



BENEDICTINE
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Moving Up in the Ranks!

On Wednesday, January 12, 2011, five more Cadets joined the ranks of the commissioned officers in the Benedictine Corps of Cadets. Cadets David Brown, James Daly, Madison Daly, Charles Raley and John Sheffield were all commissioned Cadet Captains. Their duty assignments are:

Cadet CPT Brown – Assistant Brigade S-5

Cadet CPT J. Daly – Assistant Brigade S-3 (Operations)

Cadet CPT M. Daly – 1st Battalion S-5

Cadet CPT Raley – Brigade S-3 (Operations)

Cadet CPT Sheffield – 2nd Battalion S-5

Congratulations to our new officers!



Letter from the Principal...

Dear BC Family,

Have you ever wondered what goes on in the bustling Administration or Business Offices? How about what happens in the classroom? If so, then you are in luck, I'd like to give you just a couple of recent examples of what is going on "behind the scenes" at BC!

Great and innovative things are happening with technology, thanks to Fr. Anthony's forward thinking and his action. As you know, our campus is wireless for faculty and staff now. BUT, in the not too distant future, our students will have wireless capability as well. Cadets will then have the opportunity and availability to access BC's e-library right in their classrooms; they can write and print papers right in their classrooms. This means all of our classrooms, each and every one, will be a virtual library and computer lab for your son.

Faculty members are aware of our nation's college and university classroom settings. They are preparing our younger students and setting the scene for our upperclassmen, who are very quickly closing in on their college years.

Did you hear about our Civil War lunch and learn? The whole experience was inspired and engineered by Chef Vince from SAGE Dining Services who asked if he could prepare a special day for the boys. Civil War re-enactors were here dressed in their confederate attire. There were 4 stations and two tents. One had a surgical exhibition from that era. There was also a musket firing and a real meal from the 1860s: venison hash, chicken and rice, beans and hard-tak (beef jerky).

All of these endeavors occur because all of our departments are working cooperatively, one department accommodating others, sharing responsibility, with a collective effort, and a whopping positive attitude! The bottom line? Role-modeling for your sons. Not the directive, watch me, follow me, listen to me kind, but modeling by example and quietly doing what needs to be done.

Just like you, we want the best for our Cadets. We want them to be all you want them to be. The Administration, the Faculty and Staff will stop at nothing to bring your sons the best.

Happy February to you!. Please don't forget to check the BC website on a regular basis. Lots of information at your finger tips! And the magic continues.....

Kind regards,

Deborah A. Antosca, Ed.D.

Deb Antosca



Letter from the Headmaster...

During the past month, it has been my pleasure to introduce and to see introduced Mr. Danny Britt as our new Head Football coach, Strength Instructor and Athletic Director. Coach Britt brings to the program not only a record of success on the field, but more importantly he has developed the techniques that allow for a winning tradition. Time and again, he has impressed me and many others with his commitment to his Faith, his family, and to the students. He, his wife Stephanie, and their children are a most welcomed addition to the BC family.

With the naming of our new coach, Coach Stroud will now be able to focus his attention on his role as Vice-Principal. He will also pursue his interest in advancing his education. I am most grateful for the many sacrifices that Coach Stroud made for our football program, and I wish him well in his future endeavors.

Kudos are well deserved for the superb team assembled by Dr. Antosca that selected Coach Britt as their first choice. Their review of the candidates was rigorous and enormously time consuming. Given the high quality of candidates, this selection team responded magnificently and generously to a very challenging task.

Speaking of generous commitment, this past Friday evening saw two excellent examples of that. First of all, we were treated to a great spaghetti dinner sponsored by the PTO. Susanna Powers and Brandi Edwards put together a great team of volunteers who did a really nice job serving a wonderful meal. I know that I ate well and so did a lot of other folks, besides that, the price was right.

