
Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Dear Parents:

I'm sure that many of you have been enjoying the 2026 Winter Olympics broadcast from Italy the past week and a half. About 2,900 athletes, aged 15-54, from 92 countries have impressed us with their speed, courage, and creativity. What are not as visible are the years of sacrifice, discipline, and dedication to their sport by the athletes and their families. I heard a master teacher say recently that if you can teach self-discipline to a child, you will enable them to accomplish about anything in life. It is our goal at BTCS to instill in the students a love for learning and the structure they need to achieve their best.



Gold-medal events at BTCS include:

-  **February 16:** Our annual Read-a-Thon began yesterday! Encourage your child to read and start logging in their reading minutes so that they can work toward the prizes and incentives in their individual classes. The Read-a-Thon concludes on March 4.
-  **February 17:** Open Enrollment begins for children outside of our present student body. **If you have not re-enrolled, you must complete the enrollment AND submit it or your child's spot will not be guaranteed.**
-  **February 20:** We are looking forward to hosting our students' grandparents at BTCS! Door 4 will open at 10:00. The grandparents will head to their grandchild's classroom where each teacher will have an academic presentation planned beginning at 10:15. A meeting in the auditorium will follow at 10:50. The group will then split alphabetically for lunch or craft time and then switch after 50 minutes. **There is an early dismissal at 1:00 for all students with no after care available.** If your child's grandparent has not provided an RSVP, please let the school office know so that we have enough chairs in the classrooms and enough food at lunch!



February 25-26: Practice tests for IREAD-3 will be administered.



March 3-6: All second graders and some 3-6 graders will take IREAD-3.



March 6: End of Third Quarter



March 13: Professional Development Day; 2:15 dismissal



March 23-27: Spring Break! No classes are in session.

I hope that you have a great week and continue to enjoy cheering for the Olympic athletes. Go USA!

Mrs. Newton

