

MARCH NEWSLETTER 2010

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- Students will be signing up the first week of March to serve at a site
 - We need parental volunteers to help transport students.
 - If you can help in this way, please contact Mrs. Knapil @ kknopil@bchs.net
 - Permission slips are required.
 - Bring \$\$ for lunch or bring lunch.
- SEE NEXT PAGE for MORE DETAILS**

Re-enrollment packets were mailed February 3

Returning Students:

- \$195 through February 28, 2010
- \$395 after February 28, 2010
- \$495 after June 30, 2010

Submit re-enrollment paperwork with fee. Late re-enrollments are placed on a space available basis.

International Students: \$595 (new and returning)

Each Thursday the **Prayer Warriors meet at 8:00am in room 303** to pray for our school and would like to pray for you and your family's needs, as well. Requests can be sent to Reggie Adelaar at reggiesaved@aol.com.

Plan now to park and stay...

First Fridays Coffee with Principal Niswonger. Meet with Mr. Niswonger and other parents for an informal time of fellowship the *first Friday* of the month, 8:00 - 8:45am for coffee & treats. We meet in the Warrior Café area. It is this Friday, **March 5th**.

What are YOU waiting for? The Lord has opened a door for us to build our events center at prices not seen in decades. 90% of the staff and faculty at BC have committed to contribute through payroll deduction. Just this week, the school has received gifts of \$20,000 and another of \$5,000. A BC family has investigated "matching funds" with their employer, to learn that the employer will give \$1,000 for every \$500 they give to the school – more than doubling their gift to the school! Pray, check with your employer, talk to friends/associates about supporting this terrific ministry, write a check...Contact Mrs. Ransom at extension 25 to learn how **YOU** can participate.

Matching Gifts Many employers will *match your gifts* to a charitable institution. BCBS is an IRC 501(3)(c) non-profit corporation which qualifies it for matching gifts. Check with your personnel office at work to see if they have such a program. Your donations can double the benefit to this ministry! (IRC stands for Internal Revenue Code)

Save the Date! The annual **Spring Gala & Auction** will be held on **Saturday, April 24, 2010** at Mesa Verde Country Club. The theme this year is "western". A great evening is anticipated. Watch for **your** invitation!

The PFC is still looking for auction items...Do you have a cabin or condo to donate for a weekend? Restaurant, hotel, golf packages that you can get donated? Desserts or ready-made dinners once a month for a year? Services provided by your company or someone with whom you do business (gardening, pool, housekeeper, carpenter, handyman, etc.)? How about an up-do for the Jr-Sr by your hairdresser?

A few items available that evening include: personalized reserved parking space at school, beautiful decorative & hostess items for your home, portrait packages, a Christmas lights cruise in the locally famous "Hippo Boat", spectacular seats at an Angel game, Disneyland tickets, The BC Jazz combo to play at your party, reserved seats at Commencement....and much, much more.

From the School Board: Extra-Curricular Participation Policy change; **See page three** of the Newsletter for complete details.

WANTED! The Parent Fellowship Council needs **YOU** at the next meeting on **Tuesday, March 2 at 7:00 pm** in the teacher's lounge. We are working on the details of the annual spring gala that is Saturday, April 24. It is so much fun to help, don't be left out. Yummy refreshments and friendships will be served.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

NO Late Start on March 4,5, Thursday & Friday. Friday includes a special assembly about Anne Frank.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| THU-FRI | Mar 4,5 | Block Schedule |
| THU-FRI | Mar 11,12 | ACSI Musicale |
| FRI | Mar 12 | NO SCHOOL (Teacher In-Service) |
| FRI | Mar 19 | BC BLITZ |
| FRI | Mar 26 | END of QTR THREE |
| SAT | Mar 27 | Sadie Hawkins |
| FRI | Apr 2 | Good Friday [NO SCHOOL] |
| FRI-FRI | Apr 2 – 9 | Easter Vacation |
| FRI | Apr 16 | Jr Hi "BIG Thing in the Spring" (Scroll down)↓ |



Red Cross Blood Drive This year again, as part of BC Blitz, we will be hosting a blood drive. We collected 38 pints last year...can we get to 50 this year? Flyers and promotional materials are available for you to take to your work, church, gym, anyplace! The date is Friday, March 19 from 9am through 3pm in the BC theatre. Donors sign up online to make an appointment at www.givelife.org (use sponsor code: **brethrenhs**). A pint of blood saves lives 4 different ways. Jesus shed His blood for us, can we spare a pint to save the lives of others? This blood drive is open to BC students (17 +), families and the general public. Thanks for helping our students get the word out! (see flyer below.)

