

What a Year!

As I look back over a wonderful year, I think of Ecclesiastes 7:8 which says, "Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof." The beginning of this school year was very exciting; everyone got to see their friends again and experience new things as well—new classes, books, teachers, and even friends.

The 2008-2009 school year brought some wonderful "things." We have our largest student body ever with thirty-nine students. We have twelve new students and ten new families. We saw several students accept Jesus as their Savior, raised money to expand and improve our playground, collected food for a needy children's home, sent twenty-five deaf Filipinos to camp, and won the state Bible Quizzing championship. Through a daily process, we also helped train thirty-nine students "in the knowledge and character of God," and gave them "an excellent, disciplined education." What a great year we've had! Praise the Lord!

But the end of this school year should be "better", or more fulfilling, according to Ecclesiastes. You see, just reading the list above brings a sense of satisfaction that can only come after the "thing" has been accom-



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plished. Now the year is not yet over. With almost twelve days left, there is plenty of time to make the end of this year "better."

First of all, do not check out early for summer vacation. Continue doing your homework, showing character, studying, practicing manners, getting your assignment pad signed, etc. Just one test grade at the end of the year can completely change the look of a report card. So keep at it!



Secondly, register for camp. I cannot stress enough the importance of a week of camp in the life of a young person—I know because it changed mine! Camp is "a-ton-of-fun", and that's why almost 4,000 kids want to come to the Ranch. But the help

from the Bible is why parents want their children to come. Many parents see a visible difference in their child within the first hour of being home after a week at the Ranch.

Thirdly, come back for another year at BRCA. It is exciting around here because God is blessing. It is our desire to see the school grow in order to help more

people. As of this printing, we have thirteen new students signed

up, and we anticipate more by August 17. We have wonderful things in the works for next year, and we hope you will experience them with us.

It has been a great year at BRCA, but only you can make it "better."

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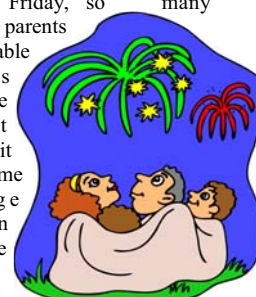
- Don't miss the Piano Recital this Monday.
- The School Picnic has become one of the best days of the year at BRCA!
- Right around the corner—Graduation, summer, & CAMP!!!
- If you're a father or a son, you should come to the Father & Son Retreat—even if you have to adopt a "son" for a day!
- So, just how much paper does the IRS use in a year?

Independence Day Retreat

One the most exciting days on the Ranch is on the 4th of July—a day for the whole family. The Independence Day Retreat is during a Family Week and Junior Week so it will give you a taste of what our group will experience later in the summer. You will enjoy three delicious meals in the dining hall. While you are here you can get involved in as many of the exciting activities as you would like or you can just take

it easy. In the morning we will have a special service called the Illustrated Message where you will learn a Bible truth illustrated "cowboy-style." In the evening one of the evangelists will bring another message from the Bible that will be a help to your home. In a climactic way, we always end the retreat with a spectacular fireworks display that will be sure to leave you feeling patriotic. This year, the retreat is on

July 3, a Friday, so many of our parents should be able to come. It's only one day, but what a day it is! Let me encourage you to get in on all the action.



Current Events @ BRCA

May 4 Piano Recital

This year's recital will take place at 7 p.m. in the Webber Auditorium. Let me encourage all our families to attend. Not only will you be supporting our students, but you will also get to see what our piano students have learned throughout the year. Refreshments will be served.

May 15 School Picnic

This special event will begin with lunch on the lawn at 12:30 and different games and activities for the whole family to be involved in. Parents will be asked to bring in food/drinks. We hope you can come! The day will end at 3:00.

May 19 Re-enrollment Fee Due

The registration fee is due to reserve your spot for next year. If you pay by the last

day of school, you will pay \$135 and save \$15. Don't be left out!

May 19 Last Day of School/Graduation

School gets out at 11:30, and Graduation starts for everyone at 7:00 in the Webber Auditorium. All students must be at the auditorium *no later than 6:45*.