As usual, the BCAA took care of concessions during the basketball team's victory over Islands after the dinner. They are incredible; they are more reliable than the sun, what ever the season, regardless of the weather, they are there. A week ago, they were outside during the JROTC Drill Competition. Thanks to them, a lot of folks had something warm to drink and hot food in their stomachs. I can't say enough for our service organizations.

Thank you for all of the support you have given us.

Sincerely,

Fr. Frank Ziemkiewicz, O.S.B.
Headmaster

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February Calendar of Events

2/1 – Basketball vs. Savannah High (Fr. 4:15, JV 5:30, V 7:00)
Wrestling @ Richmond Hill

2/4 – Midquarter
Basketball vs. Johnson (Fr. 4:30, JV 6:00, V 7:30)
Winter Sports Senior Night prior to the Varsity Basketball Game
(details online)



2/5 – Wrestling @ Region 3AAAAA Traditional Tournament (CCHS)
Drill Meet @ Ware County

2/8 – Basketball @ Groves (Fr. 4:30, JV 6:00, V 7:30)
Rifle Team @ Groves 4:30

2/10 – School Mass
Rifle Team vs. SVA 4:30

2/11 – International Day
Wrestling @ AAAAA East Sections (Kennesaw Mtn. High School) (2/11-2/12)
Basketball vs. Bradwell (Fr. 4:30, JV 6:00, V 7:30)

2/12 – Drill Meet @ Richmond Hill
Lacrosse Scrimmage vs. Bluffton & Beaufort (10:00AM)

2/15 – Basketball Region Tournament (2/15-2/16) @ Groves
Rifle Team @ Savannah High

2/17 – Wrestling @ AAAAA State Traditional Tournament (2/17-2/18)
Rifle Team @ Beach 4:30
Atlanta Alumni Social (Manuel's Tavern, see invite for details)

2/18 – Region Basketball Tournament (2/18-2/19) @ Groves

2/19 – First Annual Ricky McAllaster Memorial Lacrosse Classic - (see flyer inside for details)

2/21 – President's Day (School Holiday)

2/22 – Lacrosse vs. Bluffton 3:30PM
Rifle Team vs. Glynn County 4:30

2/24 – Regional Formal Inspection (RFI)
Rifle Team @ SE Bulloch 4:30

2/25 – BC Holiday for students

2/26 – Drill Meet @ Liberty County
Lacrosse vs. Camden Military Academy
“A Night in Ol' BC”

*Remember to visit
www.thebc400.com to
keep up to date with all
of the BC happenings!*

Financial Aid Reminder –

Deadline to apply is March 16th so that you receive a response by April 30!

A copy of your 2010 tax return is required to complete the FACTS Financial Aid application.

February Faculty and Staff Birthdays

2/4 - Lori Saunders
2/11- LTC John M. Owens III '61
2/12 - Dotty DeHaven
2/21 - Jason Helton

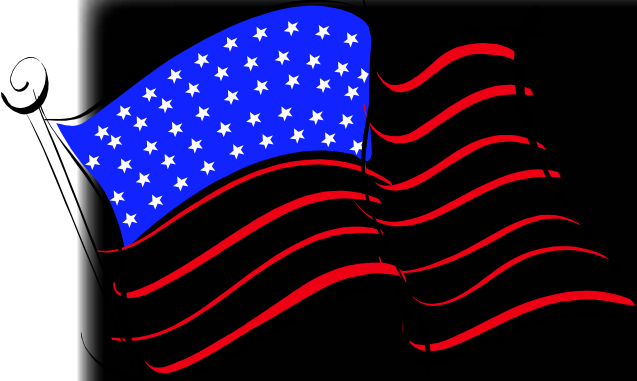


A Unique Vocabulary Building Race

Written by: Meredith White

Mrs. White's Spanish I students are playing a vocabulary game to increase retention and repetition while keeping them active and engaged. It entails passing clothing and school supplies down a line of teammates to the final teammate who dons the clothing item or holds the school supply. The first team that passes every supply from the basket to each teammate, pronouncing them all correctly and using the right grammatical article, and on to the final teammate who wears/holds it wins. The students had a lot of fun building their knowledge so actively!





