## **PantherPress**



#### A Word from Leadership

Thank you for taking a look at this edition of the Panther Press! Let me introduce myself and this important tool that will help you be more connected to Bradenton Christian School. The Panther Press will remind you of the amazing things our students – your grandchildren, children, and friends have been doing at Bradenton Christian School. Also you will have an opportunity to know how you can participate in our Panther activities. Finally, it will allow all of us to celebrate the many ways God is working through BCS to change the world for God's glory.



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This summer, my family of five, moved into this wonderful community. My wife Rachelle accepted a middle school teaching position and is helping her students to learn 'Life and Study Skills'-something I think all of us need! Our daughter is a sophomore at BCS and our two sons also chose to come to the area and are both working. As a family we are enjoying the opportunity to experience the sands of Anna Maria Island and the warm Gulf waters.

I am blessed to join this amazing school governed by a board who has a deep passion for our covenantal children. BCS is strengthened by an incredible team of leaders who know and love our children and more importantly see how God is in control. Every week I get to walk with these amazing Christ-followers with a goal of hearing everyone's perspective and collectively determining how to make BCS an even better school so we can change the world to glorify God.

Enjoy this publication that shares photos and stories. Check out our website here <a href="https://www.bcspanthers.org/get-involved">https://www.bcspanthers.org/get-involved</a> to find places to get involved so when the next Panther Press comes out this Spring, you will be part of those stories! Feel free to pass it on to others as well.

Blessings,

Dr. Jeff Hoogeveen Superintendent

## Campus News



#### **Cubby Buddies**

Cubby Buddies is a special program where each year a senior student (buddy) is paired up with a kindergartener (cubby). Every month through the school year they do an activity together.

Kindergartners will sing at the graduation to wish the seniors well into their next chapter.





This year the first Cubby Buddy event was snack Day. Our seniors were able to spend quality time with our kindergarteners and enjoy snacks together and get to know one another.

Members

BCS welcomed 60 new members into the National Honor Society in October! The four basic requirements for membership are scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Students are eligible to apply for NHS membership if they demonstrate academic achievement by achieving a 3.65 or higher. All new members were recognized for their strength in academics, leadership, character and service. Congratulations!



Field Day 2022 was another great day for the Elementary students, teachers, and fans as we celebrated Veterans Day with a red, white, and blue theme. Competition was fierce as first and second places were separated by only inches or fractions of seconds. There are several new record holders throughout the competition highlighted by first grader Hadley Crawford who set new records in all three events!

The second-grade teachers were in full American Spirit with their costumes including red, white, and blue wigs. Other teachers showing American spirit were Miss Baas and Miss Lambers as they gave a line dancing lesson to the song "Cotton Eye Joe." Mr. Paravicini, Mr. Werner, Mr. Van Duinen, and Mrs. Norris were serving each student well by enthusiastically recording times and measurements for the medal events.

In addition, Field Day is just as special for the high school volunteers. The student volunteers poured into each elementary student by cheering and encouraging, playing the games, upholding the rules, and taking times and measurements. Their helpful spirit made this year's field day an awesome experience for the BCS elementary students. One highpoint for the student volunteers was senior Owen Cunneen who wonderfully made each student feel extraordinary during the soccer scrimmages.

Finally, Field Day is a unique experience that can only be found here at BCS. Thanks be to God that we can proudly play Christian music and patriotic songs during the entire program without fear or criticism. God was certainly honored by the attitude of our students, fans, and volunteers!



#### Field Day Fun

Congratulations to the following students for earning a medal at Field Day!

#### Softball Throw:

K: Hudson Pruitt and Sailor Soultatos
1st: Parker Chrisman and Hadley Crawford
(new record holder!)

2nd: Colin Fellows and Andi Vanduinen 3rd: Landon Christie and Autumn Werner 4th: Ethan Whitton and Summer Vanderbent 5th: Jordan Lipsey and Allison Jacques

#### **Broad Jump:**

K: Hudson Cotrone and Wylee Owen 1st: Tristan Boender and Hadley Crawford (new record holder!)

2nd: Benji Bouzek and Macy Sallier 3rd: Will Currin and India Boender (new record holder!)

4th: Carter Hey and Vanessa Galliano 5th: Jackson French and Khloe Marc-Tassy

#### 50 Yard dash:

K: Elijah Pye and Gracie Hernandez 1st: Duke Mercer and Hadley Crawford (new record holder!)

2nd: Declan Biggs (new record holder!) and Mariah Jacques

3rd: Will Currin and Jocelyn Bartz (new record holder!)

4th: Ethan Whitton (new record holder!) and Elliana Dix (new record holder!)

5th: Cason Travis and Emily Severino (new record holder!)









