

# The Arrow

Blackhawk Christian School

October 2010

## Parent Survey and Forum

Thanks for completing the “On-Line BCS Parent Survey” sent to you by Constant Contact. We’re asking every parent of a BCS student to complete this survey **by this Friday, October 15th** to assess y/our school’s effectiveness in several important areas.

Just click on the “BCS Parent Survey” link on our web page or use the link on your Constant Contact and follow the directions. I encourage both parents to take the survey individually. Hard copies of the survey are available by contacting Marilyn Knuth at extension #320.

Survey results will be shared with all parents via a November Constant Contact AND at the “Parent Forum” event on

October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**“Parent Forum” –  
Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
– South Campus @  
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

Please plan to join us for this special evening with fellow parents, administration and our school board. **The primary objective is to receive parent input regarding the future of our school** and include “Round Table Discussions” with parents engaging in focused brainstorming. This will give leadership a sense of parent priorities as we plan for the next 3-5 years and beyond.

We will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and dismiss at 8:30 p.m.

**PLEASE RSVP – EVERYONE IS WELCOME! BUT – PLEASE RSVP!**

An advanced approximate count will allow us to prepare materials, space and tables for an effective use of the evening. Parents may separate in order to participate in two table discussions: Preschool, Elementary or Middle/High School.

**Please RSVP by either:**

Replying to your Constant Contact email with your names and number of participants

(John/Jane Doe – 2)

**OR**

Contact Marilyn Knuth at 493-7400 (320) or email [mknuth@blackhawkchristian.org](mailto:mknuth@blackhawkchristian.org)

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# College Planning Seminar for Students & Parents

## November 9<sup>th</sup>

Does the thought of college "scare" you? Are you "frightened" by the prospect of paying for college? Come join us on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. for a College Planning Seminar. This seminar will be beneficial for parents and students alike. The meeting will be held in Room 257-259. This program is targeted to assist families of the senior and junior classes; however, it is open to all who are interested in attending. Jeff Kowatch, the Director of Student Services, will be leading the seminar.

### Questions you can expect to be answered

- How do I prepare for college personally & academically?
- What should we be doing right now to prepare?
- How do we decide which college is best for us?
- What are the important deadlines/forms not to forget?
- What will the admissions office consider when they receive an application?
- How important are ACT/SAT test scores in admissions and scholarship decisions?

### Finding your way through the financial aid maze:

- What is the philosophy underlying financial aid?
- What types of financial aid are available?
- How and when do I apply for financial aid?
- How is financial need determined?
- What is FAFSA? And how is that involved in the financial aid process?
- What are the possible sources of financial aid?
- Are there other ways to reduce college costs?

## PSAT/NMSQT Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (Practice SAT) will be administered to **all sophomores and juniors** on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, from 8:10-11:30 am. The test scores will also be part of the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test program. This test measures verbal reasoning, critical reading, math problem solving, and writing skills that have been developed over many years, both in and out of school. **The test will be given to all sophomores and juniors at BCS at no extra cost.** Students will prepare for the PSAT in their English and math classes prior to the testing date. Specific test-day information will be given to students

at that time. The results of the PSAT will be given to the students in early January, and specific college planning activities will be conducted using the results. For more information contact Jeff Kowatch, Director of Student Services.

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## PLAN November 10

The practice ACT or PLAN test will be given to **all sophomores** at BCS on November 10<sup>th</sup> during the morning periods. The PLAN not only prepares students for the ACT college admissions test, but also provides the students with a career assessment. College and career activities are held at school with the students once the results of the test are returned to BCS. There is no extra charge for the PLAN. For more information contact Jeff Kowatch, Director of Student Services.

# A Vision for Christian Vocation by Jeff Kowatch

One of the great benefits of working in Christian education is to be an active participant in the development of the next generation of God's agents, the Christian student. Since the time of Jesus, God continues to use these agents, the members of His Church, to complete the restoration of His creation, the fulfillment of "His Kingdom come." This development is what the BCS faculty had in mind when it created its "Vision for Students":

*It is the vision of Blackhawk Christian School that its graduates will be educationally and academically prepared for the next level of education or **vocation**. They will have a love of learning and desire to continue to grow intellectually. Their lives will give evidence of the fruit of the Spirit and of a desire to glorify God in all that they do by **loving and serving others**, and by increasing in their knowledge of God and His Word. Possessing a Biblical worldview, BCS graduates will seek **to advance the Kingdom of God** and to serve God through their local church. BCS Parent-Student Handbook*

