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Parent/Teacher Conferences

High school parent teacher conference will be held on **Tuesday and Wednesday, January 17th and 18th**. Middle school parent-teacher conferences will be **Tuesday and Wednesday, January 24 and 25th**.

If you are interested in meeting with any of your student's teachers, please contact BCA with your time preferences and the list of teachers that you would like to see. Conference appointments are every 15 minutes per teacher from 1:30 pm—5:45 pm. Teachers are available during the school day if they have an open period. Middle school parents should contact Danielle Brugger at 978-373-7900. High school parents should contact Connie Gilford at 978-373-7960. We will try our best to accommodate your requests.

Parent/teacher conferences are recommended for new families wanting to get to know their student's teachers better or for families with specific academic or behavioral concerns. Parents may make appointments with one or all of their student's academic teachers as needed. Parents should plan to spend 15 minutes with each scheduled teacher and should make plans to attend the conferences without your student. While we offer these dates for your convenience, we are always willing to meet with you throughout the year as issues arise. We value the opportunity to discuss your student's progress with you!

Upcoming Events

January

HS Home B'ball Games	13th
MLK Day-no school	16th
HS Away B'ball Games	16th
MS PE Swim Unit Begins	17th
MS Home B'ball Games	19th
HS Home B'ball Games	20th
Parent Teacher Conferences	
High School	17th & 18th
Middle School	24th & 25th
End of 2nd Quarter	24th
Re-Enrollment Deadline	24th
HS Away B'ball Games	24th
MS Away B'ball Games	24th
MS Home B'Ball Games	26th
HS Home B'ball Games	27th
MS Away B'Ball Games	31st
Report Cards Issued	31st

Monday, January 16, 2012
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
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Bulletin Board

IMPORTANT : Re-enrollment News

Re-enrollment packets were mailed December 30, 2011 and are due **Tuesday, January 24, 2012**.

Financial aid applications are made via www.factstuitionaid.com and submitted as soon as possible to ensure the availability of funds. You may use your 2010 tax return, 2011 W-2s, and/or 2011 pay stubs as preliminary information to complete the submission. No final determination will be made until 2011 data submission is complete. If you have further questions regarding financial aid submission, please contact FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment at 866-315-9262.

Please read your re-enrollment package carefully for financial aid guidelines.

Financial aid awards will be determined by February 20th if the application is complete including all supporting paperwork.

End of 2nd Quarter

The second quarter ends **Tuesday, January 24th**. Report cards will be available on Veracross on **Tuesday, January 31st**. Students have 1½ weeks to turn in all work and catch up on missed assignments.

AP Biology and Calculus Test Registration

- The AP Calculus AB Exam is Wednesday, May 9th at 8 am and the AP Biology Exam is Monday, May 14th at 8 am. A letter and AP brochure will be sent home to AP class participants this week.
- Colleges consider qualifying AP exam scores, not AP course credit, for college credit or placement.
- Some colleges award credit for qualifying AP Exam scores, while others award advanced course placement.
- Qualifying scores enable a student to skip introductory courses, enter higher level classes, and/or fulfill general education requirements, enabling students to move into upper level courses sooner.

SAT Prep Class Practice Test

Mr. Burgess will administer a diagnostic SAT to the students in the SAT Prep Class this Saturday, January 14th from 9 am—1:30 pm at the middle school. The SAT Prep class requires four diagnostic tests, and 2 of these should take place in a "simulated" way with timed sections, on a Saturday morning, and in a test center.

Students received permission slips with additional information and notification emails were sent. Please make sure your students arrive promptly so the test can begin on time. Students should bring No. 2 pencils, a good eraser, and a calculator. Pizza will be

January HS Lunch Menu

We are very grateful for the wonderful lunch setting and meal plan available to our students through Zion Bible College. Zion's leadership has been graciously preparing meals for our students during their break and will do so through Tuesday, January 17th. Students have been able to purchase lunch each day during this interim period for \$5.00.

The college resumes classes on January 18, 2012 and the lunch program will begin that day as well. Prices for each month and the semester are on the attached order form. Please submit this form with payment by Tuesday, January 17th.

Middle School Gym Classes Begin Swim Unit January 17th

Beginning on January 17th, middle school PE classes will participate in a swim instruction unit, desired for all levels of swimmers. The pool is at the Cedarland Aquatic Center, across and down the street from Cedarvale's main entrance.

Students should bring a modest swimsuit, towel, and flip flops. Girls please wear a one piece or a tankini that covers the midriff. Students may swim with tee shirts or swimming shirts if they desire.