Harvest Blessings was our auction theme and a HUGE blessing it was! Thank you to all who donated, participated, volunteered and made this a memorable event. Five churches donated their time to our festival with various gamesfrom ring toss, to a cake walk, candy corn bowling, jump houses, face paint, rocket launches and a dunk tank. Thank you to the teachers who created many laughs and memories in that dunk

tank!







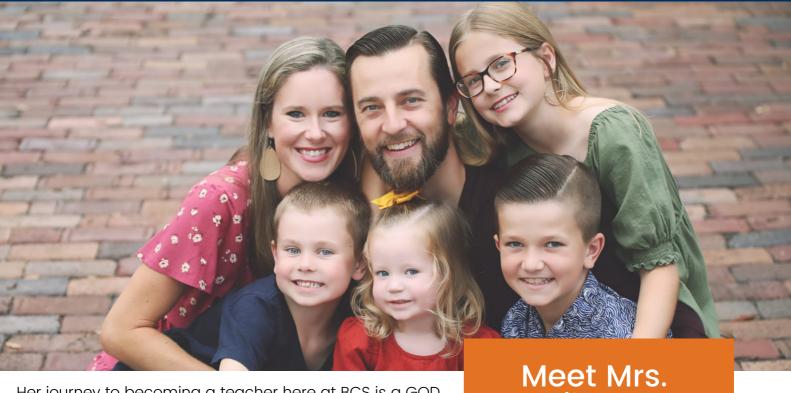




What a blessing! We had the largest fundraising event ever in the history at BCS. We collectively raised a record breaking amount of over \$140,000. Praise the Lord for His contiunued blessing on our school community.

- 90 student volunteers
- 6000 tickets sold
- 144 bidding paddles
- 6 BCS service clubs and 5 local churches provided festival activities
- 200 attendees at the live auction
- 400 items sold
- raised \$140,000 to bridge the gap between tuition dollars and cost of education Thank YOU!

## Glimpse Into the Classroom



Her journey to becoming a teacher here at BCS is a GOD movement. She is a firm believer that once her husband started encouraging her to move from an administration role at her church back into teaching full time, God would have to move on her behalf. With two of her kids already in the school, she wanted to be WITH her kids if she went back to teaching full time. She KNEW BCS was her home, "everyday I wake up feeling blessed to be here with my kids and students. Being in an environment where everyone knows God and you are surrounded by that truth, while pouring it into our community is one of my favorite parts "

Mrs. Mikulec works to create an atmosphere in her classroom that encourages team work, community and helps student's personalities come alive. Their most recent project is the Biome shoebox. This empowers kids to research a habitat and create that space within their shoebox. This exciting project is just one of many challenging and fun pieces of the curriculum offered here at BCS. Mrs. Mikulec believes that BCS has a diverse curriculum that pushes each student in positive ways for educational growth.

Lastly, Mrs. Mikulec shared how parent involvement is such a powerful attribute to the success she sees within her students. "Having parents we know we can trust to bridge that gap from home to school is so encouraging."

## Mikulec

With 9 years of teaching experience and 2 of those being a 3rd Grade teacher here at BCS, Mrs. Mikulec shares more about who she is and her heart for teaching! She is a mother of 4, loves to read, go for runs and walks with her dad. Her children are very active in sports and as a family they are very involved with their church. One thing that stood out about her was her heart for her connection to children. She said "I knew I wanted to be a teacher since 2nd grade."

## Join Us In Giving



#### Thanksgiving

"Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34

Thanksgiving break is November 21-25. We pray you enjoy your time together and fill your hearts with gratitude for ALL the Lord has done!





We are excited to see how God will bless BCS once again this school year! BCS holds fundraising events and has an Annual Fund to bridge the gap between what you pay for tuition and what it actually costs to educate your child (ren). We want to ensure every family who desires a Christian education for their child, that we will walk along side them and offer some tuition assistance to those who qualify. Giving Tuesday (November 29th) is just one of those ways to help families & you can even DOUBLE your gift this year! Click here to donate-

https://www.bcspanthers.org/get-involved/donate

## Four Happy 4th grade auction winners

Each year at our auction you have the opportunity to bid on various baskets/ prizes/experiences. One is the Baseball Experience with Mr. Mark. This includes a baseball lesson, a trip to the baseball card store and dinner at Hungry Howie's. Our 4th grade winners had an awesome time all while building lasting memories with Coach Mark.

