



From the Head of School

Re-enrollment Deadline is Jan. 29th; Check out the Capital Campaign Newsletter

Thank goodness for a little warmth and sunshine! The children do not mind being wet if it is 75 degrees outside. Many thanks to Hollie Anderson for arranging for the planting of many pansies to brighten up our surroundings and to Cindy Batts for heading up the landscaping committee. I know we were all getting tired of the many shades of brown that have been surrounding us.

During our Wednesday Spirit Day/Character Education chapel, the cheerleaders got us ready for the introduction of *Justice*. The fifth graders entertained us with a delightful story about "royal" justice. Next Wednesday morning students, faculty and staff who were born in January will be presented with the library book of their choice. Please join your children that day if they will be receiving a birthday book---or even if they are not.

The teachers love this time of year because they get more work out of the children during the next two months than during any other time of the year. Routines are in place, reviews are over, and lots of new learning is taking place. Do not be surprised if you see a huge academic change in your children in the next few months.

Friday, January 29th is the deadline for re-enrollment before we open positions to prospective families. If you have a child who will be going into second or fifth grade next year, it is important that we receive your re-enrollment contract along with the \$500.00

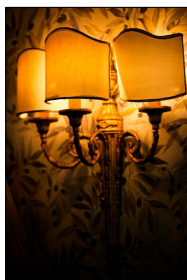
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DONATE CLOTHING AND MONEY FOR HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

BES is giving you the opportunity to donate clothing and money to the victims of the Haitian earthquake from now until Wed., January 27th. Please ask your children to give your monetary donations to your homebase teachers, and clothing donations can be placed in containers located in each building's front office. We will select a representative from each homebase class to bring their class's gifts to the altar at the Jan. 27th Wednesday chapel. We thank you for your generosity as we try to make a difference for those in such desperate need at this time.



Social News



The first of many mysteries was revealed! By now you should have received your invitation in the mail, and we hope you have returned your response card!

Our items have already started pouring in! We've got unique experiences such as Shadowing Sportscaster Dan Hicken to teacher packages like a Chocolate Making Party at Peterbrook with Mrs. Flynn! We are looking for items such as get-away packages, beauty and fitness gift certificates, jewelry, art and the like! If you know of a local business who would be interested in donating an item, please contact Leigh Palmer in the Development Office, 904-246-2466 x 112.

Congrats to the Valladares Family! They correctly solved the Social Word

search and were drawn from over 20 families who entered! They will win a \$25 Regal Movie package and One Ticket to the Social!

Parent Social Raffle Tickets Go On Sale Feb. 1st!

The Tuition Raffle starts soon and it has a mystery too! Here's a clue: Win a Tuition Credit of at least \$6,000. General raffle ticket sales start Monday, February 1st! (Drawing at the Parent Social.)

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registration fee by January 29th because wait lists at each of those levels puts them over capacity if all current students are returning. We are always very sad if any of our students are not able to return for some reason—even if it is a really good one. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Please take the time to read over the Capital Campaign Newsletter that you received via email or in today's weekly newsletter. We want to be sure that every family is aware of why we need a new building, how we are progressing in raising money, and what will be in the building. We have two days and six times available next week to fill you in on what is going on. The dates and times have been sent by email and are also listed in this newsletter. I hope you will be able to spend 45 minutes with us to learn more about the *Future is Now* campaign.

Keep your eye on the calendar as we do not want you to miss any of the big events coming up!

Have a great weekend!
Jackie

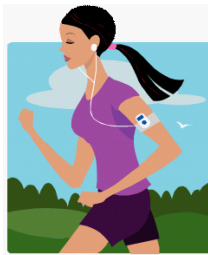
ChurchChat

News from St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

You're Invited to the Annual Shrimp Dinner at SPBTS!

The 13th Annual Brotherhood of St. Andrew Shrimp Dinner is Saturday, February 13th, at 5:30 p.m. Don't miss the fun! The Sassy Tappers will entertain and the dinner will be delicious; the best shrimp to be found at the beach! We will also have chicken available for those that don't eat shrimp. The cost is \$15 and child care is provided. Please call Jerri at 249-4091 before February 7th to reserve your dinner!

