

BCMS PTF Newsletter

JANUARY 2024

MEETING MINUTES

- Elisabeth opened the meeting and thanked Rachel Wall and Kristin Dill for all of their work on the MS Christmas dances and Jennifer Garner and Susan Solomon for all of their work on the MS Christmas decorations.
- Michelle Stancil led devotion with the verse 1 Peter 5:7 - "Cast your cares on Him, because He cares for you." The new year brings a lot of excitement, but it also brings a lot of worry and anxiety of what is to come. Isn't it amazing that we have a Savior that tells us to give all of our burdens to Him? Life is not easy, but it's fitted perfectly for you by Him. Supporting verses: 1 Pet. 5:7, Phil. 4:6-7, Matt. 11. She closed us in prayer.
- Faculty Spotlight - Mrs. Nina Ingram, Director of Academic and Student Services
 - Born and raised in Memphis and grew up at BCS. She has a 5-year-old son and a 3-year-old daughter, who are third generation Briarcrest students. Their family hobbies include going to the lake, spontaneous vacations, puzzles, crafts, and outdoor activities. Their family motto is "1. God loves you the most, 2. Obey first, and 3. Kindness always."
 - Immediately prior to her role at BCS, she had about a year as a stay-at-home-mom with her children. Prior to that, she was a private practitioner in mental health counseling since graduate school, working with 5 year olds through adults, with social, emotional, and behavioral issues. She is certified in specific trauma therapies (EMDR and DBT). She worked with middle schoolers at Daybreak Treatment Center. The Lord keeps leading her back to middle schoolers.
 - Her favorite thing about being at Briarcrest: In private practice, she worked with clients at their lowest points and helped them find their way back to the light. Once successful, she had to say goodbye. She is excited that she doesn't have to do that at Briarcrest. She gets to continue to see the kids and watch them grow and build upon their success.
 - How do you incorporate a biblical world view into your interactions with students? She says it happens pretty organically and sometimes more directly. She asks a lot of questions and doesn't assume where anyone is in their walk with the Lord. She looks for opportunities to share what she's learned about God. She says it's such a joy to be able to share the Gospel and pray with our kids.
- Announcements/Upcoming Events
 - Julie Martin spoke about Teacher Appreciation Week, 2/20 - 2/23
 - 2/20 - Commissary Luncheon. Need two setup helpers.
 - 2/21 - Grab & Go bags. SignUpGenius coming to contribute items.
 - 2/22 - Cookies & gift cards
 - 2/23 - Coffee/smoothie truck
- Remarks from Mrs. Cummings
 - Look up the video of the child pitching a fit on the plane when her grandmother took her phone away. They are dealing with the same at school; the kids don't want to put their phones away. It is truly an addiction. Help your kids understand this and help them develop self control. Set healthy parameters.
 - RUSH (aRe yoU Seeking Him?) Week is 2/5 - 2/7. Drew Worsham is coming to speak to the kids. He is a pastor at the Rim Church in San Antonio, public speaker, and illusionist. He is involved in SLU. His strategy is "saying less and showing more".
 - Placement tests for honors classes will be right after Spring Break.
 - ERB (6th grade) and pre-ACT (7th & 8th grade) will be the first week of April.
 - The way students speak to each other and about each other has gotten out of hand. There will be a middle school meeting on Tuesday, 1/30 to discuss this with students, let them know that it will not be tolerated, and there will be consequences. We need to use our words to build one another up. Please discuss it with your kids at home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 01/22 Homecoming Spirit Week
- 01/26
- 01/29 100th Day of School Pajama Day
- 02/05 RUSH Week
- 02/07
- 02/19 President's Day - No School
- 02/20 Teacher Appreciation
- 02/23 Week
- 03/11 Spring Break
- 03/15
- 03/29 Easter Break
- 04/01

PTF MEETINGS

2023	2024
August 30th	January 17th 24th
September 20th	February 14th
October 18th	March 27th
November 15th	April 17th

PTF CONTACTS

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