



August 2008

Brenham Christian Academy

"You are the light of the world...let your light shine before men" - Matthew 5:14,16

A Life Worth Emulating

The recent passing of journalist and former White House Press Secretary Tony Snow affected me profoundly. Certainly, his succumbing to colon cancer at the age of 53 was tragic. Nevertheless, what truly struck me was the commentary on Tony Snow's life, as government officials and his colleagues in the media memorialized him with phrases such as, "the best at what he did," "relentlessly optimistic," "an honest guy," "wonderful sense of humor," "a man of substance," "a joy to work with," "a man of genuine faith," and "a true renaissance man." To hear such praise coming from those in the self-admitted hardened world of Washington media and politics – and to hear (and see) it delivered with such intense emotion – made me think, "This is a life worth emulating. One could do a lot worse than trying to be like Tony Snow."

What does the passing of Tony Snow have to do with BCA and our return to school in August? Simply this—Tony Snow embodied nearly everything we try to inculcate into our students during their tenure at our school: a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and a life driven by that relationship; a transcendent vision for life that looks to people and causes beyond oneself; a well-roundedness that encompasses faith, family, service, intellect, the fine arts, and a general zeal for life; the ability and willingness to confront culture with the truth without being offensive and to influence those around you for good. *Scholarship; stewardship; servanthood; statesmanship*—people saw each of these in Tony Snow, and these are the very qualities we strive to instill in each of our students at Brenham Christian Academy.

I close with these words from John Walter Wayland, quoted by Bret Baier of Fox News in honor of his friend and colleague. "The True Gentleman is the man whose conduct proceeds from good will and an acute sense of propriety, and whose self-control is equal to all emergencies; who does not make the poor man conscious of his poverty, the obscure man of his obscurity, or any man of his inferiority or deformity; who is himself humbled if necessity compels him to humble another; who does not flatter wealth, cringe before power, or boast of his own possessions or achievements; who speaks with frankness but always with sincerity and sympathy; whose deed follows his word; who thinks of the rights and feelings of others rather than his own; and who appears well in any company, a man with whom honor is sacred and virtue safe." May God grant us the ability to bring up generations of such men and women.

GUARDIAN EAGLES

PARENT ORIENTATION NIGHT

“Back to School Celebration”

August 26, 2008

6:00pm-7:30pm

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- Welcome – Noel Scoggins
- Hors d’oeuvres and Blue Bell ice cream served by our fabulous Board of Directors
- Information tables available:
 - Guardian Eagles
 - Worship Band/Chapel/Discipleship
 - Gideon’s 300
 - Booster Club

6:30-7:00

- RenWeb updates and New Parent Information
- Dan Headley
- 9th grade Parents/Students Information:
 - Four Year High School Plan

7:00-7:30

- “Why We Do What We Do” – Diann Marley
- Closing remarks – Noel Scoggins
- Meet the Teachers

Come and join us for our first Guardian Eagles of the 2008-2009 school year! It will be held in the BCA lunch room on Monday, Sept. 8th from 3:45pm – 4:45pm. Come and meet each other and learn about Guardian Eagles and all of the volunteer opportunities. We will also spend time talking about the upcoming Fall Celebration. Come to the meeting and your name goes into a drawing that will be held at the end of the meeting. You could win a \$25.00 lunch credit voucher for the following month! Please come and be a part of all the exciting things going on at BCA!

REMINDER!

We still have a lot of volunteer positions left to be filled! Please send in your Guardian Eagles Volunteer Participation Form as soon as possible. We can’t wait for a great school year and we need your help! Join our growing BCA family of volunteers!

CHEERLEADERS!

Don’t forget about our Lock-In on August 6th – 7th from 6pm till 11am. We will be making our run-throughs, our locker encouragements and our posters for around the school! Can’t wait to see you there!

