

# IN TOUCH

BLAIR CHRISTIAN  
ACADEMY

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April 2004

## MARCH MADNESS HITS BCA

The Blair Christian Academy Warriors won the Philadelphia Association of Christian Schools Middle School Basketball Championship beating Sojourner Truth Seven Day Adventist School on Wednesday, March 24th at the Wachovia Center.

The team entered the 2004 basketball season determined not to be denied the PACS (Philadelphia Association of Christian Schools) championship.

The Warriors embraced the acronym TEAM and strongly believe that Together Everyone Achieves More. As a TEAM, we finished the regular season with a record of 11-3 and gained the number one seed in the PACS playoffs.



The key to the Warriors success was tough defense. We held several opponents under 10 points and most opponents under 20 points while easily outscoring the other teams.

Mr. Sutton has led this TEAM through an impressive season. "What's even more impressive to me as a coach is the TEAM's ability to excel in the classroom amidst a difficult practice and game schedule."



Team members are: front row (l-r) Sharif Adkins, Damin Finley, Daniel Philpot, Bria Young; back row, (l-r) John Jones, Khaaliq Core, De'Sean Popely, Alicia Rose, and Milton Coleman. Not shown: Tyree Danridge and J. Darnell Murray. Also pictured: Mr. Khalid Sutton, far right, team coach; Mr. Kareem Rogers, far left, administrator, BCA middle and high schools.

### TAKING SCIENCE TO NEW LEVELS... GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCIENCE FAIR

Blair Christian Academy Annual Science Fair challenged our students to take science to a whole new level. After weeks of preparation, the winners of the BCA Science Fair tackled the first round of judging and produced the following winners: 1st & 2nd grade category: Jarrod Melvin, Ayana Laws, and JeT'aime McKissic; 3rd & 4th grade category: Toria Younger, Guy Henderson and James Melvin; 5th & 6th grade category: Damin Finely, Alexis Anderson and Autumn Luke; 7th-9th grade category: Alicia Rose, David Holland and Amber Bentley, and 10th & 11th grade category: Deanna Wright, Amnyse Rich and Mel'lisa Maiden.

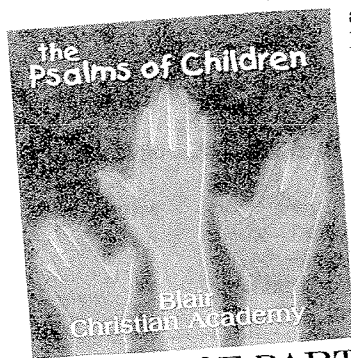


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Blair Christian Academy then participated in the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual George Washington Carver Science Fair held at the Academy of Natural Science and Temple University.

BCA was represented by Christina Way, Alicia Rose, David Holland, De-Sean Popley, Deana Wright, Lan'aye Jones and Mel'lisa Maiden from the middle/high school and Aliya Halstead, Alexis Anderson and Brittany Paris from the elementary school.

We received a "Honorable Mention" for 8<sup>th</sup> grader *Alicia Rose's*, engineering project, "Bridge Over Troubled Water" and a "Honorable Mention" for 11<sup>th</sup> grader *Deana Wright's*, chemistry project, "Sugar Coated."



**CD RELEASE PARTY**  
Saturday, April 24th, 2004  
2:00-4:00pm

*Congratulations to all the participants in the 2004 Science Fair!*

Blair Christian Academy...the school children call home

# Family Night

formally "Kid's Café is back in action! We kicked off on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> with the goal of having families spend quality time with their children, children's friends and other adults in a relaxed atmosphere with no television, no phones, just food and fun!

Family Night's success only takes a reservation from you! There is no cost! We need volunteers to commit to at least one hour a month for set-up/clean-up or you can simply donate deserts and/or decorations. For more information, contact Mrs. Rivera at 215.438.6557, ext. 22.



BCA is participating in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's *Pennies for Patients* campaign for 2004. We are raising money in honor of Mark who is this year's Honored Hero.

Mark was diagnosed with lymphocytic leukemia when he was 8 weeks old.

Now 5, Mark is supporting the society by sharing his story to encourage school age children to donate their extra coins to fight against this powerful, but defeated disease.

To date, the student and staff of Blair Christian Academy have raised approximately \$381. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade has raised \$128, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade has raised \$98. Our goal for the campaign is \$500. Remember to collect you pennies and loose change to support Mark and the *Pennies for Patients* fundraiser.



# JSA BCA's Movers & Shakers

Over the weekend of February 20-22, twelve BCA high school students traveled to Washington, DC for the Junior Statesmen of America (JSA) Winter Congress. JSA is a student-run organization whose purpose is to teach high school students about government, to help them polish their leadership skills, to encourage critical thinking, and to give them theoretical and practical knowledge necessary to ensure active informed citizenship.

Presidential candidate Ralph Nader addressed the students, encouraging them to work hard and get involved. He emphasized that each one of them can make a difference.

In preparation for the Winter Congress, BCA student research several issues and proposed three bills during this session. A bill to Protect Elderly Drivers, sponsored by Deanna Wright, Sade Davis, Danielle Wright and Steven Sanders, was passed through both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

*Congratulations to our students for a fine representation.*



*We invite you to partner with us as we train and equip generations of godly leaders who know and fulfill God's divine purpose in life*

**THURSDAY, APRIL 22ND, 2004**

*for our*

## OPEN HOUSE

2004-2005 SCHOOL YEAR

STARTING AT 5:30PM

*Meet & greet our administrative staff and teachers; experience Blair Christian Academy the "school children call home."*

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