



BULLETIN

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*"How priceless is your unfailing love!
Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings."
Psalm 36:7*

Dear Families and Friends of West Bay Christian Academy:

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I hope that everyone had a happy and restful Christmas and that we are all looking forward to what 2010 will bring. It seems like we are almost back into our routine here at school, although it seemed like the transition took a little longer this year, perhaps due to the deep snow and extremely cold temperatures. While the elements may be affecting the adults, I don't think the kids are bothered at all. They love to go outside in the snow—and the teachers *need* them to go outside, so be sure your children have the appropriate clothing for outdoor play.

Recently, it has been a real joy for me to go from room to room and read what our students have been writing. Many are extremely talented and have produced some creative and engaging pieces of literature. As a school we want to encourage all of our students to both learn to write well and to enjoy the process. Over the next two months our teachers will be participating in four professional development workshops, presented by Kathryn Lee Johnson, published author and professor at the University of Rhode Island. The workshop, *Writing Like Writers*, will help West Bay teachers assess student writing, develop strategies for motivating students, and establish goals for individual students. It is our aspiration to develop a school culture that values good writing and provides an environment to optimally support students to become proficient writers. As parents you can help by having your children read to you (at home) what they have written and by making writing a positive and rewarded experience.

I would also like to inform you about our new security system. We now have three official points of entry: the old entrance, the new front entrance, and the preschool entrance toward the back of the new lobby. These doors will be unlocked at drop-off, pick-up and lunchtime, but will be locked during the remainder of the day. They will be equipped with a doorbell and an electric lock release, which will be operated by the receptionist at the front desk. There may be times when the receptionist may not be at the desk, so please be patient, and just ring the bell a second time. Although we have no specific reason to be concerned, we believe that these are reasonable security measures and apologize in advance for any inconvenience they might cause you.

The winter weather has also forced us to occasionally change our traffic patterns for dropping off students, however I would ask that we all go back to the original plan of *not* parking in front of the main entrance. Although this may sound like a recording at the airport, please pull as far forward as possible, drive slowly and carefully, and do not pass school buses if their "Stop" arm is out. Thank you for your cooperation and may God bless you richly throughout the new year.

Sincerely,
Rick Clarkson
Headmaster

*She will give birth
to a son, and you
are to give him the
name Jesus,
because he will save
his people from
their sins.*

*All this took place
to fulfill what the
Lord had said
through the
prophet: The virgin
will be with child
and will give birth
to son, and they
will call him
Immanuel - which
means **God with us.***

Matthew 1:21-23



Sweetheart Dance

Special Person/Daughter

Saturday, February 6, 2010

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Semi-Formal attire please
(dresses and ties)

Tickets available for purchase
at the Front Desk

\$10 for 1 girl and 1 date

\$15 for multiple daughters and 1 date

H1N1 Update... from Mrs Higgins

On Tuesday, January 19, 2010, West Bay Christian Academy's clinic for second doses of H1N1 flu vaccine will take place. The clinic for Kindergarten - Grade 2 will begin at 4 pm; the clinic for Grades 3 and 4 will begin at 5 pm. **Only WBCA students who were younger than 10 years of age at the time of our H1N1 flu vaccination clinic in the fall can be vaccinated at this upcoming clinic.** Children who were older than 10 years of age at the time of our fall clinic do not need second doses of H1N1 flu vaccine.

Our clinic for second doses of H1N1 flu vaccine will be very similar to the clinic that we held in the fall. In awaiting this second clinic, please keep these important facts in mind:

- H1N1 flu is a potentially dangerous virus and experts expect to see another surge of H1N1 flu in the coming months.
- Second doses of H1N1 flu vaccine are important for children who are younger than 10 years of age. First doses only provide many young children with partial immunity.
- Children who received H1N1 flu vaccine at our first clinic are already registered to receive second doses at our second clinic. You do not need to sign additional consent forms.

If you have any questions about H1N1 flu and school-based clinics for second doses of H1N1 flu vaccine, you can contact the Rhode Island Department of Health's H1N1 Information Line at (401) 222-8022 or write to H1N1@health.ri.gov.

Moms In Touch

Moms In Touch is a group of moms that meet Thursday mornings at WBCA from 8:20-9:20 am to pray for the needs of the WBCA community. New members are always welcome! Come join us as we pray out loud and spend a peaceful hour in the presence of our Lord. We would love to pray for your needs! Please let us know how we can pray for you by contacting one of us, or putting your prayer request in the box near the Front Desk.