Parents should pick-up their student at the Cedarland Aquatic Center Parking Lot at 2:45 pm.

Student Record Requests

BCA sends out hundreds of recommendations, report cards, test scores, transcripts and scholarship applications to colleges and other schools. School policy, as stated in the BCA student handbook, states parents should allow **three weeks** for a request to be processed. Please be mindful of this when submitting a request for information to be sent. We will do our best to process requests quickly, but due to our backlog of items, requests cannot be processed immediately or within a few days.



Bulletin Board-cont'd

Massachusetts Theatre Guild Festival

The Director's Meeting for the March 3, 2012 Massachusetts Theatre Guild Festival will be held on Saturday, January 21st. Mr. Perusse will attend that meeting and find out the location of the festival and the date of BCA's technical rehearsal. He will pass this information along to students and families as soon as possible.

As indicated on the attached schedule, rehearsals for "The Fall of the House of Usher" will be on Mondays and Thursdays through February 16th until 5 pm. Rehearsals are held at the Zion Performing Arts Center and all students should be picked up from there at 5 pm.

This Monday, January 16th is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and there is no school, however; there will be practice from 9:30 am—2:30 pm. Choreographer Brian Santora will work with the performers choreographing the opening number from 11 am—2:30 pm that day.

All other Monday rehearsals are held after school from 3:15—5 pm and on Thursdays during class time and after school from 1:30—5:00 pm. The schedule will be updated nearer to the competition.

TECHNICAL NEED: Large flashlights/floodlights/spotlights (all hand-held) are needed for the show. If you are willing to donate one for the next two months, please send it in to Mr. Perusse at either the middle or high school as soon as possible so rehearsal can begin with lighting. Please make sure your name is on it so it can be returned properly when the competition is over.



Parent Connection News!

Homemade Chocolate Lollipops Coming to BCA!

Chocolate football lollipops, in celebration of the Super Bowl, and chocolate heart lollipops for Valentine's Day, will be for sale at the middle and high school from January 30th—February 14th. The lollipops are delicious, homemade treats made by Parent Connection moms and will be available in a variety of chocolate flavors. A flyer and order form is attached for those who would like to buy some for family, friends or a party! The lollipops are cheaper by the dozen; get 2 free when you order 12.

Cut-a-thon to Benefit BCA Athletics!

Fergie's Barber Shop in Plaistow, NH is holding a Cut-a-thon on Sunday, February 12th from 11 am—3 pm. All proceeds will go to the BCA Athletics program. Ralph Ferguson, father of BCA 9th grader Ricky Ferguson, is graciously hosting the event at his shop, where many of our BCA community are already satisfied customers. There will be 3 experienced barbers and an experienced women's stylist available to give men's, women's and children's haircuts. A \$10 minimum donation per cut is suggested and all service is on a walk-in basis.

So grow your hair between now and Sunday, February 12th and then go to Fergie's at 166 Plaistow Road, Haverhill, MA 01832. See you there!

Announcements

The next Parent Connection meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 1st from 7:00—8:30 pm at the middle school.** Please contact Marge Squire or Jennifer Cram at marge.squire@bradfordchristianacademy.org, or jcram@bradfordchristianacademy.org to become involved in the Parent Connection.

The Prayer Team meets on **Thursday mornings from 8:00—9:00 am** in room 3 at the middle school. The BCA community is welcome to submit prayer requests by emailing Mary Rheinauer at merlipps@yahoo.com and use "BCA Prayer Chain" in the subject line. Students are welcome to submit prayer requests as well and may do so in their homerooms.

To help with BCA's athletic teams' needs please contact Coach Troy Gabriele at troy.gabriele@bradfordchristianacademy.org for information and to volunteer.



Basketball

Middle School

Tuesday	1/17	Girls' Practice at Cedardale Boys' Practice at Cedardale	3—4:30 pm 3—4:30 pm
Thursday	1/19	Girls' Game v Manchester Essex at Cedardale Boys' Game v Manchester Essex at Cedardale	3:45—4:45pm 4:45—5:45 pm
Monday	1/23	Girls' Practice at Cedardale Boys' Practice at Cedardale	3—4:30 pm 3—4:30 pm
Tuesday	1/24	Girls' Game @ Covenant, Peabody, MA Boys' Game @Covenenct, Peabody, MA	3:30—4:30pm 4:30—5:30 pm
Thursday	1/26	Girls' Game v Abundant Life at Cedardale Boys' Game v Abundant Life at Cedardale	3:30—4:30pm 4:30—5:30 pm
Monday	1/30	Girls' Game @ Lexington Christian, Lexington, MA Boys' TBD	4:45—5:45pm
Tuesday	1/31	Girls' Game @ Manchester Essex, Manchester, NH Boys' Game @ Manchester Essex, Manchester, NH	3:30—4:30pm 4:30—5:30 pm
Thursday	2/2	Girls' Game v North Shore at Cedardale Boys' Game v North Shore at Cedardale	3:45—4:45pm 4:45—5:45 pm

