates indicating when classes will begin at Cedardale for your student during the first few weeks of November.

Students will be bussed to Cedardale for class and will be available for pick-up at Cedardale at normal school dismissal time. Below are the dates that the Cedardale programs begin:

Day	Class	1 <sup>st</sup> Cedardale Day	Activity
Mondays	Grade 7 & 8	November 7	One week w/ Mr. Gabriele then Tennis
Tuesdays	Grade 5 & 6	November 8	One week w/ Mr. Gabriele then Tennis
Thursdays	High School	November 17	Fitness Independent Study
Fridays	High School	November 18	Fitness Independent Study

### Locker Rooms at Cedardale

Student will use member locker rooms at Cedardale and will leave their materials there during class time. Students are encouraged not to leave valuables/cash in the locker rooms. If it is necessary to do, so a combination lock may be used on a locker during PE class.

### Parent Pick-Up

When picking up at Cedardale, please make a line facing uphill on the Cedardale side of the street ***below the marked fire lane***, which is directly in front of the building. Each student will know to look for his or her ride in that line. Please do not idle directly in front of the building or entrance,



## Bulletin Board

### High School Boston Field Trip

The high school will be taking a field trip to Boston next **Friday, November 4th**. The trip will include several points of interest as outlined below. Each group's departure and arrival times, schedule and mode of transportation are included in the description of each group's destination(s). The cost for each student is \$15.

- Semitic Museum at Harvard  
The 9th and 10th grade group, chaperoned by Mr. Indrelie and Ms. Moreau, will travel via bus, will depart BCA at 8:15 am, and will return to BCA by 3:00 pm.
- Freedom Trail including tours at the Paul Revere House and the Old South Meeting House  
The US History class of juniors and seniors, chaperoned by Mr. Burgess and Mrs. Ziegler, will travel via vans, will depart BCA at 8:15 am, and will return to BCA by 3:00 pm.
- Fogg Museum at Harvard  
Junior and senior members of the British Literature Class, chaperoned by Mrs. Sawyer and Mr. Osterloh, will travel via bus, will depart BCA at 8:15 am, and will return to BCA by 3:00 pm.
- Northeastern University and Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Juniors & Seniors, chaperoned by Mrs. Sweeney, will travel via vans driven by Mrs. Sweeney and Mrs. Stevens. They will depart BCA at 8:00 am, and will return to BCA by 3:00 pm.

Students going to the Semitic Museum, Freedom Trail or Fogg Museum should bring a bag lunch or \$10 or \$15 to purchase lunch in Cambridge or Boston. A complementary lunch is provided by Northeastern University for their visiting students. The attached permission slip and payment are due **Monday, October 31st**.

### 7th Grade Boston Freedom Trail Field Trip

The 7th Grade will be taking a field trip to Boston's Freedom Trail this **Wednesday, November 2nd**. The trip will be chaperoned by Mrs. Scharlach and Mr. Perusse. The cost of the trip per student is \$10; please make checks payable to BCA.

The group is meeting at and departing from the Bradford Train Station at 10 Railroad Avenue, Bradford MA. **Please drop your student off at the train station at 7:20 am.** Students that miss the train will not be able to attend the field trip.

The estimated time of return is **2:20 pm. Students are to be picked up at Bradford Train Station. Students not picked up by 3:00 pm will be transported back to the BCA Middle School.**

Students need to bring their own sack lunch or they may bring money to purchase a lunch at Quincy Market.

### Middle School Field Trip to North Shore Musical Theatre to see "The Christmas Carol"

On **Wednesday, December 7th** the middle school will take a field trip to the North Shore Musical Theatre to see "A Christmas Carol." The group will leave the school at **9:00 am and return approximately 1:30 pm**. The cost per student is \$30, which includes the ticket and transportation. Students will have a late lunch when they return to the middle school and should bring a snack to have during the morning.

The payment and attached permission slip are due by **November 1st**. Once the ticket order is placed it cannot be changed; so please return your student's form and payment promptly so (s)he is included in the field trip.

## Bulletin Board-cont'd

### Christmas Wreath Sale

The Parent Connection (PTO) is sponsoring a Christmas Wreath fundraising sale. The 14-inch Balsam wreaths, which are from Rogers Spring Hill Farm, are available with a red or burgundy bow or as is. The attached order forms with payment are due **Monday, November 21st**.



Orders will be in and pick up will be on Wednesday, November 30th at the middle school from 2:45—3:45 pm.