Calling All Varsity

August 4th starts football & volleyball workouts/2-a-days. All athletes planning on playing those sports are required to be at those practices. The week of August 4th–8th and August 11th–15th need to be blocked off so that you can participate in those workouts. Below are the times your coaches have scheduled for practice.



2-A-DAYS

VOLLEYBALL @ BLINN ROCK GYM

AUGUST 4TH-8TH

- Monday, Aug. 4: 8am-11:30am
- Tuesday, Aug. 5 & Wednesday, Aug. 6: 1pm-4:30pm
- Thursday, Aug. 7: 3:45pm conditioning at BCA with an intrasquad scrimmage at 7pm at Blinn's Rock Gym
- Friday, Aug. 8th: 8am-11:30am

August 11th-15th

- Monday, Aug. 11th-Wednesday, Aug. 13th: 3:45pm-7pm
- Thursday, Aug. 14th: 3:45pm conditioning at BCA with an intrasquad scrimmage at 7pm at Blinn's Rock Gym
- Friday, Aug. 15th: **No Practice**

FOOTBALL @ BCA FIELDS

- Monday, Aug. 4th: 4pm-8pm
- Tuesday, Aug. 5th-Friday, Aug. 8th: Oxbow Football Camp (see email with info)
- Monday, Aug. 11th-Friday, Aug. 15th: 4pm-8pm



The 2008 football and volleyball schedules are now posted on the school website.



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STUDENT COUNCIL 2008-09 MINI-RETREAT

Dear Student Council Member,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the Annual Planning Retreat to be held at the Dalrymple house on Saturday, August 16th beginning at 3 p.m. and ending at 7 p.m. There will be plenty of planning and policy for next year to discuss, along with some team, relational, and spiritual training. The following is a list of items you will need to bring:

- ❖ \$20.00 Fee
- ❖ Bible
- ❖ Pen or pencil (Your STUCO notebook will be there)
- ❖ Modest, yet casual clothing.
- ❖ Appetite

We will be having grilled burgers and salad for dinner. If you are unable to attend, or have any questions, please email me at pdalrymple@brenhamchristian.org or call 979-421-0469.

My address is 626 Lange Lake Road. To get there, take the Austin exit off of 290 and travel west on 290 about 2 miles, until you see the Mobil gas station on the left. Take a left onto the frontage road just before the gas station (you will have just passed the antique place that's on the right), then another left onto Lange Lake Road. Proceed about half a mile until you come to Pitchers Lane on the right. My house is the white brick on the corner.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Patty Dalrymple

STUCO/NHS Advisor

Conquer the Midianites-Be a Gideon!



Have you become part of **Gideon's 300** yet? BCA needs 300 individuals willing to make an annual gift of at least \$300 to underwrite the vision and mission of our school. Joining **Gideon's 300** is simple – all you have to do is mail or bring your gift to the BCA Office. Make your tax-deductible checks payable to *Brenham Christian Academy* and note **Gideon's 300** in the memo line. Your gift will make it possible for BCA to educate more students with better programs. Help us conquer the Midianites in our culture; become one of **Gideon's 300** today!

MR. SPRADLEY IS BACK!

Mr. Spradley is an experienced violinist and teacher, combining music theory with methods for playing the instrument. Since August 2007, he has been teaching violin in Brenham, TX, at BCA. Lessons have been of two types: group lessons of one hour duration, taught once per week, and private lessons of one-half hour duration- also taught once per week. Mr. Spradley furnishes all music required, and the cost of the music is included in the lesson tuition.

The weekly cost for 1-hour group lessons is \$20.00 per student. The cost for private lessons is \$16.00 per ½ hour session. Payments are requested to be paid on a monthly basis.

Each student is expected to have a violin- of proper size for the individual. Arrangements can be made for rental of instruments, with a portion of the rental fees capable of application toward purchase.

Mr. Spradley can be contacted by mail at: 14339 Lost Meadow Lane, Houston, TX, 77079; by telephone at (281) 497-2947 (home) or (832) 563-0565 (cell); or by email at LHSpradley@att.net.

