

Chalkmarks



Academic Excellence on a Biblical Foundation

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ISTEP+ TESTING IS AROUND THE CORNER!!!

Beginning Tuesday March 1st students will be taking ISTEP+ tests throughout our school in grades 3-6. We are continually impressed with how many of our students earn a Pass and Pass Plus rating on ISTEP+. My encouragement to students is to do just a little bit better than they did the year before. I trust that you as parents will encourage your students' in the same manner. You can also help your children by making sure that they get enough sleep the nights before testing. Eating a healthy breakfast and arriving to school on time are also great ways to ensure that they will have every opportunity to do their best.



Mr. Wiegand

WE ARE THANKFUL . . .

for the large number of families that have re-enrolled. Open enrollment has now begun and families not currently attending Blackhawk can apply for admission. Now is the time to encourage that family you think would be a great fit at BCS! We have many new students come to us every year based on the recommendation of current families. Don't forget about our **New Family Referral Incentive Program** that awards current BCS families \$400 for every fully enrolled, new K-12 student who lists you as the referring family on their application.



5th & 6th GRADERS COMPETE IN M.A.T.H. BOWL

Twelve 5th and 6th grade students represented BCS at the M.A.T.H. Bowl Invitational at Park Hill Learning Center Thursday, February 17th. This is the 17th year of M.A.T.H. Bowl, but our FIRST year to compete. It was a fun learning experience for our students and they will continue competing at the area M.A.T.H. Bowl at Heritage Jr./Sr. High School Thursday, March 10th.

Participants are:

Isabella Coats	Matthew Rumble
Cade Dorais	Justin Seibert
Victor Fink	Max Toenges
Quentin Hohman	Valerie Vandergriff
Clarissa Hoover	Logan Vander Velden
Dane McKown	Elizabeth Zolman

We would love to have you come and cheer on the team at Heritage High School on March 10! Go BCS!

SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS

Join us for our first "Spotlight on the Arts" March concert. Elementary art will be on display, the fifth grade choir will make their debut, and the fourth graders will wow us with their impressive recorder skills. It's a great evening to see what has been happening in the elementary BCS Fine Arts department!

Looking for a Volunteer Opportunity?

BCS is blessed to have so many moms, dads and grandparents volunteering here at the school. We are truly a better place because of their faithful service. **We currently have need for several volunteers to serve as "subs" for our regular volunteers.** There are a wide variety of roles that a volunteer can fill so if you have interest in being a sub, please contact the office for more information. We look forward to hearing from you.

Our next **ELEMENTARY SKATE**, for all students kindergarten through 6th grade, is **Monday, March 7th from 3:15-5:15 p.m.** at Bell's Rink in New Haven. Let's have a great crowd at this after-school event! It will be a fun time of skating and parent fellowship. The cost is \$3.00 for anyone wanting to skate, but sitting to watch or fellowship is totally FREE. It won't be fun without you.





TICKET TO READ

ENJOY THE RIDE OF READING !



2nd Grade Minimum (20)

Alex Gansert

3rd Grade Minimum (30)

4th Grade Minimum (40)

5th Grade Minimum (50)

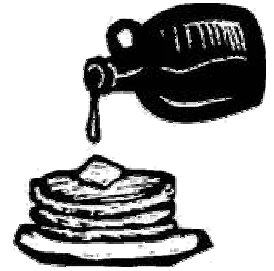
Gabriel Sudharto

6th Grade Minimum (60)

Katie Qualls

BCS 4th GRADERS HAD A GREAT TIME AT THE YODER FARM SUGAR BUSH

After a muddy 1/2 mile walk down a lane to the woods, we spent the next four hours learning what is involved in the maple sugaring process. We enjoyed a tasty sausage and pancake lunch complete with real maple syrup. Teamwork was involved in pulling a log to the sugarhouse, and we learned how Native Americans tapped maple trees. We also had the experience of using a crosscut saw. The high-light of the day was helping collect the sap from the buckets on the maple trees.....together we collected enough sap to fill three big barrels! Pictures from our day are in the upstairs hallway by our 4th grade classroom, and you are welcome to stop by to see our experiences.



LOOKING AHEAD

- **Week of February 28th**
ISTEP+ testing for 3rd - 6th
- **Friday, March 4th**
1B field trip to Scottish Rite
Junie B. Jones Play, 9:00-11:30
- **Monday, March 7th**
K-6 Skating Party
3:15-5:15, Bell's Rink in New Haven
- **Thursday, March 10th**
Spring Pictures
- **Friday, March 11th**
Spotlight on the Arts
7:00 pm, North Campus Gym
- **Thursday, March 17th**
PreK - 12th Open House
6:00-8:00 pm

STUFF YOU CAN FIND ON THE BCS WEBSITE

www.blackhawkchristian.org

Read all about your BCS staff! Halfway down on the homepage of our website you'll see "Faculty and Staff" in blue. Click the red link of your choice and enjoy learning about those of us who are privileged to spend the day with your children.

**Hey Proud Parents,
we want to hear from you!**

If your child has received an award, is involved in a community event, or on a special missions trip, we want to know about it.

Please send information to
astarr@blackhawkchristian.org.

We like to let others know what our BCS students are doing, and may send out press releases to newspapers, radio, and TV stations. So don't be shy. Tell us how great your children are doing!

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SCRIP TREAT WEEK will be extended till March 4. Send in your Scrip orders, we will give your kids a small treat and enter any orders over \$100 in a drawing for one of 2 \$50 gift certificates.

BORDERS in Fort Wayne is staying opened!! We still have \$10 gift cards (9%) in stock.

Recoup some of the higher cost of gas by using Scrip when you fill up at Speedway, Marathon, BP, Shell, Walmart, Meijer, Kroger and others.

Download a SCRIP order form by visiting our page on the BCS website.

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