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BCS NEWS

EDUCATION WITH A HIGHER PURPOSE

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An Amazing Story of Blessing

This amazing story begins with a phone call to our Ebenezer Campus last spring. The call was routed to Janie Hughes, our elementary principal. As Janie talked with the person on the other end of the line, the caller shared

that BCS was being considered to receive a donation from their church and wanted to know if we would be interested. Her response was that we would be honored to be considered. During the conversation Janie

Important Dates

*Race for Education - Monday,
November 19th, 2012*

*Ladies Day Out - Saturday,
March 9th, 2013*

*BCS Annual Auction - Friday,
May 3rd, 2013*

*Eighth Grade Graduation -
Monday, June 10th, 2013*

discovered that their church was closing its doors after many years of ministry in downtown Bethlehem. They were selling their downtown church location and that our school had been selected as one of the potential recipients of some of the remaining funds at closing time. Their plan was to make distributions to selected organizations after the closing of the sale of their property in the spring of 2012. At that time, they would know the amount of each distribution. We responded that we would be honored to be considered and thanked them for contacting us.

Now, fast forward to the beginning of this school year. We received another phone call from a representative of the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, PA letting us know that they had a check for us and they would like to come to our school to present it. Our only expectation was that we would be grateful for whatever the amount might be. Mr. Frey shared that the check amount would be substantial. He quipped that another local non-profit organization recipient was quite shocked at the amount.

On that day in September, we welcomed Mr. Frey as well as the Rev. Don Schwartz and his wife. We decided that we would like to have a little ceremony when they arrived so we invited our board chairman, Dr. Rob Weber, Steve McDaniel, our business administrator, as well as one of our BCS families who have been long-time members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.

First, Rev. Don Schwartz shared that he first learned about BCS by attending our Pastor's Breakfast celebrations. "I have been so impressed with the Bethlehem Christian School. Every year I see something new. I had to recommend BCS because I know what you do and it's so impressive. I have not met anyone

here that did not have the spirit of Christ in them. I had to nominate you."

None of us were prepared for what happened next. Mr. Robert Frey opened a file folder and unclipped a check made out to Bethlehem Christian School for Fifty-Eight Thousand, Two Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars and Twenty Two Cents!

I am rarely speechless, but this was one of those moments. My response was to sing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow". If your heart is full of praise and you would like to express that in words I invite you to write your thoughts in a note to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. You may use our central office address, 3100 Hecktown Road, Bethlehem, PA, 18020.



EBENEZER NEWS AND NOTES

Ebenezer Campus-Covered in Prayer

The Bible tells us to devote ourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful [Colossians 4:20]. Each day the children pray for each other in their classrooms and several times a week, the faculty gathers together to pray for our students.

We do this because want to see the Lord work in the hearts of the children, their families and the faculty and staff. God asks us to pray continually and we want to be faithful in this area of spiritual discipline.



Each week a group of moms meet to cover BCS in prayer. They are part of Moms in Touch, now known as Moms in Prayer.

Their mission is to impact children and schools worldwide for Christ by gathering mothers to pray. We are so appreciative of these faithful prayer warriors who lift us up to the Lord in prayer. Please consider joining them!



BLUE MOUNTAIN NEWS AND NOTES

A Special Day with Students from LVCHS

As Christian parents, we believe with intentionality that how we educate our children in the admonition of the Lord is paramount. Sitting in classrooms with a highly-educated and Godly faculty is excellent. In addition we like to provide opportunities for our children to "think Biblically and function purposefully in society." Knowing this, the Blue Mountain Campus hosted students from Lehigh Valley Christian High School this past October.

The high school students were disbursed throughout the Lehigh Valley with the Praise Team arriving at our campus to lead a special time of praise and worship for our students. Singing and playing many of today's meaningful worship songs, our students were ushered into a time of meaningful worship. The remaining time was spent assisting the faculty with a multitude of daily classroom tasks. A great example to our students, LVCHS exposed our students to real kids using their talents and abilities for a real God, showing the value of not only thinking Biblically, but living Biblically (and having a blast doing it).



ACSI NEXUS

A Transformative Learning Community for Christian Educators



ACSI Nexus is ACSI's new model of professional development for Christian educators. It's designed as an ongoing, continuous process that provides high-quality training through an annual live event along with virtual content available on demand including videos from ASCD PD In Focus.

