



**Parent E-Mail #3
September 16, 2009**

NO SCHOOL during the upcoming teacher convention

The following announcement is not one we have to repeat often to our students—they need no reminder. But we do want to alert our parents that there is NO SCHOOL on Thursday, September 24, and Friday, September 25. The precollege faculty will be attending the teacher convention sponsored in part by the South Carolina Association of Christian Schools (of which BJA is a member). Classes will resume on Monday, September 28.

Blue and White Day culminates with All-Star games

Parents and friends are invited to the Academy Invitational Boys All-Star soccer game on Saturday, October 3, at 7 p.m. on the Stadium Field as BJA competes against Oakwood Christian School from Anderson, S.C. Also, at 3:30 p.m. in the Academy Gym the Academy Invitational Girls All-Star volleyball team will play their match against the girls volleyball team from Oakwood Christian. Please come join us for an exciting time as we cheer on our All-Stars!

PLAN testing for academy sophomores

What is PLAN?

PLAN is similar to an achievement test. It is a great way to prepare for the ACT that your child will take as a junior or senior. It covers English, math, reading, and science and gives an estimated projected ACT score. ACT scores will be used for college entrance; and the ACT is one of the items that can qualify your child for the LIFE Scholarship.

When is PLAN?

October 6–9 during sophomore Bible and PE.

Why take PLAN?

PLAN lets you know if your child is on track for college. The test scores point out academic strengths as well as areas in which improvement is needed. PLAN also helps match careers and interests. Research shows that students who take PLAN score higher on the ACT than students who do not take PLAN.

For your sophomore student—

What to bring to the test:

*Two sharpened soft-lead (No. 2) pencils with good erasers
A watch to pace himself/herself (no alarms, please)
Calculator for the math test (TI 30-X IIS and TI 83 are fine)*

Tips for doing his/her best on PLAN testing:

Get plenty of sleep the night before the test.

Follow directions exactly, and don't be afraid to ask questions.

Mark the answer sheet carefully. Fill in the ovals neatly.

Don't spend too much time on any one question. For hard questions, choose the answer you think is best and move on.

Just like on the ACT, it is better to guess at the answer than to leave a question blank. If you have time, read all the possible answers before choosing one.

Eliminate every answer you know is wrong, and then pick the best one from those remaining.

If you have further questions about the PLAN test, please contact the Academy Guidance Office.

Seniors getting ready for their trip to The Wilds

The senior trip to The Wilds will soon be here! The seniors leave on Monday, October 5, and return on Friday, October 9. The speakers will be Wilds staff members. The seniors will be given a handout of information regarding departure and arrival times, what to bring and what not to bring, and what to wear. As with any outdoor activity this year, please have your child take extra precaution against mosquitoes. Bug spray is certainly recommended! Join us in praying that the Lord will do a great work in our senior class as a result of this special week at The Wilds.

Hand Sanitizer for lockers

Because of the potential for flu problems, we are requesting that each student has a bottle of hand sanitizer in his/her locker and that they use it frequently.