

# BRADFORD BULLETIN

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 7/30 School Work Day
- 08/08 Family Open House
- 08/09 RHETORIC 1st DAY
- 08/10 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

## PRAYER

Please pray for God's supply regarding specific needs:

- 1) Planning and execution of the many tasks that make Bradford a special place!
- 2) Scholarship fund,
- 3) Our HIGH SCHOOL program,
- 4) Growing athletic program!
- 5) Plans for facilities to house our growing school.

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Inside you will find  
information on...  
Fund Raising Programs  
Open House  
First Day  
& MORE!

## WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?



One of the great blessings of the traditional school calendar is the wonderful opportunity to do something different during the summer break. By that I mean that there is plenty of time to travel, do camps, learn new skills, read, and take on new jobs or responsibilities. Summertime is a tremendous opportunity to expand your children's education and experiences.

So, what have you done this summer? I've included in this update some of the activities our Bradford students have done with the school, but I am certain it doesn't capture the variety of activities and opportunities you all have enjoyed this season.

On the Fourth of July, several students led our city in the Pledge of Allegiance and then

sang and recited those patriotic verses we know so well. Later, we had many students enjoy Bradford F.A.S.T.! It is an intensive program that is improving the physical fitness of our young athlete scholars. This past week we also hosted about forty students at our 2nd Annual Basketball Camp at the Mebane Arts and Recreation Center. It has been a busy summer!

However, the blessings of summer will soon transition into the blessings of the regular school year. So, as the summer winds down, be sure to be watching your email for upcoming information and news! Also, please take the time to look through the information contained in this Bulletin and don't hesitate to send us an email regarding any questions. See you soon! Peace and grace.



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## WHAT TO SAY?

Have you struggled to understand or articulate what we do at Bradford Academy or explain what we mean by Classical and Christian education? Here are a few links that may help:

**"Lost Tools of Learning"** by Dorothy Sayers (The essay that started the movement!):

[www.gbt.org/text/sayers](http://www.gbt.org/text/sayers)

*Discover Christian Schools* is a website promoting Christian Education in general:

[www.discoverchristianschools.com](http://www.discoverchristianschools.com)

Association of Classical and Christian Schools (many resources, information, and stats)

[www.accsedu.org](http://www.accsedu.org)

You can also find information on our own website:

[www.BradfordAcademy.org](http://www.BradfordAcademy.org)

### TINY FINGERS AND THINGS

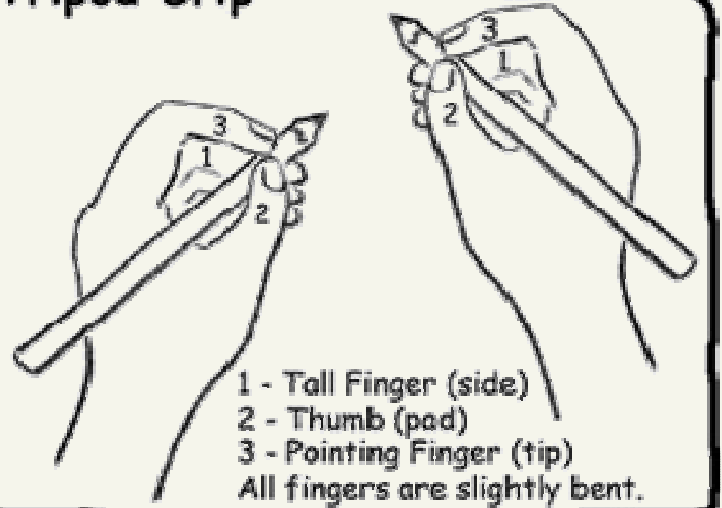
**HANDWRITING:** Don't forget that we use D'Nealian manuscript (sometimes called Modern Manuscript). 3rd graders and up will do almost everything in cursive.

Students going into kindergarten should begin practicing holding a pencil correctly (see illustration). The younger students should practice coloring and just scribbling using loops formed in a counterclockwise direction. 2nd and 3rd graders can practice making loops on lined paper as a warm up.

