

Dear Three Points Parents,

January 30, 2012

Getting back to learning in class last week was a welcome break (from the snow and ice) for everyone! Way to go, staff and students!

Kyrie, eleison: This Sunday our Bible study group had the opportunity to worship at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Seattle. These two words in Greek mean “Lord, have mercy,” which was repeated throughout the 2 hour service. In his message, Father Photios described how remarkably persistent the Canaanite woman from Matthew 15 was in pleading for mercy from Jesus and his disciples. No matter what, she knew that Jesus could heal her child and she would not quit. Father Photios encouraged each of us – and I pass this on to each of you – do not let anything keep you from continually seeking from Jesus what is needed!



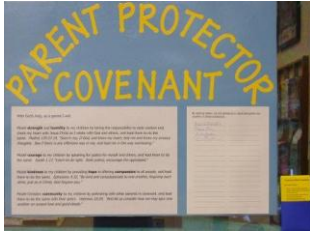
Chapel: Similarly, what a marvelous message on perseverance that Ruthanna Walker shared last Thursday! Despite the challenges of cancer and treatment side-effects, she inspired those present with how she chooses to follow the Lord “one step after another” each day. This Thursday, another parent (and HS Cheerleading Coach), Melissa Mackenzie, will be speaking. “Bible Man” Keith Ferrin is slated for February 9.

Re-Enrollment: Later this week superintendent Ron Taylor will be communicating important information for current BCS parents for next year. Tuition increases for next year are minimal and significantly less than other private schools – in order to best serve our families. Parents who re-enroll in February not only reserve a seat for their children, but also support our school in the planning process for next year too! Please contact Tammy Masse at tmasse@bcsmail.org if you have questions – she will confirm with you once the process is complete.

Calendar

- **Early Dismissal on Wednesday, February 1.** (February 8 is now a regular school day). Afterschool Creative Play/Lego Club ends at 2:15 pm that day. Early Dismissal Bus Schedules are available on the bottom right of the Transportation Page of the BCS website.
- A special assembly by **Reptileman** is at 1:05 on **Friday, February 3** – if you’d like to bring your family, Scott will return at **6:30 pm in the MPR** (\$1 donation per person requested).
- On **Tuesday, February 7, at 7:00 pm, Sex Ed** for parents of 4th-6th graders takes place in the MPR, with grade-level and gender-specific sessions for the students occurring in classrooms.
- Also on **Tuesday evening, February 7 at 7:00 pm, we will have a PreK-3 parent forum** using the video “Simple Truths” by Mary Flo Ridley. For many years we offered an evening program as part of our sex education curriculum for the 4th-6th grade students and their parents. This year we are adding a DVD presentation for the parents of Pre-K through 3rd grade students. This will be for parents only. *We will not be providing childcare so we hope you can secure care for your children that night and join us!* After a brief introduction to the evening in the MPR, parents of PreK-3rd graders will move to the library to view the 40 minute DVD, followed by a discussion. The evening will end punctually at 8:30 pm. This

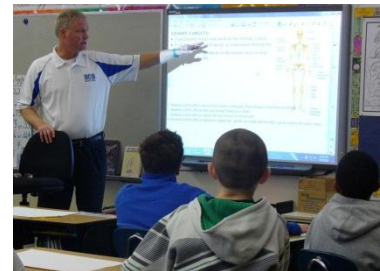
time will inspire you to confidently and naturally engage in conversation with your young child(ren) as they ask questions about “where they came from” and other related wonders of God’s world.



Protector Covenant: Please stop by our office to pick up a Parent Protectors card and to sign your name on the poster showing your commitment to our children and community. Thanks to Jessica Klauder, Laura Carlson, and Michelle Blakeslee on their collaboration!

Revised Handbook: After much careful editing and revising, our new Three Points Parent-Student Handbook is ready to share, and will be up on our web site by Friday. Thanks to our outstanding office staff for their tremendous help to me.

Lastly, congratulations to **6th grade teacher Mike Downs** on being honored with the **Medallion Award** by Seattle Pacific University last Thursday. This is a well-deserved tribute to Mike’s dedication, exemplary service, and love of teaching/coaching/and students!



May the Lord have mercy on you and your family today and always, in Christ Jesus!

Steve Kennedy, Principal
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