



Berks Christian School

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Issue 1

SCHOOL YEAR FOR 2006-07

Grades 1-12 – Wednesday, September 6 – 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Grades 1-12 – Thursday, September 7 – 8:00 AM to 2:20 PM

Half Day Kindergarten – Thursday, September 7 – 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Full Day Kindergarten – Thursday, September 7 – 8:00 AM to 2:20 PM

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

I trust that all of us as families are enjoying the summer weather and activities that go with it. Our prayer is that the Lord continues to bless us with safety as we go through August and as we prepare for the new school year. It will not be long until summer practices begin and our sports teams start showing up at school to prepare for their fall seasons. Along those same themes, much time has been spent preparing for the upcoming year. I am looking forward to our school community reuniting in September. In the meantime, have a good rest of the summer. Here are some new plans to be aware of and in prayer about.

Middle School and 6th Grade

Our new initiatives directed by Mrs. Deb Thomas, pre-kindergarten and NILD, are still accepting applications for interested families. Due to Mrs. Thomas' move to these programs, there was an opportunity to reconsider the positioning of 6th grade in our school structure. At this time we would like to announce the

uniting of 6th grade along with 7th grade and 8th grade into a middle school concept. The changes for the 8th grade will be minimal, but the 6th grade will join our 7th grade in getting used to changing classes, being assigned a locker, and having a different teacher for each class. As a faculty we have been discussing strategies to carve out identity to the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades as a middle school. At this time the basic academic subjects for 6th graders will be taught as follows: Mrs. Frey/English, Mr. Graul/History, Miss Kline/5th and 6th combined Bible, Mrs. Sileo/Science, Mrs. Thomas/Math, Mr. Love/PE (6th, 7th, and 8th boys combined, and the same for girls combined). Art (with Mrs. Becker) and Music (with Mr. Warner) will be as normal or may be combined with 7th grade (to be determined later). Chorus will be combined 7th and 8th grade with Mr. Warner. The 6th grade will be joining the secondary chapel. Mrs. Frey will also be the homeroom teacher for 6th and 7th grade combined the first day of school. Although there may be slight modifications of this plan and other initiative to present later, this gives the basic flavor of next year for the 6th grade and middle school.

3rd Grade Teacher

We hope to be able to announce soon who our new 3rd grade teacher will be. An active search is in place, and we are confident a superb teacher will be in place soon.

New Time Schedule

BCS will be starting the daily schedule at a new time this year. School for K to 12th will now begin at 8:00 AM and will dismiss at 2:20 PM on regular days. (On half days dismissal will be at 11:30 AM.) Most transporting districts already have their buses arrive before 8:00 AM, but they are working on this with us to provide a smooth transition. For a number of years now it has been a challenge fitting BJ Linc's broadcast into BCS's class schedule in the secondary. This allows us to better dovetail the two. Also, to help this to work there will be two minutes between classes. Students will go to lockers at the beginning of the day, at lunch time, and at the end of the day only. Besides the benefits to scheduling classes, the earlier dismissal time will help the after-school sports programs end at an earlier time and allow away sports trips to not cut into academic time as much.

-- Mr. Robert Becker, BCS Administrator

CHANGES IN TIMES FOR 2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR

- New Starting Time- **8:00 AM**
- New Dismissal Time - **2:20 PM**
- Half day of school times **8:00 - 11:30 AM**
- Parents dropping off children in the morning: The doors to school will not be open until **7:30 AM. Please do not drop students off before 7:30 AM.**
- Parents pick up on full days: All students must be picked up by **2:40 PM.**

Calendar for year is attached to this newsletter.

SPIRIT WEAR

As you begin to think about back-to-school preparations, don't forget cold weather will be coming and your student may need spirit wear. We will be enforcing the Uniform Standard this year.

This is what the Uniform Standard says:

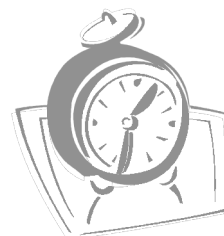
Extra sweaters, if worn, must be plain white, maroon, or tan and button down the front. Coordinating, dark colored blazers may be worn. BCS (only) sweatshirts may be worn in the school building on top of the regular uniform.

Most of our students purchased spirit wear last year. Just remember that if your student wants to wear a sweater or sweatshirt during school hours it must conform to the uniform standard as stated above. When going outdoors for a recess or between buildings, we will permit other jackets, but not in classrooms.

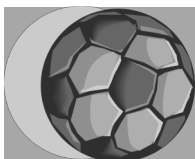
Sweatshirts are available from JD Sports (where you can look at samples, try on and place orders) or you can order through the school office. You can contact JD Sports at 610-385-1215 or visit their store at 955 Ben Franklin Hwy. West, Douglassville, PA. All orders are payable at time order is placed.

