

# BRADFORD BULLETIN

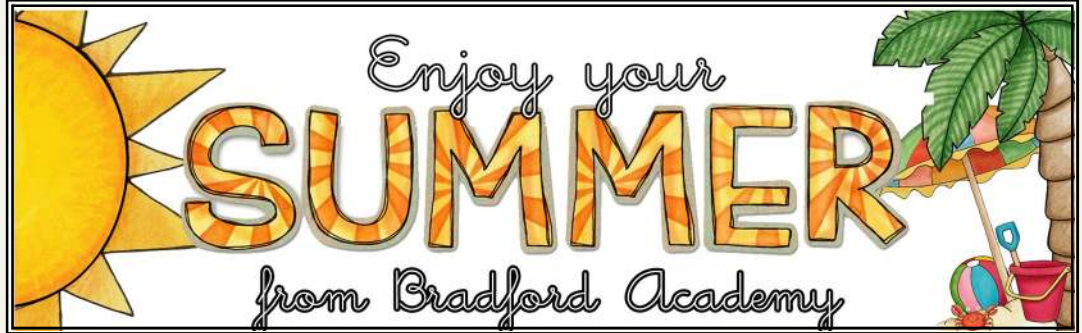
BRADFORD ACADEMY'S PARENT UPDATE

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 08/11 School Cook Out!
- 08/13 FIRST DAY of SCHOOL

### PRAYER

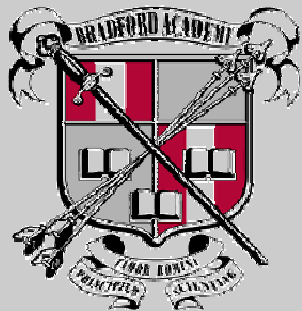
- Please pray for God's supply regarding specific needs:
- 1) Facilities to meet the needs of our growing school. We will need to expand our classroom space within the next two years. Please pray that the Lord would provide!
  - 2) Wisdom as we make plans to launch high school program in 2016.
  - 3) Financial resources to establish an excellent upper school program.



Another year has come to an end. Your children have grown a little bit older and are ready to move on to the next step in their march toward adulthood. This week has been a special week as we wrapped up the school year. On Tuesday we were blessed to hear the students compete in our annual Bible Verse Bee. The Bee has the kids recite various verses that they have memorized throughout the year. Wednesday was our Annual Field Day. The Lord blessed us with beautiful weather and a great time. A special thanks goes out to all our volunteers who make it a great success! Now for the well earned break. Have a safe summer! Don't forget to read and keep on learning. Peace and grace.



## Our Annual Bible Bee



## Field Day!



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# From the Teacher's Desk

## KINDERGARTEN

The students have grown through MANY stages of development this year. The timid, confused students that learned how to stand in line and how to raise their hands at the beginning of the year, have grown into confident, capable, soon-to-be 1st graders. Aside from the academic challenges, learning how to love each other well has been one of the biggest challenges, yet greatest highlights of the year. We have learned a lot about what it means to practice 1st Corinthians 13 kind of love in community. I have enjoyed the eager faces and quick minds that greeted me every morning and I will miss this group very much. Over the summer, keep reading, keep practicing those math facts and at least keep a crayon or marker in their hands.

## 1ST GRADE

We have had a great year in first grade. It has been my joy and privilege to teach your sweet children. I have been personally blessed by each one of their unique personalities. I will greatly miss being a part of Bradford Academy next year! This school has been so much more than a job for me. I feel humbled and very grateful to God for the opportunity I have had to be a part of the work that He is doing at Bradford. It is not merely the hard work of men that has made Bradford Academy such a wonderful community to be a part of. God's faithful handiwork has been evident from the very beginning. In the years I have been at Bradford, I have been encouraged, challenged and greatly impacted by the staff, students and families that make up this school. I count myself very blessed to have been a part of this amazing work of God. Have a wonderful summer and a wonderful year next year! I look forward to coming for a visit!!!

