



THE LION'S ROAR OF BERKS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Proudly celebrating 30 years of God's blessings!

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Upcoming Events

February

February 24- (Friday) BCS Ski Day- See back page for details and form to return with payment.

March

March 8 – Open House 9am to 1:30pm

March 9-11 – Drama Production
The Curious Savage

March 13 – Open House 6pm to 8pm

March 25 – Alumni Dinner 6:30 pm

From the Administrator's Desk:

As the whirlwind and rush of all the holiday activities has quieted down, it is now a good opportunity to reflect on the goodness of God and his blessings. We have had a good school year so far and the Lord has kept us and sustained us. We are thankful to all who have given in prayers, time, and money. We look forward to the rest of the school year as winter passes and the promise of spring appears. Attached to this issue of the Lion's Roar you will find the information needed to register for re-enrollment for the upcoming 2006-07 school year. Included in that are prices for preschool and NILD, two new programs being offered next year. If you know of any new families that would be interested in Berks Christian School, please direct them to contact the school office for information.

Lion Cubs Preschool Beginning Fall 2006!

We are looking forward to partnering with your family in the formation of a strong, Christ-centered education for your child! The Lion Cubs Preschool will combine academic, readiness, and developmental skills to prepare children for kindergarten.

We are seeking families that see their children as God's most precious gifts. At Berks Christian School, that is how we have viewed children for 30 years! Now, more than ever, families need support to lay a solid foundation based on God's word!

Please spread this exciting news! Pre-school open house will be held with the regular open house on March 8th & March 13th.

NILD Program

BCS will be officially initiating our new NILD (National Institute for Learning Disabled) program for the fall of 2006. We have been gradually getting this off the ground this year on a trial basis and are seeing good results already. This past summer, Mrs. Debbie Thomas, our 6th grade teacher, received preliminary training so that we could get started. She will be involved in continuing education and training on her part for the next two years. NILD provides for a regimen of one-on-one training for a student who is having learning difficulties in the regular classroom. The program entails testing and then prescribing a therapy to help the students to handle the learning disability that holds them back. The protocol lasts for two years, at a cost of \$1500 per year above regular tuition, and is designed to then help the student for a lifetime of learning after the training is complete. If interested, call the school office.

Drama Production

Mark your calendars for this year's drama production, *The Curious Savage*. The play will be presented March 9-11.

We are in need of numerous volunteers to make this year's production a success. We are looking for adult helpers in the following areas: set design, set building, ticket sales, costumes, makeup, tech crew leader, and meal planners (for evening rehearsals.) If you are interested in helping, please contact Phil Warner (pwarner@berkschristian.org).

DVD of BCS Christmas Concert

For just \$5.00 you can have a copy of the BCS Christmas Concert so you can relive that memorable program, share it with family and friends who missed that performance, or preserve the memory and enjoy it again in the comfort of your home. Send a note to school with your child's name and a check made out to "Berks Christian," and we will order the DVD and send it home with your child.

ACHIEVEMENT TEST SCORES

Achievement Test Scores were sent home with students in grades 4 through 12 on January 4, 2006. If you have not seen them, please ask your son or daughter about their scores. If you are interested in how BCS students compare to the national averages, see the graphs in the display case in the school lobby.

A BIG THANK YOU

TO: All Families who so generously gave to faculty and staff at Christmas Time

FROM: Faculty and Staff of BCS

Thank you so much for giving. We are all enjoying "Boscoving" with the gift cards!

Thank you to all who generously prepared and delivered meals in the weeks before the holidays. What a special treat that was for us!

YEARBOOK UPDATES

If you have not done so, now is the time to purchase your 2006 BCS Yearbook. The cost is \$45 and you can send a check made out to the school with your child. Also if you would like a 2005 Yearbook, there is a limited number of them available, and you can purchase one now for \$45 by also sending a check made payable to BCS to school with your child.