January 22nd Last Day to Register for Girls on the Run



A new program is coming to BES called *Girls on the Run of Northeast Florida* (GOTR). The mission of GOTR is to provide a life-changing experience for all girls ages 8-11 years old (3rd – 5th grade only). Each meeting will combine running and training for a non-competitive 5K race with life lessons along the way to encourage

healthy habits, self-esteem, positive thinking and an active lifestyle. The last day to register for GOTR is January 22nd.

ALUMNI NEWS

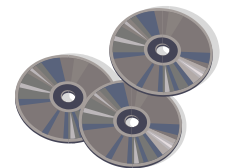


Matthew Young, 7th grader and BES alum, received First Place in Physical Science at the James Weldon Johnson Science Fair. He will compete in Regionals in April

of 2010. We congratulate him on this outstanding achievement!

Christmas Program DVDs Available for Purchase in January

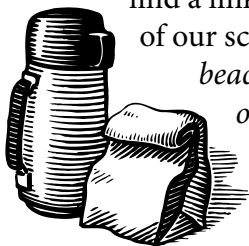
Here is a chance to hold on to your child's memories forever! DVDs of the school's Christmas programs are being offered for purchase through the month of January.



Order forms can be found in the school office. You can choose from the following events: Pre-k/Kindergarten Christmas Program, Lessons and Carols service, and Pajama Day Cheerleading/Storytime with Bill Stewart. Prices for each event can be found on the order forms.

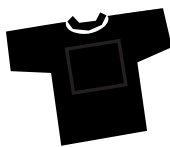
February Hot Lunch Orders Due Tomorrow, January 22nd!

Please complete the online order of your child's February lunches. You can find a link on the homepage of our school at www.beacheseiscopalsschool.org.



[beacheseiscopalsschool.org](http://www.beacheseiscopalsschool.org). Payments must be in to the school office by Monday, January 25th.

FUNd RUN T-SHIRT LOGO CONTEST!



This year's FUNd RUN logo will come from one of our students! Every child is eligible to submit a drawing to be considered for the contest. All submissions must be returned to the front desks by 3 p.m. on Wed., Jan. 27th for consideration. Mrs. Busse and Mr. Stewart will select their favorite and the winning drawing will appear on all FUNd RUN materials, including the T-Shirt! The winning drawing will be revealed in the Feb. 4th weekly newsletter!

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS OFFERED IN JANUARY FOR *THE FUTURE IS NOW* CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

This is an invitation to everyone who has not yet had the opportunity to come and share in the excitement of *The Future is Now* Capital Campaign. We will be hosting a series of informational meetings on campus with a variety of times to choose from. Hopefully one of them will be convenient for you to attend. We strongly encourage you to come and learn about the plans for the future of Beaches Episcopal School. You just might be surprised. As we close in on the \$1 million mark, the excitement is building! Below is the list of times offered. Please RSVP to Cyndi Young, in the school office at 246-2466, and let us know that you plan on attending. Thank you so much and we look forward to seeing you soon.

- January 26th at 9:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.
- January 28th at 9:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

Check out the first Capital Campaign
Newsletter in your child's backpack today!



Annual Giving

Please help us reach our goal of 100% parent participation! Donate now to avoid our Phone-A-Thon calls, which begin February 3rd!

PSO CORNER

FUND RUN!

Come one, come all! The first informational FUND RUN meeting will be Wednesday, January 27th at 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

FISH TANK: The fish tank in Stormes Hall is a wonderful part of our school that every student, parent and visitor enjoys daily. To keep them swimming and new fish added, we are seeking monthly fish tank sponsors. The cost is \$90 and it covers all food and tank cleaning for the month. All monthly sponsors are featured with a photo near the tank. If you are interested in sponsoring our "fish friends," please contact Laurie Warner at 247-9194 or warner01@comcast.net.

SCHOOL STORE OPEN EVERY THURSDAY MORNING: Our sixth grade students will have the School Store open every Thursday morning with cases full of fun and favorite things to purchase. Come and visit the School Store from 7.45-8.00 a.m. every Thursday in either Stormes or McCormick Hall.

