

# The Banner



## *BC's Star Party - An Astronomical Success!*

Over 100 people came out to the drill field and participated. There were about 40 cadets in attendance as well as middle school students and their parents. There were students from Blessed Sacrament, St. Frances Cabrini, and St. James to name a few. There was also a Cub Scout leader in attendance with a couple of the boys from his troop. The WSAV news team came out and took some footage of the event, click the link to watch the video and read the story <http://www2.wsav.com/news/2011/nov/09/benedictine-teaches-lessons-sea-and-sky-ar-2681219/>

I would like to give a huge thanks to Mr. Kevin Bell, the former director of the Oglethorpe Astronomy Club. Mr. Bell was gracious enough to bring his 12" diameter telescope and allow us to utilize it to view the beautiful craters on the moon, the four Galilean moons of Jupiter and its cloud bands, as well as the stars Vega and Altair.

The next star party is tentatively scheduled for January. We hope even more parents and students will come out and enjoy the beautiful view of the cosmos from the BC campus.

Other upcoming events: Field Trip to the Ga. Southern Campus Planetarium in March 23rd and Science Night on April 24th with various astronomical displays, a snake or two, a guest speaker, bits of trivia, as well as other events and activities.

*Written by: Nicole Willett*



## *Letter from the Headmaster...*

Dear Friends of BC;

I have to believe that one of my great enduring memories of BC will be of the football team running onto the field after their victory over Groves High School. Their sense of satisfaction of having accomplished such a significant turnaround was a delight to behold. Thinking back on the heat that accompanied the summer drills, the four-a-days of August, and the ongoing pressure of the succession of fall games, it was easy to imagine the enormous delight that so wonderfully accompanied the game sounding horn. My congratulations to Coach Britt; he and his staff brought the team to a playoff berth and created a reversal of fortunes in short order. My thanks to the parents who so wonderfully supported the team throughout the summer and the season. You were the bedrock on which our coaches could rely. Your support was unwavering and critical to the team's success.

I would be remiss if congratulations were not given to the JV team who went undefeated. Needless to say, their success bodes well for the program's future.

Football was not our only sports arena that attracted notice. Once again, Coach Curley's Cross Country team qualified for the State championships. It needs to be remembered that Coach Curley has made qualifying for the State's championship a matter of routine. Kudos to him and his assistant, Alex Lowry, for the fine job they have done for our runners over so many years.

We were delighted by the coverage given to Ms. Shelly Robert's Latin classes. Their chariot races ended up both on the evening news and the *Savannah Morning News's* front page. Both clips reflected very favorably on BC. By the looks of things, a good time was had by all. My thanks to Pam Veiock, for having coordinated the coverage with the media.

Much credit goes to Will Fleming for orchestrating a very successful open house on November 13. We had a nice turnout of students, a number of whom were unexpected. Our faculty and staff did a fine job in selling the school to perspective parents and students. We will be anxious to see the results of these efforts next fall.

With Thanksgiving past and the Christmas Season upon us, please accept my deepest thanks for all that you have contributed to BC. Thanks to you, our school is academically rigorous, spiritually sound, financially stable and athletically competitive. May your Christmas Season be blessed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Frank Ziemkiewicz, O.S.B." The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Fr. Frank Ziemkiewicz, O.S.B.

Headmaster



## Letter from the Principal...

This issue of the Banner is the last one for 2011 and, as they say, with every end, there is a new beginning. Beginnings are about living and learning, about sharing, and about making the most of every day, about kindness and caring, family and love. Some lessons are hard ones. Being kind and caring is not always easy.

But one thing is for sure . . . God has given us all so much to be grateful for, so much to live for, and so many things to smile about.

As Christmas approaches, may all your beginnings bring you happiness and joy. May the gift of compassion for others be yours, and may you always believe in the power of the Benedictine Family.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

*Deborah A. Antosca, Ed.D.*

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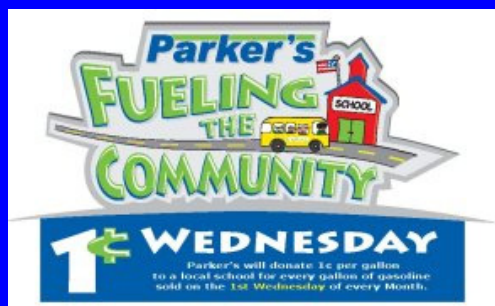
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## *December Calendar of Events*

12/2 – ½ Day for Students  
Basketball @ Camden County

12/3 – BC Admissions Exam  
(contact Will Fleming 912.644.6532 for information)  
Wrestling @ Atomsmasher Duals

12/6 – Financial Aid Day  
Parent's College Search Information Day  
Basketball vs. Jenkins  
Wrestling vs. Savannah Arts & Islands

