

# Voice of the Academy

**BAYTOWN CHRISTIAN  
ACADEMY**

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## COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Most of us remember the old game of telephone. The one where everyone gets in a line and a message is passed from one person to the next until it gets to the end. Then the last person repeats what they heard and the message is seldom what the first person said. Fun game as long as the information isn't important. When our children are involved the information is usually important. It's never fun to get the wrong information before a field trip, sports event, or any other school activity. To keep the miscommunication to a minimum, the administration will be publishing a newsletter every two weeks and sending it home with the students. All of us on the faculty and staff desire to create open lines of communication between all the BCA families. Our hope is that the newsletter will allow for all of our BCA families to stay informed with things at BCA that are affecting our students' education.

We will be featuring a class from all three of our schools: Grammar, Logic, and Rhetoric. It will also include a calendar of upcoming events. The directors of the schools, administrators and board members will also be including information from time to time. Keep an eye out for it next Monday, but please feel free to pick up the phone and call (281-630-8461) or email ([wortego@gobca.org](mailto:wortego@gobca.org)) me if you ever have any questions regarding BCA. I am always available for our families. I want our families to know what is going on with their students' education and what is going on with BCA.

Another key component of communication for BCA is the website, [www.GoBCA.org](http://www.GoBCA.org). The website has a special place in my heart. When I first came to BCA it was one of the areas I was charged with along with the other internet technologies. Most of the IT situations that come into the school usually get pointed in my direction, and anyone who really knows me and the administrative staff who have worked with me for the last year and a half know the truth: that I know just enough to be dangerous. So, that being said, I apologize for how horrific the website has been when it comes to providing information and representing the school well.

The old website had been doing double duty and was loaded to capacity. It was a little difficult to navigate and looked dated. I am pleased to inform our families that the new website will be up and running this week. Please point your web browser to [www.GoBCA.org](http://www.GoBCA.org) again with pride. The home page features great flash pictures of our students, a direct link to RenWeb's Parent Login, an easy to navigate calendar and news articles from recent newsletters.

BCA uses the company SpeakCreative to maintain and modify our site and they have done a great job at redesigning and updating the website. I hope you enjoy the new website as it is, but if you have ideas that you think could improve our site even more please email me.

Grace & Peace  
M. Wade Ortego  
Headmaster

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BCA's student tracking system, RenWeb, also offers a program that allows us to disseminate information to parents automatically through the parents' phone. This system (Parent Alert) was indispensable during hurricane Ike and has been utilized regularly since. For BCA to use Parent Alert to its full potential it is vital that we have current information for all of our parents and guardians. Please take time this week to check your student's contact information on RenWeb and email the office at [info@GoBCA.org](mailto:info@GoBCA.org) with necessary corrections.

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## Cambridge Candle Sale



Dear Parents:

As we begin the 2009 - 2010 school year, it is time for our annual candle sale. We are offering the extremely popular Cambridge Candles, hand poured in Dayton, Texas. This has been an important fundraiser for BCA, raising over \$235,000 in the past 10 years. We are offering some great new fall fragrances, as well as favorites from past sales. The candles will be delivered in mid-October, in plenty of time for the holidays.

All orders and payment need to be turned in by Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. To encourage student participation, we are offering fun incentives for all grades. Please read the enclosed flyer for the buyout option and details on the incentives for your child's grade level.

Please be sure that your student's name appears on every order form and envelope that is turned in. Checks should be made payable to Baytown Christian Academy.

Candles will be delivered to both campuses. They will arrive boxed by child, grade, and campus.

Thanks in advance for making this our most successful candle sale ever!

Sincerely,  
Christie Wooten  
Director of Development and Operations

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
30	31 Chapel	<b>1</b> Vision & Hearing Test HS Soccer -Away JH & HS Volleyball-Away	2 Jr. Class - Letterman Jacket ordering	3 HS Soccer - Home JH & HS Volleyball-Home	4 N. Main Fire Drill Grammar Field Trips	5 HS Football - Home
6	7 Labor Day No School	8 HS Volleyball -Away JH Soccer -Away HS Soccer - Home	9	10 HS Volleyball -Away JH Soccer -Away JH Football - Away	11 HS Soccer@ Tourn. JH VB @ Tourn. HS Football-Away	12
13	14 Chapel Athlete's Parent Meeting @ N. Main	<b>15</b> Parent Coffee - BRBC HS Volleyball -Away JH Soccer -Away HS Soccer - Home	16	17 JH Volleyball -Away JH Soccer -Away HS Volleyball-Away	18 HS VB @ Tourn. JH Football -Away HS Football-Away	19
20	21 Chapel JH Soccer -Home	22 JH Volleyball -Away HS Volleyball-Away	23	24 HS VB@Tourn. JH Soccer -Away JH Football-Home JH Volleyball-Home	25 JH Volleyball -Home HS Volleyball-Home	26 HS FB - Away HS VB-Away
27	28 Chapel JH Volleyball -Away HS Volleyball-Away	29 JH Soccer -Home JH & HS Volleyball-Home Parent Dinner - NMain	30	1 JH Football -Home HS Volleyball -Away	2	3 HS Football - Home