

# Ballard Christian School

## 2010/2011 Kick-Off Meeting Information

### **Administrative Staff**

Pastor "Buddy" Hammock-Principal & Athletic Director

Janice Hammock-Assistant Principal

Regina Christian-Academic Administrator(also serves as a support group leader)

### **Support Group Leaders**

Laurie Cahill

Lesvita Causland

Dana Sluder

Stephanie Strong

The 2010/2011 school directory and the Support Group Lists will be emailed out by the end of August. All 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders will be placed under Regina Christian and all 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders will be placed under Lesvita Causland. Siblings of these students & other students will be placed under the other support group leaders.

### **BCS Website**

Information-The Ballard manual and application forms are found here. *If you have a younger child you wish to enroll with Ballard, fill out the Student Application form and the Church School Enrollment form. These forms need to be turned in immediately.*

New & Updates-The monthly newsletter is posted here. If you hear of an event that you think would be of interest to other homeschool families, send it to the school's email address at ballardschool@worcom.com, or Regina Christian at [chris\\_christian@bellsouth.net](mailto:chris_christian@bellsouth.net).

Members-The "Members" button is for families enrolled with Ballard and is password protected. The user name is bcs and the password is bcs36830. The Ballard manual, the Curriculum Log, the attendance and academic summary forms(turned in at the end of each semester), and the report cards are located here. The semester forms will expand as you type in them. It is recommended that you save them to your computer and use as a template. If needed, you can pick up a hard copy of the manual, Curriculum Log, the semester forms, and report card at the school. Remember that the Curriculum Log should be turned in by the end of August, unless you met with either Regina or Lesvita for an academic projection.

Calendar-When you click on the "Calendar" button a listing of the major Ballard events for the 2010/2011 school year comes up.

## **Forms to be Filled Out**

Family Information Form(required)

Release Form(required)

Curriculum Log(required unless you met for an academic projection)

These forms are located under "Information" on the website. They should be filled out and returned to the school ASAP. This can be done either by dropping them off, emailing, FAXing, or snail mailing. All contact information for Ballard can be found on the home page of the Ballard website.

## **Family Information Form**

**Student Listing for Extra-Curricular Families**

Only list your children who are participating in activities at Ballard.

## **Stanford Test**

This test is mandatory for academic(not extra-curricular) students in 8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grades. We will order the Stanford test that corresponds with the grade you put down unless you let us know otherwise. If you are willing to help with the Stanford test you will be credited \$10 per day towards your Stanford test fees. You can not help with a group if you have a child testing in it. Test dates are April 11, 13, & 15, 2011.

## **Graduation**

The K-5 graduation takes place immediately before the senior graduation. The K-5 graduation fee is \$25. The senior graduation fee is \$100.

## **Billing**

Your September invoice will include items checked on your Family Info Form.

## **HSLDA(Home School Legal Defense Assoc.)**

We encourage families to enroll but is not required. You will be contacted if you are interested in membership with HSLDA.

### ➤ Reasons to enroll:

- Benefits other families
- Entitles you to assistance
- Provides you with a strong, representative voice in Washington, DC
- Enables vigilant tracking of state & federal legislation
- Ensures immediate response when home school laws are threatened
- Facilitates research
- Provides HSLDA leadership symposiums
- Entitles you to receive legislative alerts & news via e-mail
- Keeps you informed through the *Court Report*
- Unites you with a brotherhood of 65,000+ families

## **PLAN Test**

If you had a child take the PLAN test last fall, the PLAN test booklets are available for pickup. These can be used for extra practice. The correct answers are included in the PLAN results that you received. The test date for this year is November 17, 2011, & it costs \$9.50. The test will be administered at Ballard.

## **PSAT Test**

The test date for this year is October 13, 2011, and it costs \$13. We will test at Auburn High School.

### Geography Bee

This is the qualifying bee for the National Geography Bee. It is open to students in grades 4-8. There must be a minimum of 6 students and the fee is based on the number of students participating.

### Spelling Bee

This is the qualifying bee for the National Spelling Bee. It is open to students in 8<sup>th</sup> & below who cannot reach 16 before the end of May. There is no minimum number of students.

### JEWEL Fair(Judging Every Work Evaluating With Love)

The JEWEL Fair is March 14-18, 2011. This is a student fair with a large variety of areas in which students can enter projects, present performances, or enter games. There will be two planning meetings on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> & Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. This event is open to all homeschooling families in the Auburn/Opelika area with a fee of \$8 per entry for Ballard families & a fee of \$10 per entry for non-Ballard families. We will hold a BBQ fundraiser on October 9<sup>th</sup> to help families offset the fees for the JEWEL Fair. There will be a planning meeting for the BBQ sale on Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.

### Other Information

Contact Stephanie Strong, 334-524-6006, if you have any questions or are interested in 4-H.

### Insurance

All students enrolled with Ballard should have health insurance. If necessary, you can pick up information about AllKids and/or National Security Insurance at the school.

### Booster Club

This is an opportunity to Invest in your children and grandchildren. For \$100, it gives your family free admission to all home games for football and basketball.

### Football Field Advertisement

Businesses may buy ad signs to hang on the fence around the football field. The cost is \$300 for the 1st year and \$125 each year for following 2 years  
Or \$500 for the 3 years, if paid up front.

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