12/7 – WWII Monument Dedication & Gannam Day Review

12/8 – Mass of the Immaculate Conception

12/9 – Senior Field Trip  
Basketball vs. Islands High School

12/9-12/10 Wrestling @ Effingham Rebel Invitational

12/10 – Swim Team @ Savannah-Chatham High School Invitational  
Basketball vs. SCDS

12/11 - Christmas Concert at the Cathedral 7:00PM

12/12-12/16 - Semester Exams

12/13 – Basketball vs. Beach  
Wrestling @ Savannah High & Johnson

12/16 – Basketball @ Savannah Holiday Classic  
12/16-12/17 - Wrestling @ Camden County Duals

12/16- 1/4 – Christmas Holidays

12/21 – 12/22 – Wrestling @ Hilton Head Seahawk Slam



***Visit [www.thebc400.com](http://www.thebc400.com) for the most up to date information regarding dates and events!***

## *December Faculty and Staff Birthdays*

Shannon Holland - 12/4  
Sandra Levin - 12/12  
Rigel Crockett - 12/15  
Joseph Bator - 12/20  
Greg Markiton - 12/28  
Danny Britt - 12/29



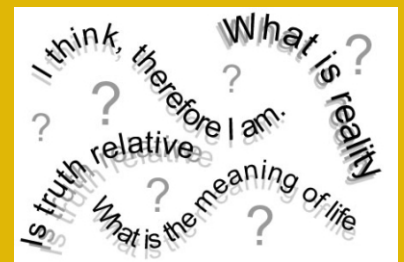
## *As the Wheel Turns*

*By: Jim Hicks*



Students in Physics and Honors Physics completed an angular momentum lab as part of their study of rotation. The lab involved rotating on a platform with various bits of lab equipment to demonstrate in a “hands on” way that angular momentum is conserved. The photo shows a student about to change the axis of a rotating wheel. The axis direction varies the angular momentum so an additional rotation (of the student) occurs to compensate. The student and wheel act like a gyroscope.

## Attention Students: Come Join the Philosophy Discussion



By popular demand, Ms. Roberts and Mr. Brown '83 will be holding a philosophy discussion Saturday (12/3) from 10:00AM – 12:00PM at BC. The idea is to use a specific TV show (Northern Exposure) that posited a kind of utopian society in which issues of importance to the town were often discussed in something like a symposia. For more information please contact Mr. Brown or Ms. Roberts.

*The Tenth Annual  
Grand Night in the Cathedral  
With Old BC*



**THE BENEDICTINE MILITARY SCHOOL  
FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT PRODUCTION FEATURES:**

**THE BC CHORUS  
BC CLASS OF 2012**

**BC'S SPANISH, LATIN AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES CLASSES  
13TH COLONY SOUND BARBERSHOP CHORUS  
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JOIN US FOR A CONCERT FEATURING THE SOUNDS OF THE  
CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH ORGAN, BRASS, AND SINGING  
IN THE SETTING OF THE WONDERFUL AND BEAUTIFUL

**CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST  
DECEMBER 11, 2011  
7:00 PM**

# *A View of the World*

By: *Sussie Hernandez*

The World Language department had a month full of activities and exciting events. The Spanish I classes celebrated Día de los muertos (Day of the Dead) by decorating their own calavera (skull) and eating sugar skull pops. With the advent of Navidad y Janucá (Christmas and Hanukah) soon approaching, the Spanish I classes will be learning holiday songs in Spanish and the meaning of Las Posadas – a re-enactment of the journey of Mary and Joseph before the birth of Jesus. ¡Feliz Navidad y Feliz Janucá!

The Latin classes held their 2nd annual chariot races to the clamor of the crowds watching from the nearby Circus Maximus or as some might know it, the BC track. The event was filled with adventure, fun, inventive creations and excitement. Kudos to all of the participants and in particular to the winning groups:

Latin I: Austin McBroom, Garrett McBroom,  
Thomas McMillan

Latin II: Ian Booton, Andrew Geha, Sam Geha

Latin III: Conor Floyd, Tayler Jakubsen, Chris Woiwode



*The Spanish Club visits St. Augustine*

The Latin classes will also be learning some Christmas classics in Latin, as well as translating some all time favorites..

The Spanish Club took to the road for their annual St. Augustine trip. The trip immerses the students in the Spanish culture near our area and they get a taste for the Spanish colonial era. It is a day of hands on learning, fun and camaraderie and of course, español. Our thanks to all of the chaperones who made this possible and in particular to BC parent Mr. Ray Whitten for his support.

Don't miss the December 11th concert at the Cathedral where the voices of almost 100 students will be raised in a Spanish lullaby to the baby Jesus.