JROTC Cadet of the Month Winners for January are:

Cadet SSG Thomas McCarthy, 1st Squad, HHD, 1st Battalion.

Cadet PFC Trey Jackson, 2nd Squad, Band Company, 2nd Battalion.

Cadet PFC Jasper Bridgeman, 3rd Squad, 2nd Platoon, E Company, 3rd Battalion.

Drill Meet Schedule

JROTC Drill Team and Color Guard Competition Schedule for the 2011 school year:

DATE	LOCATION
Jan. 22	Benedictine
Jan. 29	Groves High School
Feb. 5	Ware County High School
Feb. 12	Richmond Hill High School
Feb. 26	Liberty County High School
Mar. 5	Bradwell Institute (Area Championship Meet)
Mar. 19	Fort Gordon, Augusta (State Meet)



Please note, all meets start at 10:00AM. The top three finishers by competition category are eligible to compete at the State meet.



Attention Alumni!!

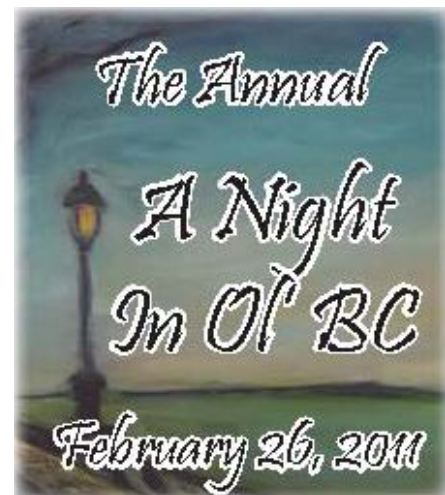
Lunch With the Grand Marshal - March 2nd at 1:00PM - BC Cafeteria

Report on the Status of the 3rd Annual “A Night in Ol’ BC” Auction

ONLY 29 DAYS

and..... IT’S ON!

If you saved the dateit’s time to spend it!



What to do:

- Invitations went out last Friday – don’t wait!
- Business Sponsors Need Us – We Need Sponsors – It’s a “Win-Win” call Rick Shay 644-7007, or call Cindy Rochefort 897-5825, or call Barb Evans 644-7009. (see sponsorship levels below) To get your ad in the Auction Program, **the printer’s deadline is Feb. 7** (after that – we will enclose an insert) Do it now!
- Get a baby sitter lined up!
- Get your party hat on!
- Come to the Auction, buy some bargains, and share a great evening with some of the best people on earth!

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

- **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.
- **Trustees’ Circle** \$2,500 - \$4,999
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.

BASEBALL NEEDS!

BC Baseball Coach, Bill Curley, is looking for a varsity score-keeper/statistician for the upcoming baseball season. The scorekeeper/statistician must have, at least, two years experience keeping a "book" and compiling cumulative statistics. Anyone who is able and interested should contact Coach Curley, at bill.curley@bcsav.net, as soon as possible.

In other Baseball news, Baseball season will begin with tryouts the first week in February for the more than 56 Cadets who have already signed-up to "fall in line" and help restore BC Baseball to its former glory. With only three seniors and four juniors trying-out, Coach Curley is very optimistic about having a very young, talented and enthusiastic ballclub on the field for the spring of 2011. The Benedictine region 3 AAAAA baseball season is set to open March 4 and will end its 25-game regular season April 30.

Time to Start Scoring Aces!

