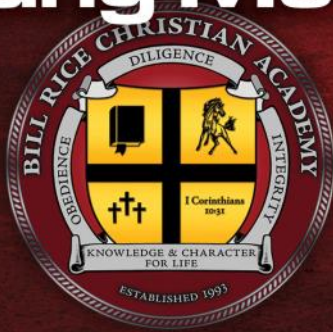


Mustang Message



January 2024

The 20-Year Projected Value of Roads By Nathan Reeves

Rutherford County is the second fastest growing county in all of Tennessee. There are currently around 365,000 residents, and it is being projected to grow to almost 600,000 in the next 20 years. More people means more of everything else. The businesses and homes will have to keep up. They facilitate the growth. But what about the roads? If the population grows by 64%, will they add 64% more roads? This is impossible. The obvious answer is "no." So roads will become more important, right? They will become more valuable. The scarcer the item, the higher its value.

Like the county roads, I'm afraid that during this same time frame, Christian schools will not be able to keep up either. The percentage of Christian schools per capita will decrease during a time where they will be needed most (our society is not getting better). As the population increases, the need increases. The value also increases. BRCA is valuable to all our families for many reasons. These reasons are important today, but they will only become more important as time goes on.

The first reason is probably the most noticeable – a small school environment. While we certainly have grown over the last several years, we're nowhere near the 1,000+ students at the public elementary school five miles down the road. When a school has a large number of students, children can get lost in the shuffle. Our students tend to all know each other. The same is true for a lot of parents within their child's class. In the classroom, individual help is often given at BRCA. Several times each year, we set up individualized incentive programs for students who need the extra help and motivation. We are also able to do more one-on-one with our

students in the classroom and in Help Class. Plus, we do more than most schools do when it comes to special activities, fieldtrips, theme days, Middle School teams, Reward Trips, etc. Students just get more at BRCA.

The second reason BRCA is important is our curriculum. Because we use Abeka Book, our students learn every subject from a Christian perspective. They are unashamedly taught Who created us in science, our country's Christian heritage in history, and that God is a God of order in math, language, and penmanship. We attempt to bring the Bible out in every subject. Abeka is also top-notch academically. Last year, the average BRCA student scored 1.0-1.5 levels higher than the average student that takes national standardized testing (Stanford Achievement Test) because of our thorough teachers and our curriculum.

The third reason is our Character Development Program. Many schools focus on fine arts or sports. Others care only about grades. But these schools do not invest the time and effort to "train up a child." At BRCA, character is doing right apart from outside influences. These influences include awards and punishments. We aim to instill in our students a desire to do the right thing (if everyone is looking or if no one is). Doing right is priority number one at BRCA.

We believe God has put BRCA in just the right place at just the right time. I hope Christian education is very important to you, and I hope you'll continue to partner with us as we work with you to develop knowledge and character in your child.



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Current Events

January - Reenrollment Month

We hope you'll be back with us next school year because there's so much more work to do! At BRCA, we greatly value **knowledge & character**, and we're never satisfied with our students' progress. We hope to accomplish even more next year. The Abeka curriculum is a spiral curriculum—each year builds upon the previous year. BRCA students average 1.0 -1.5 grade-levels higher than the average student taking standardized testing. And there's so much more character training to be done as well. Each teacher has their own unique take on each trait they teach. All this to say...we'd love to continue serving your family! Reenrollment information will come home soon.



Jan. 12 Middle School Color Rush

Middle School students will wear as much of their team's color as possible at this full-of-fun day! And 5th graders get to join us!

Jan. 12 Culottes Check

All girls need to get approval for any culottes they plan on wearing this semester for theme days, fieldtrips, P.E., etc.

Jan. 15 MLK Day

No school! Enjoy the day off.

Jan. 16 Parent/Teacher Meeting

Because communication is so important, please make sure you attend to hear how your child has done this quarter and how they can improve next quarter.

Jan. 19 Hillbilly Day

Our 3rd-8th graders get to try a brand new theme day! Come dressed as a back-woods hillbilly that's ready to have some fun!

Jan. 25 & 26 Parent Days

Plan on attending Parent Day and get a glimpse of what your Elementary child has been learning all year. Bring your child to class and stay until it ends at 8:45. We hope you can join us and all the other parents!



#PixOfTheMonth



Students of the Month

Adeline Lange: Adeline has consistently shown integrity in class and has made good choices. She is an excellent example to other students! I'm so proud of you, Adeline!

Elias Dehmlow: Elias shows integrity when we play gorilla ball. He quickly gets out when tagged. He has also been honest when he knew he may get in trouble for doing so.

Sirenty Robinson: Sirenty worked hard this month on showing integrity. She told the truth, even if she thought she would get in trouble. She also did her best to not talk when she wasn't supposed to, not even a whisper.

Bryar Benefield: Bryar is an excellent example of integrity! If he forgets to do something or if he did something he was not supposed to do, he raises his hand to tell me his mistake instead of waiting for me to find out.

Elizabeth McQuiston: I can always count on Elizabeth to use integrity. I appreciate her honesty, even in hard situations. Proud of you, Elizabeth!

Olivia Michello: Olivia is the student of the month because she is consistent with integrity. She is quiet when she is supposed to be and is careful to always follow the rules, even when playing. I never have to wonder if she will do right when I leave the room.

Aubrey Conway: Aubrey does her best to obey God even when no one is looking. She always admits when she does wrong and takes responsibility for her actions. Thanks for being a great example, Aubrey!

Character Trait of the Month:

RESPONSIBILITY

Definition: being accountable for your actions; fulfilling your duties

Examples:

1. Do what you say you will do.
2. Make your room job a priority, and do it to the best of your ability each day.
3. Never respond with an excuse ("I was just...").

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