## 2ND GRADE

I have very much enjoyed working with this year's second grade class. Each and every one of your children has been such a tremendous blessing to me! It has been very humbling to be a part of these students' growth as they learn to work through their own personal struggles. They have worked so hard this year! I appreciate the time and effort that you parents have put into pushing your children to do their best. I realize that it is often more work for the parent than for the student to get homework finished on time. :) Although we worked very hard this year, we were also able to have a lot of fun. These kids are very enthusiastic about learning, which made them very fun to teach. I hope that you all have a wonderful and relaxing summer. Your kids have definitely earned it!

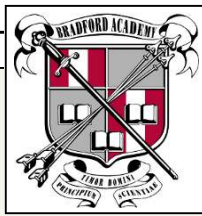
## 3RD GRADE

Third grade has been a whirl wind tour of the ancient world of Greece and Rome! We have talked a lot about their world in comparison to ours and learned much along the way. While the enthusiasm towards writing answers to questions in complete sentences was not always there, the enthusiasm towards learning something new about the warriors, battles, cities, circumstances of ancient Greece and Rome was incomparable. I hope these students will always be eager to learn about the past. I hope that all of our students would be very active this summer reading for fun and involved in activities that keep the body and mind disciplined and sharp. I often remind the students that their lives are made up of minutes and when they waste time they're wasting their lives. I hope we don't let those unforgiving minutes slip away. It has been a delight to spend time with these third graders! See you in August!

## 4TH GRADE

My senior year in high school, our class song was "Here's to the Nights." For some reason, as I write this final paragraph of my teaching career, it feels a wee bit like "Here's to the Nights," all over again. I guess in this context it might be most well phrased with "Here's to the land of the long leaf pine." This is my final of eight years of teaching, at least for the foreseeable future, and I must say that the Lord was so very gentle and kind to me by allowing me to finish with such exemplary children in an exemplary school. I will never forget the way my body rushed with chills the first time I heard all of the students do recitations during forum in Mr. Johnston's room last year. I had tears in my eyes as I heard them sing, "Not unto us oh Lord, but to your name...". I have not taught perfectly by any means, last year, this year, or frankly ever. As a matter of fact, sometimes it is hard not to look back with more regret than celebration of victories. Yet I know that God called me to finish my teaching years at Bradford. I want you all to know, especially parents of fourth and fifth graders, that I did not expect anything from my students, that I wouldn't have desired a teacher to have expected from me looking back all those years ago. I have many regrets about my personal K-12 academic career, which is what motivated me to become a teacher in the first place, to show





Children that they have a chance, and there are ways to be successful, despite whatever difficulties life brings their way. There are many memories that I will keep with me for a lifetime. I will never forget the heart-warming smile of Joseph Burdeshaw, or Iain Maxim's excellent penmanship. I will never forget how Landon and Jack were always anxious to be leaders and help me in any way they possibly could. I won't forget Lucy striving to live up to the honor of representing Joan of Arc, or Cecilia and Regan keeping me on my toes, helping me to remember all the small daily things I tend to forget. I won't forget the sweet grins of the Williams boys and their constant affirmation of enjoying having me as their fourth grade teacher. I won't forget Joshua James' utter desire to please me and be willing to go to whatever means necessary to do so, even altering that funny personality of his for the sake of \*getting work done in class\*. I won't forget Andrew Mitchell being able to laugh at his own mistakes and keep going. I won't forget Bella Brown's stealthy athleticism so predominant in her person, that she forgets all things (including class work) aren't a soccer game. I won't forget Sailor White and his dedication to pushing through the hard things and mastering his math. I won't forget Jacob Emmons and the way he completed the five fellows to make a stronger six. I won't forget Leiden, and the joy it was to be your "House Teacher." Remember, God always cares most about our hearts. Thank you students, parents, teachers, Board, and Jeff and Laura for taking a chance on a "wild card." My heart and spirit have been forever blessed by my time as a Bradford Academy Teacher. With all my love and gratitude.

