



**Parent E-Mail #6
November 13, 2009**

On behalf of the Academy faculty and administration, we want to wish you a happy Thanksgiving! We are grateful to the Lord for the blessings we have enjoyed this past year. With all the uncertainties of the future as we approach 2010, it is good to know that we have an unchanging God Who knows the future and supplies the grace that we will need for whatever lies ahead.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Academy parents and friends are invited to attend a variety of activities and programs as BJA celebrates the Christmas season.

Academy Handbells Fall Concert: Friday, November 20, 7 p.m., Academy Auditorium.

Annual Christmas Carol Sing: Friday, December 4, 6:30 p.m., Front Campus. Friends from the Greenville area are invited to join the student body for an outdoor carol sing around the University's front-campus fountains, where the over 200,000 sparkling lights will be illuminated.

Academy Orchestra Christmas Concert: Friday, December 4, 7:30 p.m., Academy Auditorium. Celebrate Christmas with the Academy Orchestra. The concert will lift the spirit and cheer the heart!

Academy Bands Christmas Concert: Friday, December 11, 7 p.m., Academy Auditorium. Under the direction of Mr. Eric Woods, both academy bands will showcase familiar Christmas music in this special concert. Come and enjoy an evening of festive settings contrasted with a few reflective and meditative arrangements. This concert will add to your Christmas season with time for celebration and appreciation for the Christmas message and season.

ACADEMY DROP/ADD FOR SECOND SEMESTER

Academy students and their parents may request changes in second semester courses during the week of December 7–11. A detailed information and request form for this purpose will be available online and at the Academy office on December 1.

FIRST-SEMESTER REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be mailed to your home the week after school gets out. You should receive them before Christmas.

H1N1

We want you to be aware that a mailing went out yesterday concerning H1N1 shots being available soon at Bob Jones Academy. This mailing had information from the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) regarding the H1N1 vaccine and included the parent consent form. DHEC will come to Bob Jones Academy and inoculate all students who have a signed permission form from a parent or guardian. As of yet, the date for this event has not been established by DHEC. Bob Jones Academy is not saying that every student must take the vaccine; the choice is entirely up to the parent or guardian. We are simply providing a venue for the event to take place. The signed forms are due to the Academy receptionist by 4 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2009. Only students with forms turned in by the deadline will be able to have the vaccine administered at BJA. Students who are absent the day the inoculations are scheduled will not have a makeup time at the Academy. DHEC will be having regular Saturday offerings at the Health Department's local office downtown. When the date is arranged, we will let you know in three ways: (1) announcements to the students, (2) e-mail to parents, and (3) posting on the academy website.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

If inclement weather necessitates the closing of school during this winter season, parents and students may check the following sources for school-closing announcements:

1. Listen to periodic closing announcements on radio station WMUU (94.5 FM).
2. WYFF TV (Channel 4—Greenville) also announces school closings and posts them on www.wyff4.com.
3. If you have updated your contact information in *SchoolCast* (our emergency notification system), you will receive information on any closing.

We will try to make school-closing decisions no later than 6 a.m. If conditions are doubtful and the Academy does have school, messages telling parents that school is open will be posted on the Academy Information Line and will be announced on WMUU. If there are no announcements about BJA closing, regardless of what other schools are doing, we will have school. If conditions are bad in your local area, students should come to school as soon as conditions improve. All the BJ precollege schools will follow the same opening and closing schedule. Please note that there may be times when the University is open but the precollege schools are closed.

SPORTS

Boys

Boys basketball tryouts will be held in the Academy Gym on Monday, November 16, at 3:30 p.m. for grades 9 & 10 and on Wednesday, November 18, at 3:30 p.m. for grades 11 & 12.

Girls

Girls soccer tryouts will be held on Field #1 on Monday, December 7, from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. for grades 9 & 10 and from 4:15 to 5 p.m. for grades 11 & 12.

FINAL EXAMS

The Academy will have final exams the week of December 14. Please note that Monday, December 14, will be a regular full day of classes. Final exams start on Tuesday, December 15, according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, December 15

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	2 nd hour exam
9:05 – 9:20 a.m.	Jr-Sr Banquet girls dress meeting, AAud
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	5 th hour exam
11:00 – 11:35 a.m.	Chapel, FMA
11:40 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Junior class party, AAud

Wednesday, December 16

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	1 st hour exam
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	4 th hour exam
10:45 – 11:30 a.m.	Chapel, AAud
11:40 a.m.	Senior class picture, Rodeheaver Auditorium

Thursday, December 17

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	3 rd hour exam
9:10 – 10:10 a.m.	6 th hour exam
10:20 – 11:00 a.m.	Chapel, FMA

The final chapel of this semester will be on Thursday, December 17, starting at 10:20 a.m. in the Founder's Memorial Amphitorium. This chapel is typically shorter than usual so the out-of-town students can get on their way for the trip home for Christmas.

SECOND SEMESTER BEGINS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2010

Second semester begins with an assembly at 10:45 a.m. in the Academy Auditorium on Wednesday, January 13, 2010. Students sit in their assigned seats. After the assembly students will have lunch and then attend an abbreviated class schedule beginning at 12:30 p.m. and lasting until 2:55 p.m. The class schedule is included in the Academy calendar, which is posted on the BJA website (www.bju.edu/bja).