***** NOTE THE CHANGE of DATE for MIMI's*****

Community Dinner Fundraiser is at **Mimi's Cafe** on Brookhurst/Ellis this month...~~Tuesday, March 9~~ **has been rescheduled for March 23.** Voucher flyers will be available soon on the BCHS web page and in the office. Invite your friends and family to join you in supporting Brethren Christian School. **Planning on going? Buy Scrip cards then the school benefits even more!**

The Monkey House Café on Beach and Ellis is offering to donate 10% of the purchase total of Brethren families back to the school. Don't monkey around, pick up a promotional card in the activities office to take with you when you

JOB OPPORTUNITY:
 A full time job opportunity is available in the Huntington Beach area. It is a small office manager and dispatch position. Owner is willing to train. Please call (657) 464-9386 and leave a message for Dan.

Stop by for delicious coffee, smoothies and sandwiches.

Easy ways you can help your school...

▶ **Get involved** in the *Parent Fellowship Council*. Contact Lisa Holevas at surfmom88@yahoo.com or Susie Coleman at lemonaidgal@yahoo.com for more information.

▶ Renew your **magazine subscriptions** online. Simply go to Qsp.com. Our Brethren Christian code number is #425008583. Each quarter the school receives a check, while you enjoy your magazine! Ask your doctor, hairdresser or dentist to renew with our number too. Subscriptions in progress will have the new year added to the end of the current subscription. **Do it now**, before you forget!

▶ Continue to save your **Box tops for Education** - they add up quickly! Bring them to school office to deposit in the pink Box tops piggy. Extra baggies are available on the piggy. Thank you!

▶ Kanor Driving School (in Cypress) has offered to donate 50% of the profit from every BC student they teach to drive to the *Building Brethren Campaign*. Flyers are available in the activities office. Go to KanorDrivingSchool.com for more information about both online Drivers' Ed. and in-car Drivers' Training.

▶ **Purchase Scrip each Tuesday and Friday** in the school office. You have to shop, anyway, right?

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Brethren Christian Junior & Senior High School
BC BLITZ: Live 2 Serve

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***Galatians 5:13** For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. (Our theme reminds us we are blessed to have the ability to serve our community and beyond.)*

This year's **BC Blitz** is on **Friday, March 19**, from 8:00am to 1:00pm (afternoon bus will leave school at 1:15pm). Students can choose from over 40 different venues to serve our community, including: Red Cross Blood Drive, Neighborhood Canned Food Drive, Rescue Missions, Beach Clean-up, Pre-schools, Food Banks, and Senior Citizens Homes, to name a few.

To prepare for this event the students will be signing up for a venue of their choice during lunch the week of March 1-5.

Parents, be aware:

1. This is counted as a school day, and **students need to be in attendance**. If your son or daughter becomes ill, please notify the office as usual.
2. Students will need completed **permission slips and health slips** (green and blue slips sent home on Friday, Feb. 26) in order to sign up.
3. Students need to **bring their lunch or money to buy lunch**. Student groups will eat together following their service time, and will reflect and share about the morning.
4. **Warrior Cafe is closed** the day of BC BLITZ.
5. We **need drivers and chaperones**. If you can come along, please send a note to the activities office that includes:
 - your name;
 - no. of seatbelts in your car (each passenger must be in a seatbelt.)
6. **Pray** that our students would be inspired to continue a lifelong commitment of serving one another in love and thereby bringing honor to Christ.

February 22, 2010

To: Parents

Fr: The Brethren Christian School Board

Re: Participation in extra-curricular activities

The Brethren Christian School Board has instituted a policy, effective February 22, 2010 regarding participation in extra-curricular activities which states:

A student may be excluded from participating in extra-curricular activities which entail a significant additional monetary cost if that student's tuition account in arrears. This policy applies to all extra-curricular activities including, but not limited to sports, tours, retreats, etc.

If you are concerned this policy may affect your family, please call the business office.

► FRESHMAN ◀

Parents unable to attend the freshman "Explore Scoresback Night," which included college planning information, on Wednesday, January 27, can have their student pick up their score report and test booklet in the school office. Reports will be returned to students during Bible 9 classes the week of March 1.

► SOPHOMORES ◀

Parents unable to attend the sophomore "PSAT Scores Report Night," which included college planning information in December, may have their student pick up their score report and test booklet in the school office. In February, students will receive their reports with information in their Bible classes during the week of March 8.