If you are the parent of a Senior, please be watching for Senior PDA Ad information to be coming home with your student. It is very important that you look over this and turn it back in to Mrs. Monda ASAP! Any questions about it can be directed to Mrs. Monda at tmonda@berkschristian.org or at 610-406-0290.

WOOFI IS COMING TO BCS!!!!

On Wednesday, March 15, Woofi will be coming to our BCS chapel with his owner, Sue Geiss. Woofi is a missionary puppy who helps Miss Sue tell children around the world the message of God's love and give them hope for their future. We're very privileged to have Miss Sue and Woofi visit and tell us about the ways the Lord has used them to bring the message of God's Good News to needy children in America and around the world.

Our Chapel time is 8:15 a.m., and parents are invited to come and find out ways they can become involved in this missionary outreach. If you'd like more information before March 15th, check out their website at www.woofi.org.

ATTN: All Alumni!

[Berks Christian School](http://www.berkschristian.org) is proud to announce our 1st All Alumni Dinner March 25 at 6:30 PM. We would love to have as many alumni from BCS as possible for this evening as we celebrate 30 years of ministry. The purpose will be to simply reconnect alumni with each other and with BCS! Hope to see you all there! If you would be interested in helping plan this event, please email me, Frank Love at fllove@berkschristian.org

Winter Sports Report



Hard to believe, but the Lions basketball season is coming to a close in the next week or two. If you have not made it out to a game yet, there is still time! Admission to all varsity games is \$1.00 for students and \$3.00 for adults. Family tickets are also available for \$7.00. We would love to have all of you out to support the teams on "Senior Night" where we will honor all of our senior athletes. So come on out and cheer on your Lions!

Varsity Girls

The girls are fighting for a return trip to the CCAC playoffs as the number 2 seed from the east division and will hopefully play their opening round game at Lancaster Bible College on Thursday, February 9th. The time for that game is T.B.A. The girls will also make a return trip to districts and are currently ranked in the top 10 in district three. They were also recently featured in the Reading Eagle for being the number 1 team in all of Berks County in both team defense and free throw shooting. Way to go girls! We are proud of you!

Varsity Boys

The boys have fought hard all season and look to finish the season with a .500 record. They pulled off a big upset upending Conestoga Christian 68-66. The Cougars previously beat our boys by 20 points. Josiah Kantner has moved into the top ten scorers list with 700, points, and we will look forward to the countdown to 1000 next year!

Senior Athlete Night

Tuesday night January 31st will be our senior athlete night. We will honor all BCS seniors who have participated in our sports programs

Middle School

The middle school boys have had a rough year after losing most of their starting lineup from last year and losing 7th grader Daniel Klase in the first game of the season. They got a big emotional boost last Friday night defeating Dayspring on a coast to coast drive from 8th grader David Fromuth with 10 seconds to play. Fellow 8th grader, Kody Godsey hit a clutch 3 pointer with 20 seconds to go to get the game in range. There has been much improvement to the team this season. We look forward to seeing the 8th graders move up to varsity, and the continued development of our younger players. The middle school girls look very impressive with a record of 7-3. They are looking to match the record of last year's championship team. That is quite a feat considering the key losses from last year's team!

Coaches vs. Cancer

Fundraiser and Alumni night! Tuesday December 27th

What a night! We had a huge turnout Tuesday evening the 27th of December. The varsity teams beat Renaissance Academy. Then of all the spectacles, our alumni took the court at 7:30 pm, with the odd years defeating the even years. Throughout the night we had many special activities to raise money in memory of the "Lion's Greatest Fan," Mrs. Gloria Krause, who recently passed after a long fight against cancer, and in honor of Chinh Nguyen, 11th grade, who is currently fighting cancer. Chinh was also featured on channel 69 news that evening! The event raised over \$600 for The American Cancer Society!

Varsity Jackets-LAST CHANCE!!!

If you are interested in ordering a varsity jacket, please do so immediately. Order forms have been distributed to the students, and are also available online at bcslions.com under "links and forms". We may not order them until we have 3 jackets ordered...currently I have 2 girls and 1 boys jacket ordered.



