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New Traditions Begin on a Day of Remembrance

The Benedictine Military School Corps of Cadets conducted its annual Gannam Day Ceremony on Wednesday, December 7, 2011. The ceremony is conducted annually and is hosted by American Legion Post 184. The ceremony honors SSG George K. Gannam, a member of the BC class of 1938, and the first Savannahian to give his life at Pearl Harbor, and all Americans who sacrificed their lives in service to our country. Mr. William J. Quinan III '55 from Post 184 acted as the Master of Ceremonies and Mr. Byron A. Stephen '53 was the guest speaker. Each year American Legion Post 184 presents two awards in honor of SSG Gannam. Cadet MAJ Conrad Ezequiel Tebyanian-Haro was the recipient of the God and Country Medal and Cadet SSG Matthew Peters was the recipient of the George K. Gannam Memorial Medal. An American flag was presented to the Gannam family who then presented it to Dr. Deborah Antosca, Principal, for daily use at Benedictine.

In addition to the traditional Gannam Day ceremony this year, the 70th anniversary of WWII, the Benedictine Military School Alumni Association unveiled a new WWII Memorial in front of the gym. In a ceremony that's set to now be an annual tradition Cadets assembled in Brigade formation on the BC quad, facing the new WWII Memorial as a tribute to the 30 BC alumni who gave their lives in WWII. The memorial ceremony included the reading of the plaque's inscription and the calling out of the name of each Cadet who died during the war. A bell will be rung after each name was called. Concluding the ceremony, Veteran's Council and Veteran of the Year Joseph L. Connors (BC '49) then laid a wreath at the foot of the WWII Memorial pedestal.



Letter from the Headmaster...

Dear Friends of BC,

By the time of this reading, our campus icons, the Advent Wreath which hovered over the “Well” and the Christmas Manger which since Thanksgiving, has been out on the grounds greeting students, faculty, staff and passersby will have done their annual task of announcing the presence of God. Like a comet, both will have continued off on their annual orbits. Hopefully, the message that they left in their wake will remain awake within us until their return next year. Given these times, that message carries with it an added poignancy that regardless of the our condition, God remains with us to remind us of the hope that awaits us. The icons may have departed the scene but the Spirit, the gift of Pentecost, didn’t.

I’d like to think of that Spirit as helping to stabilize each one of us as we pass through the such global turbulence. I’d like to think that Its message of hope will remind us that the message of God wasn’t meant for one all too brief season of the year, but rather that our own Calvary’s can’t stop the Spirit from creating our own Easter event.

Maybe in looking back, we saw glimpses of that? Didn’t the Cadets and 13th Colony Singers sound great at the Christmas Concert. We have Dewain, LTC Owens and the Colony to thank. Weren’t there the invaluable volunteers who so doggedly staffed the concession stands, the Cadet Shop, Media Center, and took an active part of the PTO, BCAA, Auction Committee and Board? Wasn’t there an Annual Fund drive that exceeded all previous in spite of the economy? This was due to our incredibly committed and expanding corps of patrons. How do you put into words the efforts of our Alumni Association as they so superbly expanded the World War II monument before the gym? Wasn’t there the firing of the newly renovated cannon, the rush on to the field after the last second field goal and the pride in our graduates and gratitude toward our faculty as they processed out of the Cathedral? It was a year that has distinguished itself by its grit and, through the gift of the Spirit, helped redeem the times.

The ground work is being laid to insure that we are ready to welcome each tomorrow; it bears the seeds of the Spirit with it. The challenges remain. That said I have no doubt that this magnificent gathering of those committed to BC will prove stronger than any storm.

Please accept my prayers and best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Fr. Frank, O.S.B.

