

LESSONS FROM THE SENIORS



BY KATE CROPEY

The Seniors have had a great impact on the school as a whole through their trip to The Wilds. I'm sure all of them took away something from the trip, and they want us to as well. They had an amazing experience and made many decisions while they were there. Here are some big take-a-ways that they learned on their trip.

- The Wilds trip helped them come out of their comfort zone and talk to people they don't normally talk to.
- We try to depend on ourselves, but we can't hold ourselves up, so we should depend on God.
- Accountability is a big part of avoiding temptation.
- Christ forgave the ones who murdered Him, so why can't we forgive?
- You're not alone!
- God pursues us, and He wants us in His family.
- Where sin is great, Grace abounds.

We don't have to wait until we go to the Wilds to experience these truths. We can grow from and build on these testimonies and look forward to what the Lord will do in each of our lives today because the biggest take-away of all is God! It's all God!

YOU
SAID IT

WHAT DID YOU DO OVER THE SCACS BREAK?



Abigail Garner

"I helped sub in a K5 class of 16 boys and girls."

Lucas Hansen

"I went to Virginia for a cousin's wedding."

Thomas Zaspel

"I learned to solve the 3x3 Rubix cube in preparation for a Rubix competition in Georgia next month."

Madison Smith

"I went to Dollywood."



Jared Helriegel

"I went to the Ober Gatlinburg festival and rode a tram."



5 TIPS FOR SECOND QUARTER SURVIVAL

BY SEAN O'CONNOR

Congratulations reader! You just survived the first quarter! But don't get cocky. You still have three more quarters to go. So that begs the question: How can you improve from last quarter? Here are some tips that you may find helpful.

1. **Get a good night's sleep** - This is honestly the best thing you can do. Sleep keeps your brain sharp and focused, so make sure you get those eight hours of sleep.
2. **Ask more questions if things do not make sense** - It is hard to study what you do not understand. Talk to your teacher if things are not making sense.

MOOD BOARD COMPETITION

Have a Pinterest account? Love the aesthetic of fall? Love to create collage/inspiration boards? Well we have a competition for you! Make a fall-themed aesthetic board of any size and send it to bjatriangle@gmail.com. Our staff will choose one board to feature in the Triangle, and the designer will win a Chick-fil-A gift card!



3. **Make quizlets** - I know it is cliché, but you would be surprised how much they help.
4. **Take breaks** - Sometimes it helps to take a break. If you have been studying for a while and do not seem to be making any progress, go do something else for a bit. When you come back, you will be able to work with a clearer mind.
5. **Learn from your mistakes** - Let's face it: Everyone is going to fail at least one test or quiz. But instead of viewing it as a complete failure, view it as a way to learn what you need to work on.

OVERHEARD @ THE WILDS

- "Guys, the history channel is really weird at 3 am."
- "Did you know that Cleopatra lived closer to the first opening of a pizza hut than the building of the pyramids?"
- "Ah! My armpit!"
- "This is survival of the fittest and I am not fit."
- "I feel like a beached whale."
- "Grandmas are moms too."
- "Is this Heaven? Wait, Heaven doesn't hurt this much."
- "She's not running on Energizer, she's running on Duracell."
- "If I die, at least I know Jesus!"
- "My elbow shin hurts!"
- "I'm not as short as I think I am!"
- "Ok, now squat."
- "Come over to my house for some bacon!"
- "If you keep harassing my scalp..."
- "My brain has transpired and everything else has expired."
- "Ah! My tailbone!"
- "Oh! It's you! Our bus driver!"
- "Why would our bus driver be picnicking on the side of the highway?"
- "Aha! I used geometry!"

SIMPLY GETTING IN

BY LAURA WEAVER



The girl was grateful for Candace and Bella's request to eat lunch with them. Although she had attended that school for three years, she had always felt out of place since she was quite the introvert with severe social anxiety. For that reason she almost declined their request, but she decided that would only make the situation more awkward.

She sat down, silently accepting their invitation.

"I don't think we've met. I'm Candace. What's your name?"