Deacon Smith and the choir in conjunction with all of the Spanish 2, 3 and 4 classes have been assiduously working to join their voices in joy for the upcoming Christmas Concert. This is definitely an evening you do not want to miss.

So from all of us at the World Language Department:

Jie Ri Yu Kuai  
Feliz Navidad  
Felices Fiestas  
Feriae felices

and to all Happy Holidays!



## *BC + SCAD = Film Success*

*By: Sandra Levin*

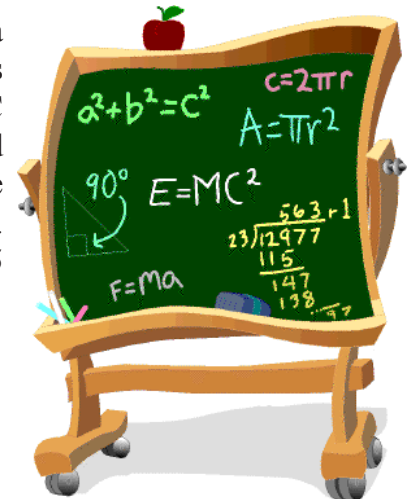


The film students at Benedictine had the privilege to tour the film department at the Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD) on November 15. We were taken through the facilities on Indian St. which houses the latest in equipment for students to use on their filming experience. Instructor, Paul Brown has initiated the idea of working together with the BC film students next semester in making a film together with SCAD. It was a great learning experience for us all.

## *BC Math on Showcase*

*By: Shannon Holland*

BC Math students have an exciting opportunity to showcase their math skills in a statewide competition hosted by Kennesaw State University. The competition is broken up into two parts. The first part was administered by Ms. Holland at BC on Wednesday November 2. The test was twenty five questions long and covered all levels of Pre-Calculus. The top five to ten percent scores statewide will then be administered another test, at BC, that is five open-ended questions on January 31. The top three scores at the end of the competition will receive \$100, \$50, and \$25 dollars. Good luck Cadets!!



## *Religion Classes Celebrate New Bishop*

*By: Cheryl Ganem*



Mrs. Ganem's Sophomore and Junior Religious Studies classes watched the WTOC presentation of the installation of Gregory John Hartmayer as the 14th Bishop of Savannah. The beauty and the pageantry of the ceremony were appreciated by all. The discussions that ensued were both informative and thought provoking. The classes also studied the Coat of Arms and the Motto chosen by the new Bishop. Our prayers and thoughts are with our new spiritual leader as we welcome him to our beloved diocese and our beautiful city.

# The Campaign for The 400

By: Greg Markiton '92

**Campaign Goal: \$500,000**

**Total Raised: \$71,000**

**Campaign Ends: June 30, 2012**

The end of 2011 is just a few days away, so please remember to donate to the *Campaign for The 400* Annual Fund. You should be receiving a letter in the mail this week asking for your participation. Here are a few reasons why you should invest in Benedictine...

- Our AP test scores are at all all-time high. 72% of BC Cadets who took an AP exam earned a passing grade, compared to 55% in the state of Georgia.
- Our athletic program continues to soar and is the most comprehensive in the Coastal Empire. We have also introduced four new clubs this year.
- Our fiscal responsibility is strong. Our latest financial audit conducted by Hancock Askew & Co. shows that we are tightly controlling expenses, and that we ended the 2010-11 year with a positive cash flow.
- Your contribution has a direct impact by providing necessities such as need-based financial aid, outstanding instructors, and classroom equipment and technology.



For your convenience, you can also make your gift online: [www.thebc400.com/benedictine/online\\_giving/](http://www.thebc400.com/benedictine/online_giving/)

## State Reaches \$50 Million for GOAL Program

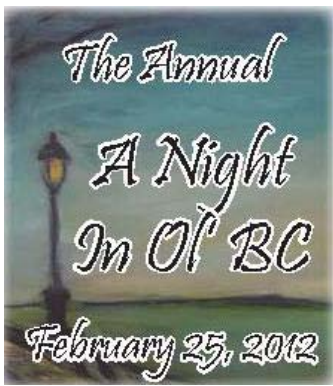
By: Greg Markiton '92



Unfortunately for many Benedictine families interested in participating in the GOAL Scholarship Program, the Georgia Department of Revenue reached the \$50 million cap for the Qualified Expense Tax Credit in early November. It is expected that thousands of Georgia tax payers, who usually wait until December to participate, will be unable to redirect a portion of the taxes to schools like Benedictine because the cap has been met. For 2012, Lisa Kelly, President of the GOAL Scholarship Program, expects the state to reach the \$50 million cap as early as August.

Special thanks to the dozens of Benedictine families who redirected a portion of their state taxes to BC in 2011. The program has proved to be a huge success and has helped many young men earn a Benedictine education. These young men are thriving at BC.

Please be on the lookout in January for your opportunity to participate in the GOAL Scholarship Program for 2012.