May 19-August 16 Summer Vacation

Have a great summer. We will see many of you this summer for camp and then again on August 17 for a brand new year!

July 26-31 BRCA Camp Week

If you haven't done so already, quickly join the group going to camp this

summer. We're going to have a blast! Pay the \$40 registration fee by May 19 to get the \$40 discount, and then pay only \$115 upon arrival. Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity!

Spread the Word!

Don't forget about the Finder's Fee this summer.

You could save up to \$150 per child off next year's tuition!

The Nashville Sounds Reading Club Results

Even though the real World Series is a long way off, the "World Series of Reading" - Nashville Sounds Reading Club - has come to an end. While almost everyone got involved, half of the school smashed a home run! Here's the "Who's Who" list for our reading contest and the prizes they have won.

1st Base

Prize: Nashville Sounds Game Ticket

Elauna Hicks James Rich
Austin Scott

2nd Base

Prize: Fazoli's Kid's Meal

Luke Buttrey Caleb Foster
Madison Hernandez Sullivan Schwartz
Hannah Cherry Dylan Watts

3rd Base

Prize: Wendy's Kid's Meal

Michael Capps Sophia Kerr
Bree Watson Hunter Brady
Anna Campbell

Home Run

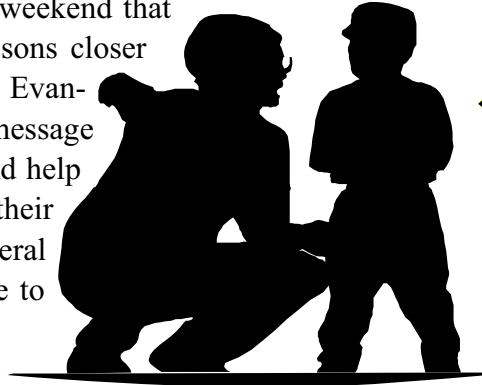
Prize: Free Book & a Chance to Win Other Prizes at the Game

Shekynah Inbarajan Adam Reeves
Alonya Watson Charlie Cowart
Matthew Thomas Noah Scott
Megan Buzard Seth Foster
Joshua Patterson Caleb Schindel
Tegan Woods Andrew Schindel
Noah Foster Jenifer Wileczek
Sierra Hennessey Caleb Patterson
Alonya Schwartz Daniel Buzard
Cody Schwartz

Spring Retreats

Father & Son Retreat (May 15-16)

If you've never been involved in our camps, the 17th Annual Father & Son Retreat is the perfect way to get your feet wet! All of BRCA's fathers and sons six-years-old and up (older sons too) are invited to this weekend that is sure to bring fathers and sons closer together. The speaker will be Evangelist Wil Rice, and each message will be an encouragement and help specifically for fathers and their sons. I already know of several who are coming, so we hope to see you there!



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Student Spotlight – Cody Schwartz

Mr. Reeves: Tell me a little about yourself.

Cody Schwartz: I like to play football, jump on my trampoline, and play with my kittens outside. My favorite food is steak, and my favorite animal is the dolphin. My favorite subject is reading because I love to read. I also like to collect football cards—especially the Miami Dolphins.

M.R.: What's your most favorite

thing to do?

C.S.: Play football—I want to play little league.

M.R.: What's your favorite thing about your teacher?

C.S.: Miss Young is nice, explains things well, and understands when I have a question.

M.R.: What's your favorite thing about your parents?

C.S.: They love us. Mom likes to

play with me, and dad likes wrestling and boxing (with gloves on!).

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What do you hope to do when you grow up?

C.S.: I would love to play football.

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Did You Know???

- Approximately **one-third** of the population can't **snap their fingers**.
- About **39,000** gallons of water are used to produce the **AVERAGE CAR**.
- The **IRS** processes more than **2 BILLION** pieces of paper **each year**.
- The sting from a **KILLER BEE** contains less **venom** than the sting from a regular bee.

Bible Verse of the Month

"According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death."
- Philippians 1:20

Quote of the Month

"A good conscience is like a continual Christmas."
- Benjamin Franklin