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Headmaster

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January Calendar of Events

1/3 – Basketball vs. Calvary

1/4 – Faculty In-Service

1/5 – Students Return to School

1/6 – Report Cards Issued

Basketball vs. Savannah High

Wrestling @ Region 3AAAAA Duals

1/7 – BC Admissions Exam

Swim Team @ BC Polar Plunge

Wrestling @ Region 3AAAAA Duals

1/10 – Basketball vs. Johnson

Wrestling @ Groves & Beach

1/12 – Basketball @ Groves

1/13 – Wrestling @ AAAAA State Duals (1/13-1/14)

½ Day for Students

Mass

Swim Team @ Statesboro High School Invitational

1/14 – Basketball vs. Bradwell

1/16 – MLK Holiday

1/17 – Wrestling @ Islands & Savannah Arts Academy

Basketball vs. Windsor

1/18 – Seniors: last chance to order cap/gown/announcements

1/19 – Last chance to order announcements

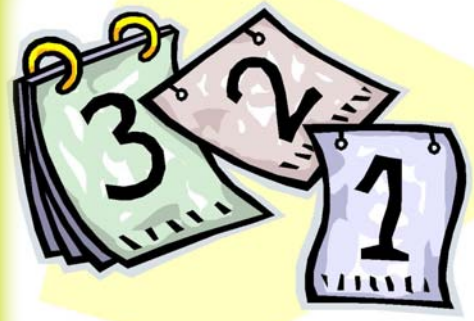
1/20 – Wrestling @ Clinch Gear Prep Slam

PTO Honor Roll Ice Cream Social

Basketball vs. Camden County (Parent Night)

1/21 – Swim Team @ Senior Splash 2012

1/22 – BC Open House



1/24 – Basketball @ Jenkins
Wrestling vs. Johnson
& Savannah High

1/27 – Wrestling vs. SCDS
Basketball @ Islands

1/28 – Wrestling @ Effingham
JV Tournament
Swim Team @ Coastal Georgia
Swim Championships
Basketball @ Beach

1/31 – Basketball @ Savannah High

Visit www.thebc400.com for the most up to date information regarding dates and events!

January Faculty and Staff Birthdays

1/7 - Shelly Roberts
1/21 - Sandy Ansley
1/24 - Rick Shay
1/27 - Fr. Ronald Gatman
1/30 - Brennan Lemieux '01
1/31 - Baker Woodward



BC shares with Others Less Fortunate

By: Susanna Hernandez



The BC cadets, led by the Spanish Club, collected more than 100 coats and long pants for those in need. They were taken to the Social Apostolate during their Christmas Luncheon in hopes that they will bring warmth and joy to those in need. Patrick Whitten, Vice President of the Spanish Club, took time from his Christmas Holiday to present the items to Sister Julie at today's Christmas lunch at the Social Apostolate. This contribution of love, service and compassion would not have been possible without the support of all of the BC Cadets, teachers, parents and the greater Benedictine community that supported it. The BC Spanish Club wants to thank all who gave so generously and wish everyone Feliz Navidad!

Don't Forget to check with Ms. Levin about the digital photography workshops. The workshops will be held on Tuesdays at 2:30PM beginning January 17!



Swinging into the Baseball Season

Benedictine Baseball 2012 Schedule (as of Nov. 15, 2011)

Feb. 23 (Thu.)	Liberty @ BC – 4:00	Coach Curley – 356-9430
Feb. 27 (Mon.)	Bryan County @ BC – 4:00	* Denotes “Region 3 AAAAA” Games
Feb. 28 (Tue.)	Liberty @ BC – 4:00	
March 2 (Fri.)	Johnson @ BC – 4:00 *	
March 3 (Sat.)	Richmond Hill @ BC – 2:00 (JV RH @ BC – 11:00)	
March 5 (Mon.)	BC @ Liberty – 6:00	
March 9 (Fri.)	Beach @ BC – 4:00 *	
March 10 (Sat.)	Camden @ BC – 1:30 (JV Liberty @ BC – 11:00) *	
March 13 (Tue.)	BC @ Savannah High – 4:30 *	
March 16 (Fri.)	BC @ Islands High – 4:30 *	
March 20 (Tue.)	Groves @ BC – 4:30 *	
March 23 (Fri.)	BC @ Jenkins – 4:30 *	
March 24 (Sat.)	BC @ Richmond Hill – 2:00 (JV BC @ RH – 11:00)	
March 27 (Tue.)	BC @ Windsor Forest – 4:30 *	
March 30 (Fri.)	BC @ Bradwell – 5:00 *	
March 31 (Sat.)	Glynn Academy BC – 2:00 (JV Jenkins @ BC – 11:00)	
April 3 (Tue.)	BC @ Johnson – 4:30 *	
April 9 (Mon.)	BC @ Camden – 5:00 *	
April 10 (Tue.)	BC @ Beach – 4:30 *	
April 13 (Fri.)	Savannah High @ BC – 4:30 *	
April 14 (Sat.)	Islands High @ BC – 2:00 (JV Islands @ BC 11:00) *	
April 17 (Tues.)	BC @ Groves – 4:30 *	
April 20 (Fri.)	Jenkins @ BC – 4:30 *	
April 24 (Tue.)	BC @ Windsor Forest – 4:30 *	
April 27 (Fri.)	Bradwell vs. BC – 4:30 SENIOR DAY!!! *	