*Sponsors Make Our Auction Possible - Be One!*  
*Only 95 days left before*  
*February 25, 2012 and the annual:*  
*"A Night in Ol' BC" Auction!*

Your Auction Program sponsorship Ad will showcase your business, corporation, organization, professional practice, or individual support of BC to the Benedictine family and beyond. Sponsorship recognition will also receive year-round exposure on campus and in school publications and, most especially, your sponsorship will directly benefit the present and future students of BC! - Sponsorship levels are listed below:

*Benedictine Circle \$5,000 +*

Table of eight with premier seating; full-page ad in our Auction program with your choice of inside of front cover, back cover, or prominent ad placement and year-round exposure on campus and in school publications.

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Table of eight with premier seating; full-page recognition in our Auction program and year-round exposure on campus and in school publications.

*Headmaster's Circle \$1,000 - \$2,499*

Table of eight; half-page recognition in our Auction program and year-round exposure on campus and in school publications.

*Legacy Circle \$500 - \$999*

Four tickets; quarter-page recognition in our Auction program; year-round exposure on campus and in school publications.

*Platinum Sponsor \$250 - \$499*

Two tickets; a business card ad in our Auction program; year-round exposure on campus and in school publications.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and submit it along with your check made out to Benedictine and a copy of your preferred advertisement, logo, or business card. The school's nonprofit tax identification number will be provided along with a tax deductible receipt. The mailing address is 6502 Seawright Drive, Savannah, GA 31406. If you have any questions, you may contact Rick Shay (912) 644-7007, rick.shay@bcsav.net or Cindy Rochefort. Thank you in advance for your support of Ol' BC!

*Thank you to our 2011 "A Night in Ol' BC" Sponsors*

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# Campus Ministry

By: Fr. Ronald Gatman, O.S.B. - Campus Minister

## THE CHURCH'S NEW YEAR

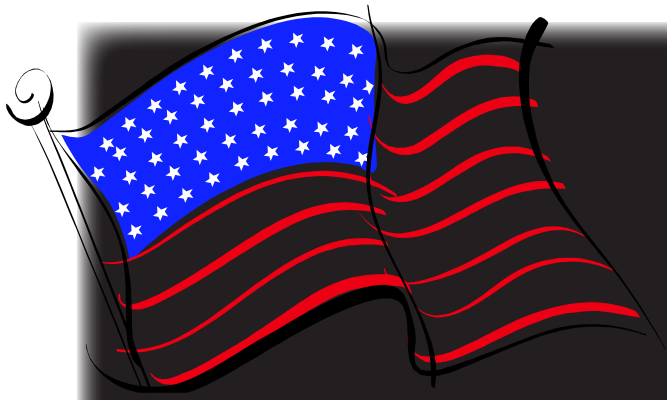
Happy New Year! Well, this greeting may seem premature but the New Year is just a little less than two weeks away. I'm speaking of course about the Church's New Year. Each year the Roman Catholic Church begins a new Church year on the First Sunday of Advent. It is on this day that the Church begins the semi-penitential season of Advent which is observed in order to prepare us for the nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, which the Church celebrates on December 25. During the Advent Season in its readings the Church calls us to prepare ourselves for the first coming of Christ in time. It admonishes us to stay awake, for we do not know the hour or the day. Staying awake in this case does not mean trying to prevent ourselves from entering into our physical sleep mode, but rather to be alert spiritually. Certainly doing certain things can help us get ready for Jesus' coming such as more frequent reception of the Holy Eucharist, availing ourselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (which calls for humility), and in general just praying more in the course of the day. All of these things will help us to keep our focus on God and His wonderful work in the world accomplished through His Son Jesus Christ. Likewise, we can simply try to take more time to be quiet, to listen in silence for the Word of God to come to us. In our busy and 'noisy' society 'quiet time' is best accomplished in solitude. If we go off to a "lonely place" as Jesus often did to pray, then we will (although it may take of number of times), arrive at a state where our inner being is calm enough to experience the presence of God in a profound way. I am sure that this is what came to pass when Mary opened herself to the Father's will for her and the angel Gabriel announced that she would conceive the Savior of the world through the power of the Holy Spirit.



Not only does Advent help to prepare us for the birth of Jesus in history, but it also serves to tune us in to the second coming of Jesus in time, which is called the Parousia. It is at this time that the risen Christ will come in all His glory and judge the world. This will be the end of the world as we know it. Our Advent readings include passages which depict events that will signal the end of the world, the moon and the stars falling from the sky etc. But most of all Advent is a time of your might say, impatient waiting for the birth of Christ. A Christian ought to feel the same impatient excitement that a child feels when waiting for the arrival of Santa Claus, and call out constantly, Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus. And just as people anticipate new and better things with the coming of the calendar New Year, so too and more so should Christians and all peoples eagerly await the coming of Christ who redeemed us and reconciled us to His Father. By so doing He restored hope to a fallen world, hope for a world of peace, and justice, and love, and mercy.

