

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:

- **Library Trip - MONDAY**
- **PARENT CONFERENCES**
I would like to meet with each family for a conference during the month of April. Please email a couple suggested times that you might be available to meet at the school.
- **SPRING BREAK:**
April 10th to the 19th
- **No School Next Friday**
- **Patriotic Program:**
May 14th @ 7:00PM
- **Memorial Day - May 25th**
- **Last Day - June 4th**
- **RE-ENROLLMENT Letter**
Due by JUNE 1st.
- **MEMORY WORK:**
- This week: John 1:1
- Next week: Proverbs 14:34

SPECIAL PRAYER

- **Tuition assistance:** We would like to find sponsors for at least four students.
- Wisdom as we make plans for next year.
- We have received nine applications for next year's kindergarten class and four others. Pray for wisdom as we process those applications.



NUNQUAM NON PARATUS

The motto above is typically attached to the Johnston Clan coat of arms. It means "never unprepared." How I wish that saying was always true of me! We have been looking at family crests and have begun work designing our own as part of art class and medieval studies in history. We have been busy collecting ideas and will put them together next week.



LIBRARY TRIP:

Speaking of next week, I need to apologize regarding the late notice of our next scheduled library trip. I have been meaning to set one up and the librarian let me know that she could squeeze us in first thing Monday morning. If your child has a library



card and you are willing to have your child check out books, let me know. We will depart around 9:30 and return around 11:00. Amy Fairchild has agreed to drive. Between her and I we have enough seats. Another driver is of course welcome if you would like to come. Just let me know this weekend. The permission slip is included in this week's folder.

Language Arts

Our 1st graders continue to practice using a table of contents, looking up verses in the Bible and finding cross references. We have also begun our reading of some favorite childrens' books. We are using the Veritas Press *First Favorites Literature Guides*. The kindergarten students continued working on consonant digraphs (TH, SH, WH, and CH).

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We have also been practicing handwriting and copy work.

Math

Our kindergarten students are working on counting and using tally marks, dividing shapes into halves and quarters, reading a clock (o'clock and half past), and counting dimes and pennies. We are also adding 10 to a number.

The first graders learned how to identify and label right angles and practiced adding three digit numbers, multiplying by 5's, 10's, and 2's.

Don't forget to email a couple suggested times that you might be available to meet at the school. I am available immediately after school and most evenings with some notice.

Next week is a short week but I was recently struck by the amount of material I would still like to cover and we only have six more weeks to go! We'll be busy!

Grace and Peace!

TALKING POINTS - RE: HISTORY WHAT MAKES BRADFORD ACADEMY CHRISTIAN AND CLASSICAL?

CHRISTIAN?

In **Psalm 143:5** David sings, "*I remember the days of old; I meditate on all your works; I muse on the work of your hands.*" History is another study of the works of God, not in creation but in providence. It really is HIS story and we ought to know it. All of human events reveal God's providential dealings with man. It honestly looks at the events and people (both sinners and saints) that God used to shape the story of mankind.

In the *Screwtape Letters*, C.S. Lewis has Screwtape (a demon giving advice to another demon) explain a devilish strategy of using historical ignorance as a means to destroy men...

"It is important," writes the senior Tempter, "to cut every generation off from all others; for where learning makes a free commerce between the ages there is always a danger that the characteristic errors of one may be corrected by the characteristic truths of another."

Psalm 111:2-4 "The works of the Lord are great, studied by all who have pleasure in them... He has made His wonderful works to be remembered..."

CLASSICAL?

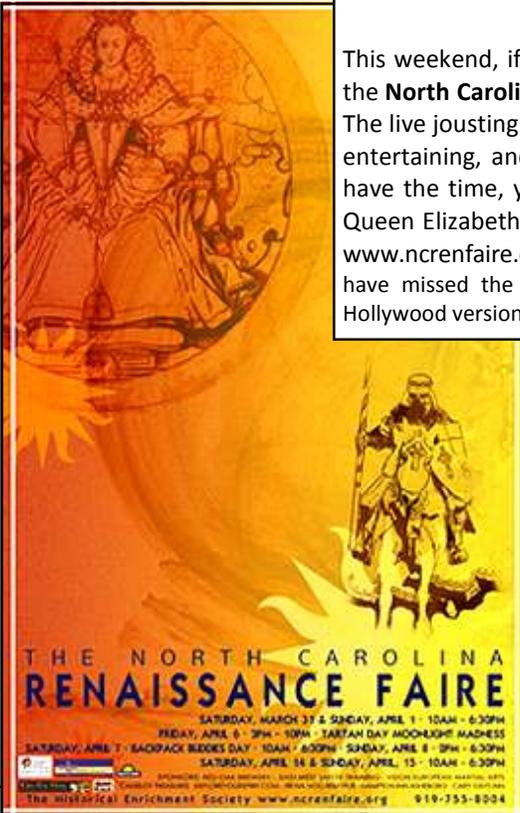
To a strict "classicist" it all begins and ends with Greece and Rome. While we have a distinct bias towards the study of the classical world and the society that grew out of it, we hold to a broader view of history because of our Christian understanding of God's providence. So by classical we mean...

- Use of the Trivium as a structure for the method of instruction. For example, we are focusing on memorizing facts and dates in the elementary grades because we believe the "GRAMMAR" of history is important.
- Our students will spend more time in Greece, Rome, and Europe than in Asia or Africa.
- American history will be taught not as an isolated phenomenon but will be understood in the context of broader movements in history with classical origins.

"History is Philosophy teaching by examples." **Thucydides**

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This weekend, if your family is looking for something interesting to do, you should consider the **North Carolina Renaissance Faire**. Our family visited it last year and was very impressed. The live jousting tournament was a highlight for the kids, the sword swallower/fire eater was entertaining, and all the people dressed in period costumes were very interesting. If you have the time, you can participate in battle pike training, have your children received into Queen Elizabeth's court, and many other activities. It takes place at... in Wake Forest. Visit www.ncrenfaire.com for more information. CAVEAT - Some people attending the FAIRE seem to have missed the historic reality of pervasive Christianity and/or choose to represent the darker Hollywood version of the period (i.e. a Goth was a German not an angst ridden teen fashion trend).



RE-ENROLLMENT

Please complete the re-enrollment form and return it to Mr. Johnston as soon as you can. You may elect to make the deposit at a later time **on or before June 1st, 2009**.

The details for our tuition policy and how to apply for financial assistance can be found online. Please review this policy and contact me if you have any questions. Remember the *Lump Sum Discount* is available until June 1st, 2009.

Mark the date...

PATRIOTIC PRESENTATION

THURSDAY, MAY 14th
7:00 to 8:30

Presentation at 7PM

The students will recite and sing a tribute to our heritage and heroes!

Reception to follow!

There will also an opportunity to visit the Bradford rooms and see what the students are learning.

Psalm 18:28

For You will light my lamp;
The LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

1 Cor. 14:40

Let all things be done decently and in order.

I John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness

Proverbs 21:23

Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from trouble.

1 Cor. 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

Is. 40:28

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.



SONGS WE ARE PRACTICING

- Star Spangled Banner (vs. 1 & 2)
- America (My Country 'Tis of Thee...) (4 verses)
- Grand Ol' Flag
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Proverbs 14:34

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

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