Mission Complete!

By: Jim Hicks



The students of four Physics sections and one Honors Physics sections constructed and launched rockets. The project was the culmination of the third quarter of study which included instruction in impulse and momentum, fluid friction and Newton's Laws of Motion.

The students constructed their rockets out of commonly available raw materials with the only commercial rocket part being the motor and igniter. The students also had wide latitude to try their own design and construction techniques.

Seventy-three rockets were constructed and flown with varying degrees of success. Almost all flew majestically into the space above BC while a few took a twistier path. Many achieved the advertised height of 1000 feet. The project was completed as part of the integrated Physics curriculum which includes labs and quarterly projects. All recovered rockets are on display above the desk of the student builder.

SAVE THE DATES

- ADMISSIONS TEST -

JANUARY 7, 2012

8:00AM

- BC OPEN HOUSE -

JANUARY 22, 2012

2:00PM - 4:00PM

The Campaign for The 400

By: Greg Markiton '92

“Forward. Always Forward...” Those are the ever insightful and relevant words of Benedictine’s founder, Archabbot Boniface Wimmer. I am proud to report that BC has held steadfast to these words. Together we can be proud of our accomplishments over the last year. I hope they will inspire you, especially during this current climate of change and adversity.

Here are just a few of the many accolades....

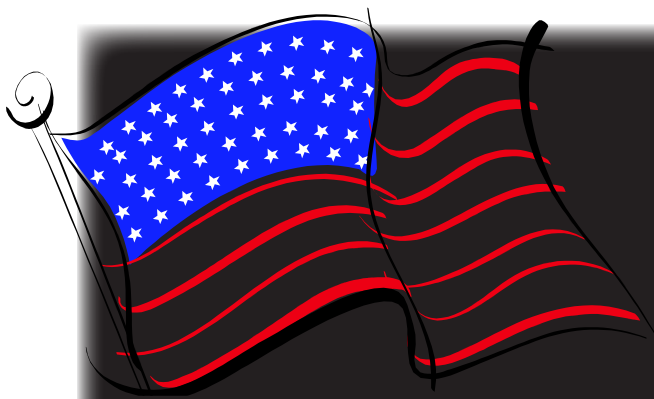
- Our AP test scores are at all all-time high. 72% of BC Cadets who took an AP exam earned a passing grade, compared to 55% in the state of Georgia.
- Our athletic program continues to soar and is the most comprehensive in the Coastal Empire. We have also introduced four new clubs this year.
- Our fiscal 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.



Perhaps most notable is that we had our most successful *Campaign for The 400* Annual Fund ever. We raised over \$464,000! This is a true indicator of your vote of confidence in our mission and your desire to impact the daily lives of our cadets.

Please join us and show your support for BC before the campaign ends on June 30, 2011. Your contribution has a direct impact by providing necessities such as need-based financial aid, outstanding instructors, and classroom equipment and technology.

You can make your gift online by visiting: http://www.thebc400.com/benedictine/online_giving/



JROTC Cadet of the Month Winners for December are:

Cadet SSG Dalton Culp 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, A Company, 1st Battalion.

Cadet Patrick VonWaldner, 3rd Squad, 2nd Platoon, C Company, 2nd Battalion.

Cadet PFC Patrick Magure, 3rd Squad, 1st Platoon, E Company, 3rd Battalion.



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.