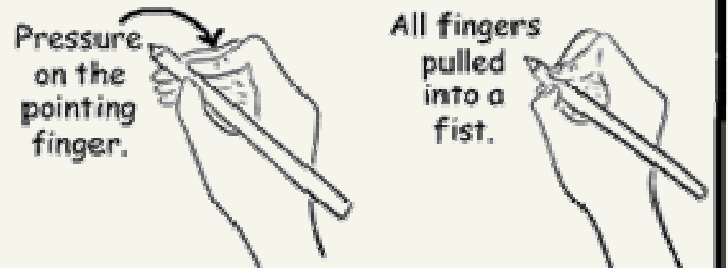
**FINE MOTOR SKILLS:** Young children need practice developing fine motor skills including coloring/printing, picking up and manipulating small things (i.e. coins, Lego pieces, etc.), tying their shoes, buckling belts, doing zippers, etc. It is often quicker to do things for our children but don't rob them of the opportunity to learn and be sure to give them the chance to practice these skills.

**BATHROOM:** On a related note, if your child is still struggling with independence using the bathroom, please make this a priority. Belts sometimes start out a little stiff, so I would encourage dads to help their boys work in the leather before school starts.

### Tripod Grip



### Don't do this!



# OPEN HOUSE

## Monday Aug. 8th

### at 6:30 pm!

The Bradford Academy annual family gathering is set for August 8th, at 6:30 PM.

**Bradford students should wear uniform polos so everyone knows who the students are.**

Agenda for the Evening:

6:30 — Information Meeting (in the auditorium)  
House Ceremony

7:00 — **Visit Classrooms & New Family Orientation**  
Snacks and Coffee

**New Family Orientation** will be held in the auditorium. If you are new to the school, we ask that the parents please attend this meeting so that you can be familiar with some school traditions and policies. We will also introduce this year's House Ambassadors. The teachers will remain in their classrooms so that you can tour the rooms with your students after the meeting.

#### School Merchandise Sale

- P.E. Uniforms
- Mascot shirts
- House scarves will be for sale
- Car Magnets and stickers

**Check out the new classrooms with your students.** You'll get to chat with the teachers, see where your child's locker is located, and which of their friends will be seated next to them in their class.

**Come early to PICK UP your information packet and let your kids meet and play with the other young Bradford scholars!**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### WORKDAY - JULY 30TH

- Clean classrooms and spread mulch on playground.
- Plenty to do for both men and women.
- 8:00 to noon (We will be here at 7:30, so come early if you want!)

### 1ST DAY (9TH) - AUG. 9TH:

### 1ST DAY (K-8) - AUG. 10TH:

- School will begin at 7:55.
- May arrive around 7:40 AM. Students will play outside until called.
- Dress uniform (no sweaters)
- Coffee and donuts will be served for parents and siblings in the carport.
- Pick up for all K-8th students is at noon.
- 9th Graders see your schedule.

### LABOR DAY:

- No classes Monday, September 5th.

### FALL BREAK:

- No classes Oct. 10th—14th.

### VETERANS' DAY:

- No classes Friday, Nov. 11th.

### BRADFORD NIGHT:

- Thursday, November 17th, 7:00 PM
- Presentation and Open House
- ALL INVITED!

### THANKSGIVING BREAK:

- No classes Nov. 23rd—25th

### CHRISTMAS BREAK:

- December 19th to January 2nd

### SPRING BREAK:

- March 20th to 24th

### EASTER BREAK:

- April 14th to 17th



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## **Don't forget...**

- **Harris Teeter** - link your VIC card
- **Lowes Foods** - "Cart to Class" - link your card
- **BoxTops for Education** - they give us 10 cents for every top...it adds up!
- **Labels for Education** - we earn credit for PE, art and other school supplies
- **HWY 55** - 30% of meals on 3rd Thursday of each month (from 4-9pm)

## **More Ideas**

Please visit the Bradford Academy website and click on the JOIN US tab for more ideas about supporting our school. The link is below:

[bradfordacademy.org/how-you-can-help/](http://bradfordacademy.org/how-you-can-help/)

