



Parent Newsletter Middle School



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Happy New Year! January 2012

Beginning With Children Charter Middle School is striving for Success For ALL!

Parents we need your support. We are now offering suggestions that can help you help your child with their homework and to be better scholars.

- Set a regular time for homework everyday. Parents please be advised that your children receive homework **EVERY NIGHT**. Please communicate with your child's teachers weekly to keep up to date on the Homework Policy and the Nightly Homework assignments.
- Pick a comfortable place with adequate lighting and space for homework completion.
- Remove all distractions. Parents your children should not have access to cell phones, computers, video games, iPods, iPads, etc. after 7:00pm. **Also, if your child has a Facebook account, you MUST have the password.** You should monitor your child's comments on Facebook frequently. Look at the times they are posting messages. Our administration has found our scholars on Facebook after 10:00pm on school nights. Please monitor.
- Provide adequate school supplies. Paper, pencils and pens must be easily accessible. School supplies are available upon request.
- Review your child's homework every night. Check for spelling, grammar and content. Ask you child questions about the topics they are studying in school. Show a vested interest through your questions in your child's education.
- Help your child get organized. Go through the book bag nightly. Have your child place work in the correct folders and sections in their notebooks.
- Finally, praise your child for all accomplishments large and small!

Professional Development Day

January 25, 2012

SCHOOL CLOSED

Please be reminded that Beginning with Children Charter Schools will be closed. Please make accommodations.

The Parent/Teacher Association Meeting will be on **Tuesday January 10, 2012 at 6:00pm in the Middle School Auditorium.**

After the meeting, the following awards will be distributed...

Scholar of the Month, Scholar of Literacy Creativity, Scholar of Mathematics And Scholar of Scientific Exploration.

Thank you for your support!

Parent Workshops

Parents you are urged to attend the instructional workshops facilitated by BwCCS Teachers. Crucial information is provided. We value your time and the support of the scholars.

Special Events:

Principal's Breakfast:

January 6, 2012

9:00am-10:00am

Middle School Café

All Parents K-8 are Welcomed!



Science Scholar Academy for Select Scholars

Mondays

Beginning January 23, 2012

Please sign permission slips.



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 16, 2012

School Closed

Please make accommodations.

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Mission Statement

Beginning with Children Charter School is a diverse, caring and nurturing learning community that fosters high academic achievement and the development of ethical character for elementary and middle school scholars. An enriched curriculum and dynamic partnerships between the school, families and community enable all scholars to excel. Continual assessment and evaluation enhance the educational program. BwCCS prepares graduates for success in high school, college and beyond by developing independent thinkers and active citizens.

Parent Workshops

Parent Writing Workshop with Ms. Emanuel in Room 413 . Afternoon & Evening Sessions

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

12:10pm– 1:00pm

Tuesday, January 10 2012

4:00pm– 5:00pm

Receive Curriculum Expectations, Portfolio Requirements, Materials, Skills and Strategies to support your child in writing.

**BwCCS Board Meeting
 Lower School Library
 Thursday, January 12, 2012
 5:30pm**

Guidance Corner

- High School Applications were due in December . Please make sure you and your child signed the application. If you haven't please do so by January 6, 2012.
- Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School is still accepting applications. Please call Ms. Marie at 718-455-3555 to schedule an appointment as soon as possible.
- Apply to SSP if interested in attending a Catholic high school or Martin Luther High School. There are limited seats available, so please apply as early as possible. (SSP is a scholarship based on income).
- Open House Presentation for 5th grade parents. Please attend and meet the Alumni, Parents of alumni, and learn about our Middle School Curriculum, High School Prep, and sports clubs. This will be held on Jan 18, 2012 at the Middle School Library. At 5:30 with Ms. Margie Pardo and Ms. Cheila Lopez.

Inspire Commitment-Our Ethical Character Trait in our children for the New Year! New Year! New Beginnings!

We are on the Web!
<http://www.bwccschool.org>
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Homework Help

Homework help is available on Mondays and Fridays 3:10pm-5:10pm with Ms. Levine an

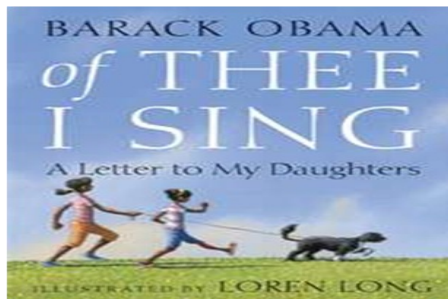
Principal's Book Club

Let your child read a book to you today. The race to read 25 Books! Scholars are celebrated monthly.

Parent Book Club

Book of the Month

“ Of THEE I SING: *A Letter to My Daughters*” by Barack Obama Illustrated by Loren Long. Come and read what your child is reading with our Librarian Ms. DeLancy and Ms. Lewis.



**Ethical Character Trait:
 Commitment
 Monday, January 9, 2012
 Room 401
 10:40am Middle School Library**

Saturday Academy at the Middle School

Saturday Academy begins January 7, 2012 for select scholars from 9:30am-12:30pm Attendance in Advised. Lunch will be served. Progress Reports were mailed out the week of December 16, 2011. There are many scholars still not completing class work and homework assignments. Parents please review the Middle School Promotion/Grading Policy

Middle School Grading Policy

Test/Exam	30%
Projects	20%
Homework	15%
Class work/ Class Participation	20%
Quiz	15%

Performance Level 2 is NOT a passing score. Performance Level 2 indicates that the scholar is **approaching** grade level. Only Performance Levels 3 and 4 are passing scores. The Scholar Weekly Academy and the Saturday Academy sessions are designed to support the scholars. The scholars must pass all subjects and exams to qualify for a June Promotion. Promotion in Doubt letters will be mailed February 2012.