High School

Friday	1/13	Girls' Game v Covenant at Cedardale Boys' JV Game v Covenant at Cedardale Boys' V Game v Covenant at Cedardale	4:30—6 pm 4—5:30 pm 7—8:30 pm
Monday	1/16	Girls' Game v Jesse Remington, Candia, NH Boys' Game v Jesse Remington, Candia, NH	6:45—8:15 pm 5:15—6:45 pm
Tuesday	1/17	Girls' Practice at Bradford FCC Boys' Practice at Bradford FCC	5:30—7 pm 3:30—5:30 pm
Wednesday	1/18	Girls' Practice at Bradford FCC Boys' JV Game v Merrimack Christian, Merrimack, NH Boys' Game v Greater Boston at Cedardale	3:30—5 pm 4—5:30 pm 4:15—5:45pm
Thursday	1/19	Boys' Varsity Practice at Cedardale	6—7:30 am
Friday	1/20	Girls' Game v Grace Baptist at Cedardale Boys' Game v Grace Baptist at Cedardale	4:30—6 pm 6—7:30 pm
Monday	1/23	Girls' Practice at Bradford FCC Boys' Practice at Bradford FCC	3:30—5:00 pm 5—7 pm
Tuesday	1/24	Girls' Game v Greater Boston, Stoneham, MA Boys' Game v Greater Boston, Stoneham, MA	4:30—6 pm 6—7:30 pm
Wednesday	1/25	Girls' Practice at Bradford FCC Boys' JV Game v Covenant @ Cedardale	3:30—5 pm 4:15—5:45 pm
Thursday	1/26	Boys' Varsity Practice at Cedardale	6—7:30 am
Friday	1/27	Girls' Game v Notre Dame at Cedardale Boys' Game v Notre Dame at Cedardale	5:15—6:45 pm 7—8:30 pm

Sentinels have its very own **website!** The website provides the latest information, news, schedules, and forms.

www.bcasentinels.webs.com

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College Corner

College Application Timeline for Seniors

January

- **Submit your FAFSA as soon as possible. (See information below) If a college you are applying to has a Feb. 1 financial aid deadline, use estimates based on end-of-year pay stubs and 2010 tax returns.**
- **Finish your application essays and proof-read them rigorously for mistakes. Ask Mrs. Sawyer or Mrs. Stevens to check them.**
- Follow up with teachers to ensure that letters of recommendation are sent to meet your deadline.
- Give transcript requests to Mrs. Gilford at least 3 weeks in advance.
- Contact the financial aid office at the colleges on your list to make sure you have all required financial aid forms.

College Search Timeline for Juniors

January

- **Review your PSAT Score Report. Check out "Score Report Plus" and "My College Quickstart" on www.collegeboard.org.**
- Make an appointment with Mrs. Stevens to talk about colleges that you are interested in, and what courses you should take next year.
- Research scholarships.
- Continue developing a portfolio if you are planning to major in the arts (drama, music, fine art).
- Begin developing a resume to accompany your college applications.
- Start to learn about financial aid. Use the *Financial Aid EasyPlanner and Net Price Calculator* at www.collegeboard.org to estimate how much aid you might need.

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid

All students attending college next year are encouraged to submit the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov to determine financial aid eligibility. The website guides families through the process, which can seem overwhelming. The financial and family information you provide enables the college to determine your estimated family contribution (EFC), or the amount you are able to pay. The college then awards financial aid and available scholarships, if applicable. Students and parents are encouraged to pursue additional scholarships and parent loans for additional necessary financial resources.

SAT Information

Register **online at www.collegeboard.com**. The website contains information regarding cost, test times, and the registration process. Early registration is important to ensure test site choice. Contact Jennifer Cram at 978-373-7960 or jcram@bradfordchristianacademy.org with any questions.

Test Dates

Saturday, January 28, 2012

Saturday, March 10th
Saturday, May 5th
Saturday, June 2nd

Registration Deadlines

December 30th

February 10th
April 6th
May 8th

Test Location

BCA Middle School

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Other

We strongly recommend 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.