

The **BCA** *Bulletin*

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Welcome to the first edition of the BCA bulletin



About the BCA Bulletin

BCA Bulletin is a group of middle schoolers who have come together to make a monthly newspaper for the middle school students. The BCA Bulletin group will be doing special interviews with staff and teachers at BCA.

The Bulletin meets every Wednesday to discuss ideas and finish assignments for the newspaper. The BCA Bulletin is also hosting a special interview with our middle school timeline and geography teacher Mr.Kays.

*We hope you enjoy the first addition of
our monthly newspaper.
Jobs will be open next year.*

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House Sports! Let's see what's going on with the most recent Nukem Ball competition.

Recently, the Sapiaentia team suffered another loss. From the first house sports game of the year to now playing once again, Sapiaentia has never won a game. The Virtus team seems to be on a roll with their athletic ability. However, the team in purple and silver holds their ground. Sapiaentia isn't the only team whose confidence is contagious. Virtus, too, makes the excitement in the gym rise. All of the Virtus supporting classes are certainly excited when they enter the room, cheering and yelling with excitement and all reaching out for high fives from their favorite team. The young

classes of Sapiaentia still hold hope. Although most of the classes acknowledge that Sapiaentia may not be as athletic, they still cheer and jump for joy. Sapiaentia makes up the points in other ways.

(Pg.6) Sapiaentia suffered one loss is the first third of the game. Virtus team thought they had it in the bag yet again for this competition. Sapiaentia shocked them though. They pulled through in the second third of the game. One win for Sapiaentia! After eliminating Nate Hedgespeth first, Virtus lost one of the most valuable players. He is especially known for his one handed catches. Nate

managed to re-join his teammates from the sidelines. Secondly, Sapiaentia eliminated Jake Carroll, who is another main player. Jake is known for his ability to throw the ball at just the right time to psych out Sapiaentia. Sapiaentia eliminated their two main players and continued to play above and beyond their best to win that third of the game. After they got the two main players out, Sapiaentia got a new boost of confidence that carried them through the rest of that round. They really enjoyed that small win and shouted and cheered with all their teammates. Sapiaentia gained

credit for one more thing. After they celebrated with their team, they immediately went to the dividing net and shook hands and high fived the Virtus members. Virtus may win but Sapiaentia really shares the spirit. Virtus really played their best along with Sapiaentia for this third and final round. Virtus once again earned the win. Virtus has won again. Sapiaentia left that game happy because they won their first round. Virtus and Sapiaentia both shook hands at the end of the game. Both teams then decided who the spirit stick went to. Virtus decided, after careful consideration, to choose

3rd grade Sapiaentia also chose their class. Pre K3. Congrats to the 3rd grade class and the Pre K3 class! At the end of the day Virtus and Sapiaentia both went to the rest of their classes like normal and another win for Virtus was tallied. That was the second to last game of the year. One more house sports game and everyone is wondering whether Sapiaentia will take at least one full win this year. Virtus team: Kylie, Luke, Caitlyn, Maggie, Nora, Aliyah, Curtis, Haden, Nate, and Jake. Sapiaentia team: Collin, Mia, Evie, Finley, Liam, Talon, Davis, John clayton, Sophie, and Ellie. Thank you to the teachers for making this possible.



Mrs. Palumbo

Thanks Mrs.Palumbo for always giving the teams pep talks and supporting the teams every step of the way. Mrs.Palumbo is so passionate about the houses and puts a lot of effort into making it happen.



Mr.McCord

Thanks Mr.McCord for being our commentator and referee. Mr. McCord continually puts all of his energy into making our house games really come to life.

Jokes

Enjoy and tell your friends and families

"I thought the dryer was shrinking my clothes. Turns out it was the refrigerator all along."

"Dear Math, grow up and solve your own problems."

"Why do seagulls fly over the ocean?" "Because if they flew over the bay, we'd call them bagels."

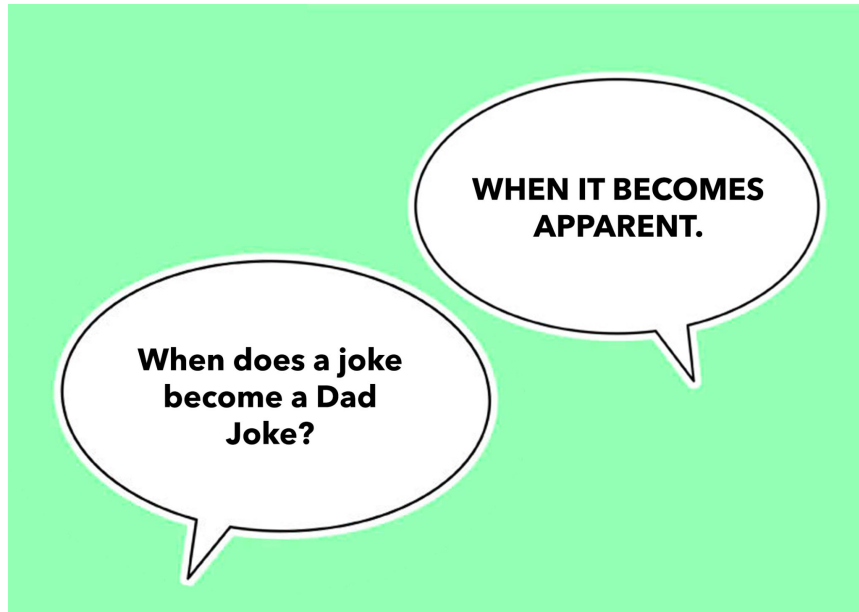
"What's the best thing about Switzerland?" "I don't know, but the flag is a big plus."