### Join Us to Celebrate



#### **Concerts:**

Our students work so hard to learn and showcase their skills for band, orchestra and choir. This year there are several opportunities for you to hear the beauty of their efforts. Location of concerts are First Baptist Church of Bradenton 1306 Manatee Ave W., Bradenton FI 34205



- Dec 1: Strings Concert (6th-12th)
- Dec 2: Elementary Christmas Program
- Dec 5: Choral Concert (6th-12th)
- Dec 8: Band Concert (6th-12th)

#### Christmas Break

Christmas is the time of year where everyone's heart is more dialed in on giving back. As we enter into this holiday season, let us be the reason someone remembers Jesus' love. Give back, serve and love others. "Generous persons will prosper; those who refresh others will themseleves be refereshed." Proverbs 11:25

- Dec 16: early dismissal (11:30am)
- Dec 19 January 3rd: No school

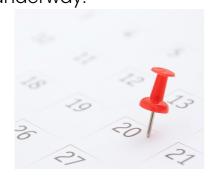


## **Sports & Highlights**



#### **Winter Sports**

As we close out our fall sports season we would like to acknowledge all the hard work and effort from our students, coaches and families. Our teams are better because of the support and encouragement we receive from our families. Thank you! Winter Sports season is here! Soccer, girls weight lifting, basketball & wrestling are all underway.





#### **Sports Schedule**

Please be sure to check the latest schedule regarding all sporting events. <a href="https://www.bcspa">https://www.bcspa</a> <a href="https://www.bcspa">https://www.bcspa</a> <a href="https://athletics/">https://www.bcspa</a> <a href="https://athletics/">https://athletics/</a> <a href="https://athletics/">teamschedules</a>

# Our BCS Volleyball girls Bring Home another WIN!

Congratulations to our High school JV team for taking 1st place in the September Tournament in Palmetto.

High school Freshmen also brought home 2nd place in that same tournament!
Way to go Lady
Panthers & coaches!



#### Soccer

Congratulations to our Varsity Boys Soccer Team as they defeated Indian Rocks Christian School at home 5-0. Let's go Panthers!



#### Wrestling

BCS Wrestling has begun! Please check out <a href="https://www.bcspanthers.org/athletics/te">https://www.bcspanthers.org/athletics/te</a> <a href="mailto:amschedules">amschedules</a> for their next meet!



# Swimmers had ANOTHER fantastic meet!

The boys 200 IM relay team swimmers.. Jack Freed, Riggs Klika, Kuyper Johnson and Jack Sallee earned 9th place finish with a new best time of 1:50.70 seconds.

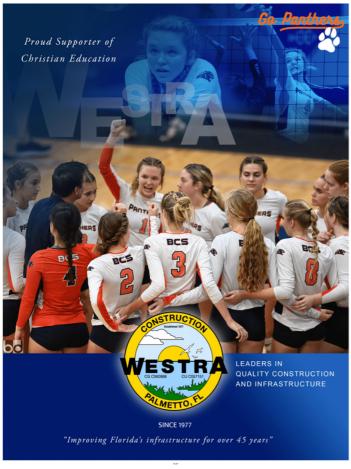
The girls 200 Free relay swimmers... Chloe Huth, Ellie Dalman, Teagan Stermer and Adrianna Galliano finished 6th place with a new best time of 1:49.32.

Jack Freed qualified for the State meet for 100M backstroke!

Congratulations to ALL!

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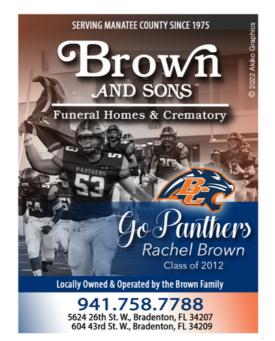




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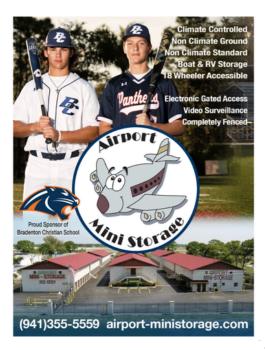
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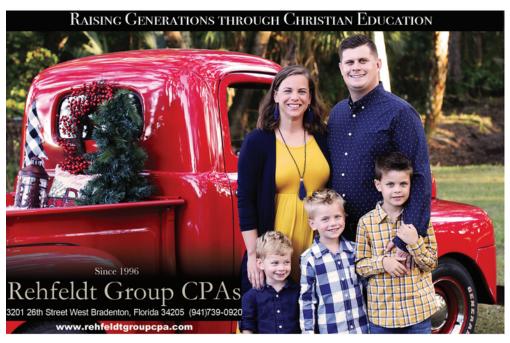








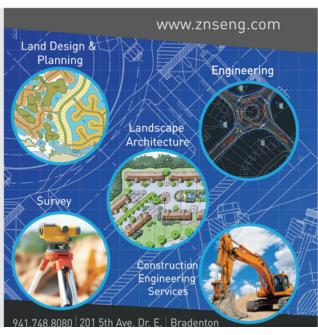
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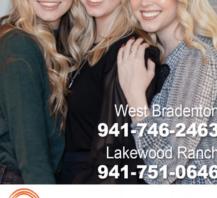
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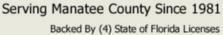


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