As we think about how to best prepare Christian students for their future vocation, their future-focused acts of love and service to advance the Kingdom of God, there are many temptations to avoid. Three of these temptations are

- \*direct students to careers that simply provide them a comfortable life,
- \*direct students to careers that simply make them employable,
- \*direct students to careers that simply make them happy

It may be argued that all three of these temptations should be considered when advising young people, and it may be argued that God directs His children into careers that result in all three. But I challenge all of us to consider for our Christian students a vocation that provides more than "simply" a comfortable life, an employable skill, and a happy existence because each in themselves is self-serving. Rather, let's partner together by following the thought of the Apostle Paul, who in his farewell address to the Ephesian elders stated,

One way to direct our students towards a vocation of love and service that advances the Kingdom of God is to challenge them to find in their world a problem that is hurting people. This will generate a passion in their hearts and inspire them to want to discover a solution to better their fellow man and glorify their Creator. Such an inspired passion will motivate students toward relevant research, study, and higher training. Is this not part of what a Christian education should be?

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35)

# Blackhawk Christian Theatre Mystifies with *The Great Sebastians* by Rich Luedeke

The cast and staff of the Blackhawk Christian Theatre (BCT) are in rehearsals for their fall production of *The Great Sebastians* to be performed on Friday and Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm in the North Campus gym. A student matinee is on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. The original show by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse opened in January 1956 and ran for 174 performances. It was written as a star vehicle for the famous theatre duo, Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne. The story revolves around a married couple who tour the vaudeville circuit as a mind reading act. They are performing in Prague in 1948, shortly after the Communist takeover. When they are detained behind the Iron Curtain on suspicion of smuggling money out of the country, they must use their wits and the tricks from their act to escape. The plot is filled with twists and surprises that will keep the audience on the edge of their seats.

Seniors Wes Osborn and Makayla Tedder are cast in the roles of Rudi and Essie Sebastian. Com-

pleting the cast are April Meuter (sophomore) as Manya, representative of the Cultural Action Committee; Andrew Anguiano (senior) as Josef, the theatre manager; Tucker Wieland (junior) as General Otokar Zandek, Dakota Michael (senior) as Sergeant Javorsky, Emily King (junior) as Vlasta Habova, Abby Hall (junior) as Colonel Jarka Bradacova, Emma Kowatch (sophomore) as Sophie Cerny, Larissa Clark (sophomore) as Marie Balzar, Nick Balsiger (freshman) as Karel Cerny, Mark Paff (junior) as Pavlat, Jacob Leonhardt (senior) as Zikmund Novotny, Cody Tragesser (sophomore) as Tani Balzar, Andrew Schnurr (sophomore) as Stepan Bacilek, Gavin Frtiz (freshman) as the Corporal, Josh Paff (freshman) and Jonathan Keller (sophomore) as the Soldiers, and Hannah Harley (sophomore) as the Showgirl.

The production is under the direction of Mr. Rich Luedeke and Mrs. Lindsay Hines is serving as assistant director. Leigh Flegge (sophomore) is the production stage

manager, and Mr. Darren McKown is the technical director. The set is being designed and built by Mr. Joel Guthrie and PT Piekarski ('04), with costume design provided by Mrs. Candis Allwein and Mrs. Annette Johnson.

This year the cast will be participating in a community outreach called Trick-or-Treat so Kids Can Eat. This is a national food drive sponsored by the International Thespian Society of which our school has a local troupe (#5242). Audience members are asked to bring one non-perishable food item to the performances. Collected food will be distributed to local charities that serve the disadvantaged of our community. The food drive is under the supervision of Mrs. Carla Fritz.

Tickets for the two evening performances will be available at the door an half hour prior to the show. Adult tickets are \$6.00 and student tickets are \$4.00. BCS students will be admitted to any performance free of charge with their student ID card.

## Introduction of New Faculty

Blackhawk is thrilled to welcome Amy Roth to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts position. Amy joins us after 11 years of teaching and 4 years of counseling at Rockwood Valley Middle School located outside of St. Louis. She received her Bachelor's degree from Taylor University and continued her education at Lindenwood University for her Master's degree.

Amy is engaged to be married to her high school sweetheart, Eric Richards, on November 13, 2010. She is excited to welcome two beautiful step children: Mackenzie, 10 and Lauren, 7 to her family. Amy's hobbies include cooking, walking her dog, and spending time with family. Her goals for this year include getting her house organized and figuring out

how to balance school work and personal life.



Also joining BCS's faculty as a long term sub for Mrs. Hooley is Brian Smeltzer. His course load entails 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Bible. Brian graduated from Huntington University with a degree in elementary education. He is currently working as a youth pastor for Grace Gathering in New Haven.

