BCMS PTF Newsletter

AUGUST 2023

MEETING MINUTES

- Elisabeth Hogue opened with an introduction and welcome to all.
- Michelle Stancil led devotion about the thought: "Does fear lead to complacency? In our walk with God? With our children?" Supporting verse: 2 Tim. 1:6-7. If we let fear take over, we lose self-control, and we're not letting God use us. Fear and anxiety distract us from our relationship with Him. Supporting verses on fear: Phil. 4:6–7, Ps. 34:4. When our kids are not excelling, perhaps it's not laziness; perhaps it's rooted in fear. She closed in prayer.
- Faculty Spotlight on Mrs. Julie Crenshaw
  - She is the awesome person you see at the desk in the front office.
  - We learned about her family and work history (10th year in education and at BCS since January 2023).
  - She had us laughing about her office chair struggles in her first month on the job, her ability to handle all things BUT throw-up, and the weirdest misplaced thing to turn up in the office - underwear.
  - She reminded us that our kids are incredible, and they can accomplish more than we know. Sometimes they have to fail. And it's ok because God's grace is so precious. They will learn from that failure. And they will remember next time.
  - Her advice: Teach your children how to use the telephone! There is a phone in the office if they need to call home, but many have never even seen a phone.
- Elisabeth introduced the MS PTF Board Members. See a full list here - https://www.briarcrest.com/parents/middle-school/ptf.
- Cara Ellis, Fundraising Coordinator, spoke about the upcoming fundraiser and Moms in Prayer.
  - The fundraiser will run 9/11/23 - 10/04/23 to raise money to help offset the cost of the new science curriculum and new PE equipment.
  - We are partnering with Christmas Tree House to sell fresh wreaths (small & large) and garland. Donations will be accepted as well.
  - More information coming soon, including all of the fun incentives.
  - There will be paper and digital order forms. Receipts will be provided to help with order pickup.
  - Look for sign-ups coming out to volunteer to help with order pickups from Christmas Tree House.
  - If every middle school student sold three small wreaths, we would raise over $16,000!
  - Moms in Prayer meets every Thursday, 8:00AM-9:00AM, in the boardroom in Sparks Chapel.
  - Throughout the school year, they pray by name for every single student, as well as everyone involved in the day-to-day activities of the school. They also pray for the school and community as a whole.
  - They would love for you to join them!
- Elisabeth reminded us of a couple of upcoming events and that there are many ways to get plugged in to the school community:
  - 7th/8th Grade New Parent Fellowship - Tomorrow, 8/31
  - Parent Equipping Class with Jason Ellis - Next Wednesday, 9/06
- Remarks from Mrs. Cummings
  - 9/14 8:15AM - MS New Family Coffee in the Cox Room
  - 9/15 8:15AM in Sparks - She invited parents to join MS students as they attend a panel from HeartLife Soul Care speaking on stress & anxiety.
  - Lookout for an email update on security from Caron Swatley.
  - 8th Grade Parents - If you have not registered for Washington DC, World Strides is offering a discount if you register today!
  - All parents are invited to weekly chapel - Wednesdays at 9:38AM
  - She said we're off to a great start and thanked parents for embracing this year's focus on respect.
- Elisabeth led a game to see who could name all six of their child's teachers, excluding related arts. Try it!

UPCOMING EVENTS

8/31	7th/8th New Parent Fellowship Breakfast
9/04	Labor Day/No School
9/06	Parent Equipping Class
9/07-9/08	8th Grade Retreat
9/08	MS Night @ Football Game
9/11	Fundraiser Kickoff
9/14	MS New Family Coffee
9/18-9/22	Homecoming Spirit Week
9/20	MS Make-up Picture Day
10/04	Final Day of Fundraiser
10/09-10/13	Fall Break
11/06	Professional Day - No School
11/21	Mission 1:8 Day

PTF MEETINGS

2023	2024
August 30th	January 17th
September 20th	February 14th
October 18th	March 27th
November 15th	April 17th

PTF CONTACTS

PRESIDENT
Elisabeth Hogue

VICE PRESIDENT
Tiffany McElveen

With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible. - Matthew 19:26