"Did you get a haircut?" "No, I got them all cut!"

"I don't trust those trees. They seem kind of shady."

"RIP, boiling water You will be mist."

"I ordered a chicken and an egg online. I'll let you know what comes first."



Inspiring words

"When life gives you lemons, make orange juice and leave the world wondering how you did it."
-unknown

**I wrote a song
about a tortilla.**

**Actually, it's
more of a wrap.**

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Bible verse

***Cast all your anxiety
on Him because He
cares for you.***
- 1:peter 5:7

***For God gave us a
spirit not of fear, but
of power and love and
self-control.***
- 2: Timothy 1:7

***Stand firm and you
will win life.***
- Luke 21:19

RIDDLES / MATH
Tell us if you know!

Who Is Mr. Kays?

A school has an odd principal. On the first day of school she does something weird. There are 1000 lockers and 1000 students. She tells the first student to open every first locker. The second student to open every second locker, and if it's open, to close it. She tells the third student to open every third locker, and if it's open, to close it. She does this until all the students have done it. How many lockers are open in the end?

Answer: 31 lockers

Mr. Kays is one of our beloved teachers who works at BCA part time. He serves as a teacher of Timeline and Geography and has served our students very well. He has taught or been a principal for 45 years. Mr. Kays has worked as a teacher, principal and substitute. He was the principal of BCA first, then a teacher. He has covered all the bases. As a principal he worked 7:00am-5:00pm. Mr. Kays has even taught some students that have now grown to be teachers. Mrs. Holleran being one of them. Mr. Kays says "I'm not surprised Mrs. Holleran returned to teach, she excelled in writing and was very creative." Mr. Kays enjoyed teaching Mrs. Holleran and thinks she is now a wonderful teacher. Mr. Kays does miss being a principal and/or full time teacher. He has taught many classes including History, Language, Math and PE. Mr. Kays feels as if he is not as involved in the school as he used to be. He now, working as a part time teacher with his wife, Mrs. Kays as a librarian, has a more laid back life at the school. Mr. Kays says that the biggest struggle of being a teacher is keeping

the kids interested. Most kids just want a good grade and do what it takes to get there. There is a struggle to plan a lesson that the kids will enjoy and also learn. In the 7th-8th grade Timeline class, Mr. Kays has assigned a timeline for each group to make. The timelines are based off of famous structures, people, and events. This is a perfect example of a successful plan. Kays has mixed creativity, collaboration, and knowledge. Each timeline is currently hanging on the walls of Mr. Kays' classroom. Mr. Kays is very passionate about what he teaches. He absolutely loves history and when he retires, he wants to travel. He has plans to visit many places that he's taught about. His other hobbies outside of teaching include, visiting grandkids, and running a woodworking shop. When asked the question, what he would have done if he wasn't a teacher, he replied that he would have become an engineer. Though he enjoys other jobs, he is very happy with his choice to be a teacher. Mr. Kays is a wonderful teacher at BCA and we are grateful to have him.



What It's Like To Be A Principal



What is it like to be a principal? Mrs. Hutchins has done an amazing job! There is a lot of devotion from our principal. She plans fun things for all students and directs the teachers to do the same. The job of a principal is a lot of pressure, but is also fun. The longest Mrs. Hutchins has worked was from 7:45am to 10:00pm! Mrs. Hutchins described in a few words, her job as a principal "joyful, varied (changes frequently), fulfilling, and worth while." The pros of being a principal is being part of an academic Christian community and the people. The cons is that she doesn't get to make as many home cooked meals. Mrs. Hutchins says "I am thankful for the opportunity that God has given me to be here and the people I've met and the things about myself that he has shown me that I need to change in order to be more like Him." Mrs. Hutchins is a wonderful principal!

House Competitions



Calling All Volunteers!

If you are interested in volunteering or donating to pack shoes boxes for the homeless, please email Sophia Wheeler at sophia.wheeler@bluegrasschristianacademy.org.

Nukem ball facts.

Nukem ball is an interesting sports based off of volleyball. Instead of hitting the ball, you catch it and throw it. It almost beat volleyball in popularity in the 1920's. Nukem ball was created around 1895. It was originally designed after volleyball.



Our two houses still compete quite often battling for the house cup. What will the scores be today?