ACSI Nexus registration allows entrance into a Nexus|Live venue and full access to ACSI Nexus|Virtual the component of ACSI Nexus that gives educators access to ongoing professional development until the next ACSI Nexus|Live. Two CEUs will be awarded to each person attending ACSI Nexus|Live through each attendee's Virtual Professional Portfolio.

Bethlehem Christian School was selected by ACSI to host this new event for several reasons. First, our location allows many local schools to attend the event without having to stay in a hotel. Second, our staff is large enough to provide the support needed to host an event of this type.

Another major factor in bringing this event to the Lehigh Valley was the selection of the site and facilities

Calvary Baptist Church was the perfect choice for this event. ACSI could not have picked a better location. Calvary Baptist was excited about hosting this event from our very first conversation. The BCS/Calvary/ACSI partnership has been amazing.

PRESCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES



Thankful and blessed are two words that describe our start of the new school year. We serve an awesome God who in His timing makes everything perfect. Our first day of school at the Ebenezer campus couldn't have gone any better. We are also thankful for our Bethel campus. They had a fabulous start to the new school year too.

Our first combined

event this year was Grandparent's Day. It was so much fun to spend the morning with all our friends at Ebenezer. The children had a blast showing their classroom to their grandparents and guests. These are memories that the children will cherish for a long time. It's not too late to enroll for our preschool program for the 2012-13 school year. We have openings at our Bethel campus.



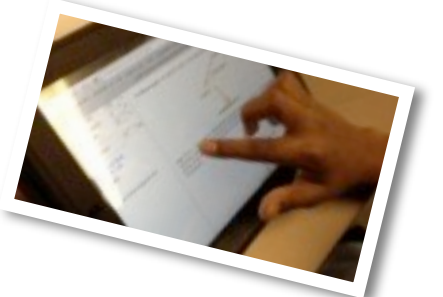
CALVARY NEWS AND NOTES

Calvary Pumpkin Sling

Reading, writing, and pumpkin slinging??? Yes! As part of our eighth grade science classes, BCS has participated in the annual pumpkin sling held in Harmony, NJ for two years in a row. This year, we defended our title, winning first place again in our division with a distance of 370 ft, 4 inches! What better way to learn physics concepts than through hands-on learning!

Students prepared for this event by first utilizing classroom models as well as our new ipads to test variables. As they perfected their trebuchet design, they were able to manipulate the variables to maximize their sling and slinging they did!

Check out the video below: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ogrmOOtVahg>



Celebrating the BCS-LVCHS Connection



25 years ago the collaborative effort of four Christian schools across the Lehigh Valley brought a regional Christian high school into being. Bethlehem Christian School (BCS) was one of those “founding schools” and has been a vital partner with Lehigh Valley Christian High School (LVCHS) across two and a half decades of change. The heartbeat of LVCHS is summed up in the Mission Statement, “Thinking biblically, functioning purposefully...” We had the opportunity recently to sit down and talk with

two BCS graduates, Haley Aversa and Jennifer Wintermute, about their experiences as freshmen at the high school.

Both girls said the transition from BCS to the high school has been an easy one. The campus visits and orientation were helpful in preparing them to transition from BCS. Haley has been surprised that classmates and upper-classmen from BCS made her feel welcome. Jennifer has appreciated the rotation of classes and the way it has enabled her to meet and get to know other students.



Jackson Elementary – Outreach Day

“It’s a good place to talk about our faith and learn more about it. We can have good discussions about Christianity without being drowned out. We certainly wouldn’t have this in public school,” she affirmed.

While LVCHS seeks to integrate a biblical worldview across all of its subjects, the school also provides opportunities for students to reach out and serve others through events like Community Outreach Days, Catty Fest-O-Fall, and more. What impact does this have on students? “Coming here, God has taught me to be bold. I’m not living to meet other people’s expectations. I’m living to please God,” emphasized Haley. “I used to struggle with what people thought of me,” confessed Jennifer, “but I’ve been learning to look at things through God’s eyes. I’ve been encouraged to reach out.”



CareNet – Outreach Day



Jackson Elementary – Outreach Day

