

BRADFORD BULLETIN

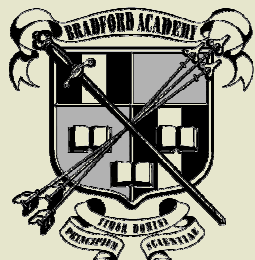
B R A D F O R D A C A D E M Y ' S P A R E N T U P D A T E

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **TUESDAY:** Field Trip to see the ballet *The Nutcracker*, Dec. 16th
- **FRIDAY: Senior Chapel at the Mebane Rec-Center:** We have been asked to do the chapel service for the senior lunch on Dec. 19th. at 10:30 AM.
- Last day before Christmas break: **Dec. 19th**
- **Classes resume Monday, January 5th, 2008**
- Items to donate: thumbtacks, Kleenex, and disinfectant wipes.
- **MEMORY WORK:**
 - Songs for presentation on Fri.
 - This week: Mat. 6: 9 - 13
 - Next week: Review
 - 1st Grade - *Mr. Nobody*

SPECIAL PRAYER

- Please pray for increased interest in our community. We would love to see the number of families from outside Grace Reformed increase and become part of the Bradford adventure!
- Please pray for increased giving. These first few years will be lean but we trust that God will supply our needs and the need for financial aid.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

*Christmas is coming,
the goose is getting fat,
please do put a penny
in the old man's hat!
If you haven't got a penny,
a ha'penny will do.
If you haven't got a penny,
then God bless you!*

This little ditty starts running through my mind around the middle of October, around the Canadian Thanksgiving. It is about that time my mother starts decorating for Christmas. It is a song that I learned in the public elementary school I attended as a child. Of course, it would be protested in our day because it mentions Christmas and God. Our culture has changed in the last few decades. I recently read that *Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer* was protested and temporarily banned from an elementary school "holiday" program. A family apparently was offended that the song mentions both Santa and Christmas (which might cause their child to think about the birth of Christ). "Thankfully," a clear thinking school board ruled that the song was secular enough to be allowed in the program. There really was no danger of accidentally thinking about Christ. Unfortunately, the world is not just growing in opposition to a Christian Christmas. I have recently been reminded of the overt hostility towards Christianity that is being expressed in other ways. Last night, I heard that a Christian brother lost his job three weeks before his wedding because he would not work on the Lord's Day. Another brother bought advertising space in a national trade magazine and included



Math class that doubles as art!
Talk about integration. Thursday, the kindergarten students learned about symmetry. The first graders joined them as we spent art class practicing cutting out Christmas shapes along a line of symmetry.

scripture references in the ad only to have the ad rejected. Newsweek just published a cover article that is an undisguised attack on Bible believing Christians. The editor underscored the attack in his defense of the article by writing, "to argue that something is so because it is in the Bible is more than intellectually bankrupt -- it is unserious and unworthy of the great Judeo-Christian tradition." (from www.newsweek.com//id/172688)

Why share this in our newsletter? The issues strike at the heart of what we are doing here at Bradford Academy. We emphatically do believe that "something is so because it is in the Bible" and we also believe that to deny it is bankrupt, intellectually and morally. Dear parents, let us never forget what we are up against or minimize this spiritual struggle in which we are engaged. Let us never forget the forces that are with increasing clarity arrayed against us. We need the next generation to be better equipped than we are both spiritually and intellectually. They need to be better equipped because the terms of engagement are become more vicious and hostile. We must not become slack in our devotion to truth or in our commitment to the training of our children in it.

As for me... Christmas is coming... I will rejoice in the blessing to which this holiday points. It is more than time off, more than time with family and friends, more than pleasant traditions and good food. This holiday points to the most marvelous event of all time, the crux of history, and the great climax of the human epic. God became man to redeem a lost people and defeat the forces of darkness. It really is worth standing up and fighting for.

Grace and Peace!

The Nutcracker

Tuesday, Dec. 16th

Depart 11:50 \ Return 2:30

We plan on attending a students' presentation of *The Nutcracker* performed by Walkerdance Ballet Theater on Tuesday, December 16th at 12:30pm. The performance begins at 12:45 and should be concluded by 2:00. It will be at McCrary Theater in the Fine Arts Center on the campus of Elon University.



Still time left!

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Senior Chapel

Friday, Dec. 19th

Depart 10:15 \ Return 11:15

We have been asked to do the Friday chapel for Mebane seniors at the Rec-Center. The students will sing and recite as I do a short devotional.

The students will be singing the following:

**God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
O' Come All Ye Faithful
Joy to the World
We Wish You a Merry Christmas**



**...thou shalt call his name JESUS:
for he shall save his people from their sins.**

Matt. 6:9-13

In this manner, therefore, pray:
 Our Father in Heaven,
 Hallowed be your name.
 Your kingdom come.
 Your will be done.
 On earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our debts,
 As we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 But deliver us from the evil one.
 For yours is the kingdom
 And the power and the glory
 forever. Amen

Psalm 92:1
 It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
 And to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

Psalm 75:1

We give thanks to You,
 O God, we give thanks!
 For your wondrous works
 declare that your name is
 near.

O, Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and
 triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to
 Bethlehem. Come and behold Him, born
 the King of angels;

O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him,
 Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
 born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
 Word of the Father, late in flesh
 appearing.

O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him,
 Christ the Lord.

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
 Let earth receive her King;
 Let every heart prepare Him room,
 And Heaven and nature sing,
 And Heaven and nature sing,
 And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
 And makes the nations prove
 The glories of His righteousness,
 And wonders of His love,
 And wonders of His love,
 And wonders, wonders, of His love.

Exodus 15:2

The LORD is my strength and song,
 and He has become my salvation;
 He is my God, and I will praise Him;
 my father's God, and I will exalt Him.

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen,
 Let nothing you dismay,
 Remember Christ our Savior
 Was born this day,
 To save us all from Satan's power
 When we were gone astray:
*O tidings of comfort and joy,
 comfort and joy,
 O tidings of comfort and joy.*



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