

Identifying News



WILLIAM BRADFORD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, PRYOR, OK



OCTOBER 11, 2022

BACK TO SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

By Levi Gwartney, 8th Grade

The 2022-2023 Back to School Night took place on August 9th. Parents brought their children to drop off their school supplies and meet the staff. New students were introduced to both teachers and fellow students, to which the new students quickly became friends with. Teachers showed the students their classes and briefed them on school procedures. Along with getting to talk to teachers and students, people were able to socialize and enjoy refreshments. Bradford Boosters provided water and cookies to welcome everyone and new families received a family devotional book.

PRAYER WALK

By Sam Pilant, 8th Grade

Four days before school started, students, parents, faculty, and board members gathered together to go through every classroom to pray for the coming school year. Everyone was provided with a guided prayer list covering the school, and mentioning specific prayer requests. They worked their way through every building, and the basketball court. Since WBCS's mission is to be a Christ-centered extension of the home, this opportunity showed students the importance and power of coming together in prayer. As stated in Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them".



Noah Parker (1) and his dad praying
Photo by: Diana Coverdell, parent



The final prayer was on the court
Photo by: Janice Geisler, teacher

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

By Allie Bullard, 8th Grade

A grand total of 146 students, 25 new, began their first day of the 2022-2023 school year on August 11. The school also gained three new elementary teachers, and one new high school teacher. The school took another step forward back to normalcy by allowing the high school students the use of lockers again. The students came back to several exciting renovations that were made over the summer- from new floors in classrooms and bathrooms, to an additional building for physical education, music and missions class. Students and staff are very excited for the new year and all of its hopeful promises.



Kaylene Joice (10)
Photo by: Rachel Henington (8)



Ezra (5) and Levi Gwartney (8)
Photo by: Tommy Parker (8)



Zoe Morrison (10) and her mom
Photo by: Tommy Parker (8)

NEW TEACHERS

By Natalie Maner, 8th Grade

Our school has welcomed four new teachers: Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Manchell, and Mrs. Roberts.

- Mrs. Manchell teaches 1st grade. She loves teaching Bible and praying with her students.
- Mrs. Jones, who instructs the 2nd grade class, feels that God has opened the door and given her the opportunity, and blessing, to teach.
- Another new teacher, Mrs. Roberts, is in charge of the 5th grade classroom. The thing she enjoys most includes being able to teach and making disciples while teaching the Bible.
- And last, but definitely not least, Mrs. Wells, teaches 7th-12th grade science. She likes teaching at a Christian school where she has the freedom to talk about God.



Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Manchell, and Mrs. Roberts. Mrs. Jones is not shown because she is in charge of before and after school care. Photo by Kaylene Joice (10)

THE SECRET

By Natalie Maner, 8th Grade

Mrs. Manchell's first grade class studied the poem, *The Secret*, which is about a bird's nest. Since the poem was about a bird's nest it seemed only fitting for them to build nests from sticks, grass, and mud. They also made nests out of snacks to eat.



Sophie Vandiver, Elle Davis, and Jordyn Carter. Photo by Shaye Manchell, teacher

BRADFORD BOOSTERS

By Levi Gwartney, 8th Grade

On August 19, 2022, the Bagels with Boosters meeting was held among the school staff and parents, so everyone could get to know one another over breakfast. Parent, Diana Coverdell, the founder of the Bradford Boosters, provided bagels and cold drinks while parent Stacy Smith offered homemade butter and jams. Flower arrangements for the tables were provided by Haylee Coverdell (8). Mr. Stamper, the administrator, discussed different school procedures, changes with the school, and informed everyone about the new gym project. Office manager, Monica Parker provided information on the positive aspects of the Bradford Boosters.



Diana Coverdell leads the parents in prayer. Photo by Ally Parker (10)

NEW STUDENTS

By Levi Gwartney, 8th Grade

A plethora of new students were enrolled. A total of 25 students were introduced into the school family, warmly welcomed by all. Several new students were worried about changing environments. As Hunter Tillman (4) expressed, "I was nervous about this school, but I've been okay." New students include Brantley Batt (K3), Kendall Hadley (K3), Ruby Waffle (K3), Judah Wilson (K3), Brooks Barnes (K4), Bryden Childers (K5), Robert Kincannon (K5), Eleanor Graham (K5), Uzziah Seitz (K5), Elle Davis (1), Nekota Frost (1), Carter Tillman (1), Sophie Vandiver (1), Anna Leise Kincannon (1), Aubrey Graham (3), Chloe Kersey (3), Julia O'Brien (4), Aubrey Fox (4), Jennifer Grayson (4), Hunter Tillman (4), Shelby Gordon (5), Camden Frost (5), Hunter Kincannon (6), Brooklynn Fox (6), Tucker Gordon (7), Michaela Meyer (8), Hunter Holiday (9), Caleb Feather (10), and Tanner Gordon (10).

PUMPKIN PATCH

By Natalie Maner, 8th Grade

On the 3rd and 4th of October, the K3-6th graders rotated visits to Faithful Family Farms in Adair, Oklahoma. There, they did various activities. The students participated in tractor rides, a corn maze, and picking out a pumpkin to take home. "My favorite part of the trip was getting to pick a pumpkin," Josh Maner (4) remarked.