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Extended Day Coordinator Position

The Extended Day Coordinator position is available immediately. The hours are Monday through Friday, 3 - 6 pm. See Mrs Cole for details.

Girl Scout Cookies

West Bay Troop #841 is taking orders for Girl Scout cookies. The order form can be found at the Front Desk. The cookies will be delivered in early March. Choose from 8 types - Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbread, Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Thanks-A-Lot, Lemonades, and Daisy-Go-Rounds. Each box is \$3.50, checks made payable to GSRI.

P-Bruins Night – Friday, January 22nd

Inserted into this Bulletin is the last chance order form for tickets to the Providence Bruins hockey game on Friday, January 22nd. The game with the Lowell Devils starts at 7:05 pm, and all students in the group will receive a free P-Bruins hat. Tickets are \$13 and West Bay families and friends are welcome. This has been planned by PVB; for more information, contact Jaime Walden (mother of John, Grade 2) at jawalden45@hotmail.com.

Women's Bible Study at Christ Church

There is still the chance to join the Beth Moore's "Jesus the One and Only", an in-depth study of the life of Christ based on the book of Luke. The goal of the study is to get to know Jesus intimately. It is an interdenominational Bible study; all are welcome. We started meeting yesterday, and we will continue to meet every Wednesday morning, 9:30 - 11:30 am, through the end of the school year. The fee is \$25, which includes a workbook. Childcare is available. Contact Mary Morrison for more information at 884-5430 or wgarth123@aol.com.

Set Apart Girl Conference

If you want to gain a vision for God's purpose in your life, this weekend is for you. Sponsored by House of Hope Rhode Island, the conference will be held February 19th and 20th at the Johnson & Wales Inn in Seekonk, MA. The cost is \$50 (meals are additional). For more information or to register, go to www.houseofhope.org or contact Jane Stach (mother of MacKenzie, Grade 2) at 378-6050.

The Box Tops Race Begins January 19th

If you have been saving box tops waiting for a contest, here it is. Back by popular demand, the 2010 Race to Fill the Pillsbury Doughboy is coming. Starting January 19th through February 12th, the Doughboy will be at the Front Desk. If the school meets the challenge to fill the Doughboy, everyone will win a Dress Down Day. Thanks to all who have previously submitted box tops. Your efforts have netted the school a check in the amount of \$265. Our goal for the year is \$825, so let's fill that Doughboy to the top.

Life Class (LC 104) Blessed Burdens - A Three-part Parenting Seminar

To be held the following Mondays, 6:30 - 9:00 pm

January 25 - focus on younger children

February 1 - focus on teenage years

February 8 - focus on emerging adults and the empty nest

Presentation and panel discussion led by Pastor Lyle & Mary Mook. Learn from biblical principles and our common failures and successes. These seminars will be intensely practical - focused on the real life issues of Christian parenting. For more information, call Christ Church at 884-8632.

A request from Grade 2 ... We are looking for donations of Lego building blocks and Matchbox cars. If you have some that you are willing to donate, Mrs Mook and Mrs Foreman would be grateful.

Happy January Birthdays



Bruce Coppola	Grade 5	1/1
Mrs. Michaud	Music	1/1
Irina Amadio	Grade 1	1/2
Gianni Breggia	Grade 4	1/2
Anthony Caranci	Grade 7	1/5
Deanna Burnett	Grade 4	1/6
Julia Medeiros	Grade 3	1/6
Ariel Roberts	Grade 1	1/8
Morgan Braddock	Grade 1	1/9
Joanna Gibson	Grade 5	1/11
Brayden Beason	Grade 5	1/13
Jordan Beason	Grade 5	1/13
Mrs. Miller	Library	1/15
Grace Castillo	Grade 5	1/17
Luke Roberts	Grade 2	1/18
Mrs. McCoy	Preschool	1/18
Caroline Fortin	Preschool	1/20
Lindsay Roberts	Grade 4	1/22
Maike Morrison	Grade 6	1/24
Nia Chan	Preschool	1/25
Sarah Grace Plante	Grade 7	1/26
Elijah Castillo	Grade K	1/28
John Caranci	Grade 6	1/30
Matthew Freitas	Kindergarten	1/30
Christopher McDonald	Grade 1	1/30
Grace Miner	Grade 3	1/30