Brian is married to BCS grad Courtney Smeltzer. He and his wife

have three children, the youngest was born just days ago. When asked what his favorite verse was, he responded with Colossians 3:12. It tells you how to LIVE, instead of what not to do. He is most excited about teaching Paul's letters to the freshmen.



Welcome Amy and Brian. We are blessed to have you both here!

# Chapel 101

By Rich Luedeke

A new class appeared on the schedule this fall for students in grades 9 through 12. Chapel 101 meets daily for the express purpose of planning, prepping and presenting the chapel programs for the middle school/high school students. The class is led by Mr. Rich Luedeke with technical support provided by the Blackhawk Ministries programming and technical staff. Chris Lyles and Ed Ritchart will train students on sound tech and lighting, Michelle Kennedy on general programming and the use of the Planning Center website, Beth Armstrong on PowerPoint, video and visual impact, and Korban Miller on music and worship leading. The class enrolled 30 students who have been divided into five chapel teams. Each team will be responsible to plan and present three chapel programs over the course of the year. Student council has designated the over-arching spiritual theme of the year as “Thirst,” based on the verses in Psalm 42:1 and 2: “As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.”

Chapel programs are held in the Worship Center on Thursdays from 11:36 to 12:20. Parents are always invited to attend chapel services with us. Parents should enter through the middle school/high school office and register their attendance in the building. Some Thursdays are devoted to Body Building Small Groups. It is advised that parents and guests call the school office prior to their visit to ensure that there is a chapel program that week.

Pray with us that God will use the class to ignite students to service and outreach and that He would use the students in the class to teach, encourage and challenge the student body.

# Internship

By Josh Cook

Professional Career Internships are now offered at Blackhawk. These internships provide on-site activities where students engage in learning through practical and relevant experiences. Internships are targeted to students' meaningful future plans and allow students to explore careers that require additional degrees or certification following high school. Each month a different intern will be featured in the Arrow. If you are interested in learning more about the internship program, please contact Mr. Sefton.

“I am a senior participating in the internship program. My internship is with the Fort Wayne Mad Ants Basketball Corporation. I currently work there every Wednesday until mid-November prior to the start of the basketball season. Once the season starts, I will be working there on a more regular basis. During the off-season I type spreadsheets and rank different categories of the team using past statistics. When the season starts, I will be going to the basketball games and working in the marketing department. I am really looking forward to the different types of experiences each day. I hope that it will help me decide which path I want to take on the road to my career.”



# Body Building Begins

By: Kim Holloway

Body Building is the name of our small group ministry at BCS. The first scheduled session is September 30th during the chapel period. These sessions will be led by our senior leaders with a staff person assigned to every group. Our goal is for these groups to foster spiritual growth and Christian community.

There have been some changes to the ministry this year. The groups will consist of twelve to thirteen young men or young women. The groups will be

for ninth through twelfth grades. Each group will have a brother or sister group; however, the majority of the time will be spent with the core group. We desire to be more intentional this year.

Mrs. Pearson and Mr. Holloway led a training session for the student leaders on September 20th at Brookside Church. Group dynamics, personality types and questioning techniques were discussed. The student leaders were given plans

and tips to make them successful. We know that only God can make these groups dynamic, but we want to equip the students to do their very best. We are looking forward to what God wants to do through this ministry. We covet your prayers for this ministry and the spiritual lives of our students!

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# Glorious Week

By: Jessica Walters

*Thirst:* an eager longing, craving, or yearning.

Silence. This was the sound of 350 students as they exited the sanctuary at the end of the week. This was the sound of students surrendering things in their life that were held in a tight grip for too long. What evoked such a response?

This year at Blackhawk, students compiled their vision and desire for every individual and our school as a whole, into one word—thirst. At the beginning of each new year we kick

off chapel with Glorious Week. We were led in worship by former students Josh Sommers and Christ Bello, along with Chris Lyles who works in the media and sound booth at Blackhawk Ministries. This year Brian Clay was our daily speaker who emphasized our theme and challenged us to let go of things keeping us from thirst after God. He started off the week by talking to us about being in awe of God. As the week progressed he brought up control; he called us to respond by letting go to objects, people,



Brian Clay

and situations we have been unwilling to give to God and hold fast to Him instead. Glorious Week was a great first step in the journey of being free of our old bondages as this new school year begins.

