

STEWARDS



BCS students will be responsible citizens who use their time, talents, and abilities to serve the school, home, church, and community. Students will demonstrate self-discipline and a respect for God, authority, and others. Students will compassionately resolve conflict in a loving, Christ-centered way.

BCS NEWS

EDUCATION WITH A HIGHER PURPOSE

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Fun Festivities at Calvary's Student-Led Christmas Worship Concert

The theme of the Calvary Campus Christmas program (the true meaning of Christmas) was portrayed in an exciting student-led production which enjoyed stunning success.

When two aspiring 8th grade writers were offered the opportunity to compose the annual Christmas play, they gladly accepted the challenge. Amy DePretis and Julia Bond spent six weeks conferring on character names and dialogue.

Important Dates

*BCS Ladies Day Out -
Saturday, March 8th, 2014*

*BCS Auction - Friday, May 2nd,
2014*

*BCS Night at the Iron Pigs -
Saturday, May 24th, 2014*

*Eighth Grade Graduation -
Monday, June 9th, 2014*



The finished product was submitted by early November. Auditions were held by the directors, Mrs. Barbara Ruppert and Miss JoAnn Geiger.

With rehearsals underway, it was time to begin

the backdrops. Fine arts classes became a flurry of excitement as the 8th graders worked to complete the scenery for the four acts. The final step was to gather the necessary props - from clothing rack to coffee mugs.

While all of the 8th grade's hard work was proceeding, other grades were also busily preparing for their roles in the Christmas program. 5th graders were practicing Christmas carols on their recorders; 6th graders were learning Spanish songs; and 7th grade Masters of Ceremony were rehearsing. Artists were hard at work creating Latin American artwork and pianists of all grades were preparing Christmas interludes.

Hours of practice paid off on Thursday, December 19th when the program was performed before an audience of approximately 100 people. All who were involved enjoyed spectacular success. The actors relaxed before the audience; the narrators and MCs did an excellent job providing humorous



commentary. Between scenes, the audience was treated to Christmas carols played on piano and recorder as well as an outstanding vocal performance from two 5th grade girls.

At the conclusion of the play, four 8th grade students took center stage to recite the account of Christ's birth. This was followed by the 6th grade's fiesta-style posada lantern show. Two songs were sung in Spanish and a brief Christmas message was translated from Spanish to English.

Before the grand finale, a slide show presented behind-the-scenes pictures of all the preparations. Finally, the audience rose to join in the school-wide singing of "Feliz Navidad".

Mrs. Carol Aversa, came out to issue the curtain call and the audience applauded all of the talented students. Special thanks goes to all who gave of their talents to make Calvary Campus's 2013 Christmas Worship Concert a smashing success. Not a single student was indispensable! It was truly amazing to watch a vision of two 8th grade students become a reality through all the steps of producing "The True Meaning of Christmas".

Article Written By: Amy DePretis



PRESCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

"The Power of Play"

"How will my child be prepared for school if all he does is play?" This is a fair and common question that is often asked by parents of preschoolers. It isn't because teachers don't know the answer - but to sum up the value of play in the learning process in one short answer is not so easy to do...

Part of the reason it is so difficult to explain how children learn by play is because play isn't simple - it is instead complex. Learning through play is not about children wandering aimlessly around a room dumping baskets and throwing blocks. Instead, learning through play takes a carefully prepared environment that invites young children to explore, examine, question, predict, test, investigate, trial, error, and manipulate...

So how will play help young children be prepared for school? Through play, learning is in-depth, concrete, and long-term. Play offers young children the opportunity to put into action the ideas and processes being presented so that concepts and ideas make sense and the processes can be mastered.



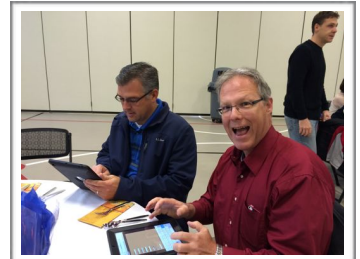
PASTORS BREAKFAST 2014

Pastor Appreciation Day

Our Pastor Appreciation Breakfast event was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at our Calvary Campus Location.

The morning began with pastors registering on BCS students' iPads. They were so excited to see all the different ways we integrate technology into our everyday school life. Pastor Dick from Ebenezer asked if they could take the iPad that they registered on home with them!

The highlight of the morning for so many of our pastors was the prayer time during our student-led chapel service. Our students surrounded the pastors and prayed for their churches, their families and the significant relationship each one of them have with our BCS students and families. It was a powerful time for both our students and their pastors.





If you've attended any of our basketball games, you will notice that our student athletes share an awesome testimony through their words and actions on the court and on the sidelines. This winter, our boys' and girls' basketball teams additionally shared their testimony through acts of service, one of them being participation in a food drive in support of the Allentown Rescue Mission. As our students collected donations outside of Walmart in Easton, they could be heard singing Christmas carols while encouraging and sharing a testimony of love to others as they represented Bethlehem Christian School.

EBENEZER NEWS AND NOTES

The first semester of the 2013-14 school year has seen exciting academic implementations. Full day kindergarten students participate in hands-on research-based reading and math center activities including interaction with the Star Board. Full day kindergarten and second grade students visit the iPad lab weekly interacting with educational reading and math apps. Third and fourth grade students participate in literature study groups weekly.

Our specials teacher, Miss Miller, is doing an outstanding job integrating cross-curricular subjects. Students speak Spanish in physical education and receive reading strategy and skills mini-lessons in library.

It has been beautiful to witness the fruit of the Spirit at work in the children's lives as they give chapel offerings to fund the tuition of a first grade student at Fredrick Douglas Christian School through a missions organization called World Impact Schools. In December, two of our teachers visited our sponsor student. The teachers not only blessed the student with birthday presents, but also blessed the school staff with much needed classroom supplies. Through this sponsorship, BCS has developed a wonderful

relationship with Fredrick Douglas Christian School. Students also had an opportunity to bless children whose families are not able to provide Christmas presents through a program known as Operation Christmas Child. It is very heart-warming to see BCS students helping others by giving to missions.



The Pleasure of Your Company is Requested for a

Ladies Day Out

Hosted by Bethlehem Christian School

100% of the Proceeds from sales go directly to BCS!



Ladies and Children's
Fashion Show
Silent Auction
Teacher Time
Live Auction



Brunch will be held
at 11:00 a.m.

New This Year:
Credit Cards will be
accepted the day of
the event!

Vendors:
Mary Kay
Tastefully Simple
Thirty-One Bags
Tupperware
Celebrating Homes
and many more!

*Come Eat, Shop and be Pampered on
Saturday, March 8th
10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.*

*at
Calvary Baptist Church
5300 Green Pond Road
Easton, PA 18045
610-868-6020*

Brunch will be held at 11:00 a.m.
Bring a friend along!

Haircuts, waxing, mini manicure & pedicure, etc.
will be available for a small fee.

Christmas City Studio will offer special pricing
for pictures taken at the event.

*Ladies - Pre Sale - \$13
(\$15 at the door)*

*Girls 6 - 16 - \$11
(\$13 at the door)*

No child care will be provided.

Fashion Show
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GYMBOREE.

*Special Guest Speaker
from
Truth for Women*



Tickets can be
purchased at any campus location
or

RSVP by email to
thefeenstr@hotmail.com by March 7th.
Tickets will be held at the door
for purchase.
All Proceeds will benefit BCS.