**5TH GRADE**

It has been a privilege to teach and guide your boys this year; thank you for entrusting them and a year of their education to my care! I have seen each one of them grow in unique ways, and have also seen unknown talents and interests emerge. Their eagerness to hear the stories of the Revolutionary War, learn about the explorers, founders, and pilgrims, or read the stories of hobbits, silversmiths, and buccaneers has been a joy all year long. I have loved watching each of the boys take special interest and initiative in one area or another, and truly excel in that area. I pray that the summer would be a time of refreshment and rejuvenation, full of new opportunities and

growth. I look forward to watching each one of the boys mature and grow spiritually over the summer and in future years! *"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." Hebrews 12:1-2*

**6TH GRADE**

It's amazing how quickly the year has flown by! I'm sure all of the students would agree with that statement. The students have learned many great things this year. They have started their logic curriculum, they have finished their first round of world history, and much more! But most importantly they have learned about Jesus Christ and how he is Lord over all of these things. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." If I had one prayer for this school year, it would be that the students would know this passage that they have memorized and that they would live according to what it says. I have been truly blessed to have been a part of Bradford Academy this year and I am looking forward to what the Lord has in store for the future!

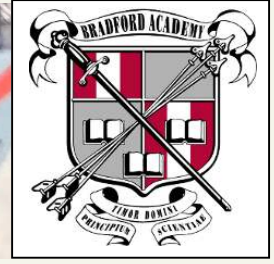
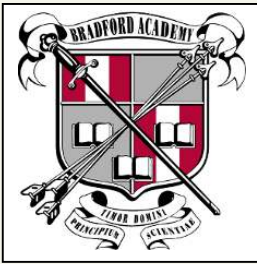
**MUSIC WITH MRS. GOMEZ**

It has been wonderful teaching Music to each of the Bradford students this year. Whether we were concentrating on a composer of the quarter, proper enunciation, instrument families, new notes on the recorder, or just having fun singing "all cows eat grass", each week was a delight. As each child learns more about music, my hope is that the Lord would be working in their lives so that they will, "make a joyful shout to [Him]..., serve [Him] with gladness, and come before His presence with singing." (Psalm 100:1-2) May the Lord bless each of you and your children this summer! "Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations." (Psalm 100:4-5)

Events	Austerfield 2nd		Leiden 1st		Plymouth 3rd		Scrooby 3rd	
Bean Bag Toss	29	2	32	3	18	1	46	4
Soccer	30	1	35	4	32	2	33	3
Frisbee	7	3	9	4	9	4	7	3
Sponge	7.7	4	7.1	2	7.6	3	7.1	2
T-Ball	1160	4	1045	2	925	1	1140	3
Launch	1770	3	1780	4	1530	2	1170	1
Basket-Ball	12	4	8	3	4	1	6	2
Bowling	83	2	86	3	91.66	4	47.66	1
Tug-o-War YOUNG	3rd	2	1st	4	4th	1	2nd	3
Tug-o-War OLD	2nd	3	3rd	2	1st	4	4th	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		28		31		23		23



# Bradford House Cup



Events	Austerfield		Leiden 1st		Plymouth		Scrooby	
	SCORE	POINTS	SCORE	POINTS	SCORE	POINTS	SCORE	POINTS
Reading Contest	4th	1	3rd	2	1st	4	2nd	3
Soccer	4th	1	1st	4	3rd	2	2nd	3
Greek Olympics	4th	1	1st	4	3rd	2	2nd	3
Spelling Bee	—	—	3rd/4th	4	1st	4	2nd	3
Pi Day	1	2	9	4	1	2	6	3
Rodeo Round-up	5	1	15	4	12	3	11	2
Verse Bee	3rd	2	1st	4	4th	1	2nd	3
Field Day	28	3	31	4	23	2	23	2
Average GPA	3.8	3	4.0	4	3.8	3	3.8	3
<b>TOTALS</b>		14		32		23		25