BES FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES YEAR - ROUND:

Target offers a Take Charge of Education program which allows you to use your Target Visa or Target Guest Card to raise money for BES. Target donates an amount equal to 1% of your card purchases made at Target and Target.com, and 0.5% of Target Visa purchases made elsewhere.

Box Tops for Education runs year round and allows you to support BES by clipping Box Tops and turning them into the school school. Keep clipping and save your Box Tops for the next Box Top drive!

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES: We are looking for people to volunteer for Board Positions on the PSO for the 2010-2011 school year. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Julie Komaroksi at 249-4360 or komarosj@bellsouth.com.

SIBLING APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR 2010-2011

Classes are filling up for next year, so don't wait to turn in your sibling application(s). **Positions are held for siblings and parish members until Feb. 1st.** After this date, admission will be open to individuals outside of the school and the church. You may download an application on our website or you can pick up one directly from our Admissions Director, Heather Wainright in the school office.

Grandma Says

"Grandma Says" is a feature of Growing Child Magazine

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Now that you have vacuumed up the tinsel and put the wrapping papers in the recycling bin, you have a quick moment to consider some things about this Christmas or holiday season, in order not to be haunted by ghosts of Christmas past when Christmas comes again in the future.

Ask yourself which parts of the holiday, your practices and traditions, were truly enjoyable for you and for your children. If your children are old enough, have a dinner table conversation about what they enjoyed the most in the holidays past.

Then ask the next question: which aspects caused you stress and created problems for your family?

Then right now, resolve to let those things go, in order to have holiday celebrations that bring joy without anxiety for any of you next time around.

Every women's magazine or television show conveys the message that much has to be done in order to produce a memorable holiday, from fancy décor and endless shopping and wrapping, to creating gourmet feasts and delectable treats. Parents are often so preoccupied with the extra tasks of the season that they lose sight of the lasting, good memories they want to create for themselves and their families.

Ask yourself, what is memorable about a rushed shopping trip to the mall, with youngsters being hurried from one store to another, rather than being allowed to make a leisurely selection of the gift they want to get for Mom or Dad? Or about a tired child sitting at an elaborate dinner, and beginning to fuss at all the unfamiliar food prepared for adult pleasure? So, with these things in mind, here are some hints from parents about avoiding ghosts of holidays past:

1. If taking the kids for a formal, holiday portrait was a nightmare, why not use instead one of the nice, casual snaps you took on your last vacation? I still remember with horror what we put granddaughters Lila and Rose through one year, and we vowed never again to repeat that mistake.
2. Create a family tradition of an enjoyable activity in which

each member of the family can participate, such as making or decorating simple cookies together.

Having come from a tradition where Christmas baking preoccupied my mother for months, it was hard for me to realize that I could scale down on the cookies and avoid the stress.

Put on some Christmas music, don't answer the telephone, and just enjoy being together and the fun of cookie making.



3. For young children, who don't have their own money, it is more meaningful to create simple gifts than to try to have a shopping trip.

Ever since she was a toddler, my granddaughter Rose has made easy Christmas tree ornaments to give to family and friends--her mother usually finds ideas online, things that may involve stringing or gluing.

Rose is proud to give something made by her own hands, and we are delighted to decorate our tree with meaningful ornaments saved over the years.

4. Learning from our own experience, when a holiday dinner was disrupted by our tired toddler, we learned how to enjoy our day with the children and then give them their own dinner and bedtime routine.

Then the adults could relax and enjoy a special late dinner. We followed this routine without any qualms about depriving either the children or us, until the children were old enough to be able to enjoy a special dinner.

5. Resolve to have conversations NOW, not just before the next holiday, with grandparents and others who may not be honoring your wishes with the kinds of toys they choose, or the sheer number of gifts they present.

As a parent, you have a right to express your views and values, and conversations not fraught with holiday tension may be more meaningful. Then you don't have to grimace when Junior opens a BB gun from his grandfather, although you have already decided he should not have such an item.

Think about what caused you and the kids the most grief this year, and then resolve to banish those ghosts to allow for joy next year.