Mrs. Melton's fourth grade class. Photo by Nicki Maner, parent

MAYES COUNTY FAIR

By Allie Bullard, 8th Grade

At the Mayes County Fair, the Bradford Bake Sale raised approximately \$2,596.50. Some of the winners at the Mayes County Fair were Tayten Smith (6), Ranger Walker (5), Mazzy Walker (3), Ransom Walker (K5), Natalie Wilson (6), Hayden Farnsworth (7), Bailey Johnson (8), Mary Lee (9), and Gabrielle Robinson (10). Tayten placed first for her Polish Jr. Buck. Ranger won the position of ‘Reserve Champion Duck’ with his prized poultry. Hayden placed 3rd with her drawing. Bailey placed 6th with her Duroc Gilt. Mazzy took first place with her English Rooster. Ransom won “Reserved Champion” with his Bantam. Mary won first place with her babysitting kit she made, and second place with her cat fairy art. Gabrielle won six first place awards, plus a Champion for her table.



Hope (3) and Hadlee (6) Farnsworth

Photo by Janice Geisler



Ranger Walker (5)

Photo by Cassie Walker



Photography Winners: Kaitlin Rouell (10) Jordyn Walker (9), Jayden Pineda “Chupp” (9), Heidi Gilbert (8), Andrew Calico (12), Max Parker (10), Sara Coverdell (11), Lauren Rouell (9), Zane Taylor (7), Bryston Gilbert (7), Tommy Parker (8), Tucker Gordon (7), Nathan Graybill (11) Photo by Blaine Jinks (8)

YEARBOOK CONFERENCE

By Sam Pilant, 8th Grade

The sophomores and seniors travelled to Rogers State University in Claremore on September 15th to attend a yearbook conference. The conference covered marketing, design, storytelling, and team bonding. After the students finished the yearbook session, they ate at Chick-Fil-A for lunch. Lastly, they returned to the campus for a tour.



The 10th and 12th grade journalism students with speaker Mitch Eden and Josten's representative Todd Featherston

Photo by: Andy Pilant (board member)

BUILDING UPDATE

By Sam Pilant, 8th Grade

As the new 5,000 square foot building is going up, students and teachers have been awaiting the upcoming opportunities that will be made available. “The new building is anticipated to be completed and ready for use by June of next year. It will have two stories, an elevator, a gymnasium, classrooms, offices, dressing rooms, and a cafe.”



On September 16 cement was poured. Photo by Caleb Henington (10)

CONCURRENT STUDENTS

By Levi Gwartney, 8th Grade

Three students from the eleventh and twelfth grade are taking part in concurrent classes. A concurrent student is a junior or senior that takes classes at the local Pryor RSU campus. The concurrent students are Pacie Parker (12), Lani Holland (12), and Sara Coverdell (11). “It is an amazing opportunity, and I am glad I can get ahead,” Pacie stated.



Photo by Kortni Henderson (7)

CHAPEL

By Natalie Maner, 8th Grade

Every Wednesday, students fill the cafeteria to listen to the Gospel. Each building will have their own thirty-five minute service. The pastor of Pleasant View Baptist Church, Andy Pilant, makes chapel exciting and entertaining for the students in K3-2nd and 3rd-6th grade. Sonny Morrison, the Bible teacher, holds the sermons in the high school. Occasionally, students will preach in chapel or praise in worship. In order to participate, students will talk to Pacie Parker (12) to sign up for either singing, playing musical instruments, or preaching. Then, they will go to Mr. Morrison to approve their notes and choice of song. After everything is approved, the student will be put on the schedule. This gets students out of their comfort zone and gives an opportunity in service.



Emma Ingram (10), Heidi Gilbert (8), and Emma Jenkins (7) singing in chapel
Photo by Rachel Henington (8)

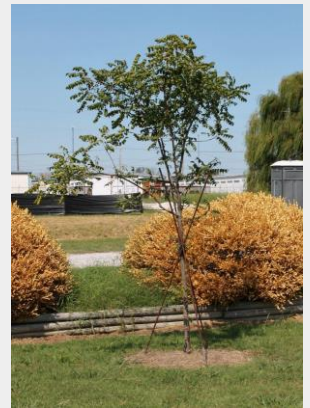
SYATP

By Ally Parker, 10th Grade

Students, parents, and staff gathered around the flag for the tradition of See You at the Pole on September 28. The main verse for See You at the Pole this year was Romans 12:11-12. While this was the main verse, some students chose a verse of their own to say, some said a prayer at the gathering, and others led worship. While the weather was a little chilly up until the sun came out, there was still a nice turn out with about a hundred parents and students. Overall, See You at the Pole was a success.



Photos by Bailey Johnson (8)



COACH B

By Sam Pilant, 8th Grade

On September 13th, 2022, the local coaches of WBCS, Coach Cassie Walker and Bible teacher and Strength and Conditioning Coach, Sonny Morrison, gathered the student athletes around a tree planted on campus in honor and remembrance of assistant basketball coach, Gary Ray Breashears, who passed away on September 13th, 2017. Every year, the students gather around this tree and fellowship in prayer, which was led by Coach Morrison. The athletes were reminded of the importance of the Coach B award, which is awarded to the students at the sports banquet who show Christian character, leadership, and a winning attitude at all times. Coach B taught all of his athletes the motto, “You win with class, and you lose with class.” The current and future athletes of WBCS will continue this tradition to honor Coach B for many years to come.

STUDENT COUNCIL

By Levi Gwartney, 8th Grade

Student Council elections were a fierce battle between candidates. Some students hung up posters and handed out incentives to vote for them. The winners form the student council, which comprised of Andrew Calico (12th Rep), Ally Parker (10th Rep), Jayden “Chupp” Pineda (9th Rep), Levi Gwartney (8th Rep), Joey Parker (7th Rep), Hayden Farnsworth (8) (Reporter), Haylee Coverdell (8) (Secretary/Treasurer), Lani “Holland” Phillips (12) (Vice President), and Pacie Parker(12)(President).



Photo by Rachel Henington (8)