Trustees' Circle \$2,500 - \$4,999

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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.

Sponsor / Business Name _____

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

THE MAYAN CALENDAR

2012 C.E. is upon us! We just celebrated our last Christmas on earth. There will be no Christmas in 2012 c.e. if the doomsday people are correct in their assesment of the reason why the Mayan calendar ends on 21 Dec. 2012. We got a reprieve when the clock clicked bringing us Y2K, but this may be different. It might be a good idea to look more deeply into just why some feel that the world will come to an end in 2012 c.e. based upon the fact that the Mayan calendar ends then. We might find that it ends for some simple reason and not because the world is going to pass away then.

Perhaps they ran out of stone. Maybe the chisellers went on strike, or they learned how to make paper and put their calendar on that. Perhaps aliens gave them new technology that allowed them to carry little pocket gadgets that had a perpetual calendar programmed into it.



Predictions of the end of the world have been with us since time immemorial. The Bible is full of apocalyptic writings, writings which concern themselves with the eschaton, the last days. In the last month or so the Church has presented us with images from Scripture which depict the end of the world. Some of the gospels have readings that pertain to this. The Book of Revelation contains vivid stories of what will take place when all comes to an end and the final judgment is rendered by God as to who will be saved and who will be lost. At this time God's justice will reign on the earth and the sheep will be separated from the goats. In past ages and up to today people looking at the evils that are present in the world have called upon the Book of Revelation to support their contention that time is up. Jesus told us that in the last days that there would be "wars and rumors of wars, but the end would not come yet." When the end really does come with the Second Coming of Jesus He tells us that there will be no mistaking it. It will be manifested from the east to the west.

People fear the end times for a number of reasons. First of all they are afraid because it will mean the end of their life in this world which is all they have known, and they will enter a world that is completely unknown to them. Secondly, depending upon one's belief the end of the world will be a time of judgment when God will judge us according to the deeds that we have done in this life whether good or bad. Some of us may feel confident that everything will go alright for them at the Last Judgment, but many, perhaps most will be afraid that they will be eternally punished for the evil deeds that they have done.

To a certain degree we must all be concerned about what will happen to us at the end of the world when the Last Judgment comes, and this is not necessarily a bad thing. It can stir us to repentance for our sins and prompt us to change the way we have been living if it has led us astray from God. The seasons of Advent and Lent are specifically aimed at making us take stock of our lives and see where we need to correct our faults in order to grow in holiness. As Christians we should do this on a regular basis, but we must not dwell upon our wrongdoing, rather we must take into account the full message of Jesus who said that He came that we might have life and have it to the full. If we follow the command of Jesus to love one another as He has loved us, and if we repent when have sinned and forgive others for offenses that they have inflicted on us, then we can be confident that God will take care of us and see to it that we live in His company for all eternity.

The key to alleviating our fear of the end times or any other time that we feel threatened is love. We must hold on to the truth that God loves us unconditionally and that He desires the salvation of each and every one of us. He is willing to go off into the wilderness to find the one lost sheep that has gone astray and bring it back to the fold. Not only that but most importantly He sent His only begotten Son into the world to save us from our sins. To add to this we have the words of Saint John the Evangelist in his First Letter where he tells us that, "God is Love, and that he who abides in love abides in God and God in him." If we love then God abides in us and if God abides in us then we are filled with His saving power. When we are filled with the presence of God it is impossible to be afraid for Love casts out fear as John says: "There is no fear in Love. But perfect love drives out fear because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love." (Bible-NIV) From this we can see that our task in this life is to learn how to love and to let God's love take over our lives. The more God who is Love fills us the less do we fear things in life, including the end of the world and the last judgment.

May this New Year be for you one of growth in love of God and of neighbor, and with this growth may you experience profound peace and joy, making you realize ever more fully that life is good because God who made it is good. He who said, "I will be with you all days, even to the end of the world. Amen.

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
October 22, 2011	September 16, 2011	September 17 – 30, 2011
December 10, 2011	November 4, 2011	November 5 – 18, 2011
February 11, 2012*	January 13, 2012	January 14 – 20, 2012
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 10 – 23, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 5 – 18, 2012