

Dear Burlington Catholic School Families,

We held our monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 14th. Here is a recap of our meeting:

1. Listening Session
 - There were no speakers for our listening session.
2. New Member
 - Peggy Wetengal is our new liaison from the Tri-Parish Council
3. School Update
 - There has been some cases of Covid. Staff and students continue with cleaning protocol.
 - Mrs. Berg reminded us that, as stated at the parent meeting last week, there will be no virtual learning this school year. When students are out with Covid, they are to focus on resting and getting well and will get their missed assignments when they are back in school.
 - A new Business Manager was hired and started 9/12, Logan Benter.
4. New Bylaws
 - Our bylaws have being updated by the archdiocese to better align schools in the district. We are waiting for final approval.
5. Strategic Plan
 - The board held a meeting with Meitler on 9/13 to ask final questions.
 - The Archbishop granted his permission to hire Meitler to guide BCS through the Strategic Planning process.
 - We hope to start in October.
6. Sub-Committees
 - Finance
 - Mr. Galstad has been filling in and will be training Mr. Benter.
 - Mr. Galstad provided an updated budget
 - Marketing
 - Back to School Night and Parent's Night were well received.
 - Buildings & Grounds
 - St. Mary Parish will begin their Capital Campaign soon and have asked if we have any needs to include in their fundraising efforts.
 - Fundraising/Home & School
 - Color Run was a big hit.
 - Trunk or Treat scheduled for 10/22

Parents of young students:

Our Athletic Department is in great need of administrative help. Many parents of our school athletes are already working hard volunteering as coaches and working our sporting events. The Athletic Committee needs parents to sit on the Athletic Board. We also need the following positions filled:

Treasurer

Concession Chair

Charger Challenge Chair

Volleyball Coordinator
Basketball Coordinator

You might ask why we're asking parents of children who aren't even old enough to play school sports to fill these open positions. These are critical positions and without them, there is no more school athletics. If we don't have a Basketball Coordinator to sign our teams up with the league and schedule the games, there will not be basketball next year. The same goes for Volleyball. The parents serving in these roles have graduating 8th graders or kids that have graduated and are not in high school. They are happy to help with the transition and train people.

Anyone can help with these roles, you don't have to have a student athlete to contribute to this Committee. We know our families are busy with travel sports and city leagues but participating in school sports is such a great experience for our students who might not otherwise play these sports. Did you know BCS starts school sports in 5th grade and Burlington public schools don't start school sports until 7th grade? Our 5th and 6th graders are getting a unique experience, special to BCS, that teaches responsibility, team building, builds character and is just plain fun! We want this tradition to continue for all of our future students so we need help from parents to make that happen.

Our next listening session will be 12/7.

Please reach out to us at bcboard@ourbcs.org if you have any feedback or questions.

Sincerely,
The BCS Board of Directors