► JUNIORS ◀

All juniors received their PSAT score reports in Bible class on Tuesday, January 26. Remember to login to access MyRoad' for your personal study plan, and identify weakness to be worked on during preparation for the SAT. www.collegeboard.com/quick

College Time-line for JUNIORS

For **JUNIORS** the spring of 2010 should be spent in **determining the criteria** for the type of college you want to attend and the kind of "college experience" you are wanting. Research and identify the possible colleges that meet your criteria and narrow the search to top 5 or 6. Visit the college campuses in the spring or summer when possible.

Remember: *College is a match to be made, not a prize to be won. There is no 'one' college that is a perfect fit for everyone, but rather there are several wonderful matches for each student.*

Juniors may start making appointments to see Miss Flippin/Mrs. Cordy to discuss college planning. The appointment sheet is available at counter in front office.

► SAT/ACT Registration ◀

SAT I and/or ACT should be taken by each junior during their junior year.

If you are thinking of applying to a UC then two (2) subject tests are required.

[Note: Beginning with the class of 2012, students will no longer be required to take SAT subject tests for UCs, but may be recommended for certain majors.]

ACT dates:; April 10, 2010 (reg. deadline – Mar. 5); June 12, 2010 reg. deadline – May 8)

SAT dates: May 1, 2010 (reg. deadline – Mar 25); June 5, 2010 (reg. deadline – Apr. 29).

Registration should be done electronically.

SAT - www.collegeboard.com

ACT – www.actstudent.org

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► NCAA registration for current Juniors ◀

Now is the time for college-bound student-athletes in the junior class to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center if they plan on participating in college athletics. Early registration promotes positive planning and involvement, bypasses the last-minute rush and helps college-bound student-athletes avoid issues that may delay their academic and amateur certifications. The registration process is easy and can be done by:

1. Logging on to the Eligibility Center's new Web site at www.eligibilitycenter.org;
2. Selecting the "Fall 2010 or After" icon;
3. Selecting the "new Account" tab at the top of the screen; and
4. Beginning the registration process.

► SENIORS ◀

Funding College

For those unable to attend the Financial Aid workshop on Dec. 2, here are some important dates and factors:

- 1 – To be eligible for financial aid, including federal loans, students and parents must electronically file the **FAFSA**, beginning Jan 1 through March 2 for priority. www.fafsa.ed.gov A reminder-it is **free**. Do not pay to do this.
- 2 – If current senior is planning to attend a California college or Univ., a Cal Grant GPA verification sheet had to be submitted to Miss Flippin by Dec. 7. The GPA verifications were electronically submitted by Miss Flippin. Take advantage of this service. **[If you missed the date, I can still submit it for you—just turn it in.]**
- 3 – Families who do not qualify for need-based grants should check with their tax professionals about tax credits such as the *Hope Scholarship* and *Lifetime Learning Credits*.
- 4 – Highest Quality **Free Scholarship Search Sites** are:
FastWeb Scholarship Search *College Board's FUND FINDER*
- 5 – Scholarship Search **Sites Owned by Education Lenders** are:
SRN Express *NextStudent* *BrokeScholar*
Peterson's Award Database *ScholarshipExperts*

Seniors! If you receive acceptance letters to colleges, please let Mrs. Cordy, Mrs. Helton or Ms Flippin know. Be sure to log into **Naviance, now called SUCCEED**, and record acceptance, denials, or wait-list decisions. Thanks. ☺ Remember to use your new BCHS student eMail address.

► College-Bound Athletes ◀

College-Bound student-athletes need to apply to the college or university they are interested in attending. Some student-athletes think that because they are being recruited or because they have registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center they do not need to apply for admission. **NOT SO. ELIGIBILITY and ADMISSION to a college or university are TWO SEPARATE PROCESSES** and both need to be completed.

► SUCCEED [NAVIANCE] ◀

BCHS uses **Naviance** as the college search and career interest engine as well as a place to track course plans for high school. Students use this tool to identify personality type, career interests, identify college plans, keep track of colleges applied to, results, and final college choice. This data is stored for BC information, providing teachers, administration and students with valuable comparable data through scattergrams and charts.

