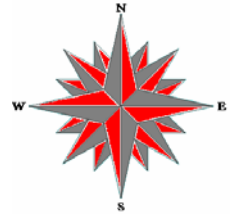


BEAVERDAM CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CARDINAL POINTS



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From the Editor

According to Webster's dictionary, a cardinal point is "one of the four principle compass points north, south, east, and west". Beaverdam Christian School exists not only to teach our children math, science, reading, and even north, south, east, and west, but more importantly to teach our children the one and only path and direction to find a saving relationship with our Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ.

This newsletter – the Cardinal Points – is written to help the parents and supporters of Beaverdam Christian School keep in touch with the news and happenings of our school. Beaverdam Christian School is not only a place where our children learn and prepare for the future, it becomes a community for children, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and anyone else with a real interest in our school. Since our Beaverdam Christian School community has grown outside of Beaverdam, we need to make a dedicated effort to keep our family and supporters involved, informed, and feeling that they are part of the community.

It is my hope and intent that the Cardinal Points will be a meaningful way for all of the Beaverdam Christian School community to be connected with each other and to come to know our community better.

With that said, I welcome your comments, questions, and requests via e-mail. All inquiries can be sent to: BCScardinalpoints@charter.net, or to the school office.

School News **Incentive Program for New Families**

Beaverdam Christian School is accepting new students for all grades for the upcoming school year. As an incentive for new families to enroll their children in Beaverdam Christian School, the new family will receive 20% off their total tuition – as long as the new family is not transferring from another local Christian school. In addition, the Beaverdam family responsible for bringing the new family will have the equivalent discount taken from their tuition as well. This is a terrific way to introduce new families to Beaverdam Christian School while reducing your tuition bill.

To enroll new students – or for more information, please call 616-875-8340.

Staff Changes and a New Teacher for 2007-2008

This year, Beaverdam will have a new Physical Education teacher for the first time in years. Mr. Joe Brower will be replacing Mrs. Tricia Bosma this year. Mr. Brower comes to Beaverdam from Borculo Christian, where he will also continue to teach Physical Education.

Thank you, Mrs. Bosma for the 13 years invested in our children, first as a middle school teacher and later as our Physical Education teacher. Best wishes to you and your family in the future.

Also, in addition to teaching Art classes, Mrs. Mary Steenwyk will be teaching second grade with Mrs. Shari Buursma.

Another substantial change in the staff at Beaverdam Christian School isn't a new teacher at all, rather a very familiar face with some added responsibility. Mrs. Stephanie Miedema will be our school Administrator in addition to her position as the Kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Miedema has been teaching at Beaverdam Christian since 1996, first teaching fifth and sixth grades, then second, third, and kindergarten.

Mrs. Miedema replaces Mr. Duane Starkenburg, who has been both teaching middle school and the Administrator since 1998. We also thank Mr. Starkenburg for his years of service and wish Duane and Joan all the best as they move closer to their family in Minnesota.

Beaverdam Christian School Society Meeting Update

Members of the Beaverdam Christian School Society met Monday, May 7 to elect two School Board members and vote on the proposed school budget and tuition scale for the 2007-2008 school year.

Chris Boetsma was re-elected for a second three year term, and John Bolema was elected for a three year term to replace Dan Graveling, whose term expires after the June 2007 School Board meeting.

Thank you to Dan Graveling, who served as Building and Grounds Supervisor – and to Chris Boetsma, who accepted the call to serve for a second consecutive term.

Also, thank you to Mark VanTubergen and Mike Bredeweg for allowing the Society to consider you as candidates.

In addition to the election of School Board members, the proposed school budget and tuition scale was confirmed and ratified by the attending Society members.

Remember our School Board in prayer as they lead Beaverdam Christian School for the upcoming school year and into the future.

Teachers Recognized for Years of Service

On May 8, two of our teachers were recognized during the spring program for their years of outstanding service to Beaverdam Christian School.

Mrs. Buursma was recognized for 30 years of service to Beaverdam Christian School. Mrs. Buursma came to Beaverdam 30 years ago after spending a year at Imlay City Christian School.

Mrs. Miedema was also recognized for her 10 years of service at Beaverdam. Mrs. Miedema originally came to Beaverdam after completing her education at Calvin College.

Both Mrs. Buursma and Mrs. Miedema were presented with a plaque commemorating their individual milestones.

Congratulations Graduates!

The 2007 eighth grade class graduated on June 7 at the Beaverdam Christian Reformed Church. Congratulations, and God's blessings to you as you begin your high school years!

The graduating class for 2007 was:

Stephanie Bouwkamp	Rachelle Driesenga
Andrew Johnson	Greg Jonker
Evan Krikke	Benjamin McCallum
Brittany Miedema	Cody Rillema
Matthew Steenwyk	Alycia Strikwerda
Alicia VanderWal	

Volunteer Opportunities

Hudsonville Fair - Aug. 20-Aug. 25

The Hudsonville Fair will be here before you know it. The week spent at the fair is Beaverdam's single largest fundraising event, raising over \$15,000 last year for the School Circle. Please consider your ability to help this year. This is one fundraiser that doesn't require any money or special talents, just the willingness to give of your time. If you are not able to work at the booth, there are still ways you can help - for example, by making pies or soups. Call LeAnn Hassevoort (616-875-6152) to see how you can help.

Many hands make light work, so please give of your time to help our school.

Thank You!

John Jonker - John has volunteered as our school accountant for several years and will step down at the end of July.

Mike & Robyn Bredeweg - Mike and Robyn have volunteered their accounting skills for Beaverdam Christian School.

Gerry Gelder - After eight years, Gerry has stepped down as a member of the Beaverdam Christian School Education Foundation Board this past June.

Junior Schut - Junior has agreed to fill the open Foundation Board position.

Corner Cone & Café - The Corner Cone and Café in Beaverdam hosted a benefit night for Beaverdam Christian School last May 23.

Thank you to these volunteers and supporters for your past and future service to Beaverdam Christian School. We need and appreciate all of the volunteers that make our school work.

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