# Costa Rica Car Wash/Dress Down Day By Kim Holloway

The student council and the body building groups are teaming up together to sponsor a car wash for two Costa Rican students whom the student body began supporting last year. The student body was able to pay for school, supplies and clothes for Joann Hernandez and Luis Carlos Valle.

The car wash will be held at two off campus locations on Saturday, October 16th from 11:00-3:00. Body building teams will be asked to work together during certain hours to support the project. One hundred percent of the monies raised will go to support these two young men. We need to raise around \$2,000. Mark your calendar and tell your friends

about this project.

The students will hear final details in their groups on Thursday the 14th. Ask your student about the car wash locations. A dress down day is planned Friday, October



## Tennis News By Sarah Ernst

The Blackhawk boys' tennis season came to an end Wednesday, September 29 with a sectional loss to a tough Snider team. With an overall record of 5-7, the team will be losing 3 key seniors next year. Jake Brauner (#1 singles), Caleb Targgart (#2 singles), and Aaron Rachlow (#1 Doubles) were an intricate part of the program through out the last 3 years. Highlights for the year include a 5-0 victory over Northside, a 3-2 win vs. Southside, and a hard fought

1-4 loss to Snider during sectionals.

Jake Brauner won his match during the first round of sectionals qualifying him to continue on as an individual in post season play. With an impressive record of 9-4, he finished his season with a loss in the first round of regionals.



## Soccer News

By Bob Freeborn

The boys varsity soccer team finished the season with a record of 7-6-4. A first round exit was earlier than hoped, but overall the boys put up some good results against top ranked teams in the state including Warsaw High School and Carroll High School. After some mid-season struggles, Blackhawk won 4 of their last 5 games heading into the state tournament. Reid Zimmerman was again the leading scorer this year tallying 6 goals and 4 assists. A nice addition to the coaching staff this year was a former Blackhawk and

IPFW player Josh Sommer. The core of this team returns next year. There are a number of boys on the JV team ready to step in to compete for a spot. Joining them are several talented incoming freshmen players. Next year will mark the first year of class soccer in Indiana. Brand new challenges await the Braves!

**Indoor soccer:** Teams are forming now for indoor soccer at the Plex and Dome. Blackhawk has entered a middle school team in the winter II session playing from late January to spring break. Tryouts for this team

will be in December. See Coach Freeborn for details.

Parents are reminded there are numerous opportunities in the community to develop soccer talent. The three clubs in town often hold supplemental tryouts in October for their club teams. See coach Freeborn for details. An important window for player development is ages 12-14. Special thanks to Coach Brian Clay and other Blackhawk dads involved in teaching their kids the game of soccer while creating lasting

**Highlight:** Tim Howard, Austin Crane, Ben Ryan, James Harry, and Reid Zimmerman made the all academic all district team. Congrats!

## Larissa Clark—Philippines

Larissa Clark, a BCS sophomore, went to Butuan City, Philippines, with Teen Missions International. She went with a team of 15 other members from all around the United States and Canada. Teen Missions requires those traveling overseas to attend boot camp. Boot camp is a two and a half week period of rigorous spiritual and physical training and team building that is held in Florida. Around 20 other teams going to

different parts of the world trained at boot camp as well.

After almost three draining weeks at boot camp, the team traveled (with a day's layover in Hong Kong) to their destination, Butuan City. During the three weeks there, they worked on dorm construction at the Bible Training Center, as well as evangelism. For Larissa and other team members, adjusting to the different conditions and culture

was especially difficult. "God used that circumstance to open my eyes. He broke me out of my box. He taught me to be completely satisfied in Him. He is all I have and all I need."



## Emily King—India

Emily King, a junior at BCS, went to Nagercoil, India, with Global Expeditions. She went with a larger group, a 56-person team made up of two smaller teams. While in India, the team ran several different VBS's in smaller villages, and did other evangelism work. The heartache of seeing and experiencing the poverty of India was overwhelming. Emily

said, "It was a major challenge to be so far out of my comfort zone, in regards to my living conditions." While there, the team stayed at a school for deaf children in Nagercoil. They had to drive sometimes five hours in an old bus to get to where they were working. It was all worth it though. "We got to go to a Dalit (untouchable) village once, where we had the chance

to share the gospel. It was the very first time these people had heard anything like it. It was so cool to see." Emily will be traveling to Zambia next summer.