### Parent Connection (PTO News)

- The next meeting has been changed to Wednesday, **November 2nd from 7:00—8:30 pm** at the middle school.
- The prayer team will meet on **Thursday mornings from 8:00—9:00 am** at the middle school in room 3, beginning **Thursday, November 3rd**. A list of prayer requests will be emailed to those who cannot attend the meetings.
- If you would like to join the group for prayer, please email Mary Rheinauer at [merlipps@yahoo.com](mailto:merlipps@yahoo.com) and use "BCA Prayer Chain" in the subject line.

Please join the BCA Parent Connection, at our meetings monthly on alternating Wednesdays and Thursdays. Get involved in prayer, theatre, athletics, small fundraising efforts to support the PTO, and teacher appreciation.

### Donations Needed

BCA's hospitality team is requesting donations for the "BCA Has Talent" concessions on November 18th. The team has determined that they will need 10 pans of brownies, 10 bottles of Root Beer, and 8 gallons of Ice Cream. For convenience, the brownies are to be made and delivered in disposable 13" x 9" pans. Some empty pans for baking will be available to you if needed and can be picked up at the Middle School. Please ask Danielle or April for them beginning November 1st.

Please confirm your contribution of concessions by **November 11th** by contacting Connie Gilford [connie.gilford@bradfordchristianacademy.org](mailto:connie.gilford@bradfordchristianacademy.org). Beginning November 11th, there will be a large container at the middle school in the foyer area for donations and an inventory list for you to check off your name with the container. Please drop off all food donations between the 16th and the 18th. The ice cream will need special attention and should be brought to the office for storage in the freezer.

### School Closings

**Veterans Day is Friday, November 11th**, and there is a teachers' professional day on **Monday, November 14th**. Please note that there will be no school either day.

### End of Quarter

**Monday, November 7th** is the end of first quarter. Report cards will be available on Veracross on **Friday, November 11th**. Students have 1 week to turn in all work and catch up on missed assignments.

### November HS Lunch Menu

Please complete the attached November lunch order form for your high school student if (s)he is interested in purchasing lunch at the Zion cafeteria. The menu is also included in the attachment. The cost for the 14 November lunch offerings (which includes Monday October 31st) is \$66.50 and is payable by check made out to BCA by **Monday, October 31st**.

### District Festival Chorus

Choral auditions for the Massachusetts Music Educators' Association (MMEA) district festival chorus will take place on **Saturday, November 19th** at North Andover High School. Mrs. Erin Burgess, BCA Choral Director, will provide all interested choir students with the music for this audition and will help them prepare.

On the day of the audition, all participating students will gather at the middle school and travel to the auditions as a group. Transportation via car will be provided. MMEA will notify us of the audition times for BCA students by November 7th. Once we have these times, parents will be notified of the departure time from the middle school. Please note, it is the policy of MMEA that students may not drive themselves to the auditions.

Rehearsals are scheduled for the afternoons and evenings of **January 4th and 6th**. The concert will be on the afternoon of **Saturday, January 7th at Lowell High School**. Transportation will be provided to the auditions and all rehearsals.

The district festival chorus is a wonderful opportunity to sing with other talented high school students. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Burgess at [erin.burgess@bradfordchristianacademy.org](mailto:erin.burgess@bradfordchristianacademy.org).



## End of Soccer Season Celebration

Wednesday, November 2nd, 3:30—5:00 pm @ middle school cafeteria

### Sign-Up for Basketball Now at Sentinels Program Website

Basketball sign-ups for all levels are now available at [www.bcasentinels.webs.com](http://www.bcasentinels.webs.com). The 3 part sign-up process is as follows:

1. Fill out the [BCA Athletics Master Info Form](#) online. You only need to do this once a year, regardless of how many sports you play. If you played soccer, this is already done.
2. Complete the season specific [BCA Fee and Athletics Fee and Waiver and Waiver Form](#), print, sign, and bring it and a check with you to the first season function (pre-season parents' meeting, Monday, November 7th, 6 pm @ BCA High School).
3. Make sure that there is a medical physical on file with the school within the last calendar year. This is required for all students. For all future physicals from this point, please print and fill out the [MIAA Medical Form](#) with your physician.

All sign-ups need to be completed by the above mentioned November 7th parents' meeting. Go Sentinels!