The nativity of the Son of God in the person of Jesus Christ is near. Each day we should rejoice more and more that the Star of Bethlehem draws closer bringing joy to the world. If we allow Christ to take up room in our hearts this Christmas then that joy will permeate our whole being and transform us into people of light who are able to shine before the whole world and guide others to Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth, and the true Light.

May the love of Christ come to reside in your hearts this Christmas and remain in them throughout the New Year bringing you great peace and joy. Amen.



*JROTC Cadet of the Month Winners for  
November are:*

Cadet Johnny Solitario, HHD, 1st Battalion.

Cadet PFC Phillip Burke, 3rd Squad, 2nd Platoon, C  
Company, 2nd Battalion.

Cadet CPL Nigel Wright, 3rd Squad, 1st Platoon, F Company, 3rd Battalion.

*JROTC Platoon of the Semester:*

2nd Platoon, F Company, 3rd Battalion. Platoon Leader is Cadet 1LT Matthew Douglas.

*JROTC Squad of the Quarter Winners for 2nd Quarter are:*

Cadet Johnny Solitario, HHD, 1st Battalion.

Cadet PFC Phillip Burke, 3rd Squad, 2nd Platoon, C Company, 2nd Battalion.

Cadet CPL Nigel Wright, 3rd Squad, 1st Platoon, F Company, 3rd Battalion.

# **SAVE THE DATES**

**- ADMISSIONS TEST -**

**DECEMBER 3, 2011**

**8:00AM**

**- BC OPEN HOUSE -**

**JANUARY 22, 2012**

**2:00PM - 4:00PM**

## *Exciting News from the Diamond*

Benedictine is pleased to announce that BC alumnus ('92) and current Calvary Day School Teacher Kevin Farmer will join Benedictine Military School (BC) as a staff member and head baseball coach effective July 1, 2011. We had a vacancy in the coaching position for baseball after Bill Curley announced that the 2011-2012 school year would be his last to serve as head baseball coach. Bill has coached in the BC baseball program for 18 years and also serves as head cross country coach. He has been teaching at BC since 1994 in the English department.

Kevin will assume responsibility for the Cadets baseball team as they prepare for the 2013 season. Until then, he will continue to work the rest of the 2011-2012 school year at Calvary, where he teaches psychology, medical science and technology, and personal finance. Last spring he stepped down as Calvary's head baseball coach in order to pursue a Masters degree in Counseling Education at Georgia Southern University.

As baseball coach at Calvary Kevin had an overall career win-loss record of 241-70-1 and led the team to two state titles and seven region championships. In 2011 the Savannah Morning News named him baseball coach of the year and in previous years he has also been honored as coach of the year for the Georgia Dugout Club and GACA Region 3A.

His previous work experience includes working at Richmond Hill High School where he also served as assistant baseball coach. Prior to that he was a teacher and coach at Bryan County High School and Richmond Hill Elementary School. He began his teaching career at the Athens/Clarke County Board of Education after receiving his B.A. degree in Psychology from the University of Georgia.

Please join me in welcoming Kevin and in thanking Bill Curley for his service as the Cadets' baseball coach.

### ***Diamond Elite Baseball Clinic***



Sponsored and Instructed by Coach Kevin Farmer '92  
and including current and former college players

**Saturday, December 17**  
**Benedictine Military School Baseball Field**  
**9:00 am – 3:00 pm**  
**Ages 9-14 years**

\$50 includes t-shirt, refreshments and lunch  
Call Kevin Farmer at 912.346.6427 to reserve a spot  
Registration begins at 8:30 am on December 17

The clinic will focus on the fundamentals of hitting, pitching, fielding and conditioning. Participants should bring their bats, water bottle, helmets, gloves, cleats and turf/running shoes. Space is limited to 30 players to maintain a productive player/instructor ratio. Portion of the proceeds will be used to purchase equipment needs for the Cadet Baseball program.

***Proverbs 27:17 - Iron sharpens iron...***

## *Future Cadets - Captains for the Day*



Each year, Benedictine donates several items to each of our feeder school auctions, among those items are the coveted "BC Honorary Football Captain." This special honor allows the highest bidder to have their son participate in all of the traditions of the BC Football Program. The evening starts when the Honorary Football Captains join the Varsity Football team for the pre-game meal. At the meal, the Honorary Captains receive an actual game-worn football jersey and a football signed by the whole team. During the pre-game festivities, the Honorary Captains run on the field with the team and take part in the pre-game coin toss. This year's second Honorary Football Captain experience was held at the BC vs. Beach game. Our Honorary Football Captains were Stephen Sauers Jr., AJ Kennard and Diego Gibbons. Congratulations to the Honorary Football Captains!