"Susan," she replied then added quietly, "I think we have Algebra together, fifth hour."

Just as she was halfway through her statement, there was an outburst of unrelated laughter at a nearby table, leaving Susan unheard.

Candace attempted to clarify, "What? Sorry, I couldn't hear you."

"Nevermind," she said, "Nothing important."

Lunch went on and the conversation centered mainly between Candace and Bella with very few interjections by Susan, mainly because each topic was something that she wasn't involved with or interested in. She understood that they didn't mean to exclude her, but she did recognize that it was happening.

When she finished her lunch before her tablemates, she wondered whether she should make up an excuse to leave or find a reason to stay. Her conscience told her she should stay, but as she wasn't involved in conversation she decided to get her computer out and appear to be working on something important.

As she did so, she remembered that she did have something important to do, and it was due next hour.

Her thoughts raced, I never finished my Algebra homework last night! How could I have been so thoughtless? How am I going to finish in thirty minutes? I didn't understand anything from the lesson yesterday.

Just as Susan was trying to process how she was going to excuse herself so she could go find a quiet place to figure it out, Bella exclaimed:

"Oh, I just remembered I still have a couple of

problems on my math homework that I need to finish before seventh hour!" She immediately got out her math homework and notes and began to frantically work the last few problems.

This is my moment! Susan thought, I just need to look like I'm working on my homework, and just copy down her answers! There's no other way for me to finish my homework on time.

Her conscience fought back, "What makes you think the teacher would believe that you could have a perfect homework paper? And besides, that would be cheating!"

"Right, that homework was tough, I need to finish it too," she said, reluctantly deciding that she shouldn't cheat.

As she got her papers out, she remembered that she was missing several blanks from the notes because she was trying too hard to understand the lesson.

She winced as Bella noticed the blanks on her paper, but then was relieved as her new friend offered her completed notes, allowing her to fill them in.

"Thank you so much! I was really having trouble with yesterday's lesson."

"No problem!" Bella replied.

Even after she had filled in the missing spots in her notes, she couldn't seem to understand. Thankfully, Bella noticed her hesitation and offered her help by better explaining the notes.

The bell rang, signaling the end of lunch, but not until both girls' homework was completed with full confidence.

As the three of them gathered their things, Candace asked Susan, "So, what class do you have next?"

"Algebra, same as you."

"Really?" she responded with a genuine smile, "That's great! We should sit together."

"Yeah, we should."

The End





BJA SPEECH AND DEBATE UNDERWAY!

The competition season has finally begun, but Speech and Debate at BJA has been up and running since the first week of August. After graduating 15 strong seniors in May, the team worked hard to recruit new members. An energetic group including many brand new BJA students has filled the team to one of the largest in recent years. The team members bonded at the August speech camp as well as decided what speech events to participate in along with what speeches to give. Debaters (who are honors students in the 3rd hour debate class) have written debate cases, and public speakers have written oratories and informative speeches and expositions. Interpreters have found declamations, children's literature as well as dramatic and humorous stories to present. All of this has included team meetings and individual coaching sessions. And finally, the first tournament of the season hosted by Riverside High School proved our students ready. A team of 35 competed in a wide range of speaking events. The results were 21 trophies of which 5 were firsts! Congratulations to Graham Edwards, Jonathan Kamdar, Abella Edwards, Lyvia Miller, and Coralie Lawrence for taking first in their events. And, the team was the overall FIRST place team!

This past weekend the team traveled to the Charlotte area to compete against North and South Carolina schools at North Mecklenburg HS. This is the first trip back to an in person tournament in Charlotte since the 2020 pandemic forced tournaments to virtual competitions. BJA students won 20 trophies including two FIRSTS won by Jonathan Kamdar and Wesley Wolfe. Overall the team came in second place!

After two tournaments, most of the new team members are now eligible for membership in the National Speech and Debate Association. This honor society is the largest speech and debate organization in the nation. Members achieve honor degrees based on placement at tournaments and also service opportunities. Additionally, based on academic achievement and tournament successes, students can earn the honor of being an NSDA Academic All American. Currently two juniors have reached this status: congratulations to Abigail Garner and Madigan Lawlor.

