

# August 30, 2018

Greetings BCA Community,

**Please take a moment and prayerfully reflect on God's word as we embark on a new school year together!**

*Habakkuk 2:2-3 says "And the Lord answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time: it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay."*

What a great start to a new school year we have had! If you have entered our building this week, you saw the welcome bulletin board which says, "You are the STARS of our vision to nurture and educate children about the love of Christ in an intellectually stimulating environment that creates leaders with Godly characteristics."

Almost 42 years ago, the late Rev. Dr. Della Blair had a vision from God. She did not see each of you here today, but God certainly did! In her faithfulness and obedience to Christ, she wrote the vision, and she made it plain. With each passing year, our teachers read the vision and they run with it. Your children are the stars God has to play a leading role in having this vision come to pass for this appointed time. None of our families are here by accident, but by God's divine orchestration in His perfect season. As we embark on yet another school year of God's faithfulness, please keep in mind that each of you-- students, parents, teachers, and administrators are a part of God's vision for Blair Christian Academy. It is for such a time as this, that He has us all here to do His will. As challenges arise during the school year, remember that His word says it may seem slow, but to wait for it and it will surely come. You may feel that your child is not learning at the pace you think he/she should be. You may believe that things are not working according to your own time. Please remember that your time is not God's time, and your ways are not His ways. Keep the faith, press on, and know that God's vision will come to pass!

**Announcements:**

**Emails will be sent out each week, generally on Tuesdays.** Please look for these emails as they will contain important information. This will also coincide with Tuesday folders that will be sent home weekly.

**School bus service began this week.** There were a few hiccups, but we are confident everything will be smooth soon. For those who just signed up for school bus service, it should be ready within the next week. Please contact Ms. Hicks with any concerns.

We have seen some variations with **school uniforms** that aren't quite right 😊! We know that some people are still waiting for uniforms to get in stock, but we want to make sure everyone is clear on what the correct uniform is. Tomorrow, with parent's permission, we will take pictures of what the acceptable school uniform looks like for each department and email them to you with written details. No student should ever have on sneakers, except for gym days! There will be an incentive dress down day at the end of the month for students who are always in full uniform.

For those in need of gently used uniforms, we will have **uniform swap day** set up in the gym next Friday. If you have any uniforms to donate, please send them to the school no later than Wednesday so we have time to organize them (we could use volunteers to help with this on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoon). If you donate uniforms, you will receive a ticket to also take uniforms free of charge. If you do not donate uniforms, you will be able to buy uniforms at a reduced rate. Items will be priced between \$5 - \$10 based on the item and its condition. The swap will be open next Friday from 2:00 – 6:00 pm.

**Yearly Calendar** – an older version of the school calendar was accidentally emailed earlier this month. The corrected one is attached. The calendars given out at Parent Orientation were correct. The one major change is that **BCA is OPEN on Columbus Day in October.** The older version read that we were closed. Please refer to the newly attached calendar. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Also attached is the monthly **September calendar**. Please review this calendar carefully. Things to note are our Formal uniform Day, our EAGLES pride day (official Eagles gear only, please!), and Mrs. DeBrady's school gender reveal to name a few. There are more important things on there that we will remind you of in next week's email, so be sure to read the calendar closely!

**Pizza Fridays** will begin next week. Pizza envelopes will be sent home/available at the sign in tables tomorrow.

Finally, please join me in welcoming two new teachers to the BCA Community! They were introduced at Parent Orientation, but for those of you who missed it, let's welcome Ms. Roberts (Kindergarten) and Ms. Tolbert (Preschool) to our staff!

Have a great weekend; enjoy the extra day off on Monday!

**In His Service,**

**Mrs. Whitaker**