Congratulations to the BC Campus Ministry Team: Fr. Ronald, Conrad Ezequiel Tebyanian Haro, Jason Kolbush and Sean Kelley who presented a confirmation retreat at Holy Family Catholic Church. The Director of Religious Education at Holy Family Church had this to say of their presentation:

*"I thank the parents of the team for instilling in their sons the values of faith, generosity and responsibility and to Benedictine Military School for continuing to nurture these qualities in them. We would like them to come next year."*

*- Lynn Bruder, DRE*



## SAT Test Dates & Deadlines

Test Dates	Test	U.S. Registration Deadlines	
		Regular	Late (a fee applies)
October 1, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	September 9, 2011	September 21, 2011
November 5, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	October 7, 2011	October 21, 2011
December 3, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	November 8, 2011	November 20, 2011
January 28, 2012	SAT & Subject Tests	December 30, 2011	January 13, 2012
March 10, 2012	SAT only	February 10, 2012	February 24, 2012
May 5, 2012	SAT & Subject Tests	April 6, 2012	April 20, 2012
June 2, 2012	SAT & Subject Tests	May 8, 2012	May 22, 2012

## ACT Test Dates & Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	<i>(Late Fee Required)</i>
September 10, 2011	August 12, 2011	August 13 – 26, 2011
<b>October 22, 2011</b>	<b>September 16, 2011</b>	<b>September 17 – 30, 2011</b>
December 10, 2011	November 4, 2011	November 5 – 18, 2011
<b>February 11, 2012*</b>	<b>January 13, 2012</b>	<b>January 14 – 20, 2012</b>
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 10 – 23, 2012
<b>June 9, 2012</b>	<b>May 4, 2012</b>	<b>May 5 – 18, 2012</b>

# Winter Sports are Here!

## Benedictine Basketball 2011-2012 Game Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	JV Time	Varsity Time
Nov. 11	Alumni Game	Benedictine		6:00
Nov. 15	Savannah Christian (Scrimmage)	Benedictine		5:00
Nov. 18	Cahvary Day School	Cahvary Day School	5:30	8:00
Nov. 29	Windsor Forest	Windsor Forest	6:00	7:30
Dec. 2	Camden County	Camden County	5:30	7:00
Dec. 6	Jenkins High	Benedictine	Fr. 4:30 JV. 6:00	7:30
Dec. 9	Islands High	Benedictine	6:00	7:30
Dec. 10	Country Day	Benedictine	3:30	6:30
Dec. 13	Beach High	Benedictine	Fr. 4:30 JV. 6:00	7:30
Dec. 16	Sav. Holiday Classic	TBA		TBA
Jan. 3	Cahvary Day School	Benedictine	4:30	6:00
Jan. 6	Savannah High	Benedictine	Fr. 4:30 JV. 6:00	7:30
Jan. 7	Country Day	Country Day	3:30	6:30
Jan. 10	Johnson High	Benedictine	Fr. 4:30 JV. 6:00	7:30
Jan. 12	Groves High	Groves High	Fr. 4:30 JV. 6:00	7:30
Jan. 13	Bradwell Institute	Benedictine	Fr. 4:30 JV. 5:45	7:00
Jan. 17	Windsor Forest	Benedictine	6:00	7:30
Jan. 20	Camden County	Benedictine	5:30	7:00
Jan. 24	Jenkins High	Jenkins	Fr. 4:30 JV. 6:00	7:30
Jan. 27	Islands High	Islands High	6:00	7:30
Jan. 28	Beach High	Beach High	Fr. 4:30 JV. 6:00	7:30
Jan. 31	Savannah High	Savannah High	Fr. 4:30 JV. 6:00	7:30
Feb. 3	Johnson High	Johnson High	Fr. 4:30 JV. 6:00	7:30
Feb. 7	Groves High	Benedictine	Fr. 4:30 JV. 6:00	7:30
Feb. 10	Bradwell Institute	Bradwell Institute	5:45	8:30

Head Coach: Jason A. Helton

Assistant Coach: Doug Willett

## BC Swimming Schedule 2011 - 2012

Date	Name of Event	Location	Time WUST
12 November	2011 Cadet Invitational	Chatham Aquatic Center	9:00am/ 10:00am
19 November	Camden County Wildcat Invitational	Kingsland, GA	12:00pm????
10 December	Savannah-Chatham High School Invitational	Chatham Aquatic Center	8:30am/ 10:00am
07 January	2012 BC Polar Plunge	Chatham Aquatic Center	9:00am/ 10:00am
13 January	2012 Statesboro High School Invitational	Statesboro, GA	4:00pm/ 6:00pm
21 January	Senior Splash 2012	Chatham Aquatic Center	8:30am/ 10:00am
28 January	Coastal Georgia HS Swim Championships	Chatham Aquatic Center	8:30am/ 10:00am
10-11 February	State Swim Meet at Georgia Tech	Atlanta, GA	TBA

Anyone interested in warm-up times, exact location, etc. please don't hesitate to contact me at [brennan.lemieux@bcsav.net](mailto:brennan.lemieux@bcsav.net) or 912.704.6942.

