

# brackenlife

A BRACKEN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PUBLICATION

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MANDATORY FOR ALL BRACKEN FAMILIES: K-4 THROUGH 12<sup>TH</sup>

Thursday, August 17  
Orientation & Dinner

5:30 - 6:15

**ELEMENTARY:** Parents & students  
meet teachers in classrooms.

**MS/HS:** Parents & students meet  
teachers & receive schedules in gym.

6:00 - 6:30

**ALL FAMILIES:** Dinner in the gym.

6:30 - 7:00

**ALL FAMILIES:** Orientation in the gym.

Field Trip & PE. Shirts Available for Purchase



**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

**MS/HS:** Friday, August 18th

**GRADES 1-5:** Monday, August 21st

**KINDERGARTEN:** Wednesday, August 23rd



**CRAIG WALKER**  
administrator

# Back To School!

LOOKING BACK WITH THANKFULNESS AND FORWARD WITH ANTICIPATION

## DEAR BCS FAMILY,

Reading this letter from me can only mean one thing. **It's time for school to start! YEA!!** With the start of school come many questions. What about school supplies? (Check the website at [www.brackenchristian.com](http://www.brackenchristian.com)) What about football? Is it true we have a bus? Is there a NEW building going up? Is the school calendar out yet? What about school lunches this year? What's new at school that I might need to know? Some of these questions will be answered in this newsletter. Please take time to read through this information. These and other questions will be answered at the Thursday, August 17th **Back to School Night**. Look over the schedule for that evening on the front page, and please plan to be there by 5:30 pm.

We have had a busy summer repairing, cleaning, rearranging and planning for the best year yet at BCS. Mr. Ross and crew are now putting the finishing touches on our lovely campus. God has provided such a beautiful place for his children, and it such a joy to minister here.

We are privileged to share in the work of educating your children. As we view each of your children as image bearers of our Lord Jesus, we recognize they are a very diverse group academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually. Such diversity is exciting because the Lord has gifted us in many different ways. As we come together in a school setting we have the perfect environment to grow, to be stretched, to serve and to forgive. I know I speak for the staff and faculty when I say we count it such a joy to get to know each of our students.

For the families of BCS, this year will be one of new challenges, with new opportunities to grow and to further mature in our Christian walk. This school year will have exciting chapel speakers and times to worship the Lord. Our teachers are excited to bring energetic, well-prepared lessons on a variety of sub-

jects. Academics continue to be one of our strengths. The Thursday morning prayer ministry is ready to commence for another year. All interested parents and friends of BCS are encouraged to attend. God has blessed us with an increase in enrollment. **All of this adds up to only one thing: God continues doing incredible things for his children at Bracken Christian School.**

Our adopted mission statement continues to drive us toward honoring the Lord in all we do. Thank you for partnering with us in the Christian education of your children.

*"Bracken Christian School will assist Christian families by providing an excellent education within the context of a biblical worldview, equipping students to impact their culture for Christ."*

Choosing Christ,

**SAVE THE DATE**

# Vision Night!

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2006**

**7:00 -8:30 P.M.**

**BRACKEN GYMNASIUM**

**APPETIZERS, COFFEE & DESSERT**

*Looking towards Bracken's future and at the many ways God is blessing our school.*

# Campus Chat

NEW THIS FALL

## WE'RE POPPING AT THE SEAMS!!

**Any one of these things would be exciting but we have been abundantly blessed to have many things going on this summer at Bracken.**

- A new (used) BCS school bus was purchased with last year's golf tournament funds. Come see it on Back to School Night. It's even air conditioned!

- An athletic shed was built to help meet our growing need for storage of items.

- We now have a beautiful football field with goal posts. It's ready to go for home football games this fall. Our thanks to the many dads who came to spread lots of dirt and gave their all on a hot

Saturday. Also a huge thanks to the Daryl Scott family who arranged and donated most of the supplies.

- We are deep into construction of a brand new Library/Office building. The old library portable was removed the first week of summer to make way for this needed addition. The Board agreed that it had paid way too much money over the years on rental and believed the time was right to have a permanent structure that was ours. The other portable will be pulled shortly before completion. Our new building will hold the library, choir, yearbook/technology, administrative offices and should be completed in the fall.

## Welcome, New Families!



Let's welcome all  
**NEW MOMS**  
to the BCS family!

Coffee & Fellowship  
Thursday, August 24  
8:30 a.m.

Bracken Kitchen  
All BCS Moms Invited!

**PLEASE STOP BY THE NEW FAMILY TABLE AT ORIENTATION.** WE HAVE A VERY SPECIAL TREAT TO WELCOME YOU TO THE BRACKEN FAMILY! YOU WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED TO YOUR NEW "ADOPTIVE" FAMILY HERE AT BRACKEN.



**ALL BCS PARENTS:**  
**Join us for weekly prayer!**

Thursdays  
8:30 a.m.  
Room #204

# What in the world is *SCRIP*?

**A WAY TO RAISE MONEY FOR BRACKEN WITHOUT SPENDING A DIME OF YOUR OWN!**

How? You simply pre-purchase gift cards, gift certificates or debit cards to spend at the stores you already buy from. **Places like HEB, Old Navy, Chili's, Exxon/Mobil, Olive Garden, Bath & Body Works, and Blockbuster.** The beauty of SCRIP is that it costs you nothing! These companies offer their cards at a discounted rate to Bracken. All discounts are issued as income to Bracken Christian School, and that profit goes to the school's bottom line!

Because of the support of the parents, teachers and staff this was a profitable fundraising program last year. In order for this program to be a success, your support is again requested in the form of purchasing SCRIP cards from Bracken for items and services your family uses on a regular basis.

Bracken can earn between 1 1/2 and 20 percent of your purchases through this program. **Just think...** your family can generate cash flow for our school every time you buy groceries, fuel for your vehicle, rent videos or go out to eat.

Enclosed is an order form with Bracken's TOP 40 vendors along with the value of the certificate and the percentage of profit Bracken will generate from each item. A complete master list of vendors is available in the office and may be ordered from at any time. **HEB SCRIP will be available in the office** on a first-come, first-served basis. Our first order will be placed on Tuesday, August 22nd. Orders will



*Just imagine... BCS can earn money from everything in your basket... well, just about everything!*

be placed weekly. If you have any questions, please call the office and leave a message for Patsi Hicks, SCRIP Coordinator.

**Wouldn't it be great if we could double our profit this year? We need you for this!**

## Box Tops For Education

Bracken made \$1,000.00 profit from the Box Top/Campbell Labels program last year. We are planning to continue the program this year. We want to thank all of the parents who

made this a success last year. You will receive more information in the near future, please keep saving Box Tops for Education, Project A+ from Tyson Chicken, and Campbell Labels.