



PreK3-8th Grade PROFILE 2016-2017

BOCA RATON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL is a special place for your child! BRCS was established in 1973 and is located in downtown Boca Raton. We are excited that you are exploring all that we have to offer. Take a few minutes and read through this profile. Most importantly, remember that Boca Christian is committed to encouraging students to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ and providing for academic excellence! Boca Christian students come from Boca Raton, Delray Beach, Deerfield Beach, Boynton Beach, Lake Worth, Lighthouse Point, Pompano Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, Parkland, Coconut Creek, Coral Springs, Palm Beach and represent over 100 churches.

GENERAL INFORMATION – Enrollment PreK-12th Grade - 575 Students. **PreK3-K5** - various programs and times from 8:05-2:40 pm; **1st-5th Grade** - 8:05 am-3:00 pm; **6th-12th Grade** - 7:50 am-2:46 pm. After school care is available through grade 5 with special accommodations for middle school students not in activities. BRCS has annual TerraNova3 National Standardized testing. They are accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), the Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS), the Florida Kindergarten Council (FKC), and AdvancEd/SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools).

FACULTY—Twenty-eight teachers hold Bachelor’s degrees, twenty-three Master’s degrees and one Doctoral Degree.

HIGH ACHIEVEMENT - Boca Christian provides a well disciplined, caring, and challenging instructional environment that promotes high achievement. In 2015 over 89% of our students in K5-11th grade scored above grade level on the TerraNova3. High School achievements include: AP Scholar Awards, perfect 800 SATs, National Merit Scholarship Finalists, Semi-finalists and Commended recognitions. Based on the 2015/16 Terra Nova Scores, our high school placed in the top 15% of the nation’s high schools academically (which is the Blue Ribbon prerequisite). Data for K5-8th grade from our spring 2016 TerraNova3 National Standardized testing is shown below.

Grade	Percent of BRCS Students At or Above Grade Level	BRCS Percentile By Grade	BRCS Grade Equivalent	National Average Grade Equivalent	BRCS Difference Above National Average
K	98	88	1.3	K.8	0.5
1	98	88	2.7	1.8	0.9
2	93	88	3.9	2.8	1.1
3	76	73	5.1	3.8	1.3
4	80	76	5.9	4.8	1.1
5	75	77	8.0	5.8	2.2
6	81	83	9.6	6.8	2.8
7	97	86	11.2	7.8	3.4
8	100	91	13	8.8	4.2

GRADED SUBJECTS - In addition to the core subjects of English, Bible, Math, Science, and Social Studies, BRCS offers: Academically Talented Program, Art, Computer Education, Honors Algebra, Library Skills, Music, Band, Choir, Bell Choir, Vocal Ensemble, Physical Education, HTML Web Programming, Speech & Debate, Spanish and French.

COMMUNICATION - To build an effective school, Boca Christian has placed great emphasis on intensifying communication with parents. Communication includes: ParentsWeb, new parent/student orientation, school newsletters, all-school parent/teacher conferences, progress reports, and weekly information emails through ParentsWeb.

THEME PROGRAM – Annual BRCS themes have dealt with America, Creativity, Excellence, Diligence, Truth, Renewal, Courage, Stewardship, Confidence, the Environment, Challenge, Transformation, Strength, Faithfulness, Power, Love, and Self-Discipline. Our 2016-17 theme is: **“BLAZERS Let Your Light SHINE,” from Eph. 5:8.**

READING & WRITING – The school theme program has a commendable reading emphasis. This program provides a motivational environment that encourages reading. Elementary students read silently daily. Sixth grade has a sustained silent reading program also. The “Book It” Pizza Hut reading program adds fun to the elementary program. Students through 5th grade in 2015-16 read an amazing 38,169 book equivalents during this last year. The school 1st – 12th grade curriculum includes “The Six Traits of Writing” Program. The school has a Young Author’s Club for grades 3-5.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Environmental Club (Grades 2-4), Math Competition (Grades 3-5) Club, Young Authors Club (Grades 3-5), Middle School Advisory Group (Grades 6-8), First Lego League/Robotics Club (Grades 1-3 and then 4-6), Literature Clubs (grades 3-12), Co-ed Sports for spring soccer, volleyball and basketball (Grades 3-5). Competitive co-ed elementary soccer (grades 4-5).

PROGRAMS	Grades Offered	PROGRAMS	Grades Offered
Academic Competitions	1-8	Graphic Design	8
ACSI Math Olympics		KAPLA Club	3-5
ACSI Spelling Bee		Educational Building Blocks	
American Mathematics Competition (Gr.8)		Language	
Duke University Talent Award		French	6-8
Fast Math Program		Spanish	6-8
Continental Math League		Literature Clubs	6-12
Florida Math League		Media Center	
Geography Bee		Library Class	K4-5
Speech Meet		Research Skills	6-8
Writing Competition		Music	K-12
Academically Talented	2-5	Open Computer Lab	1-8
Art	K5-8	(after school)	
Athletic Programs		Presidential Awards	5-12
Competitive Sports	6-8	Robotics Club	1-12
Physical Education	1-8	Jr. FLL Florida Lego League	1-4
Band/ Marching Band	5-12	FLL Florida Lego League	5-7
Bible Drill	6-8	FTC FIRST Tech Challenge	8-12
Computer Education	1-8	Science	
Drama	6-8	Elem. Science Fair	1-5
Elementary Reading Program	1-5	(Class Projects)	
Environmental Club	2-4	MS Science Fair	6-8
Excellent Etiquette	8	Six Traits of Writing	1-12
Extended School	PreK3-5th	Student Council	6-8

DISCIPLINE - The school seeks to maintain a caring, disciplined environment. We endeavor to concentrate on positive methods of discipline. BRCS works with the home to help encourage strong character development and self-discipline. Disciplinary steps may include parent-teacher conferences, administrative conferences, lunch and after-school detentions, as well as Saturday detentions.

MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPETITIVE SPORTS - Boys: Baseball, Basketball, Football, Golf, Soccer, Tennis; Girls: Basketball, Cheerleading, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball; Co-Ed: Cross-Country, Track.

CAMPUS FACILITIES – Situated on approximately 22 lush acres, the campus includes a 3-in-1 Athletic Field, Gymnasium, East and West campus playgrounds, dynamic Media Center with over 27,000 materials, including CD, DVD, and AV collections as well as multiple computers for student use. Innovative Computer Lab with 28 All-In-One computer work stations, hands-on Art Room, Band and Music Rooms and Science Labs. Portable I-Pad carts in Grades 2 and 4 and 25 Elmo Smart Boards to enhance the learning experience. 450 Seat Dining Room and a 500 Seat Chapel/Performing Arts Venue. “Blazing Ahead” proposed plans for new two-story Academic/Fitness building with 10 additional classrooms & STEM enhancements.

PARENTS - The school offers many opportunities for parental involvement through our Parent Teacher Fellowship, e.g., homeroom moms, library volunteers, lunchroom assistants, Parents in Prayer, art room aides, copy moms, Serve-A-Thon (annual community outreach and family picnic), hospitality, Little Sparks, Booster Club, as well as volunteers for fall fundraiser, yearbook ad campaign, annual auction, BoosterThon & our Annual Fund Event, “Blazing Ahead.”

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