## *Cross Country Wraps Up Another Great Season*

*By: Bill Curley*

The 2011 BC Cross Country team can be considered nothing but a great success. Because of the overall youth of the team, many “experts” predicted the Cadets would be fortunate to finish 4th in the 10-team Region 3 AAAAA. Having said that, the young squad worked harder and harder up to the region race and shocked the local running world by finishing in second place, behind a very strong Bradwell Institute, but ahead of both Camden County and Savannah Arts Academy. From there, the Cadets ventured up to Carrollton County for the State AAAAA championships. Full of hope and vigor, the Cadets did everything right from the time they left campus on Friday, Nov.4, right up until race time. Some 21 seconds into the race, right past the “re-start” area, disaster struck in the form of a human “pile up” as one fallen runner begot many more falling runners. Three Cadets suffered kicks to the head. Being the best of Cadets, all three rose to their feet and actually finished the race. In spite of the accident, BC still finished with an average team time of 19:34 overall! The eight runners who lead BC include seniors Michael and Daniel DeMauro, Juniors Daniel Hoffman and Conor Floyd, Sophomores Steven Tate and Sam Geha and Freshmen Alec Fanning and Grant Lanser. The young Cadet squad gained invaluable experience this year and look forward to an even better 2012 season.





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## *Cadet Wrestling*

2011- 2012



Date	Day	Event	Location	Time
18-Nov	Fri	Savannah Christian Duals	SCPS	
19-Nov	Sat	Groves Rebel Duals	Groves HS	
22-Nov	Tues	Chatham County Open (JV only)		
23-Nov	Wed	South Effingham Turkey Duals (V & JV)	SEHS	10:00 AM
<b>29-Nov</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Groves HS &amp; Beach HS</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
3-Dec	Sat	Atomsmasher Duals	Johnson HS	TBA
6-Dec	Tues	Savannah Arts Academy & Islands HS	SAA	5:00 PM
9 - 10 Dec	Fri/Sat	Effingham Rebel Invitational	ECHS	TBA
13-Dec	Tues	Savannah HS & Johnson	SHS	5:00 PM
16 - 17 Dec	Fri/Sat	Camden Holiday Duals	CCHS	TBA
21 - 22 Dec	Wed/Thu	Hilton Head Seahawk Slam	HHHS	TBA
6 - 7 Jan	Fri/Sat	Region 3AAAAA Duals	Johnson HS	TBA
10-Jan	Tues	Groves HS & Beach HS	Groves HS	5:00 PM
13 - 14 Jan	Fri/Sat	AAAAA State Duals	Macon Centreplex	
17-Jan	Tues	Islands HS & Savannah Arts Academy	IHS	5:00 PM
20 - 21 Jan	Fri/Sat	Clinch Gear Prep Slam	Holy Innocents HS, Atl.	
<b>24-Jan</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Johnson HS &amp; Savannah HS</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>27-Jan</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Savannah Country Day</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
28-Jan	Sat	Effingham JV Tournament	ECHS	TBA
5-Feb	Sat	Region 3AAAAA Traditional	CCHS	
11, 12-Feb	Fri/Sat	AAAAA East Sectionals	Kennesaw Mtn HS	
17, 18, 19-Feb	Thu-Sat	AAAAA State Traditional Tournament	Gwinnett Center	

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## FRESHMAN YEAR IS ABOUT ADJUSTING TO HIGH SCHOOL AND CHOOSING AN ACADEMIC TRACK.

by Patti Ghezzi from Schoolfamily.com

The hallways are noisy and chaotic. The class schedule is grueling. Ninth grade is the year every grade suddenly counts, the year of the permanent record. Despite the challenges, most kids and their parents manage to make the transition from middle to high school with just a few hiccups.



*Stewart Pinkerton,  
Director of Guidance*

It's a transition that prepares children well for the leap from high school to college and even from college to work life, says Dawn Burnette, a former high school teacher who authored, along with her sophomore students, *High School 101: Freshman Survival Guide*. The book is used at high schools around the country to help kids adjust.

Burnette's students wanted to pass along lessons they learned in 9th grade. The student authors tackled the sensitive issue of dealing with upper classmen, advising 9th graders not to announce their freshman status and to initially keep a low profile. They touched on dating, hanging out with friends, and peer pressure.

