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BCCS Faculty and Staff Update



Amber Cable

Kindergarten Teacher

For the past two years, Amber has worked as a paraprofessional in the Kindergarten and first-grade classrooms, and is grateful for the opportunity to step back into the classroom as a teacher. She previously taught preschool and fourth grade, and has had the chance to experience several different ages and stages of learning. One of the things that matters most to her as a teacher is making sure each child feels seen, loved, and encouraged as they grow—not just academically, but as the unique person God created them to be. She is looking forward to getting to know her students and helping them build confidence as they learn and try new things this year.



Colleen Partridge

ESS Paraprofessional

Colleen is excited to be part of BCCS as a paraprofessional in the elementary school. Colleen has a degree in Early Childhood Education and is blessed to be part of kindergarten and third grade this year. She has experience as a classroom teacher and 8 years working as a Developmental Therapist in Early Intervention. She had the opportunity to stay home with her 3 girls for the last 9 years but feels the Lord leading her back to working with children. She loves that she is able to be at BCCS where her children attend and to be part of a school that has gospel centered instruction.



David Bordy

K-8 Music Teacher, MS/HS Chorus

David Bordy grew up in Fort Lauderdale, FL, graduating from a Christian school much like BCCS. He studied vocal music at Covenant College under Dr. Ken Anderson. He later earned a Master of Divinity degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. In addition to teaching in schools, David has also worked for several churches as a church choir director, worship leader, and youth director. As a choral performer, David has performed with a variety of ensembles including semi-professional chamber groups, barbershop choruses, church music clinicians, musical theater productions, and even one season with the chorus of the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera. David lives with his wife Susan and two children.



Ben Jones

MS Bible and History

Benjamin Jones teaches Middle School History and Bible. He grew up in Grove City, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Georgia. He enjoys reading, writing, football, and long distance running. He lives in Beaver Falls with his wife and daughter.



Laura Masters

Elementary Education Support Services Coordinator

Laura graduated from Geneva College in May 2026 with degrees in Elementary Education and Special Education, along with minors in Reading Methods and Humanities. Throughout her college experiences and teaching placements, Laura continually felt drawn toward special education, which has always held a special place in her heart. She had the opportunity to study abroad in Lithuania in the Spring of 2024 and returned this past summer to volunteer as an English language teacher, working with students from across Europe. Outside of teaching, she enjoys reading, swimming, and playing volleyball. She looks forward to continuing to help students discover their God-given gifts, build confidence, and grow as learners!



Hope Mimitz

5th Grade Teacher

Hope is a military wife, boy mom, and teacher by profession. She taught for several years in North Carolina, where she married her husband and started their family; eventually, moving back north to be closer to her family (which has been wonderful, though she still misses the warm weather, salty air, and sound of the ocean!). Her husband serves in the Air Force and their three energetic boys keep her on her toes, filling their days with laughter, Legos, rocks, and never-ending projects. She loves cooking and new recipes, football weekends, game nights, and serving at her church — especially as a youth leader and by serving coffees in the church cafe — where mentoring young people and building community bring her joy.



Bethany Douglas

4th-8th Grade Math teacher

Bethany graduated from Geneva College with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and later earned her Middle Level Math Certification as well as a Master's Degree in Education. Her teaching journey began with 2 years at Robinson Township Christian School as a 4th grade teacher, followed by 11 years at PA Cyber as a Title I middle level math tutor. Now she is blessed to be part of the BCCS community along with her two kids in kindergarten and third grade. She is so grateful for the opportunity to use the gifts God has given her to support and encourage BCCS students in math!



Ed Braddock

HS Life Sciences

Ed is a graduate of Pitt in Physical Therapy (undergrad) and Musculo-Skeletal Orthopedics (graduate). He currently holds a certification with the NSCA as a Strength and Conditioning Specialist and spent his career running his own physical therapy practice. Ed is a life long Beaver County resident with deep local roots. He is married with 5 grown sons. His hobbies and interests include: martial arts and wrestling, weight training, reading, playing his guitar, and riding his motorcycle when weather and time permit.



Caleb Lunow

MS ESS Paraprofessional

Caleb Lunow is a K-12 BCCS alumnus who graduated in 2021. He also graduated from Geneva College with a major in Biblical Studies and minor in Business. He has recently completed an internship with Ligonier Camp and Conference Center and also with the youth at Covenant EPC. He comes to us with experience and understanding of the culture of BCCS and the middle school age group.



Susan Bordy

MS ESS Paraprofessional

Susan Bordy is serving part-time as a Middle School ESS Paraprofessional. She comes to us with experience from the Seneca Valley School District. Susan is married to BCCS music teacher, David Bordy. The couple resides in Butler County with their two children, Aria and John, and their beagle, Augustine.











Calling is not only a matter of being and doing what we are, but also of becoming what we are not yet but are called by God to be.