Cardigan sweaters are available through the uniform companies.

Set your alarm clock to allow you to be at school by 8:00 AM this year.



SPORTS NEWS



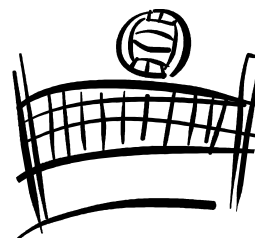
Hey all...

Please check the school web site (www.berkschristian.org) to find the schedules for the 3 teams we will have for fall sports this year: Middle School Volleyball coached by Ann Timberlake, Varsity Soccer coached by Marc Ermold, and Varsity/JV Volleyball coached by Frank Love.

Practices will begin Monday, August 14th. All students will receive information from the coaches sometime before August 1st regarding when the practices will be held and any details on the season. Varsity/JV volleyball will practice Monday-Friday beginning August 21st from 9:00 AM-11:15 AM for the summer weeks until school starts.

Boys' varsity soccer will practice beginning August 14th Monday-Friday from 3:00 PM-5:00 PM for the summer weeks until school starts.

The team will begin its season with a week-long team camp featuring instruction from the Philadelphia Biblical University coach. EVERYONE in 9th-12th grade interested in playing volleyball is strongly encouraged to attend the team camp at BCS, Monday, August 14th thru Friday the 18th daily from 8:30 AM-3:00 PM, except Friday the 18th when we will leave at noon to head to New Jersey for a weekend camping and beach trip! The cost of this camp and beach trip is \$200. If money is a real obstacle for anyone, PLEASE contact Coach Love and we will work something out!



GYM UNIFORMS

For grades 3-12 a gym uniform is required. The uniform consists of black or dark blue athletic type shorts or sweat/wind pants of plain black or dark blue. Gym T-shirt orders are placed the 1st week of school. Each student will be placed on a team for field day (either maroon or gold). The T-shirts are available in their team color for \$5.00.

If your child is still wearing the old uniform (maroon shorts and yellow Berks Christian School T-shirt) they will not be penalized. However, all students in grades 3-12 should be in gym uniform **and sneakers** for gym class. If they are unprepared for gym, they will sit out of class and receive no points for class that day.

Students who are out of uniform or sneakers may not participate. Students may not wear sports teams' uniforms.

Volleyball Clinic

Thursday and Friday, July 27th-28th

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM



Berks Christian School Athletic Dept. will host a volleyball clinic on Thursday and Friday, July 27th-28th from 9:00 AM-4:30 PM. This clinic is designed for new or younger players, it is perfect for girls going into 5th-9th grade with little or no volleyball experience. We will concentrate on the fundamentals of the sport in 5 major skill areas: serving, setting, passing, hitting, and defense. The focus is on technique and FUN!

The clinic will be led by B.C.S. varsity coach, Frank Love, and players from his district qualifying 2005 varsity team! The cost of the clinic is \$40.00 and will include lunch both days. Please contact Coach Frank Love at Flove1832@yahoo.com if you have any questions. Please register ASAP, there is a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 35 spots for this clinic. The clinic is open to players from all schools – home school students are also encouraged to attend! Invite a friend to come with you.

****Refer 2 friends and receive a free volleyball!****

Clinic schedule

Thursday

8:45-9:00- Registration
 9:00-9:30- Welcome and Warm-up
 9:30-10:45- Passing and Ball Control
 10:45-12:00- Serving (Underhand and Overhand)
 12:00-12:45 Lunch
 12:45-2:00 Defense
 2:00-4:30 Competitions

Friday

9:00-9:30 Warm-up
 9:30-10:45 Hitting
 10:45-12:00 Setting/Ball Control
 12:00-12:45 Lunch
 12:45-2:00 On Court Movement, Offensive and Defensive Set-up
 2:00-4:30 Competitions

REGISTRATION

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Phone/Fax _____ Email: _____
 School _____ Grade _____
 Referred by: _____

RELEASE AND WAIVER: I hereby waive, release, and discharge from any and all claims or liabilities for death or personal injury or damages of any kind, Berks Christian School, its employees, and all camp personnel. I understand the potential risks of participation in any athletic event and assume that risk.

Parent's Signature _____

Please email flove1832@yahoo.com to let me know you are coming and make checks payable to **Frank Love**. You may pay that Thursday at registration or mail to: Berks Christian School, Attn: Frank Love, 926 Philadelphia Ave., Birdsboro, PA 19508, but please email or call me at home 610-796-8099 to let me know you are coming so I can plan for the right number of players!