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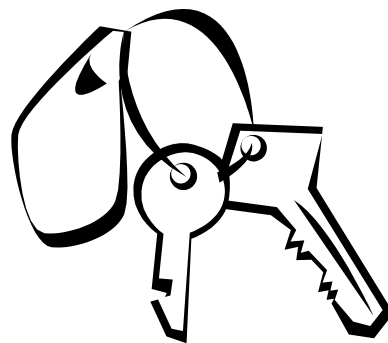
SECURITY TIGHTENED AT BCS

In light of the recent tragedies in Lancaster County and elsewhere across the country, we have reconsidered our long-time practice of allowing certain doors to be kept unlocked throughout the day. Originally it was always considered necessary so that students could freely flow from building to building during class exchanges and other times as needed without hindrance or interruption of teachers. That has now come to an end as of October 3rd. All doors will be continually and permanently locked during the school day. Although this sounds like a simple thing to put in place, in reality it demands much extra effort to see it accomplished since we still need to go from building to building. The whole school community needs to work together to see this through. The faculty, staff, and volunteers now have extra duties that need to be meshed into their normal long list of duties. We would like to try to keep these extra duties as light as possible. Therefore here are some things that we can all be

aware of to help in this permanent heightened security.

1. All exterior doors of all buildings will be locked at all times during the school day.
2. Before school starts only two doors going into the main lobby of building 3 (where it says "Home of Berks Christian School" on the brick wall) will be open from 7:30 to 8:00. All students are to come into the school at this entrance. A faculty or staff member will be present at the door to watch who comes through the door and to account for when buses, drivers, and drop-offs at the front curb arrive. As usual, elementary students proceed to the dining hall where another teacher is stationed to watch them until their classroom teacher comes to gather them up after the daily morning faculty devotions and informational meeting.

3. The exterior door by the English room (rm. 301) will only be open during sports practice and game times.
4. Visitors to BCS should call the school office ahead of time to let the secretary know the purpose of the visit and when you are coming. Upon arrival, ring the front door bell of building 3. If the office staff is not in the office to hear the doorbell, go across the street to the church office to get help to gain access to the building. Students are told not to let visitors in, no matter who they are. Visitations should be kept to a minimum, only when absolutely necessary. A constant stream of visitors will interrupt the faculty and staff from other work in order to answer the doorbell and open the door. Try to have students come to school on time, and with everything they need so parents do not have to come to the school to deliver forgotten items.
5. Any parent desiring to eat lunch with their child should pre-arrange for that at least a day before by informing the office staff; for now, any lunch-time visiting opportunities will be limited to parents.
6. Teachers are taking turns to monitor and facilitate getting students into other buildings at each class bell exchange between building 1 and the west lobby of building 2. Secondary students should be mindful of the time and get to the next building before the chaperoning teacher leaves.
7. In the case of a recognized or perceived threat against the school the teachers will follow the school's response plan established two years ago. Students are to be quiet and listen to their teacher's instruction until the administrator or police are able to give specific guidance as to what to do next.
8. All elementary students going between building 1 and building 2 for any reason will be chaperoned by an adult.

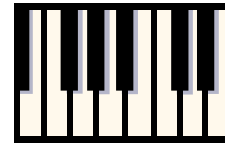




NEW TEACHER IN THIRD GRADE

Mrs. Howard is our new third grade teacher. She graduated from the State University of New York with a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and also earned her Masters in Elementary Education from Lehigh University. She has over 10 years teaching experience in various grades. Mrs. Howard has two children at BCS (one in the elementary grades and one in the pre-school).

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Reminder of BCS Closing, Delays, and Early Dismissals

If weather emergency, or special need arises that would cause the closing of school, appropriate announcement will be made on the following radio stations: WEEU (830 am), WRW (1340am), WPAZ (1370am), WRFY (102.5fm), and TV station WFMZ (or its website WFMZ.com). See the BCS website (www.berkschristian.org) for details on this.

Remember to listen for your transporting district. If BCS is open on time and you wish to transport your child to school be aware of the new policy concerning locking of doors. **You will need to arrive by 8am or at the time of the bus of the transporting district so that someone will be at the door to let you in.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 18 – PSAT test – 8:00 AM to 11:15 am. All 11th grade & 10th graders who have signed up
- Oct. 25 – Commerce Bank Presentation on Credit in 7th and 8th period for all 11th and 12th graders
- Oct. 31 – Miller Keystone Blood Bank Assembly Presentation – 8:15 -9:00 for 6th to 12th grades
- Nov. 3 – Harvest Party and Telescope Night – for Middle School –permission slips have come home
- Nov. 7 – End of 1st Quarter
- Nov. 8 – 10 ASCI Student Leadership Conf. in Harvey Cedars, NJ for high school who have signed up
- Nov. 13 – Report Cards
- Nov. 14 – Parent Teacher Conferences-3:30 – 5:30 in Cafeteria – secondary. By appointment - elementary
- Nov. 22 – Half Day of School
- Nov. 23 & 24 – No School Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 27 – School Reopens 8:00 am

SPORTS NEWS

Boys' Varsity Soccer

The Lions defeat CCAC rival Conestoga!

On a game played under the lights at Conestoga the Lions of Berks Christian School came out with a great effort securing a 6-4 victory over the cougars of Conestoga. The Lion's took control of the game early and never looked back. They extended a 3-0 halftime lead to 4-0 less than 2 minutes into the second half. The Lions were paced by Jon Sutowski's hat trick (3 goals) and Josiah Kantner added a pair of goals. Look for the next edition of *The Lion's Roar* for a full post-season wrap-up. The 2006 Lions are led by seniors Jon Sutowski, Chinh Nguyen and Josiah Kantner offensively while seniors Erick Yeagle, Zach Lavender and Andrew Harrison lead a stout defense.

Varsity/JV Girls' Volleyball

The Lions continue to build a strong volleyball tradition this season. Currently the jv team has an outstanding record of 9-2 and the varsity team is 7-4. Including a big victory over Reading High! That's right, the Lions defeated the Red Knights 3-1 in a match-up of Berks County's biggest school versus the smallest. Things look very much like they are shaping up for a rematch with Christian School of York in the 1st round of CCAC playoffs. Please save the date on your calendar, Tuesday, October 24th. We will need a big crowd to cheer us on to victory! The girls are also looking forward to qualifying for a return trip to the PIAA District 3 playoffs On Tuesday Oct. 31st. The Lions are led by seniors Christi Ciliberti, Erin Ermold, Rachel Klase, Kristin Smither, and Amanda Spry. Look for our post-season wrap up in the next edition of *The Lion's Roar*.

Middle School Girls' Volleyball

The middle school volleyball team is having another strong season under 2nd year coach Ann Timberlake. The girls have a current record of 5-5 and are looking to build that record with a late season push. The 8th grade girls have been playing hard and look forward to a strong finish! They are Liana Blankenbiller, Christine Bowden, Veronica Ehrhart, Natalie Harper, and Emily Timberlake.

Middle School Boys Soccer

Berks Christian School is proud to have middle school soccer again! After a 1 year break the Lion's are back and have come a long way! The team has been led by 1st year coaches Billy Harrison and Kris Stutzman under the guidance of Mr. Becker. The team is made up of many 1st year players and they are a very young team that will get much better. They will miss their 8th grade leaders Darren Good, Daniel Klase, Andrew Kuhn, Ian Schimdt, and Seth Thomas.

Don't forget to check out

www.highschoolsports.net for up to date schedules and results as well as <http://ccac.bbsk12.org> for our league