On August 18th, from 3-4:30pm, Mr. Spradley will be available in Room 11 to measure and size violins. This is the time to set up violin rental arrangements for the year.

HAROLD SPRADLEY

Harold was born in Alexander City, Alabama, to Dorothy Cross Spradley and Dr. L. Harold Spradley, Sr., a minister in the North Alabama Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South- later to become the United Methodist Church. As he grew up, the family moved to various churches in North Alabama, including Hueytown, Gadsden, and Albertville, as well as several churches in Birmingham area.

He began to study the violin in 1945; and by 1954 attained sufficient skills to be accepted as a professional musician in the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. He continued to play violin and viola in the symphony, working his way through school at Birmingham-Southern College, where he obtained degrees in Mathematics and Physics. Harold began graduate school in Astronomy at the University of Virginia, and commuted from Charlottesville to Richmond twice a week to play viola in the Richmond Symphony.

In April 1960, Harold married Jacqueline Skinner, and they have three children: Geoffrey, David, and Catherine. Harold taught Physics and Astronomy at the University of Georgia and then served on the research faculty of the University of Arizona, where he published his first book *The Rectified Lunar Atlas*. He joined the U.S. Air Force Aeronautical Chart and Information Center as head of technical development for Lunar and Planetary Mapping.

In 1973, the Spradleys moved to Houston, where Harold spent the next 28 years in surveying and international mapping- primarily for oil and gas exploration. In 1984, he published his second book, *Surveying and Mapping for Geophysical Exploration*. He worked for two years in China for the United Nations, serving as an advisor to the Ministry of Geology in methods for exploration.

Following the terrorist attacks in September 2001, Harold retired from additional international travel, and settled into pursuits in photography and in a return to music. He teaches private lessons in violin, does composing and arranging of music, plays in the orchestra of St. Peter's United Methodist Church, and is a member of the Hymn Society of the U.S. and Canada.

Harold and Jackie have eight grandchildren, ages 3 ½ to 18.

Mmm...Mmm... Good!

august & september lunch menu



Mondays: Must Be Heaven

- ~Ham & Cheese
- ~Turkey & Swiss
- ~Chicken Salad
- ~Pimento Cheese
- ~Tuna Salad
- ~ BBQ
- ~Cheese: American or Swiss
- ~Pastrami & Cheese
- ~Grilled Cheese
- ~BLT

Wednesdays: Mo's BBQ

- ~ Brisket Plate w/ green beans
- ~ BBQ Chicken w/ green beans
- ~ Sausage w/ green beans
- ~ Chopped Beef Sandwich
(Brisket, Chicken, & Sausage come with bread, pickles, onions, & sauce)

Fridays: CiCi's Pizza

- ~ Pepperoni
- ~ Cheese
- ~ Alfredo
- ~ Sausage
- ~ Hamburger
(one selection only please)

- ❖ Deadline to Order: August 11, 2008
- ❖ \$3.50 per meal
- ❖ Tuesdays & Thursdays are Lunch Box Days

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Tristan Bowen! Tristan recently attended the NCHA youth scholarship cutting in Fort Worth, and for the first time in 5 years of competing there, she qualified for the finals, finishing an awesome 12th out of 120 entrants on her family owned horse. We are so very proud of you Tristan!

Dear BCA family,

I want to thank each of you for your love, support, and prayers during the past few months as I went through brain surgery. It was a crazy time in the life of our family and we felt so blessed that Bethany was in a loving and safe environment. Thank you for "taking care" of her, for the delicious meals, and most of all the faithful prayers. God truly answered those prayers and gave us a miracle. Thank you for being the "hands and feet" of Christ and for sharing in our miracle. We love and appreciate you.

In Christ's love,
Tracy Kamprath and family

"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to HIM be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen!"
- Ephesians 3:20-21