

Dear Three Points Parents,

What an excellent turn-out we had at the **Back to School Night** last Thursday, and thanks to all of you who were able to attend! Our PTF parents did a fantastic job of planning and facilitating the evening. I trust that you gained valuable information and made new connections to other parents at BCS.



**+Communication:** by now each of you should be receiving a weekly newsletter via email from your student's classroom teacher. In addition, you will be receiving these Parent Principal Posts each week. Plus, we regularly post updates to the Three Points News web page via an email to all families. If you ever have questions – about calendar, curriculum, or anything else – please feel free to contact me via email or at my cell: 425.691.0610.

**+New student lunches:** counselor Laura Carlson and I were really encouraged by our times at lunch in our office with each grade between 1 and 6. Overall, students were very positive about their experiences in the classroom, at the playground, and on the bus. In the 2-3 situations where students had encountered problems, we followed up with others to make sure that they didn't happen again. Our goals included helping them to feel comfortable in the office, and making sure each student knew he/she should always talk to their teacher or other staff member if they have questions or concerns.

**+PLC groups:** each teacher is working in collaboration with other faculty members on academic goals for this year. Teachers are grouped according to grade level (K-2, 3-4, 5-6), where they have been developing goals for students, common assessments, and eventually adjustments to instruction based on the data they gather. This kind of collaborative work is happening on Wednesday mornings and other times, and it's focused on maximizing student learning. Be on the look-out for more specifics soon.

**+Chapel:** last week, Maggie Josiah shared how her childhood dream of becoming a missionary to Africa became a reality – and the power of prayer in every situation. Also, parent Michelle Neal "wowed" all of us with news about the different colors and animals for Jogathon. This coming week, Service Learning Coordinator Shelli Brasted will share about serving locally and globally. I encourage you to find time to talk to your students and family about what they learn in chapel, in class, and in church. After all, you as parents have the most important impact on a student's faith development!

**+Jogathon:** here's some important information below from our Co-Chairs Kendra Bengelink and Kristin DeJonge: *Sponsor sheet packets are out and I bet your student is already busy fundraising and setting lap goals! Encourage your students to continue finding sponsors for the Jogathon. There are fun incentives for obtaining 10, 20 and 30 sponsors. All sponsor sheets are due **Monday, September 26th**, and students will receive a free bag of popcorn for turning them in on time. Jogathon is such a festive event and we appreciate all of the volunteers who have signed up to help. If you still want to get in on the action, there are still some positions available. Please contact Kristin DeJonge at [mkdejonge@msn.com](mailto:mkdejonge@msn.com) if you are interested.*

*Our goal is to raise 35,000 dollars - 90% of which goes directly to enhancing student learning and opportunities through upgrading our technology, funding field trips, and supporting student activities on campus. We will be tithing 10% of this money toward two deserving organizations, a Christian food bank in Factoria and a Christian school in Uganda. For more details please check out the bulletin board by the library. Your student also received a half sheet titled, "Where does the money go?" with further information.*

Blessings to you and your family ,

Steve Kennedy