

The **BCA** Bulletin

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Welcome to the First Edition of 2023-2024



About the BCA Bulletin

The BCA Bulletin is a newspaper group. We cover the most recent events in the school of Bluegrass Christian Academy. This newspaper club was founded last year in May. We are hiring Writers. If you are interested, please contact your fellow students, Sophia Wheeler.

*We hope you enjoy the First addition of
our monthly newspaper.
Jobs are open.*

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BCA Overview

A Student's Perspective



BCA is a small but lively school. Many of our students have been attending since 1st grade or even Pre-K! Some teachers have also been to this school since the beginning. Shoutout to our teacher, Mrs. Holleran. She has attended school here since the beginning and is now a teacher. Our New Principal was hired last year with our new second head of school, Mr. Daly. Mr. Daly taught a few classes, such as English, last year. Just this year he has been added as the assistant head of school. This year many new changes have been made, such as a high school!

Highschool features full-time and part-time students. A pickleball court has been added in the newly remodeled gym. There is an extracurricular activity for many grades. This year, BCA students have or are participating in: archery, volleyball, newspaper, and chapel choir. Archery is led by Mr. Palumbo; volleyball is lead by Mrs. Holt; the BCA Bulletin Newspaper is led by Sophie Wheeler; and chapel choir is led by Mrs. Holleran. Along with all the fun activities after school, there is also lots of fun and learning throughout the day.

The Houses of Sapientia and Virtus: Sapientia won the previous year by sure intelligence. Virtus had won every athletic competition but Sapientia took the entire win, by mostly Academic Excellence Lion Tickets. Lion tickets consist of three categories. Service, Virtue, and Academic Excellence. Anytime a student acts in one of these categories, They get a "Lion Ticket". On this paper, the student writes their name and the teacher will assign them one of the Virtues. Those pieces of paper are turned in to Mrs.

Palumbo and tallied for points to your house. Service and Virtue count as two points while Academic Excellence counts as one. The house sport the houses competed in last year, was Nukem ball. A popular game similar to Volleyball. BCA is a school packed with wonderful students, teachers, and staff who all are the kindest people you will meet. Teachers and staff put their heart and soul into this school. The Students have a passion for learning and spending time in the BCA community and most of them attend church as well. BCA is a very culture-rich school in Bardstown, Kentucky.

Houses



Sapientia V.S Virtus

And the exciting new additions

Sapientia and Virtus are back for another year. These two houses are going head to head.

After Sapientia's big win last year, Virtus is determined to come back. With this new addition of high school, many new members have been added to each house. Mrs. Palumbo

was up many a night, deciding which student would go in which house. **Thanks Mrs. Palumbo.** Houses are taken very seriously at BCA. BCA is an already tight knit school but ones house is like their immediate family. So many memories are shared with your house members. The former members of BCA are helping to decide this years competing activities.

Along with the normal editions of new house members this year, new house roles were added. The houses have Captains and Stewards but this year Housemates have been added. The housemates role is to create the perfect house days for our new 6th graders. Our 6th grade students are House Apprentices during their first year of House, learning the ropes and building relationships.

Shout out for more ideas!

If you are interested in sharing ideas on topics for the newspaper, contacts Sophia.wheeler @bluegrasschristian academy.org

School 'houses' facts.

School houses were originally created in the UK specifically designed for boarding schools. Traditionally named after saints, these houses would compete in challenges designed to bring the house family together. This would be a form of self care to keep the children from missing home. To influence the family dynamic, house leadership roles would be put in place.



Riddle?

I have no doors, but i have keys. I have no rooms, but i have space. You can enter, but you can't leave. What am I?

Answer: A keyboard

New Student Interview

The BCA bulletin interviewed a few new students this year to see what they thought of their new school home. A few of the questions asked were simple. Do you like BCA so far? What is your favorite part about it? And what do you like most about your Teacher? This was asked to the students.

“So how do you like Bca so far?”

