



Talon Times

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ALL SCHOOL NEWS

Will You Help Us Welcome Our New Families?

New BLS families will be the guests of honor at a special tailgate prior to the first varsity football game of the season this Saturday evening. Returning families are encouraged to stop by, say hello, and give our new families a warm BLS welcome.

Special BLS Grandparent Tailgating Event

In honor of National Grandparents Day, BLS grandparents are invited to join us for complimentary dessert during tailgating at the varsity football game on **Friday, September 5** from 6:45 PM – 7:30 PM. They will have the opportunity to mingle with other grandparents and BLS families and also have a chance to meet Headmaster Brian Modarelli and VP for Christian School Education Mickey Bowdon. Please be sure to bring your tailgating picnic and chairs. **Please RSVP to tina.tindle@benlippen.com by Wednesday, September 3.** Please note that we will celebrate Grandparents Day in the Fall of 2009.

Looking For Your Place To Serve?

We are in need of volunteers in two critical areas—prayerfully consider giving your time to one of these worthy causes:

- On Labor Day (Monday, September 1), Ben Lippen is expecting 500 runners, walkers and kids from around the Midlands to participate in the Labor Day Fitness Challenge. This is our largest community event and a great opportunity to showcase our school and the Monticello Road campus. We are in desperate need of more volunteers! No experience is required. Volunteers serve from 6AM to 11AM, giving your family plenty of time to enjoy the remainder of the day. Please don't wait—call to sign up your entire family to help make the Labor Day Fitness Challenge a huge success! Call 807-5510 or email support.bls@benlippen.com.
- The Varsity Football Concession Stand needs your help! If you would like to volunteer to serve at the concession stand at one or more home games for a quarter or for halftime, please contact Miriam Beacham at mab1983@bellsouth.net, 798-4220 (home), or 315-5959 (cell).

Congratulations To Ben Lippen's SCISA Master Teachers Of The Year!

SCISA accepts nominations each year for the SCISA Master Teacher of the Year award. Last year, Peggy Strickland (BLS middle school) and Peggy Benefield (BLS high school) were nominated by their respective principals. Each completed extensive portfolios which were submitted to SCISA and, upon review, both were selected for the award. A pinning ceremony will take place later this Fall. Congratulations to these two wonderful teachers—Ben Lippen is blessed to have them both on board.

Speech and Language Screenings and Evaluation

Speech and language screenings are available for all Ben Lippen students. The screenings will be administered by Certified Speech and Language pathologists. Speech and language therapy will also be available to Ben Lippen students at all campuses. A *Language Scale* which gives general guides for milestones in language development skills by child's age is available to parents upon request. This checklist provides a preliminary assessment that parents can use to determine if further screening might be needed. If you are interested in obtaining more information about the speech and language screening process, or to make an appointment for a screening, please contact Joran Clements at 429-0696 or 807-4343.

No, We Have Not Changed Our Name...

For those of you who received a Publix Partners card for your key ring and are wondering if we've changed our name to Spring Valley High School—the answer is NO! Some Spring Valley cards were erroneously mixed in with Ben Lippen's and given to some of our families. Please check the back of your card before using it to verify that your purchases will support Ben Lippen School. If you have the wrong card, the proper ones are available through the school offices. Thank you for continuing to support **Ben Lippen** through your use of your Publix Partner card each time you shop!

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2

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Hope Christian Academy Begins New School Year

Hope Christian Academy is off to a great start with its second year at Ben Lippen. We have grown from a class of two children last year to two classes with six children enrolled this fall. Our students are adjusting to their new classes, with their academic courses tailored to their specific needs. They are also enjoying participating in related arts activities with Ben Lippen students. Thank you to the Ben Lippen community for opening your arms to the children of Hope Christian Academy. We look forward to getting to know you and being a part of the Christian education that is so important for our children's future success.

Morning Carpool

It has been brought to our attention that some CIU and BLS drivers are bypassing the left turn lane in the mornings in order to turn around at Crossover Communications and make a right turn on to campus. This actually hinders the left-turn lane by holding it up even longer as they wait for all the people making right turns. We ask that you please wait your turn in line in order to speed up the left-turn lane. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work together to make everyone's morning drive as quick and frustration-free as possible.

