

Chalkmarks



Academic Excellence on a Biblical Foundation

Friday, September 30, 2011

Elementary School, 260-493-7400 ext. 230

www.blackhawkchristian.org

New Dismissal Procedures Update

I want to say a huge thank you to all BCS parents for your support while we were changing our dismissal procedure. I believe that our students are safer and the car lines have been much shorter. There are a few reminders as we seek to smooth out the process:

- Parents who arrive early for the 2:55 dismissal on the Lahmeyer side should form two lines as close to the north fence as possible. This will allow parents picking up at 2:45 to pass by.
- Please do not park and pick up your child on the Lahmeyer side. If you need to park, you may do so on the State Blvd. side and enter Door#1 to pick up your child.

The State Blvd. side has had much shorter lines so for those who are able; you may save some time by picking up on that side.

Safely and Efficiently Yours,
Mr. Wiegand

Grandparents Day is Coming!

"From the Inside Out" is the theme for our Grandparents Day Program this year. The date is Friday, October 28th. Your child should have come home with a parent letter and two invitations to be given to their grandparents this week. Remember that you may invite a close relative or friend if a grandparent is unable to attend. Remember that students will be dismissed at 11:45 for a "Grandparent Field Trip." This is a great opportunity for children to spend some quality time with the special people in their lives. More information will be coming as the day approaches.

TIME TO SAY GOOD-BYE TO SUMMER

Here at BCS it is time to pack away the shorts until after Spring Break. The parent/student handbook states that shorts may not be worn from October 1 through April 1. Don't worry, April will be here before you know it! Thanks for changing your clothes along with the seasons and helping us follow our dress code expectations.

LUNCH INFORMATION

Everyone must pack a lunch Friday, October 14th

FWCS is not in session that day, and therefore, we won't have hot lunches. Mrs. Roberts has a new location in our building and a new phone extension. Her office is now located adjacent to the teacher lounge, and her phone extension is 277.

K - 6 SKATING PARTY

We hope that your child will be able to attend the first BCS Skate of the year, Monday October 3rd from 3:15-5:15 p.m. As in year's past it will be hosted at Bell's Skating Rink in New Haven. The event is for students in grades K-6, and the cost is \$3.00. Students can bring their own skates or rent a pair of quad skates for \$1. Parents are welcome to skate too. Those not skating may enter for free. Come on out and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship!



You are the first to know!

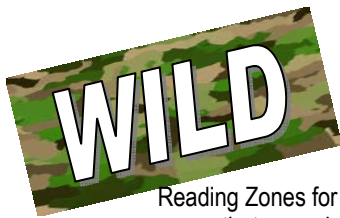


On October 1st reNEW will open its doors and welcome you to the first preview of our new store. reNEW is a resale department store that supports our community by providing upscale merchandise at thrifty prices. Savvy shoppers, visit us and be the first to discover items that can be repurposed to renewed treasures. **Donating your old treasures**, no matter how big or small, supports Christian education at Blackhawk Christian School. You will soon realize that you are a part of a big-hearted community that loves to share!

Go to www.renewupscaleresale.org for more details.

Save-The-Date for 1 to 1 for One

a night of Worship and a fundraiser to equip students with technology that will prepare them for a successful future
Friday, October 28th, 7:00 p.m. Blackhawk Ministries Worship Center
More details will follow or check out www.1to1forone.com



About Reading

On the prowl for AR points



Reading Zones for the students are determined by a computerized assessment called STAR test. For now we are using zones that were determined for each student in May of last year. Students who are new to our school this year have been assessed and assigned a zone this fall. The test is re-administered and zones are adjusted periodically throughout the year. Once a student has met his/her Minimum Goal (grade level times 10) they may read outside their zone. Read-alouds by parents need to be within the zone until the Minimum Goal has been met. Read-alouds by teachers are sometimes slightly above zone.

2nd Grade Minimum (20)

Korban Study
Eric Wever

3rd Grade Minimum (30)

Caleb Furst
Michael Hall
Kilie Horne

4th Grade Minimum (40)

Matthew Brulewicz
Mrs. McIntosh

5th Grade Minimum (50)

2nd Grade 50 Point Club

3rd Grade 75 Point Club

Callan Wood

4th Grade 100 Point Club

5th Grade 125 Point Club

Lawson Doden

LOOKING AHEAD

- **Monday, October 3**
K-6 Skating Party
at Bell's Rink in New Haven
3:15-5:15
- **Friday, October 7**
4A & 4B field trip to
Sauder Village
- **Thursday, October 20**
High School Play Matinee
- **Friday, October 21**
NO SCHOOL
Teacher In-Service
- **Thursday, October 27**
Report Cards go home
- **Friday, October 28**
Grandparents Day
1 to 1 for One Worship Concert
- **Tuesday, November 1st**
Picture Retake Day

CLASSROOM CONNECTION

3rd GRADE FIELD TRIP

On a field trip to the Children's Museum in Indianapolis, both 3rd grade classes enjoyed a guided experience called Challenges in Archaeology. They investigated the discoveries of Captain William Kidd, the Terracotta Warriors of China, and a recreation of Seti 1's tomb in Egypt. What a memorable learning time we all shared!



Would you be willing to volunteer for Grandparents Day?

We need shuttle bus drivers, greeters, and refreshment servers. If you are interested, please call Susie in the elementary office or email her at scavenaile@blackhawkchristian.org. Your help is so appreciated for this special day at BCS.

BLACKHAWK MINISTRIES FALL MINI-CAMP

3rd-5th graders: Children's Ministries Fall Mini-Camp is October 7th & 8th. We're thrilled to announce our speaker for the weekend: Jesse the Juggler! Jesse is a children's pastor & world renowned juggler. Be prepared for an exciting weekend full of danger (as we watch Jesse juggle machetes), fun, friendship & awesome time with God. **Register online by September 30th** at www.blackhawkministries.org. The cost of camp is \$40. If you have any questions, please call Havilah in Children's Ministries @ 493-7400 ext. 280.

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Is COFFEE your thing? Or TEA? We have Scrip for Higher Grounds, Starbucks, Espresso Gallery, Firefly Coffee House and Dunkin Donuts. Call a friend, pick up some Scrip, and enjoy a cup of your favorite ☺

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS are on sale for \$25 in the Scrip Office. Did you buy a book last year? Do you have coupons left that you will not use? Bring them in to the Scrip Office and we will share them with other BCS families when they come to purchase Scrip.