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION
2/10	3:00PM	Bluffton HS	Bluffton
2/15	3:30PM	Johnson	Bacon Park
2/16	3:30PM	RHHS	Richmond Hill
2/17	3:30PM	Bradwell	Hinesville
2/22	3:30PM	Groves	Groves
2/23	3:30PM	Calvary	Bacon Park
2/28	3:30PM	Appling County	Bacon Park
3/1	3:30PM	Beach	Bacon Park
3/3	3:30PM	Savannah Arts	Bacon Park
3/10	3:30PM	Islands High	Bacon Park
3/15	3:30PM	Savannah High	Bacon Park
3/23	3:30PM	RHHS	Bacon Park
3/28	3:30PM	SCDS	SCDS
3/29	3:30PM	Windsor	AASU
3/30	3:30PM	SCPS	Bacon Park
4/6	3:45PM	S.Effingham	Bacon Park
4/7	3:30PM	Jenkins	Bacon Park

4/12 Region Tournament



Congratulations Mr. Jim Brown on being invited back to be an AP Reader for 2011 in June.

The average stint for high school readers is usually limited to four years. This will be Mr. Brown's 8th year at the reading!

Campus Ministry

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

BOREDOM and SPACE

Except for the Feasts of the Conversion of St. Paul, the Presentation of the Lord, St. Scholastica, and the Chair of Peter the Apostle, the next so many weeks (up until Ash Wednesday) as far as the Church's liturgy is concerned, might be classified under the title, "Boring," or under a more vulgar term, 'Blah.' Why is this you might ask? Well, it is because all the rest falls under the heading, 'Ordinary Time.' Take for example the Eucharistic Liturgy for this week, the First Week in Ordinary Time. The opening prayer, the prayer over the gifts, and the post-communion prayer are just repeats of those prayers that were used this past Sunday (Oh yes, the Memorial of Sts. Maurus and Placid is celebrated this Saturday, a little variety). Other than that nothing is happening. Boring!!!



In the life of the Church as in all of life there are times when things are boring, rote, and routine (I would say that this condition goes to make up most of life). No good comes from boredom, or does it? Someone has said that boredom is valuable in that when we become really bored it inspires us to 'do something'. It is a motivator. What we do because we are bored and want to overcome it might be good or bad. So what can we do at 'ordinary times' that is positive as regards our relationship with God and neighbor? Well for one thing we can rest and try to take it easy, we can regroup our energies for those times when life presents us with events or 'highs', which can be stressful. Taking it easy, relaxing, is not as easy as it might seem. Many people do not know how to relax, to just "be". They always have to be 'doing'. Well, relaxing is hard work. It takes effort. It is 'doing' that is non-doing, and this is the most difficult doing of all (Sounds like something from the Tao Te Ching).

As an example of 'non-doing' we may take a cue from the agricultural community. Farmers who raise crops (farmers can correct me here if I am wrong), normally don't plant all their fields every year. They let some of them lie bare for a year or so in order to be revitalized by "resting" and replenishing their nutrients for the next time they are planted with a crop. This is called 'lying fallow.' You might say they are being given space to breathe. They don't have to work all the time. Ordinary time as regards God is time that gives us space to breathe to just be and ponder the glory and majesty of God. It is a time for us to just think our own thoughts about God and if He so wills, gain some insights into the divine life. In other words, we get to know God better, and the better we know God, the more will we be able to understand our neighbor and the world at large, for God is the author of them all, man in particular having been made in God's image and likeness.

In ordinary time we are granted the space to practice what Buddhists call, zazen, that is, 'sitting meditation'. Here you just sit and that's all. Again 'just sitting' is not easy. And added to this it appears to others that you are not doing anything. "Where's John?" one asks, "Oh, he's just sitting in the other room, he's not doing anything (useful)." This last statement calls to mind an excerpt from the famous spiritual writer, Henri Nouwen, in which he speaks about a useless hour with God. Here are his exact words.

"If we relate to the world just in terms of usefulness and what we can do with it, then we might not relate to it in such a way that God can speak through it. It is very important that once in a while we have an hour to be useless. Prayer is not being busy with God instead of being busy with other things. Prayer is primarily a useless hour...Prayer is primarily to do nothing in the presence of God. It is to be not useful and so to remind myself that if anything important in life happens, it is God who does it. So when I go into the day, I go with the conviction that God is the one who brings fruits to my work, and I do not have to act as though I am in control of things. I have to work hard; I have to do my task. And at the end of the day I have to keep saying that if something good happens, let us praise the Lord for it. But in order to do that, we had better take some time out and experience being present for God and God alone, and that is not so easy." -- (Prayer and Ministry).