Spirit Shirts Mandatory On Thursdays

Just a reminder that every Ben Lippen student is expected to wear a Ben Lippen spirit (polo) shirt and khaki pants, shorts, or skirts on Thursdays for chapel. If your student does not have a spirit shirt, they are available for purchase at www.benlippen.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Don't Miss Out On The Labor Day Fitness Challenge!

Get involved with the Labor Day Fitness Challenge on **Monday September 1**. There's something for everyone! You can:

- **Participate** in one of the fitness events. See the attached brochure for more information or visit www.benlippen.com.
- **Volunteer** to help with a water station, the Kids Fun Run, course control, registration, or any number of areas.
- **Donate** by contributing to the Coach George Johnson Scholarship, donating door prizes, or sponsoring the event.

For more information please contact 807-5535.



Service + Enthusiasm + Creativity = \$\$\$

Be part of Ben Lippen's largest community event by getting a group together to staff a water station at this year's Labor Day Fitness Challenge...your team might win \$100 and the coveted Water Cooler Award. We want each water station to have a unique theme which will bring a smile to the faces of the runners and walkers. Some examples are Hawaiian, 50's, Blues Brothers, Gamecocks, Tigers, etc.—be creative! In addition to distributing water and PowerAde to runners and walkers, your team's creativity and enthusiasm will inspire participants to complete The Challenge. Each team is expected to:

- Recruit a minimum of six teammates
- Attend a 30 minute training session
- Set up and clean up assigned water station

At the conclusion of the race, runners and walkers will be asked to vote for their favorite water station. The team with the most votes will receive \$100 and have their names added to the perpetual Water Cooler Award. All volunteers will receive a commemorative t-shirt and entrance to the End Zone party.

Space is limited!

Contact Sheri Burchill at 807-4103 or sheri.burchill@benlippen.com to reserve a water station for your group.

14th Annual Ben Lippen Golf Classic

Save the date "fore" a good cause! Ben Lippen's 14th annual **Golf Classic** will be held **Monday, October 27, 2008** at beautiful Cobblestone Park in Blythewood. If you would like to know how to get involved in this event, please contact David Marion, Golf Classic Chairman, at 803-354-9959 or Tina Tindle at 803-807-5510 or tina.tindle@benlippen.com.



Save The Date—Renowned Author And Speaker John Rosemond Coming November 13

John Rosemond is one of a handful of parenting experts who promote a truly traditional approach to raising children. His nationally syndicated newspaper column appears in over 200 papers and is read by over 10 million people. John is one of America's most in-demand speakers on parenting and family issues. This will be an event you won't want to miss! Watch for more details coming soon.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Chapel—Thursday, August 28

Mr. Justin Ferren, an instructor in CIU's Bible Teaching Program and the father of two students at the BLES-MR campus, will be speaking at next week's chapel. Please join us in the MPR at the Monticello Road campus at 9:30AM or in the auditorium at the SAR campus at 10:30AM.

Schoolhouse Fare

The next Schoolhouse Fare menu (September 8-September 30) will be posted on August 25. It will be available for orders through September 2. If you have questions, please email Schoolhouse Fare at info@schoolhousefare.com.

Monticello Road Elementary Campus

First Friday—Coffee With the Principal

Monticello Road elementary parents are invited to join us for an informal time of discussion on **Friday, September 5** from 8:30-9:30AM in the music room. This month Headmaster Brian Modarelli will join us for a Q&A.

Monticello Road PTF Needs YOU!

There are *many* ways to get involved!

- Facilities Committee
- Fellowship Committee
- Hospitality Committee
- New Family Welcome Committee
- Outreach Committee (Kaleidoscope Project)
- Teacher Appreciation Committee

Please contact PTF Volunteer Coordinator, Nancy Kendall, at 803-776-9044 or kendallfamily@bellsouth.net for more information or to sign up for a committee.

St. Andrews Road Elementary Campus

PICTURES, PICTURES, PICTURES!

The new year has started and we are excited about what that means for our yearbook. Our major need is pictures! Are you available to occasionally take candid pictures around campus—either during the regular school day or at special activities? Do you have pictures that you are willing to share? If so, please send them to the office on a CD, email them to gwen.cornwell@benlippen.com, or send a hard copy and we will scan it and return it to you (please put your name on the back of the picture). If you are willing to take pictures *or* help design yearbook pages, please contact Alicynne Boisture, our yearbook coordinator, at daleali@hotmail.com.