There is still one more house Competition. Everyone is wondering what will happen between Virtus and Sapientia. The last house update was seriously close and surprising. Sapientia took the win for this quarter. Although Sapientia is not very athletic, they surely make up for it in Academic Excellence. They have made up for their losses in Lion Tickets and a few parvi agones and magni agones. Virtus isn't far behind though.

Sapientia must still keep up the work and not fall behind. The teams have a few more competitions before the end of the year. Many teachers and kids are ready for spring break. Recently in many classes an extraordinary amount of Lion Tickets have been given out. Nobody knows who is in the lead. Recently, there has been a small competition. This involved a word scramble, word search and logic puzzle. Virtus team got done first. The logic puzzle was truly

holding up Sapientia. After Virtus finished first, the only hope for winning was that maybe they were wrong. Sapientia turned in their puzzle with worried looks. It was heard through the grapevine that Virtus got it wrong but nobody really knows. The points were tallied for the next announcement. The year is coming to a close and everyone is looking forward to Lions Week and Cubs Week. Middle School is still planning and the discussions get very exciting. Can't wait for the outcome!

Riddle?

Name a sport where the winners move back and the losers move forward?

Answer: Tug o' war



WHAT IS ROAR?

One of the activities that we play with the lower grades is ROAR. R.O.A.R (Recreational Opportunities for Advancing Relationships) is a designated time on Wednesday where the middle schoolers have the opportunity to fellowship and play a game with their younger friends. Past games were statues, battleship, mushroom ball, sharks and minnows, what's the time Mr. Wolf, and even just some plain footraces. Roar is fun and not just for the lower

grades, but also for the middle schoolers! Pre K 3-5th are the younger grades while middle school (6th-8th) are their buddies. Middle schoolers sacrifice their free time before lunch to gather their classes according to reading buddies to go and play. Occasionally, the younger grades are divided into groups according to age to help every grade have fun with age appropriate games.



Days With The Littles

The middle school of BCA delights in spending quality time with the younger kids.

Reading Buddies

Reading buddies is another way middle school spends time with the younger students. Students, ranging from 2-4 in a group, are assigned to a grade. Every Thursday the middle schoolers spend their free time before lunch to play games and read with their buddies. The younger kids cherish their time with the older students so much. The middle schoolers are met with bright smiles and excited faces when they walk into their reading buddies classroom. Many of the activities include, going outside to play, reading books, arts and crafts, and just spending time together.

Archery

The Archery Program is On Point With Around 20 Members. The Updates on This Popular After School Activity.



The Archery season has unfortunately ended but it was very exciting. Many children entering into archery for the first time looked excited and extremely nervous, like most sports. The only thing different is that everyone is using a deadly weapon. Mr. Palumbo, also known as Coach, did a great job of teaching safety and enforcing rules for our protection. The first day, each student stood around the targets and bows as discussion was made about every little detail. The second practice was immediately shooting. Two people per bow and lane. When Coach calls first round and blows a whistle, a group of students walks to the bow rack,

picks up their assigned bow, then stands in their lane. Students put their bows on the tip of their shoe and do not touch anything else. This is called "bows on toes". When Coach whistles again, each student picks up their bow, grabs an arrow, lifts it over the bow, and knocks it with the white "vane" facing the student's heart, aim the bow slightly down without drawing it, raise the bow, then draw, aim, fire! The most important rules of archery are:

1. Never draw the bow while raising it.
2. Always listen to the coach.
3. Obey the whistles.
4. Never draw the bow with no arrow in it or dry fire the bow.
5. Do not cross the waiting line.

Those are just a few of the rules of archery. There are also many other rules and common sense. Each student started out with three arrows in the beginning then slowly moved up to five. During archery, the main two places to shoot from are 10 yards and 15 yards. After both rounds shoot 3-5 arrows, everyone heads to the targets. The proper way to remove the arrow from the target is to stand on the right side of the target, place one hand flat on the target next to the arrow, and with the other hand, pull the arrow out and drop it onto the floor. After each arrow is removed and on the ground, pick up the bundle of arrows and level them on the top of the target. Each student takes their bundle of arrows and places it back in the quiver. In the beginning of the archery season, many students could barely make it on the target. Now, after archery is over, many students can make multiple bullseyes at 10 and 15 yards. Mr Palumbo has been an amazing teacher from whom the students have learned a lot. Many hope to return to archery next year. Mr. Harden, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Baker, and Mrs. Palumbo were also amazing teachers/helpers.



Genesis bow: (picture above) The Original Genesis bow is nationally used in the NASP program (National Archery in the School Program)

Choir Class With Mrs. Holleran!

Choir is going well. They have practices every Monday for an hour after school. They continue to work for an end result of beautiful songs for Living Literature and the enjoyment of the audience. In Living Literature, songs will be performed for the audience by a few students. One of the songs being Latin and one being a modern Christian song. Mia Hardin is performing a solo. The choir will be a lovely addition to Living Literature and BCA.