If we think about it, ordinary time, nothing special to do, might be the time that is the most spiritually fruitful of all. It can be a time to digest the activities of those 'peak' moments in the Church's life, Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, and others, and in life in general, marriages, baptisms, births, and deaths. Think about it! Or better yet, don't think about it. Just listen with your whole being to God and hear what he is telling you. This is what Saint Benedict tells us is the essence of prayer, listening.

So when you become bored on an ordinary day, take the time to just listen. You will hear the Almighty whispering wonderful things in your ear. Amen.

Three for All

3 v 3 Soccer Tournament

Free and Open to All Boys Grades 6-8

Saturday, March 12th

8:45 AM to 1:00 PM – Rain or Shine

Benedictine Military School



Teams of 5 to 6 Players. Register as an individual or as a team.

Individuals will be placed on teams. Shin Guards Required.

No Soccer Experience Necessary. Free Lunch for All Registered Players.

Player _____ Birth Date _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Place me on a team **or** I am on a team named _____ school _____

Novice Recreational Player Select Player Years Played _____

Address _____ Telephone Number _____

_____ e-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I give approval for my child to participate in the Three For All soccer tournament and related activities at Benedictine Military School. In consideration of participation in this tournament, I assume all risks and hazards incident to my child's participation. I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Benedictine Military School, all coaches and parents or other persons supervising these activities, together with any affiliated leagues, associations, organizers, supervisors, officers, directors and participants, from any claims arising out of injury to my child. I certify that I have the authority as parent or legal guardian to grant this Consent, and that I have carefully read and understood the above statements prior to granting my Consent.

Printed Name of Parent or Legal Guardian

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

date

Complete and return this registration form to Benedictine Military School by March 4th.



**6502 Seawright Drive
Savannah, Georgia 31406**

Tournament Director Mark Liscia 658-5583 mcliscia@yahoo.com

Written by: Jan Rogers
and Larry McDonald

GUIDANCE

TUTORIAL! IT'S FREE!

A reminder that tutorial is offered each Tuesday and Thursday at BC. Each teacher remains in class from 2:24 until 3:10 to assist students with instruction and homework help.

Some students remain in the classroom to complete homework assignments with the help of the teacher and other students. The positive side of this eighth period tutorial is that study for tests, homework assignments, makeup work, and peer tutorial makes for much better grades.

Students are afforded this opportunity with tutorial as part of the Tuesday and Thursday schedule. This eighth period is already a part of the school day, so staying for tutorial is like attending the last class of the day.

Many BC Cadets are taking advantage of regular tutorials by soliciting help from teachers and other students and by reinforcing their knowledge by assisting with tutoring other students. Either way, it is definitely a win-win situation.

Remind your son that the tutorial should be a necessary part of the school week. Attending on a regular basis would be a help for him and for his grades.

COLLEGE CAMPS FOR STUDENTS

If you are looking for a college experience for your son, you might check into some of the available programs colleges have in place for high school students. Some colleges invite students onto their campus for a weekend of learning, playing, and socializing.

Remember that students should contact their teachers for a recommendation for attending and should be in good academic and disciplinary standing.

Students must be accompanied by a parent who provides transportation to the campus. Most colleges offer accommodations nearby for parents who have students attending these retreats.

One example of a weekend retreat is Clemson's Challenge for Academically Talented Students (C-CATS), that recruits top 9th and 10th graders from SC, NC and GA to participate in high-powered weekend retreats at Youth Leadership Institute, YLI, Headquarters in Pickens, SC. Through team-building and academic sessions, students gain leadership skills, learn how to foster positive relationships, and improve their ability to think clearly and perform under pressure. Campus tours are led by top Clemson students with a passion for sharing the college experience. The Clemson CCATS web site will give important information regarding this weekend-long retreat and the qualifications for application. Below is the contact for this Youth Leadership Challenge weekend. Contact Mrs. Rogers in the Guidance office if you are interested.

