



# Back to School 2018-2019

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Dear Parents and Students,

I am very excited that the new school year is about to begin! It has been a busy summer at BCA as we have been planning for the school year ahead, ordering supplies, cleaning and improving our facility, and introducing new families to the school.

This letter will provide you with information about the upcoming school year.

First, some staff news:

**Mr. John Williams** – After 30 years Mr. Williams decided to retire from teaching. He will be dedicating more time to his charitable organizations as well as getting involved in the family business. He would like to thank all the parents and students for 10 amazing years at BCA at the overwhelming support he received. BCA will always have a special place in his heart! We wish him all the best and will miss him greatly.

**Mrs. Tara Goudreau** – After being at the school for two years in the role of EA and leading the Curtain Call program Tara has decided to stay closer to home and do some supply work. We will miss Tara's contributions to the school. Her warmth and professionalism will be greatly missed. We wish Tara all the best!

I am happy to welcome Mrs. Teri Hayward to the role of Administrative Assistant. I asked Teri to tell a little about herself:

Hello! Please let me introduce myself- our family has had the privilege to be part of BCA for the past year, perhaps you have seen me coming or going to SK with our daughter, Ridley. I love how the school operates as a small community- supporting students, staff and family while centered in Jesus Christ and I am grateful to have the opportunity to walk in Mrs. Van de Ban's footsteps. A perfect day for me would be spent with family and friends enjoying good food while sharing, dancing, some exercise, reading and watching comedy films. I look forward to meeting you and your family.



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## Welcome Staff in New Roles:

- **Mrs. Diana Skinner – JK Teacher** (Tuesdays and Thursdays) Diana has taught for three years before coming to BCA, first serving as a supply teacher, then an ESL teacher and Special Education teacher. We are excited to welcome her to the role of part time JK teacher with Mrs. Kim Beaman.
- **Mrs. Heather Bruinsma** – We welcome Heather back to BCA. Heather served as an Educational Assistant to a student last year and we are looking forward to having her teach Grade 1 on Mondays, Grade 3 on Tuesday and Thursdays and also teach Music to Grade 2-8 students.
- **Mrs. Michelle Collier** – We welcome Michelle back from her maternity leave with her third daughter Lauren. Michelle's role will be divided between teaching and school marketing and recruitment. We are happy to have Michelle back!
- **Mrs. Marika Bosuma** – Marika was a valued supply teacher last year and this year Marika will be working with a student as an EA and also helping out in our Special Education Department.

## BCA Staff 2018-2019

**JK**– Mrs. Kim Beaman, Mrs. Diana Skinner

**SK** – Miss Jane Shantz

**Grade 1** – Mrs. Colleen Izsak (Tuesday-Friday), Mrs. Heather Bruinsma (Monday)

**Grade 2** – Miss Jennifer Bye

**Grade 3** – Mrs. Candice Quesada (Monday, Wednesday, Friday), Mrs. Heather Bruinsma (Tuesday, Thursday)

**Grade 4** – Miss Teresa Hawton, Mrs. Michelle Collier

**Grade 5**– Miss Carolyn Bowler

**Grade 6** – Mr. Dan Cope

**Grade 7** – Mrs. Shannon Matter

**Grade 8** – Mr. JD Collier

**French JK–3** Mrs. Maria Makonnen, **Grade 4-8** – Mrs. Carol Struyk

**Music - Grade 2-8** – Mrs. Heather Bruinsma

**Special Education** – Mrs. Samantha Price

**Senior Programs:** **ALPA** – Mr. JD Collier, **EdVenture** -Mr. Dan Cope, **Curtain Call** – hiring in process, to be announced shortly.

**Administrative Assistant** – Mrs. Teri Hayward

**Educational Assistants** – Miss Jaclyn McCarthy, Ms. Carol Struyk, Mrs. Marika Bosuma, Mrs. Jennifer Cooke-Grigsby, Ms. Lynn Fisher

**School of the Arts Private Music Teachers** – Troy Harmer, Victoria Cox, Hillary Jamieson, Sarah Shelley

**Extended Care** – Aggi Krebber (Miss Aggi) will continue to lead the before care program that starts at 7:30 am each day. We are currently finalizing our staff for the aftercare program.



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**New Family Orientation Day, Thursday August 30** -If you are new or nearly new to the BCA community please plan to attend this event from 2-6 p.m. This is your informal opportunity to drop in (either with or without your children) to meet some of our incredible staff and other families new to the school this year, as well as having any of your questions answered regarding curriculum, uniforms, hot lunch programs, etc. This event is not mandatory to attend, but we hope you will join us as we happily welcome our new families to the school; if you are unable to attend, please know that there will be other opportunities to meet our school community throughout the first few weeks of school (e.g. Meet the Teacher Night, New Family Breakfast, First Day of School Chapel, etc.).

## **Opening Day Assembly, Tuesday September 4**

You are warmly invited to attend our opening assembly on Tuesday September 4 at 9:10 a.m. in the gymnasium. We will be introducing our school theme for the year.

## **Meet the Teacher Night and BBQ – Wednesday September 5 – 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

We hope you can attend this informative evening that starts with a family BBQ at 5:30 p.m. followed by teacher introductions and classroom information sessions, to meet the teachers and hear about what is planned for the year ahead.

The classroom sessions will be 15 minutes. There will be two formal sessions so you can visit more than one classroom.

**School Calendar** - Please be sure to visit the events page on our school website to view our school calendar for the year.

**School Of The Arts SOTA, Private Music Lessons**– the SOTA program at BCA offers private, half hour music lessons during the school day for your child. Lesson times are chosen in consultation with parents and teachers. From beginning musicians to student's preparations for Royal Conservatory of Music examinations, the SOTA program encourages all students through qualified, caring and enthusiastic teachers, regular feedback, performance opportunities around the school, and a final grand recital in June! There is an attachment included with the SOTA registration package and more information about the program.

Lessons will begin the third week of school following consultation with both teacher and parents to determine the best time slot for weekly lessons.



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**BCA Extended Care Program**– We are pleased to offer an extended care program where students receive care in a loving and nurturing environment. The Extended Care program opens at 7:30 a.m. every morning and runs until 6:00 p.m. after school. Families do not have to sign up in advance for this program. Families will be billed monthly. Students arriving in the morning after 8:30 a.m. will not be charged extended care fees. After care fees are charged beginning at 3:45 p.m.

<b>FEES</b>	<b>1 Child</b>	<b>2 Children</b>	<b>3+ Children</b>
Morning 7:30am-8:30 am	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$15.00
Afternoon session 3:45 pm – 6:00 pm	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$20.00

**BCA Uniform** –Our uniform company is DGN Kitlers. To see uniform items please visit the DGN website. Included with this Back to School letter is the Parent Handbook where the uniform policy is listed. All tops worn by students should be crested with the BCA logo. If wearing pants that are non-DGN, please ensure that they are navy, not faded blue or denim. If wearing shorts that are non-DGN they should be similar length as the uniform shorts. Shoes should be black, navy or dark coloured, with no colourful symbols/stripes or other markings. Laces should be dark coloured as well. Socks worn should be black, navy or white only. For gym classes, any proper running shoe can be worn, any colour.

**Car Pooling Request**– We have families, new to the school that live in the Carlisle area and are looking for families to car pool with. Please email Teri at the office if you are interested in car pooling and live in or close to that area.

I pray that the Lord will guide us as we together begin the 2018-2019 school year!

In Christ,

Heather Crossing  
Principal