

Bethune Carver Scholars Monthly Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- CAHMCP @IIT Field Trip 7th grade- Feb. 9th at 11:15am
- Chicago Freedom School for 8th graders— Feb. 21st
- YPP for 8th grade starts February 26th
- African American Living History Presentations February 29th - 7:00 pm

Field Trips

7th Grade

On Saturday, February 9, 2008 between **11:15am** and **5:30pm**, the 7th graders will be traveling to IIT to participate in the Chicago Area Health and Medical Careers Program (CAHMCP) CPR training. CAHMCP is a scholarship program for health and medical students. Your child will be trained in CPR lifesaving techniques and given certification. A stipend will be given to students participating, so a form including their Social Security Number will need to be filled out prior to the field trip and returned to Thérèse. Please look for these forms to come home with your student, fill them out and return them promptly. Thank you!

8th Grade

The 8th grade students will be traveling to the Chicago Freedom School on Thursday, February 21, 2008 during program time to view "Eyes on the Prize" and participate in a panel discussion. Students will be returning around **8:30pm**. Pick up will be from **TBC office**, parking is available on the street or in the alderman's lot.



New Events

In February, 8th graders will be having a special series on Healthy Eating for Kids. This Life skills series will introduce kids to healthy habits, organic foods and other topics in a fun interactive way. Please take time to discuss with your child what they are learning and encourage them to implement their new knowledge. The 7th grade students will have the opportunity to participate in this special series in March!

BCS 7th Grade students are continuing to participate in an Academic Enrichment Class in Forensic Science during February. They are using concepts from the popular TV show CSI to solve a "crime." Parents don't forget to ask your children about molecules and chemistry concepts they are learning!

YPP

Another important event is Young Peoples Project (YPP) sessions for 8th graders begin Tuesday, February 26, 2008. Sessions will be Tuesday and Thursdays and culminate in Flagway Competition in April. The date for the Competition is TBA. Parents are encouraged and welcome to join us to cheer on their student!

Testing is Important!



The Beloved Community wants to take the time to extend our sincere encouragement to all 7th Graders taking ISAT & Terra Nova tests in March.

Remember to pay attention in classes, review reading & math skills and important test skills before the tests! These tests are **extremely** important to students' academic career.

Scores from the 7th grade ISAT & Terra Nova tests determine if students are eligible to take the Selective Enrollment high school exams and ultimately where students can apply to high school in 8th grade. We encourage students to take advantage of all test preparation opportunities in the next month.

We are continuing our theme of Reaching for the Stars in preparing BCS students for High School. BCS will be providing some test preparation during program time.

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The purpose of this newsletter is to provide specialized information to our Bethune Carver Students and Parents. We hope it will be valuable to you, and you will share your opinions on the newsletter.

African American Speaking Series

St. Sabina Church will be hosting the following speakers in the next few months:



Marian Wright Edelman **Fri, Feb 15, 7:30pm** – Tickets on Sale now \$15

Susan L. Taylor – **Fri, Mar 7, 7:30pm** – Tickets on Sale after Feb 15th for \$15



Maya Angelou – **Fri, Mar 28, 7:30pm** – Tickets on Sale after Mar 7th for \$15



Contact Church Rectory at (773) 483-4300 for details and to purchase tickets.

Save the Date

Look forward to an exciting event for BCS!



Seventh and Eighth grade students will be participating in an enrichment activity which will culminate in student African American Living History Presentations.

Please save the date Friday, February 29th at 7:00 pm!

Congratulations

The Beloved Community wishes to extend our sincere congratulations to the following 8th graders who have been accepted into High Schools:

Jaylin – Curie IB program

Breanna – Thornton Fractional North

Parents: please remember to give TBC Staff or send to TBC office a copy of all High School acceptance letters for student files.