Or contact:
C-CATS Legacy
Youth Learning Institute
698 Concord Church Road
Pickens, SC 29671
864-878-1041 fax 864-878-5985
www.clemson.edu/yli





The Benedictine Alumni Association
invites you to attend an
Atlanta Alumni Social at



602 Highland Avenue NE Atlanta, GA 30307
Thursday, February 17, 2011
6:30 P.M.

\$10.00 for Alumni Association Members
\$20.00 for Non-Members*

Heavy hors d' oeuvres and select beverages included

Special Guests from Benedictine include:
Headmaster, Fr. Frank Ziemkiewicz, O.S.B.
New Head Football Coach, Danny Britt
and other representatives from BC

Come out and network with fellow Benedictine alumni and find out first hand
about all of the exciting happenings at Benedictine Military School

Please R.S.V.P. to Will Fleming 912.644.6532
or william.fleming@bcsav.net by Monday, February 14, 2011

*The non-members price includes a 6 Month Alumni Association Membership

Leave a Legacy - Planned Giving

Have you ever considered leaving a legacy at Benedictine? It is as simple as remembering BC in your will. You can use this sample language to ensure the traditions and values of BC for the next generation. "I give, devise, and bequeath to THE BENEDICTINE ORDER IN GEORGIA doing business as BENEDICTINE MILITARY SCHOOL., a non-profit corporation duly existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and located in Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia, _____ (% of estate or amount) _____, to be used as the school may direct."



If you have already included Benedictine in your estate plans, please let us know so we may honor you as a member of the 1902 Heritage Society. Contact Greg Markiton at (912) 644-7016 or greg.markiton@bcsav.net for more information.

The Campaign for The 400 Update

Campaign Goal: \$500,000
Total Raised: \$305,000
Total Donors: 456
Campaign Ends: June 30, 2011



We need YOUR participation to help our Cadets. Every dollar you contribute to the "Campaign for The 400" annual fund is invested in the young men who walk the halls of Benedictine.

Please join us and show your support for BC before the campaign ends on June 30, 2011. You can make your gift online by visiting: http://www.thebc400.com/benedictine/online_giving/



AASU is hosting a math tournament for high school students. It will be held Saturday, March 5th. BC will be taking the maximum 12 students. Good luck mathletes!!



Scad, Lax.com, and The Ricky McAllaster Foundation present:



Saturday February 19,2011
SCAD Fields
Savannah, Ga.

The First Annual Ricky McAllaster Memorial Lacrosse Classic

College Division—SCAD, Clemson, USC, and University of South Fla.

High School Division - 8 Team maximum, guaranteed 3 game minimum, \$400 entry fee.

Middle School Division - 4 Team Maximum, guaranteed 3 game minimum, \$300 entry fee.

Team participation is first come, first served. Please note that there are only a couple of slots left in the high school and middle school division so please send me an email if your team is interested in participating. I can assure you that it will be a moving experience for your team and a life lesson for all players who participate.

Ricky McAllaster was an exceptionally talented lacrosse player in Savannah who lost his life in a tragic automobile accident on 1/1/10. This tournament honors Ricky's 4 year commitment to growing lacrosse in Savannah and his relentless pursuit to get lacrosse into BC. Funds raised will go to the Ricky McAllaster Foundation to support youth lacrosse in the coastal empire and support teen driving programs in the local schools. Those of you who knew Ricky saw his great passion for life and now see the great impact he had on everyone he met. His foundation will do amazing things in the area and this is your opportunity to be in on the ground floor. Sponsors, volunteers, referees, players, and vendors are needed to make this event a great success in the very first year. We will always remember RIP10.



The Ricky McAllaster Foundation

Attention: Dick McAllaster
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Savannah, Georgia 31410

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