The team elected Graham Edwards, Abella Edwards and Madigan Lawlor as team captains. The captains' first duty was to design and order team shirts. Look for team members wearing these on Fridays! Captains lead the Tuesday team meetings. They also have the privilege of representing our school on stage any time the team wins an overall school award.

October 15 Bob Jones Academy will host its 36th annual invitational tournament. BJA has the longest standing tradition in South Carolina as a tournament host. Schools from a four state area will converge on our campus. Our students will not compete but will serve in the concessions area or as greeters or as judge lounge hosts or in the tabulation room. This is a huge service opportunity for the team bringing in many schools that would not normally come to our campus.

Throughout the school year the team would ask for your prayers as they travel and compete. Pray for the actual competitions but also pray for opportunities to be an example of the believers through our words and through our deeds.

NORTH MECKLENBURG HS RESULTS

Returning to in person tournaments in Charlotte for the first time since 2020, the BJA team proved again ready and strong! We praise the Lord for safe travels, for excellent competition, and for the 10 parents and grads that attended as judges.

Parents that got up early and served all day as BJA judges included Shawn Chisholm, Pam Snyder, Lauri Trotter, John and Monique Dahlinger, Phil Meissner.

- 2nd Place Team Award!!
- Ari Snyder 4th HI
- Graham Edwards (2-2) Varsity LD
- Madigan Lawlor 2nd Varsity LD
- Delaney Lawlor (2-2) Novice LD
- Jacoby Chisholm 2nd in Novice LD (4-0)
- Jonathan Kamdar 1st in Novice LD (4-0)
- Abigail Garner 4th in Storytelling
- Ben King 3rd in Storytelling
- Coralie Lawrence 2nd in Storytelling
- Kate Cropsey 5th in Declamation
- TJ Dahlinger 3rd in Declamation
- Carson Baugham 2nd in Declamation
- Wesley Wolfe 1st in Declamation
- Abigail Garner 5th in DI
- Ryn Snyder 4th in DI
- Abby Goff 6th in Expository
- Kun Li 3rd in Expository
- Grace Trotter 5th in Impromptu
- Abella Edwards 2nd in Impromptu
- Lena Poitevent 2nd in Novice Reading
- Grace Trotter 4th in Oratory
- Julianna Kovalevich 2nd in Programmed Oral Interp





Today's

BIRTHDAYS

Things are getting hot! On this day in 79 AD, Mount Vesuvius erupted, raining down ash and flame upon the city of Pompeii. This disaster caused nearly 16,000 casualties: a little over five times that of 9/11. Crazy, right? Sadly enough, it is believed the people of Pompeii were oblivious to the fact they lived next to a volcano. How you could be oblivious to that is a mystery, but there's no doubt they figured it out pretty quickly after the eruption. This event also caused them to officially dub these fiery mountains "volcanoes" after the Roman god of fire Vulcan, a term we still use today.

MINISTRY MOMENT

Every year during BJU's Homecoming, the Bob Jones community hosts an educational street fair complete with learning booths, craft booths, and many other activities for children of all ages. Food trucks and inflatables also make an appearance for a full day of fun. The event seeks to reach the Greenville community to show forth the love of Christ. The Academy had the opportunity to host a couple booths as well, including a face painting station and a Robotics Team demonstration station. Liam and a few BJA cheerleaders entertained the crowds, and Spirit Squad members greeted families.

Emma Blankenship	10/14
Karis Bumgardner	10/15
Nathaniel Driskell	10/16
Alyssa Autry	10/17
Katie Nguyen	10/19
Mrs. Batdorf	10/19
Joshua Davis	10/21
Anna Castel	10/22
Jenna Ericson	10/23
Luke Hall	10/24
Ethan Cancino	10/25
Christian Smith	10/26
Mackenzie Sparrow	10/27
CT Richardson	10/27
Grace Trotter	10/28



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