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Arts Update

SPRING MUSICAL 2027

Get ready for a hilarious twist on the classic fairy tale The Princess and the Pea! BCCS is proud to present *Once Upon a Mattress* as our 2027 spring musical! The story follows the bold and unforgettable Princess Winnifred as she arrives at the castle and turns the royal family upside down. With a picky queen, a shy prince, ridiculous rules, unexpected romance, and plenty of laughs, this musical is packed with fun characters, catchy songs, and just the right amount of chaos. This year's musical team is already busy preparing for the show under the leadership of director, Mrs. Jessica Murphy.

PMEA District and Honors Chorus



Congratulations to senior, Jocelyn Mason, who earned First Chair Alto II at PMEA Honors Chorus in October! Jocy is a devoted musician in both voice and clarinet and has had leading roles in BCCS musical and theater productions. She will be joined by fellow seniors, Andrew Kickasola and Greta Sell, at PMEA District 5 Chorus in January.

Important Dates and Events

- November 10 & 11: OUAM Auditions
- December 8: Band and Handbells Christmas Concert
- December 17: MS/HS Choir Concert
- March 11-13: *Once Upon a Mattress*

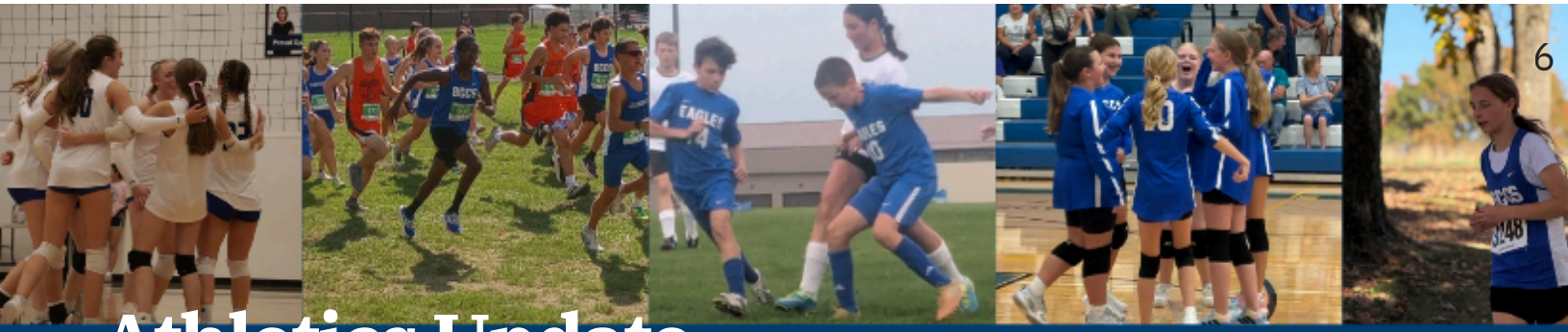


Finer Things Club Opera Trip

On Friday, October 16th, the BCCS High School Finer Things Club took a group of staff and students to the Benedum Center to see the opera, *Rigoletto.* The Finer Things Club is dedicated to the appreciation of culture and the arts, which is achieved through their annual trip and weekly meetings.

Band and Handbell Choir Trip to Universal Studios

The band and handbell choir are planning a trip to Orlando, Florida, for April 10-13, 2028! The groups will be attending the "Sound Design: Music and the Art of Foley Workshop" through the Universal Studios Youth Program as well as enjoying some time in the park. To offset the cost of the trip, band and handbell choir members will be fundraising through their annual Rosalind Chocolate sale and musical flower sale, as well as providing cleaning and odd jobs for community members. If you are interested in supporting the band and handbell trip to Orlando, please reach out to Director, Dori Barr, at dbarr@bccspa.org.



Athletics Update

VARSITY SOCCER

Regular season play wrapped up for all of our high school teams the third week in October. The Varsity Soccer team had an impressive regular season with a record of 16-1, including 12 shut-outs. This placed the Eagles as WPIAL Section 1-1A Champions. Chris Crefeld was named WPIAL Section 1-1A Coach of the Year and members of the team named to 1-1A All Section Team include: Mike Lanigan, Cole Stroupe, Jonah Bosch, Josiah Bosch, Zach Stevens, and Ethan Guevara. Congratulations to Zach Stevens who was named Section 1-1A Player of the Year! Thank you to Coach Crefeld, along with Coaches Jason Thoman and John Stevens for their service to the team this fall!







Cross Country

BCCS Cross Country celebrated a historic season with a record number of runners, as well as first ever Girls and Boys Varsity Cross Country Teams placing in a meet! Seven team members competed in the Class 1A Championships at White Oak, PA. Thank you to coach Jeff Noyes for developing our program!