A major message: Learn good organizational skills so you can live a balanced life, with time for schoolwork, friends, family, and activities. "Kids at this age may be starting their first job and they have busy social calendars," Burnette says. "It's a lot to manage."

### **Choose Courses Wisely**

Some students arrive in high school with an unrealistic image portrayed on television. "TV never shows kids learning and studying," Burnette says. Students quickly realize that high school brings choices in what courses you take, and your schedule can determine how much homework you have every night and even which colleges you can go to.

Parents, Burnette says, should resist the temptation to push their children into the most difficult courses with the hopes that they'll get admitted to Harvard. "To be in a course that's too difficult just leads to frustration," she says.

On the flip side, some students are tempted to take the easiest courses possible in hopes of getting straight A's and a high GPA. That robs the student of a feeling of accomplishment and doesn't fool college admissions officers, who look carefully at course difficulty when evaluating a transcript.

### **Different Academic Tracks**

The goal in 9th grade is to start down the path most likely to be a good fit. But it's possible to switch paths after 9th grade. It's also possible to take some courses in the honors program and others in college prep. In 9th grade, parents should focus on helping their child figure out the right path while still leaving time for a social life and family. Throughout high school the counselor will help assemble a schedule that includes the right core courses and electives that match the student's goals.

Still, high school can be a pressure cooker, and Burnette's student authors emphasize the importance of personal well-being, including mental and physical health.

### **Transition for Parents**

While students figure out their place in high school, parents have to find their place, as well. Parents tend to visit school less as their kids get older, but parents are needed even more, says Susanne

Livingston, a longtime counselor at Eagle's Landing High School in McDonough, Ga. "Be involved," she says. "Go to every meeting that's announced, every open house. Stay in contact with the teachers and work with the teachers."

Parents who ask their 9th grader what's going on in school will probably get some variation of this response: "I have it covered." This response, Livingston says, is often a signal that parents need to be involved. They need to know who their child's friends are, who the friends' parents are, and where their child is going. They need to know what their child's grades are and whether homework is getting turned in on time.

When kids talk about their social lives, parents may find themselves dragged into the middle of mini soap operas and must be careful not to get sucked into the drama. "When a child comes home and says such and such happened, check it out," she says. "You want to nip it in the bud as soon as possible."

Take the same proactive steps with academics. "Going to a teacher on the last day of the semester is a day late and a dollar short," Livingston says. "It's easier to help a child when their struggle is small."

Some 9th graders can study independently, but others still need to work at the kitchen table with a parent close by. Some kids have an easy time with studying, while others get overwhelmed and don't know where to start. "I just told a parent today to get flash cards," Livingston says. "They work even in high school."

Ninth grade is a time when kids are figuring out what it means to be a teenager. Moms and dads are figuring out what it means to be the parent of a teenager. It may be time to let children make their own choices and experience a little freedom, but 9th grade is also a time for parents to stay close by and be available when they're needed.

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## JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT, AT&T, AND BC TEAM UP!

On November 16th sixteen seniors and sophomores participated in an engineering related job-shadow event at AT&T. Junior Achievement coordinated the day, allowing the cadets to spend four hours at the west-side office learning about equipment, installation, design considerations and marketing.



The boys heard about American Telegraph & Telephone Company's 150 year history, and their technological contributions. They spoke with an installation professional who explained wires, cables and switches, in addition to showing them a service van, complete with electronic meter equipment and other "tools of the trade." Later they spoke with three design engineers responsible for coordinating field data, problem solving, and print making. Last, the boys learned about Radio Frequency (RF) technology used with cell phones and satellite systems.

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## CATHOLIC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR 2012-2013 - NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE



The Catholic College Scholarship applications for the Diocese of Savannah are now available for students applying to or attending Catholic colleges. Awards of \$2,000 each are made annually to one freshman, sophomore, junior and senior from the applications received. Scholarships are good for one year only. Reapplication is necessary for renewal.

Applicants must be Catholic (male or female) at least high school seniors with a satisfactory academic record, leadership ability, good character references and belong to a parish in the Diocese of Savannah. The student should be active and participating in the life and service of their parish and school.

See Mr. Pinkerton in the BC Guidance Office or call the Catholic Schools Office (912.201.4121) for an application, email [schools@diosav.org](mailto:schools@diosav.org), or print from the website: [diosav.org/schools](http://diosav.org/schools). The deadline for returning the application and all documentation is February 28, 2012.

### *Attention Parents:*

**Join us for Parent College Information day on December 6th**  
**9:00 (Senior Parents) for a discussion about financial aid**  
**1:30 (9th grade - 11th grade Parents)**  
**for information regarding GAcollge411.**

For more information, please contact Mr. Pinkerton,  
 Director of Guidance and College Counselor at 912.644.7011.