

# BRADFORD BULLETIN

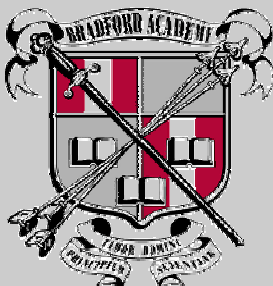
BRADFORD ACADEMY'S PARENT UPDATE

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Dec. 17th to Jan 2nd** - Christmas Break
- **Dec. 31st**—DEADLINE for early application to avoid the application fee.
- **Jan 3rd**—First day back to school. Don't forget that school does not return until the Tuesday after the break.
- **Jan 13th**—BRADFORD SPELLING BEE— Now that we have 4th graders, we are eligible to participate in the *Scipps National Spelling Bee*. Our first step is to compete within the school to find our champion!
- **Feb. 9th**—Alamance County Spelling Bee

## PRAYER

- **Financial Aid Fund** - Please pray for success in our effort to raise funds to provide aid to families who would like to attend Bradford Academy.
- **Students** - Please pray for spiritual fruit among our students.
- **Staff** - Pray for health and creativity as we plan.



## UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN...

Those words of Christmas time, "*For unto us a Child is born...*", are to me some of the most profound and beautiful words in Scripture or that we could even imagine. Think about the words from Isaiah's point of view. Looking forward to that child, the prophet would have been filled with wonder. That Child would be the long awaited Messiah who would fulfill the promise of rescue to mankind. He would be that victor and champion of our race who would secure our redemption and liberate a captive people. It is no wonder they expected a warrior King, like David, who would vanquish their earthly enemies. Many years later, that Child was born in a stable, and a crude feeding trough was made his cradle.

The story of our Messiah is at the same time awesome and unbelievable and yet the answer of our longing hearts. That story is the epic tale that consumes those who believe it. It is the true narrative that gives meaning to our reality. That baby in Bethlehem set in motion those events that have changed the world and ushered in the dawn of a new age. Imagine the prologue...

The setting is planet earth, the City of Man, a conquered kingdom, wallowing in corruption and violence, bent on its own destruction. The inhabitants live in bondage to their own corruption, unable to free themselves from its power. Their lawlessness accrues a debt they can never repay. That sad race is lost. But, a promise has been made that gives people hope. A King will arise to bring about change. He will restore goodness and beauty. He will pay the debt and grant freedom. This is how the great story begins, people waiting, people watching, people hoping to see that day....

Then comes chapter one. The scene opens on a cool dark night with the appearance of a creature

whose beauty is so glorious that the mere sight of it causes mere mortals fall down in terror. Glorious light shines from its face and body as it proclaims, "Be not afraid, I bring you good tidings of great joy! A baby is born!!!" The night sky explodes with light as these celestial creatures can no longer contain their excitement and praise, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth PEACE, GOODWILL toward men!" Into the darkness there shone a great light....

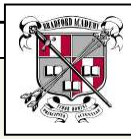
This is a story worthy of our devotion. This is the narrative that should fill our lips and our minds. This is the adventure we are in. The Scriptures of the Old Covenant gives us the prologue. Christmas gives us chapter one of the greatest story ever told. You know how the story continues. Now we find ourselves in that story waiting for those final chapters to be written. Now we are the ones waiting for our conquering King to complete the task He has begun.

This Christmas be sure to stop and think about the significance of what this holiday was meant to celebrate. All the traditions and blessings are well and good and to be enjoyed to the glory of God. Enjoy Christmas. My hope for you is that you would add to that joy some of the quiet mystery, longing expectation, wonder, and awe of the Nativity. I hope all the other joys would be outshined by the glory of the birth of Jesus. I hope you will find the time to stop and ponder the marvelous things that surround the appearance of our Hero...

***"...Unto us a Son is given; And the government shall be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace, there will be no end."***

Peace and grace... And Merry Christmas.





# MRS. HICKS

**Math:** Odd and even numbers, adding 2 to odd and even numbers, patterns and review.

**Phonics:** Group reading, handwriting, short o sound, vowel review.

**Centers:** Reading Corner, computer math games, handwriting, Wrap-Ups.

**History:** B.C. History Fact Song vs. 1-9. The Birth and story of Christ.

**Art (K/1st):** Beadwork: Students were introduced to beadwork and the way that many artists use beads to make various types of art.

**Music (K/1st):** Introduction to folk music. Compare and contrast folk music with other types of music.

**P.E. (K/1st):** Activity Centers: Review relay race, running, jogging, skipping, galloping, hopping, jumping and catching.

**Verse: Isaiah 9: 6 & 7**  
“For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Song is given; And the government shall be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and

# MR. JOHNSTON

**3rd Reading:** We will take a brief journey into Greek mythology.

**4th Reading:** We began Roger Green’s retelling of the King Arthur legend.

**3rd Math:** We studied multiplication algorithm and lines of symmetry, reviewed multiplication facts.

**4th Math:** Median, Mode, plot and line graphs, percents, adding fractions, and comparing fractions with unlike denominators, fraction of a group.

**3rd Latin:** *Latin for Children A* - Chap. 12, 1st & 2nd Declension Adjective MAGNUS

**4th Latin:** *Latin for Children B* - Chap. 12, Preposition Review

**1st Science:** Water Cycle

**2nd/3rd Grade Science:** Chemistry— States of matter. Bird of the month— Dec. Carolina Chickadee

**2nd/3rd Grade History:** Egypt’s Middle Kingdom

**4th Grade History:** Feudalism

**4th Grade Science:** Chemistry— Reviewed states of matter, solutions, saturation, and we began to make crystals! We also created a model to observe evaporation, condensation and precipitation.

# MRS. OGLE

**1st grade Phonics:** Review of oa/ow/oe

**1st grade Math:** Sums of 15, 16, 17 and 18, adding two-digit numbers using dimes and pennies

**1st grade Grammar:** Poem, “Days of the Week” and common/proper nouns

**2nd grade Phonics:** Y as vowel ( i and e ), chapter 5 “Baby Island”, First favorites ( Madeline, Nate and the Lost List, Miss Nelson is Missing)

**2nd grade Math:** Drawing and measuring line segments to the nearest inch and multiplying by 7

**2nd grade Grammar:** Topics, supporting and non-supporting sentences

**2nd grade Latin:** Animals and Christmas words

**4th grade Art:** Advanced level cubes

**4th grade Music:** Performance test on “Friends are Neat” and review of ties and incomplete measures

**2/3rd grade Art:** This week students learned about shading as they drew tiger lilies.

**2/3rd Music:** Students learned about the music staff this week.

**2nd/3rd/4th grade P. E.:** Track and field (sprinting, relay races, and long jump)



And the angel said unto them, “Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