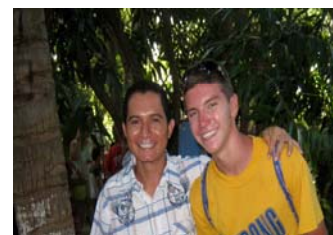


## Cody Tragesser—Guatemala

Cody Tragesser, another BCS sophomore, went to Zacapa, Guatemala with Zacapa Ministries. The group was made up of 23 team members. While in Guatemala, the team dedicated a church building for a local congregation which had been through major turmoil establishing itself. Cody's role on the trip was as an interpreter. He was one of four translators serving on the 23-person team. "This was my second trip, so I knew more what to expect, but you can never fully prepare yourself for what you're

going to see and do," explains Cody about the experience. "It was a challenge to translate for so many people. Everyone wanted you to come speak for them at the same time. There were just too many people. It was exhausting." But despite the challenge, Cody says he'll keep going as long as he can. "Fifteen of us rode in the back of a tiny pick up truck two hours up a mountain road that people shouldn't even be walking on. But the people we met in the remote village at the top made it all worth it. Then we rode five

hours back to the capital, where we walked through a slum in the middle of a garbage dump in which people live and work. It was smelly, filthy, and depressing. But passing out toys to little kids who live in huts made of trash was something I've never experienced."



# THIS AND THAT FROM THE SCRIP OFFICE

## NEW YEAR FOR SCRIP

Welcome to all the new families who are participating in the Scrip program. We anticipate another good year and encourage every BCS family to get involved with us.

**NEW FAMILIES:** Did you receive a \$5 Scrip gift certificate when you registered?

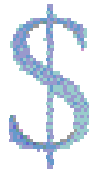
If not, please contact the Scrip, office and we will make sure you are given one. If you have one but haven't figured out how to use it, call us at 493-7400, ext.269, and we'll help you out.

**TUITION VOUCHERS** for Scrip purchased this past school year are available for pick up in the Scrip office. You **MUST** request your voucher. Almost \$12,000 was earned in tuition credit by BCS families last year. 15 families received tuition vouchers of \$200.00 - \$400.00. Another 40 earned \$100.00 - \$200.00 vouchers. 3 families earned over \$400.

Vouchers are earned by using Scrip for groceries, gas, gifts and places you normally shop and eat. Give an order form to grandparents, friends and other family so they can help you. With faithful use, creative thinking, and good planning, it is not difficult to earn a substantial tuition voucher.

## MEIJER INFORMATION --

If you are still using your old Meijer Community Rewards card (which gives a very minimal return), please consider switching to their Scrip gift cards which return 4%. We sell \$25 and \$100 cards.



## HOLIDAYS ARE COMING -- PLAN AHEAD!

Are you self-employed? Do you own a business? Do you manage an office? You can support BCS by using Scrip for your business. Several local businesses use Scrip gift cards for incentives, prizes, office parties, Christmas gifts, bonuses, thank you's, etc. Consider making Scrip your holiday gift supplier.



**SENIOR PORTRAITS**, wedding pictures, family photos, Christmas greeting cards, etc., are available from several area photographers who donate a percentage of their profits to the Scrip program. Call our office for information.

**2011 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** are available for \$25 in the Scrip office. Scrip is also available for many of the participating merchants, so you can add to your savings.

**Results of the "SUMMER SPECIAL"**  
23 families purchased over \$1,000 in Scrip this summer, qualifying them for the \$50 gift card drawing. The winning families were Lynn & Chris Rich and Randall & Brenda Sebastian.

# Art News

HS2D art classes enjoyed a fun field trip to Auburn to visit the sculptures on the square by renowned bronze artist Seward Johnson.

## October Calendar

Wednesday, 13	PSAT - Sophomores/Juniors
Thursday, 21	1st Quarter Ends
Friday, 22	NO SCHOOL - Teacher in Service
Thursday, 28	Report Cards
Friday, 29	Grandparents Day (Elementary only)

## October Fine Arts Calendar

Thursday, 21	High School Fall Matinee
Friday-Saturday, 22-23	High School Play - 7:00 P.M.
Friday, 29	Secondary Band & Choir Fall Concert - 7:00 P.M. (SC Worship Center)

## October Fall Sports Calendar

Thursday, 12	Varsity Cross Country IHSAA Sectionals at Northrop	5:00 P.M.
Thursday, 14	Girls Varsity Soccer IHSAA Sectionals at Belmont	5:00 P.M.
Saturday, 16	Girls Varsity Soccer Sectional Finals at Belmont	TBA
Tuesday, 19	Volleyball IHSAA Sectionals at Canterbury	TBA
Thursday, 21	Volleyball IHSAA Sectionals at Canterbury	TBA
Saturday, 23	Volleyball IHSAA Sectionals at Canterbury	TBA
Monday, 25	First Day of Girls Basketball Practice	TBA