BCS Ski Day

Bear Creek Ski Area, Macungie, PA

For all grades, however those in K to 4 will need to have a parent accompany. Families are welcome to join the group.

February 24 (Friday)

Leave BCS at 12:00 noon by bus with a pack lunch to eat on the bus.

Return to BCS at 9:00 p.m.

Students involved may come to school already dressed for this outdoor winter activity (not in school uniform) so there is no need to change clothes.

To rent equipment for that night one needs to pre-register on-line with Bear Creek by going to www.skibearcreek.com before February 10. Find the icon on the right of the screen that is for rental equipment pre-registration; along with height, weight, and shoe size you will need to provide a credit card number in case equipment is lost or damaged.

If you desire to join us for the day, please fill out the following form, cut off, and return it to the BCS office with a check written out to BCS or the exact amount of cash before February 8.



BCS Ski Day

Name of individuals attending from your family and options that apply. If you do not own your own snowboard, choose a ski option. If you have never skied before, you must choose the 1st time on skis option (includes lift ticket, equipment, and a lesson at 2 PM):

Options to choose from and prices for now; if we have enough for a group rate these costs come down and you will be reimbursed:

- a. Lift ticket... \$30 for students, \$35 for adults (if not choosing c., must choose this)
- b. Skis, boots, poles rental...\$23 for students, \$25 for adults
- c. First time on skis...\$35 (this is the only cost for you)

Names of those in your family: Option choices (a,b,c): Individual Cost:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Total cost (add the individual costs)

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Recently the BCS Committee adopted 25 Expected Student Outcomes for our school. These outcomes are the same as ACSI. They will serve as a tool to help us shape our curriculum, spiritual emphasis, activities, sports, and all we do here at BCS. With this issue of the Lion's Roar, we will present number 6 through number 12 of these outcomes. In future issues of the Lion's Roar we will present more of these outcomes. In the December issue we presented the first 5 of these outcomes. It is our goal to produce graduates who...

6. *Personally respond to carrying out the Great Commission locally and around the world in a culturally sensitive manner.*

7. *Know how to utilize resources including technology to find, analyze, and evaluate information.*

8. *Are committed to life-long learning.*

9. *Have the skills to question, solve problems, and make wise decisions.*

10. *Understand the worth of every human being as created in the image of God.*

11. *Can articulate and defend their Christian worldview while having a basic understanding of opposing worldviews.*

12. *Understand and commit to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.*

FREE SIX FLAGS TICKETS

Parents of students in grade K-6, your child will be bringing home a paper informing you of a reading program that is sponsored by Six Flags and our library program. This program is encouraging your child to do extra reading (besides homework/school assignments) for 6 hours. The program runs until the end of February, and the prize for completing this program is a FREE ticket to a Six Flags park. This is in addition to the Book-It Program, and your child can count the same books. Any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Monda at tmonda@berkschristian.org

SPIRIT WEEK AT BCS!!! - 1/30—2/3

Monday—Hat/Slipper Day

Tuesday—Team Spirit Day (wear your favorite team shirt over your uniform)

Wednesday—Clash Day

Thursday—Wacky Hair Day

Friday—Maroon/Gold Day

(Uniforms do not have to be worn. All clothing must be modest.

No tight fitting. No jeans, sweats, or pajamas permitted.)

Come out and Support our Athletes:

Monday: MS Boys vs. St. Peter's CYO @ 6pm/MS Girls @ 7pm

Tuesday: SENIOR NIGHT!!

MS Girls vs. Linden Hall @ 4pm

Varsity Girls vs. Linden Hall @ 5:15 pm

Varsity Boys vs. Hershey Christian @ 6:45 pm

Friday: All School Pep Rally! (Parents can come, too!) @ 2:15 pm

Saturday: MS Girls @ High Point 3:00 pm

MS Boys @ High Point 4:00 pm

Varsity Girls @ High Point 5:00 pm

Varsity Boys @ High Point 6:15 pm