“It is great better than i thought,i’m speechless with how good it is” - Harper douglas (4th grade)

I specifically enjoyed interviewing her she had a lot of good things to say and seemed to really appreciate her new school.

“I like it alot”- Hadley boone (4th grade)

Short but sweet you can tell are new student really loves her school and friends.

“ I was really nervous and I liked It and it turned out great.” - Emmie. (1st grade) Emmie was over the moon about joining BCA. She loves how quick she made friends and enjoys class with her teacher.

“What’s your favorite thing about school?”

“The whole thing” -Harper douglas

It’s so sweet that she said that. Definitely can tell she enjoys her time here.

“Recess” -Hadley boone

Who doesn’t love recess, a time to play with friends and have fun.

“ Not joking.” - Emmie. Talking about her favorite thing, pizza day. She looks forward to eating pizza every friday. There’s nothing she doesn’t like about BCA.

Are new students love BCA, and that is very clear.



The Royal

The Royal is a brilliant idea from one of the students at BCA. Nora Hutchins. She has come up with an idea to make a cafe for the school teachers. This idea came from the want to help the teachers in the morning.

She plans to implement this first, during Teacher Appreciation Week. The theme colors are black and gold. An elegant combo. If this idea succeeds, who knows what could come of her next idea. Teachers, tell us if you think this business is a good idea!

BCA Volleyball.



This year, Volleyball has been added to our extracurriculars. But, this volleyball team is special. This volleyball team gives homeschoolers the opportunity to fellowship with our BCA students and vice versa. Mrs. Holt is BCA’s first Athletic Director and Volleyball Coach. Their first warm up practice consisted of many teenage girls meeting for the first time. One thing made the new introductions

easy. Everyone shares a common love of volleyball. The girls gathered to warm up, run laps, and pass. Later on they stretched, then the real fun began. The girls did drills for around an hour before departing. They practiced hard throughout the rest of the season. **AND IT PAID OFF!**

BCA’s Volleyball team won the 1st place state title in division III in the KCSAA. **GREAT JOB LIONS!!!**



BCA former students

This will be our first article written from a first person view. We will be talking about the students from BCA that have been here at least two years now. I will be interviewing first grade. First, let's talk about the addition of new students. I just came to BCA last year but just in one year, there have been some major changes. For one, four more grades have been added. Many half time students come and join us for classes. Highschool is a wonderful addition. I have to say it is very different. Last year, when I was in 7th grade, I looked up to the 8th graders. They were the cool kids, oldest in the school. Because there was a limited number of middle schoolers, 7th grade was often in class with the 8th graders. As I grew to know them, they didn't intimidate me (Sophia Wheeler)

as much. Even last year, I couldn't imagine high school. It seemed like an eternity away. Now that I'm in 8th grade, my perspective has definitely changed. High Schoolers are my friends. I'm about to go into high school, and time is flying very quickly. High school is mostly focused down stairs which is also new. Before this year, most of the school, except Preschool-1st grade, was focused upstairs. These new High schoolers are the ones to break that tradition. Along with breaking tradition, BCA is getting a remodeling. Starting with the gym.

This is what some first grade students like about last year at BCA V.S. this year:

Kendrick He liked last year as well as this one. He loved playing basketball. This year he loves to learn cursive. There is nothing he doesn't like about BCA this year.

Nathaniel He really liked Mrs. Kelly and had fun in her class. They would play with toys and they would get to work. Nathaniel says, "Work is a good thing. Because if you don't do any work at school, your mind will go flat." This year, he loves Miss Carroll and Cursive.

Connor "I love BCA." He says. He loved math last year. This year, He loves his best friends, Nathaniel and Kendrick. They all love cursive.

Overwhelmingly amazing review from all kids including myself.

School Uniforms (yes or no)

This is a very controversial topic. Many people believe that uniforms aren't necessary. What are the pros and cons? Do uniforms take away some of the chance to be bullied? Does it add or take away uniformity from a good school? As many know, most public schools do not require their kids to wear uniforms. Some public schools have more strict guidelines on how this should work.