Varsity Volleyball

The Varsity Girl's Volleyball team entered play-offs ranked #2 in Class 1-1A with a record of 11-2 in section, and 11-4 overall. The Eagles had six players named to the 1-1A All Section Team including Katie Baird, Avery Burtt, Millie Francona, Kate Lesher, Adelyn Michalik, and Maia Burkhead. Thank you to new head coach Britnee Weigund for leading our girls in faithful witness of Christ this season



Homecoming 2026 Recap

BCCS celebrated its 57th anniversary with a weekend of spirit and tradition on September 25th & 26th. We kicked off our Homecoming festivities with our first Grandparents Day since 1987, and our first ever Grandparents Day for the entire K-8th grades. 150 Grandparents and special “Grand-Friends” visited BCCS for a time of fellowship, a K-8 chapel with special music by the elementary school, and school tours led by our students. We are looking forward to hosting these special guests again next year over Homecoming Weekend!





Friday night festivities continued with the Homecoming Soccer Game and Block Party. Nine BCCS clubs, classes, and organizations set up booths for our block party – offering free kids activities including games, balloon animals, and face painting, as well as concessions. Thanks to the generosity of the BCCS community, more than $2,500 was raised at these booths for various BCCS causes. The Eagles celebrated Homecoming with a victory, winning 2-0 over Trinity Christian.









To close Homecoming Weekend, we celebrated the arts with an Alumni Musical Showcase. Ten Alumni, joined by high school student and staff performers, presented classic songs from past BCCS performances and hit Broadway shows. This beautiful night of music was made more special as we celebrated the faithful service and enduring legacy of foundational members of the BCCS music program, Sue Frey and Dori Barr.





The Joyce Lynn Lecture Series on Spiritual Formation



In recognition for her lifetime of service to BCCS, we are excited to announce the Joyce Lynn Lecture Series on Spiritual Formation. Miss Lynn taught in public schools in Ohio and Monroeville, Pennsylvania, before being called to the emerging Beaver County Christian School in Beaver Falls, as its second teacher in the fall of 1970.

Over the next 46 years, she was privileged to be involved in the development of the school's structure and curriculum as well as in teaching, particularly in the Middle School. Miss Lynn continues to serve BCCS today as a member of the Board of Directors.

The Joyce Lynn Lecture Series on Spiritual Formation will bring BCCS students and their pastors together for a time of communal worship and teaching under highly qualified pastors and speakers.

Through this semi-annual event, BCCS seeks to help students build relationships with their pastors and local congregations, as well as build relationships between BCCS and local churches.

The inaugural lecture of this series will be delivered by Dr. Carl Trueman, Professor of Biblical and Theological Studies at Grove City College. Dr. Trueman also teaches select courses for the Grove City College History Department and is the author of books such as *Luther's Legacy: Salvation and English Reformers 1525-1556, John Owen: Reformed Catholic, Renaissance Man, The Creedal Imperative,* and *The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self: Cultural Amnesia, Expressive Individualism, and the Road to Sexual Revolution.*

This event is designed for the encouragement, edification, and spiritual nourishment of our students and local pastors. Due to limited seating, access to this event is by invitation only.

Alumni News



- Congratulations to Olivia **(DeSarbo '22)** and Grant Rice **('21)** on their marriage. The ceremony took place during the summer of 2026
- We express our deepest sympathy to the friends and family of former BCCS Principal, Jeff Miller, on the event of his passing in July 2026.
- Congratulations to Lydia **(McChesney '94)** and Ethan Bosch on celebrating 25 years of marriage. Lydia and Ethan are active members of the BCCS community where Ethan teaches and coaches, and all 6 of their sons have, and still do, attend.
- Anne **(Copeland '91)** Shaw now lives in Columbus, Ohio, with her husband, John, and their youngest child (of 5). She teaches 12th grade English and AP Lang at Worthington Christian School and is still living the love for language that she learned from Miss Lynn and Mr. Carson!
- Congratulations to Stevie Michalik **('21)** and Kendall Coddington on their upcoming wedding.
- In June, Peter Ritsema **('19)** spent a week teaching conversational English in a camp setting (to middle school students) in Central Asia. He had the privilege of working alongside native teachers, and even encouraged a fellow math teacher! He was delighted in the remarkable hospitality of this region of the world and its rich cultural history from the silk road to foundations of modern algebra and geometry.
- Ethan Intrieri **('08)** graduated with high honors from both Geneva College and CCBC. He is now employed by Vistra, Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Station in Shippingport as an I & C Technician.
- BCCS would like to thank Hannah Oosting **('22)** for her service to our school as the MS ESS Paraprofessional for the first quarter of school.
- BCCS is excited to welcome Caleb Lunow **('21)** to the team as our new ESS paraprofessional for the Middle School.

2026-27 Theme Verse

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,
but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.
Let each of you look not only to his own interests,
but also to the interests of others.
-Philippians 2:3-4

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