

July, 2009

Dear Parents and Students,

This summer has been filled with parent meetings, Health and Driver's Education classes, the hiring of new personnel, planning, and meetings which have prepared us to communicate a great deal of information about the coming school year to you.

I am encouraged by our progress and the positive attitudes of our students and parents. When you read the following, I'm sure it will invigorate each of you with our plans for future successes.

Please review this packet of information and keep it available for later reference. It contains a great deal of information about the opening of school and important forms that your student must return on orientation day. It has been approved for display on all refrigerators in the Bishop Chatard community.

In order to minimize mailing costs, we are making a number of important documents available on the Bishop Chatard Web site. Please visit the site at www.BishopChatard.org and click on the 2009-2010 School Information icon to view and print the information sheets and/or forms provided.

Information and forms that you will find on the website include:

- 2009-2010 Campus Ministry information including service program requirements and a retreat schedule that each sophomore, junior, and senior at BCHS is scheduled to attend;
- The 2009 Summer reading list – all students are assigned required summer reading that must be completed prior to the first day of classes;
- BCHS Athletic Department information;
- Application for free and reduced meals and textbook assistance that is available for those who do not receive state assistance;
- BCHS 2009-2010 School calendar;
- 2009 Dance Marathon information;
- Trinity Club (BCHS parent organization) information including committee descriptions and Parent to Parent contract;
- Chatard-a-Bration committee descriptions and volunteer opportunities.

Uniforms – The uniform has not changed. Schoolbelles continues to be the exclusive provider of all Bishop Chatard uniform apparel, except for the winter sweatshirts that are available in our Spirit Shoppe. During the winter months, students may wear this sweatshirt or the blue or gray fleece pullovers which have previously been approved for student wear. While we are no longer selling the fleece pullover, although those previously purchased may be worn until further notice.

Tuition – By this time, all BCHS families should have received annual tuition billing and payment plan enrollment materials and returned the appropriate tuition forms. If you have any questions about your student's tuition, please contact Bev Bremer in the BCHS Business Office at bbremer@bishopchatard.org.

Cafeteria – Our participation in the National School Lunch Program allows us to serve balanced and nutritious meals at an affordable cost. A “meal deal” lunch, which includes a choice of one entrée, two side dishes, and one carton of milk, is available to all students for \$2.85. For those who qualify, the same “meal deal” is available for no cost or at a reduced price. (Parents interested in this option for their student, must complete the “Application for Free and Reduced Price Meals and Other Benefits” and be approved for the reduced price.) A la carte items are also available and may be purchased at an additional cost.

This year we will continue to use Mealtime as a convenient way for families to pay for and keep track of their student's lunches. Each student is assigned an account and PIN and may deposit money into this account to pay for school lunches. This is offered as a convenience for families and is **NOT** mandatory. Students may continue to “pay as you go” for school lunches, but we have had a lot of feedback about the positive effects of being able to deposit money into student accounts and not worry about having money for lunch each day. Click on “Lunch Menu” on the front page of the Web site for all of the details.

After School Supervision – Students remaining on the grounds after 3:30 p.m. will be directed to a classroom (room 213). Parents picking up students after 3:30 p.m. are asked to park in the main parking lot and report to room 213, located on the middle floor of the main building. We ask for your help in complying with this policy so that we can keep all students who are not involved in a supervised activity as safe as possible.

Bookstore A new book rental system has been introduced which will practically eliminate the need to buy books unless they are consumable. Each student will be charged \$325.00 for book rental rather than an exorbitant amount for book purchase. This will eliminate the need for you to attend the orientation day rituals. Please be advised that students may be charged full price if textbooks are not returned or are damaged in the year's use. Thank you for your support.

Medications – Parents are reminded that Indiana State law requires parent/physician written authorization for any prescription medications taken at school. The school requests that all medications be in their original container and taken to the principal's office. After the medication is brought to the office a form regarding permission and distribution of medication will be sent to the parent for the parent and physician to fill out and fax back to the school.

Orientation days for students

An orientation schedule of activities will soon be available on our website. Please be aware that all 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students will be here a full day on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 and that all 9th grade students will be here all day on Thursday, August 13, 2009. Details to follow.

If you have any questions about any of the information and forms provided in this packet or on the BCHS Web site, please contact the school at 251-1451, ext 2221 for clarification. Please have a peaceful, restful, and productive summer! Come back prepared for success.

Sincerely,

Al Holok

Enclosed:

- ___ Biographical Info
- ___ Picture Information (underclassmen)
- ___ I.D. Information (seniors)
- ___ Marion County Health Card
- ___ Parking Registration (upperclassmen)
- ___ Emergency Card
- ___ Trojan Times E-mail Address Card