Wearing modest and classical uniforms helps children pay better attention to their studies and efforts. They also represent the important work we've come to do at school better than other options, and makes it look more organized. You may have noticed that this year we were told to wear polos with logos every day. This may have been a bit of a burden to make happen, but it definitely makes our uniforms look nicer.

If you have not found a place to get your uniforms monogrammed try: Choice Uniforms it's in town and does a great job monogramming.

And don't forget about spirit wear on Fridays: Jeans and a BCA T shirt! Spirit wear can be purchased from a couple places. Check our BCA's website for links to shops: <https://www.bluegrasschristianacademy.org/uniforms.html>



Pizza Lunch

Every Friday students get pizza lunch. Pizza lunch is a fundraiser for the 8th grade trip and other school events, the 8th- highschool students setup and serve the pizza. Some flavors options are cheese pepperoni and sausage. We also have gluten free pizza. There are also side options served, such as chips and cookies. Our school works really hard to provide this lunch for the students. The order forms are sent monthly.

Introducing the BCA Bulletin

Welcome to the first addition of the BCA Bulletin news paper. As many of you know, this news paper started last year toward the end. For those of you who don't know, this newspaper talks about all the happenings in BCA. This year it is open to 4th and 5th graders and an additional class. If one attends this class, they will also participate in the making of the newspaper. We would love it if you could join us.

Our current members are Sophia Wheeler and Charlotte Jones and we would love to have more in the future.

Teachers of BCA

Mrs. Palumbo – A wonderful teacher for our BCA students. Mrs Palumbo adds a brightness to the day. Always full of wise encouragement and advice. Always a friend as well as teacher to the student.

Mrs. Palumbo has a passion as a teacher and always takes the time to know each student individually.

Mr. Daly – Along with being a vice principal, Mr. Daly is a hardworking teacher. Mr. Daly is a wise role model for the students. He always guides and helps the students on the way to achieving their goals. Mr. Daly has always given his students the gift of being in his class.

Mrs. Holleran A strong teacher full of passion and personality. she is known for her funny comments and free spirit. Mrs. Holleran is a mature, kind, and generous teacher to one and all. She always works hard and tries her best at everything.

Mrs. Jones A strong, passionate, energetic teacher. Always ready to have fun in art, music, and PE. Mrs. Jones has fun and teaches kids of all ages, from 1st grade to high school.

She puts effort into every activity despite being busy with many different classes. She is such a blessing to the school.

RIDDLES / MATH

Tell us if you know!

Mr. Smith had four daughters and each daughter had a brother. How many children does Mr. Smith have?

Answer: 5 children



Extracurriculars

This year we have a new extra curricular, girls volleyball. coached by Mrs. Hunter Holt. Mr. and Mrs. Palumbo brought back archery this year. In this edition of the newspaper we will specifically focus in on Mr. and Mrs. Palumbo and the archery program they bring to BCA. Along with Mr. Palumbo teaching personal finance for high school, he also is a coach for the BCA archery club. Last year every Tuesday/Thursday, students would stay after school and travel to the gym to shoot some arrows. Students practice with bows from 10 and 15 yards away. We are thankful that BCA's amazing Archery program was not hindered by the gym remodel. Now archers have a beautiful, nice, new gym to shoot in!

Yesterday I saw a guy spill all his
Scrabble letters on the road.

I asked him, "What's the word on
the street?"

Jokes

Enjoy and tell your friends and families

Q: Why shouldn't you trust stairs?

A: They're always up to something.

Q: Why can't pirates learn the alphabet?

A: Because they keep getting stuck at C

Q: Why couldn't the sunflower ride its bike?

A: It lost its petals!

Inspiring words

*"There is nothing impossible to them who
will try"*
-Alexander the Great

Why do we
tell actors to
"break a leg?"

Because every play
has a cast.

Bible verse

*Every good and perfect gift
is from above.*

- James 1:17

*Finally, be strong in the
Lord and in his might
power.*

- Ephesians 6:10

*The Lord will fight for
you. All you have to do is
be still.*

- Exodus 14:14