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Bethune Carver Scholars Monthly Newsletter

THE BELOVED COMMUNITY



Welcome Back

Welcome Back Bethune Carver Family and Happy 2009! We hope you all return to program with a renewed love for life and learning. We have a Spring Semester full of trips, activities and fun! As we begin, please take a few moments to reflect on your academic performance in the past, set goals for the present, and prepare for your future.

This first newsletter of 2009 is full of important dates and information. Take time to mark your calendars and prepare any outstanding paperwork to return to our staff. We appreciate your commitment to our program and hope we can continue to serve you. Best wishes for safe, healthy, and prosperous 2009!



Mandatory Parent Meeting

Our first Parent Meeting of 2009 is scheduled for **Thursday, January 8th at 6:30pm**. Parents for all BCS grades 7th-9th must attend. Several vendor representatives for summer programs will be presenting information about opportunities for our students over the summer. We will also be discussing program changes, program announcements, and upcoming events. Please plan to attend.

Student Workshop/ACT Classes Begin

Our next student workshop for 9th grade is scheduled for **Sunday, January 11th from 4:00pm to 6:30pm**. Students will have a presentation on how money works and financial planning. Parents are welcome to attend.

High School BCS students will begin ACT classes as a part of their program on **Tuesday, January, 13th @ 4:30pm to 6:00pm**, Classes will meet on Tuesdays & Thursdays through March 5th.

College Visit

A field trip is planned to Michigan State University for the 9th graders. We will travel to East Lansing, MI on **Monday, January 19th at 5:00am** for a tour and special activities. We expect to return to St. Sabina at 5:00pm. Any parents interested in attending this trip, please contact April or Thérèse at the TBC office by January 16th.

Did you complete your High School forms?

Eighth graders brought home a High School Information form in December. If you are in need of another form, please contact Thérèse or April at the TBC office. Please complete the form and have your child return it by Thursday, January 15th.

Special dates of interest:

- Parent Meeting Jan 8th @ 6:30pm
- High School BCS Student Workshop session Jan. 11th @ 4:00p-6:30pm
- High School BCS start ACT Classes Jan. 13 @ 4:30pm-6:00pm
- MI State College Visit for High School BCS Jan. 19th @ 5:00am

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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

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Good Luck!

Beloved Community wants to extend our sincere encouragement to all 8th Graders taking CPS Selective Enrollment and Catholic School Entrance Exams this month.

Remember to review important test skills before the exams!

Grades



Just a reminder to parents, please have your child bring in a copy of their progress reports and report cards for the most recent marking period. If necessary, TBC staff can make a copy of the original and return it to your child. This will greatly help us in collecting the information needed to track the academic success of your child.

Correction: From last Newsletter, we reported that Alicia Fleming had taken 1st Place in the Westcott Science Fair. Nia Dean won 1st Place and Alicia won 3rd Place. Both will be competing in regional Science Fair. Parents please forward your children's achievements so we may recognize them in future newsletters.



African American Speaking Series

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

Fri, Jan 23, 7:30 PM "A Conversation with Our Elders": Round Table Discussion with Harry Belafonte, Rev. Joseph Lowery, and Dr. C.T. Vivian—Tickets \$20 each are on Sale Now

Sun, Jan 25, 11:15 AM: Rev. Joseph Lowery --Church Sanctuary

Sun, Feb 8, 11:15 AM: Dr. Cornell West—Church Sanctuary

Fri, Feb 20, at 7:30 PM: Patti LaBelle-- Tickets on Sale after Jan 23rd for \$15

Fri, Mar 6, at 7:30 PM: Forrest Whitaker -- Tickets on Sale after Feb 20th for \$15

Fri, Mar 27, at 7:30 PM: May Angelou-- Tickets on Sale after Mar 6th for \$15

Tickets for each speaking event in the series typically go on sale at the conclusion of the previous event in the series.

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