### Basketball News

**Parents of all middle and high school students interested in playing basketball:** There will be a **Parent Meeting on Monday, November 7th** at the high school in Room 302 from **6:00—7:30 pm**. Students may attend with their parents if they choose. A campus map is attached for those unfamiliar with the Zion Bible College campus.

### BCA Sentinels Seeking Volunteer Assistant High School Girls' Basketball Coach

The Sentinels are looking for an assistant coach to play a supporting role to Coach Bruce Overhiser on our High School Girls' Basketball Team. Do you or someone you know want to join our team?

The season will run from November 21, 2011 through late February 2012 with events generally 4 afternoons weekly and an occasional weekend event.

Anyone with basketball experience is welcome to inquire about this position, which would include practice instruction, assistance in game management and score keeping, valuable coaching experience, and a great time!

Please inquire via email to BCA Athletic Director Troy Gabriele at [bca.athletics@gmail.com](mailto:bca.athletics@gmail.com).



## Announcements and News!

### **New Sentinels Gear Now Available!**

New black hooded sweatshirts along with original Sentinels Gear water bottles and cups are now available! See attached Sentinels Gear form or pick one up at school.

### **BCA High School Basketball Raising Funds by Raking Leaves!**

BCA High School Basketball will hold their second annual Veteran's Day Yard work fundraiser on Friday November 11th. Our basketball athletes are available to do all varieties of outdoor labor to raise funds to support the season. If you are interested in having leaf clean-up or other work done, please ask one of our high school basketball players for details, or inquire further to Athletic Director Troy Gabriele at [bca.athletics@gmail.com](mailto:bca.athletics@gmail.com). We seek support through donations from the people who contact us to do work, with a suggested minimum donation of \$8/worker/hour. Thank you for your support!

### **Cheerleading**

Cheerleading practices are **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00—8:00 pm** at the First Church of Christ gymnasium in Bradford (one block from BCA's high school campus). However the time may be adjusted during basketball season. Heather Gaither is Coach and Faculty Supervisor. Mrs. Gaither will be assisted by Kimmy Patterson as Assistant Coach.

Attendance at all scheduled practices and home games is mandatory. If it is necessary to miss a practice a note should be submitted to the coach or assistant coach. Cheerleading is an athletic commitment that requires good attitudes and best effort.

## College Corner

### College Application Timeline for Seniors

#### October

- Register for SAT and/or Subject Tests if re-taking them.
- Ask for letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches, Dean.
- Write first drafts of college essays and ask parents and teachers to review them.

### College Search Timeline for Juniors

#### October.

- Attend college fairs.
- Begin searching for colleges.
- Start to learn about financial aid. Use the *Financial Aid EasyPlanner and Net Price Calculator* at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) to estimate how much aid you might need.

### SAT Information

Seniors who have not taken the SAT or who want to try to improve their scores should **register online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)**. The website contains information regarding cost, test times, and the registration process. BCA is a national test site; therefore students from regional high schools may register to test at BCA, so early registration is important.

Below is a list of the 2011 - 2012 SAT and registration deadlines. You may contact Jennifer Cram at 978-373-7960 or [jcram@bradfordchristianacademy.org](mailto:jcram@bradfordchristianacademy.org) with any questions; however registration is online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

#### Test Dates

##### Saturday, November 5th

Saturday, December 3th

Saturday, January 28, 2012

Saturday, March 10th

Saturday, May 5th

Saturday, June 2nd

#### Registration Deadlines

##### passed-standby only

November 8th

December 30th

February 10th

April 6th

May 8th

#### Test Location

##### BCA Middle School

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Other

We strongly recommended that 11th graders take the SAT at the end of their junior year because the material on the test reflects information covered in our junior curriculum.

### College Career Center in Rm 300A

The College Career Center, located in Room 300A, just outside of Mrs. Sweeney's room is filled with a wealth of materials that will help you make it through the daunting process of getting into the college of your choice. You may sign out any of over 30 titles such as, [100 Successful College Essays](#), [The Christian College Guide](#), [The Scholarship Handbook](#), [Countdown to College](#), [The Book of Majors](#), a variety of SAT, SAT II, AP prep manuals and many more. Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Sweeney will be available to coach you and answer any college questions that you may have.

So drop in soon and get started on deciding your path to the future.

### High School Students' Extracurricular Tip...

- **Working or Volunteering Counts Too!** A job—paid or unpaid, year-round or summer, shows that you can handle responsibilities and have "real world" experience.

**Learn about college financing resources - Visit Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA) at [www.mefacounselor.org](http://www.mefacounselor.org)!**