
Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Dear Parents:

Thank you for your patience this past week with the cancelling of school. I am not sure what any of us can do but wait this cold-spell out and hope that the mounds of snow melt. In history class, I have used the recent weather conditions when I have tried to describe circumstances surrounding the Continental Army at Valley Forge in 1777. Even though our neighborhoods may not have been plowed out the way we would have liked (or at all!), we can be thankful for warm vehicles and homes, not to mention a free country for which others have sacrificed.



This is a particularly important Parent Memo with **extra information** so please grab a hot beverage and take time to read it carefully!

First, the impending events at BTCS are:



February 5: BTCS Annual Open House – This event is for prospective families to visit the school for the purpose of possible enrollment next year. Please spread the word to your friends, church family and neighbors.



February 13: There will be various Valentine's Day activities and treats varying from class to class. Please read your teacher's newsletters/emails for details.



February 16: The annual Read-a-Thon begins! I had a fifth grade boy last week tell me that he can't wait. Wow! That is exactly what the Read-a-Thon encourages. The Read-a-Thon not only excites the students about reading, but also gives friends and family the opportunity to encourage your reader to read even more. The Read-a-Thon runs from February 16 through March 4. Next week, we will send home instructions on how to activate your child's personal reading page. This is where you will be able to view and record their progress.



February 16: There is no school on Presidents Day.



February 17: Our next monthly Mileage Club Challenge has a Winter Olympics theme. The first through sixth graders are encouraged to wear red, white and blue patriotic gear.



February 20: Grandparents Day - We are expecting a grand time! Our theme follows the Winter Olympics with "Bring Home the Gold!"

RE-ENROLLMENT IS HERE!

Please read carefully below.

The enrollment link will open this afternoon for current students. Fortunately, there is no application fee for all returning students. However, I need you to understand that open enrollment will begin on February 17. Class sizes are limited which means that a new student could take your child's seat if your enrollment is not completed by **February 16**. Also, be reminded that re-enrollment will not be considered until old balances are paid or special arrangements have been negotiated with the financial office.

If your returning student has a sibling not currently enrolled and you would like them to attend Burge Terrace, this would be the time to submit an application for that child. Siblings will take priority over new families. Please make sure to apply for new siblings prior to the **February 17** open enrollment date.

One mistake that parents of returning students have made in the past is that they assume that their child's spot is secure just because they started the re-enrollment process. Re-enrollment must be completed and submitted (with all necessary uploads, etc) before your child's spot is secure. You will get an automated email that indicates your enrollment has been submitted after you hit the "submit" button.

There are a few changes noted on the financial sheet. For the first time, K5 is grouped together with grades 1-6. This stems from a change in philosophy from the early days when both K4 and K5 were considered pre-school. Due to current educational standards set by the State of Indiana, K5 is much more academically challenging, with demands that the students read before first grade. For that reason, we are dropping the half-day option for kindergarten. Students in kindergarten will be on the same financial schedule as far as tuition, lunch and after-care.

Another change you might note is that before-care (which is free for every student) will begin at 7:30 am.

Even though we regret it, the rising costs that the school incurs mandates passing on an increase in tuition. Fortunately, we live in a state where School Choice vouchers are dispersed to accredited schools on behalf of the parents, making quality, private Christian school affordable. Indiana is currently one of only twelve states with nearly universal School Choice.

This afternoon, you will receive an email from the School Office stating, "Re-enrollment is open for your student!" Applications and enrollment must be completed through the FACTS Family Portal. You can also follow the instructions below to access your Family Portal:

- Please go to [FACTS Family Portal](#)
- Type in your username and password. If you have forgotten your username or password, please click on the "forgot password" link
- Go to left-side Navigation Menu
- Click on **Apply/Enroll**
- Click on **Enrollment/Reenrollment**

Thank you for your conscientious efforts to read all of this and respond promptly!

Mrs. Newton



"Jimmy, run out and see if your father's all right. He hasn't moved in the last ten minutes."