Thank You!

The PTF Committee would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to serve on a committee this year. We appreciate your willingness to serve our parents, students, and teachers. We will be contacting you in the near future with further information. If you have not yet signed up for a committee and would like more information, please contact the school office.

at right: Mrs. Sikkema and a few students enjoy "Yellow Day"





MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Kickoff Kapers

Middle school students participated in the annual Kickoff Kapers today. Kickoff Kapers is a time of fun and fellowship that helps the students get to know one another and build teamwork with their classes.

Middle School Yearbook Pictures

Yearbook pictures will be taken on **Wednesday, September 10.**

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Booster Club Program Ads

The deadline to place an ad in the Fall Booster Club program has been extended through September 1. Contact Ken Walker at kwalker1@progressive.com or 513-8846.

Attention Parents of Juniors

The Junior-Senior is an event hosted by the Junior students to honor the Senior students as they prepare to graduate. Although it's not until March, the Junior class officers are already busy making plans. All parents of Juniors are welcome to assist with the preparations; your contributions of time and talent would be invaluable. The needs are many and varied, and hopefully just the right opportunity exists for you! Committees include Affirmations, Decorations, Invitation Day, Prayer, Skits, and Video. Many thanks to those who signed up at Parent Night. A general meeting will be scheduled in mid-October, details forthcoming.

For those who are not familiar with Junior-Senior, it is a formal off-campus seated dinner for students in the Junior and Senior classes only. Following dinner, a presentation of pre-recorded skits to celebrate (kindly roast!) the Seniors is shown. The location is a secret until Invitation Day, held four to six weeks earlier. Invitation Day is a casual event held off-campus on a school day afternoon where the two classes share lunch and some fun. The Juniors then present the Seniors with their invitations to the formal event. Please contact either of the co-chairmen of this event for more information: Margaret Barrow: 782-0990, 429-3448, MMBarrow@aol.com or Margaret Yeakel: 865-1009, 237-2681, myeakel@sc.rr.com.

SAT Practice

Beginning Wednesday, August 27, a SAT math practice session will be offered each week from 3:30-4:30PM in room 201. The session will begin promptly at 3:30, with one section of the actual SAT math test being administered. Tests will be graded and problems reviewed during each session. The only requirement to attend is to purchase *The Official SAT Student Guide* and *11 Practice Tests for the SAT and PSAT*, published by Princeton Review. Each publication costs approximately \$20. Due to copyright restrictions, you must have your own copy. If you would like to have the books purchased for you, please contact Mrs. Hodges at linda.hodges@benlippen.com. She will place the order and you may send her the \$40 payment (checks made out to Linda Hodges). Please RSVP to the same email address to ensure there are enough materials available.

Upcoming High School Dates To Remember

September 9	Yearbook Pictures
September 18-19	Senior Retreat, North Carolina
September 25	Spiritual Life Conference, SAR Campus

FALCON ATHLETICS



Varsity Football Season Kicks Off This Saturday!

Come show your Falcon spirit this Saturday, August 23, as the mighty Falcons varsity football team begins their season by taking on the Battling Bishops of Charleston's Bishop England High School! The epic battle begins at 7:00PM sharp, so don't be late—or come early to tailgate! The 2008 SCISA AAA State Championship Varsity Baseball team will be honored at halftime!

GO FALCONS!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tuesday, August 26

Varsity Girls Tennis vs. Wilson Hall, 3:30PM

JV Volleyball vs. Wilson Hall, 4:30PM

Varsity Volleyball vs. Wilson Hall, 5:30PM

Wednesday, August 27

SAT Math Practice Session, 3:30-4:30PM (room 201)

Thursday, August 28

Late Start—9:10AM (MS, HS); 9:20AM (Elementary)

Varsity Girls Tennis vs. Cardinal Newman, 4:00PM

JV Volleyball @ Richard Winn, 4:30PM

Varsity Volleyball @ Richard Winn, 5:30PM

Friday, August 29

Varsity Football @ Hilton Head Prep, 5:00PM

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