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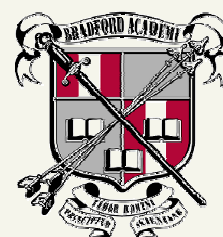
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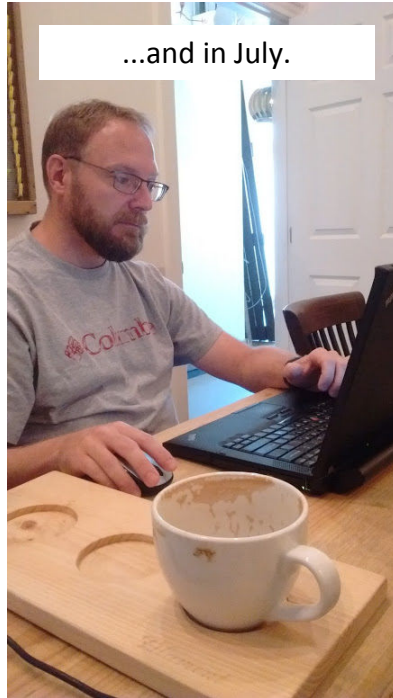
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# SUMMER TIME ACTIVITIES!





# News & Change

There are many new things here at Bradford Academy for the 2016/2017 school year. As we continue to build on the strong foundations established by our faithful and talented staff and volunteers, we look forward to a great new year. The Lord has blessed us with tremendous growth and we expect about 30 new students to join the ranks of our young scholars! It is a blessing to see our classes fill up. This year we've made a few changes that I highlight below. Thank you all for your ongoing faithfulness and commitment to Classical and Christian education here in Mebane!

## Full Day K

We are pleased to offer this opportunity to the community. Mrs. Rivera will be taking on the role for our kindergarten students who stay.

## 9th Grade

This is possibly the biggest change this year. Our leading group of students have grown with us from the first grade all the way to this next phase of their education, 9th grade! According to the classical model we recognize that this third part of the Trivium has students yearning for greater independence and the wise application of their knowledge and skill. It is also a time for expanding knowledge and skills, but more importantly making good use of what they have learned. We call this the Rhetoric phase as it focuses on the wisdom and the winsome production and presentation of original thoughts, ideas, and solutions. While 9th grade is really a transition year (one more year of Logic classes), the students will notice a growing change in our expectations and will enjoy a significantly different schedule. Keep on eye on these young scholars; they are sure to make us proud.

## Bradford Plus

This is our first year offering after school care. Information will be available online and also at the Open House on Aug. 8th. We have two payment options: Advance Payment (\$45/week) for those regular attendees, and End of Month Billing (\$12/day) for those occasional use students. We hope this will be a blessing to many of our busy families.

## New Staff

With the departure of Mr. Garber and Mrs. Gomez, the addition of many students, and the expansion to 9th grade, we have grown our staff from ten to eighteen talented and godly men and women. Half of that number is working part-time and specializing in their subject areas. I am very excited by all the new talent coming to Bradford! Teacher information and bios will be online shortly!

## Athletics

One of the ways we have stated the goals of Bradford Academy is "to develop the whole man for his proper end." Part of developing the whole man is encouraging and providing opportunities for physical development and competition. This year's opportunities will be many, Lord willing. We will continue our Running Club for all students and Wrestling Club for boys 1st through 8th. Our upper school athletics will include:

- Fall - Co-ed Cross Country (6th-9th),
- Fall - JV & MS Ladies Volleyball (6th-9th)
- Fall - MS Men's Soccer (6th-8th)
- Winter - JV Girls & MS Boys Basketball (6th-9th),
- Spring - Co-ed Tennis Club (6th-9th)

## Need for Volunteers

One of the things that hasn't changed is the need for volunteers; however, this year the need has grown. Some of our parents who had previously been very active volunteers are actually joining the staff leaving plenty of opportunities for others to step up. Two specific things will be impacted. The first is our decision to not do an elaborate Grandparents' Day. We decided to do this to allow our volunteers to focus on the Legacy Gala and hopefully encourage more Grandparents to attend that event. The other issue is our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS float. Unfortunately, the Fairchild's who previously took leadership in that project, will need to step aside. If that is a project you could get excited about, please let me know. Thanks!