The site is: <https://succeed.naviance.com/bchs>

Naviance, now called SUCCEED, has a new look, and is more user-friendly. A new component with this new upgrade is a **scholarship search**. A student can start their search on Family Connection by clicking the Colleges tab, scrolling down to the Scholarships and Money Section, and clicking National Scholarship Search. Your students will then answer a short series of questions and a **list will be generated with scholarship opportunities**. (scroll down) ↴

IMPORTANT:

Students access this site with their *new bchs email address* and their *password*. If a student has forgotten or misplaced their password, a new one can be generated and sent to them. The student just needs to email Ms. Flippin at mflippin@bchs.net or come in and let her know. It only takes a few seconds.

As a parent, if you want to access the program, you too can use your email address. An initial login password will be sent to you. Let Ms. Flippin know by email and she will set you up.

SAT PREP Information and Summer Opportunities

- **SAT prep classes** available at Santa Ana College...see the orange posters around campus For details and/or register at 714.564.6594 or online at www.sac.edu/cms
- **Special opportunity for juniors and sophomores:** UC Davis –Young Scholars Program, June 20-July 31 offers opportunities in the biological and natural sciences for 40 high achieving students currently enrolled as sophs and jrs. See flyer in Mrs. Patrick and Mr. Holland's room and in front office.
- **California College of the Arts**, June 28-July 23...earn 3 units of college credit. The priority application deadline is March 19. Go to WWW.CCA.EDU/PRECOLLEGE
- **Pepperdine University offers Summer College for high school students**, online and on campus. Visit <http://seaver.pepperdine.edu/summerschool/highschool/>
- **SIG Summer Institute for the Gifted.** Residential or day programs available at various universities and colleges throughout the US. See poster in ACT OFF and get a brochure.
- **Study abroad and earn college credits.** Learn to speak Mandarin, experience the Chinese culture and explore Nanjing, Beijing Shanghai and Suzhou, China. Brochures are in the ACT OFF or go to www.SummerAdvantage.com
- **Yes, you can learn Chinese.** Classes sponsored by the young Ambassadors are available nearby. For more program information or to register, please call 714.803.9200. Flyers available in ACT OFF.

PRAYER **March 2010** CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Christian Flores	2 Tiffany Dang Megan Hammond Christopher Navarro Joseph Shope	3 Andrew Assaf Abigail Luce	4 Taegan Heck	5 Jessica Smith	6 Garrett Platt Stephen Richardson Jordan Thomas
7 Scott Gordon Carl Swanson	8 Tommy Dunn Sarah Regli	9 M Cordy (s) Natalie Burns Justin Neese	10 Michelle Herrera	11 Cassandra Davis Jacob De La Cruz Lenise Strong	12 Michael O'Connor	13 B Ransom (s) Meghan Sowers
14 S Sturdivant (s) Daylight Savings begins	15 Erik Lopez Austin Wenger	16 Ashley Hoppes Chandler Olson Elliott Wiley	17 J Coley (s) Seth Heinz Megan Walejko	18	19 Hannah Gray Kristina Martin Kendra Saylor Robert Swanson	20 Kirsten Sakata Spring begins
21	22 R Niswonger (s) Nathan Ortez	23 Elizabeth Herrera	24 Zachary Luce	25	26 Ania Hammond	27 Stephen Keenan
28 D Hoppes (s) Chad Timblin Palm Sunday	29 Robert Frisch Priscilla Malerbe	30 Ji Won Choi Passover begins	31			

Brethren Christian Junior & Senior High School 2010 – 2011 Major Event Dates

Mon-Thu	Aug 9-12	Book Sales
Mon	Aug 30	First Day of School
Wed-Fri	Sept 1-3	Freshman Orientation
Wed-Fri	Oct 13-15	Seventh grade to Rawhide Ranch
Wed	Oct 13	PSAT Testing
Thu	Nov 11	Veteran's Day; NO SCHOOL
Mon-Tue	Nov 22-23	Professional Development Days; NO SCHOOL for students
Wed-Fri	Nov 24-26	Thanksgiving Holiday
Mon-Fri	Dec 20-31	Christmas Vacation
Mon	Jan 3	School Resumes
Mon	Jan 17	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observed; NO SCHOOL
Tue-Fri	Jan 18-21	First Semester Finals
Mon	Feb 21	Presidents' Day; NO SCHOOL
Wed-Fri	Mar 2-4	Science Trip for 6 th graders
Mon-Mon	Apr 18-25	Easter Vacation
Thu-Fri	May 26-27	Senior Trip
Mon	May 30	Memorial Day observed; NO SCHOOL
Fri, Mon-Wed	Jun 3, 6-8	Second Semester Finals
Wed	Jun 8	Last Day of School