

1ST-8TH GRADE PROFILE



NWEA MAP STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT SCORES

- o K-12 exceeds national reading, language, and math averages
- o Grades 3 - 11 far exceed national language averages

AWARD-WINNING EDUCATION

- o Two-time Department of Education Blue Ribbon Award Winner
- o Deaver Foundation Award of Excellence in Teaching
- o 100% of school leadership team 20+ year tenure

ACCREDITATIONS

- o Palm Beach County Green School of Excellence Award of Excellence in Teaching
- o ACSI Exemplary School for Use of Technology in Education
- o National Council of Teachers for English 8X Award Winner for BRCS Literary Magazine
- o Cognia
- o Florida Council of Independent Schools
- o Association of Christian Schools International

BOCA RATON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL (BRCS) is a nationally recognized, accredited, Christ-centered college preparatory school. BRCS develops Christian leaders of influence for tomorrow, nurtures academic excellence, and inspires Christian character.

PARENTS' CHOICE In a 2023 BRCS Net Promoter survey, 95% of alumni parents recommend BRCS and 97% will recommend BRCS in the future. Top five reasons: 1) Leader in faith-based education. 2) Good reputation for a balanced educational experience. 3) Known for whole child education. 4) Students graduate with good character. 5) Boca Raton Christian School education is worth the cost.

WHOLE CHILD EDUCATION Students grow academically, spiritually, emotionally, and socially at BRCS. Regardless of pandemics, world disorder, politics or societal opposition to Biblical Truths, BRCS persists in delivering a superior, secure, challenging, and well-rounded experience to prepare students for high school, college, and career.

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW Students are encouraged to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ. Biblical principles are integrated into the curriculum, exemplified in administration, faculty, and staff, demonstrated through service projects, practiced in weekly chapel, and honed during Spiritual Emphasis activities. Traditional values, particularly around topics that defy Biblical principles are protected, upheld, and enforced through steadfast guidelines and actions. Families move their children from other private schools to BRCS for this reason.

SECURITY Full-time security staff with prior law enforcement experience and first responder training patrol each campus. Exterior doors, gates, windows, and classrooms are locked and security cameras are installed. Badges are required for entry and visitors are screened through the Raptor Security national database. Staff, faculty, and parents who volunteer regularly are fingerprinted and background checks are conducted. Security, fire, and severe weather drills are conducted regularly.

Our Mission is to encourage students to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ and to provide for academic excellence. **Our Vision** is to equip all students to live courageous lives of impact as Christian leaders advancing a Biblical worldview.

Boca Raton Christian School admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

TECHNOLOGY & RESOURCES

1:1 access to Chromebooks and Google Workspace for Education

STEAM Makerspace—Hands-on, interactive, high-tech space with 3D Digital Printers, Robots, Coding and Gaming programs, Green Screen, and iPads

Science Labs, Art, Band, Music, Gym & Weight Room, Batting Cage, 3-in-1 Athletic Field (Baseball, Football, Soccer), Age-specific Playgrounds

Custom, State-of-the-Art Multi Sport Court

All-new Multi-media Center, 500-seat Performing Arts Venue, 360-seat Dining Room

Free access to Tutor.com (2nd-12th grade)

LEADERSHIP

Len Visser, M.Ed.
Head of School

Wendy Stapleton, M.Ed.
Associate Head of School

Luiza Goundry, M.Ed.
Dean of Curriculum and Instruction

Robin Smith, M.Ed.
Lower School Principal

Clint Erickson, M.Ed.
Middle School Principal

Ty Shiver, M.Ed.
Coordinator of School Counseling

Elizabeth Petrocelli, B.A.
Director of Admissions & Marketing

CLASS INFORMATION

- o 760 students at Boca Raton Christian School (52% diversity)
- o 1st–8th Grade = 437
- o Average Class Size = 23
- o Extended School Program is available through 8th grade

PARENTS ARE PARTNERS Parents and family members are encouraged to volunteer and connect with other families through opportunities such as Parents in Prayer and volunteering opportunities in homerooms, for the annual auction, in athletics, for the Science Fair, and Serve-a-thon.

ELEMENTARY Students master core academic concepts and enrichment activities such as music, art, physical education, Spanish, STEAM (Science, Tech, Engineering, Art, Math). Students compete in the Science Fair, math and spelling competitions, Bible Drills, and enjoy competitive athletics (5th grade only). Academically Talented in grades 2-5 explore STEAM concepts.

MIDDLE SCHOOL 6-8 grade students are challenged through core curriculum and STEAM, world languages, technology, physical education, music, art, drama, chapel, and competitive interscholastic athletics. Eighth grade students participate in career exploration and etiquette. Middle school students compete in the Science Fair and academic competitions, English Honors courses and eighth grade students can enroll in high school-level math classes.

The Aquarium/Terrarium class is a MS elective on tank design and maintenance, animal care, proper handling skills and safety measures when handling snakes, lizards, turtles, and fish.

STEAM MAKERSPACE Students collaborate, explore, and engage in STEAM activities and elective classes that challenge them to think creatively, invent and develop new ideas, test and prove their theories, engineer solutions, and solve problems in an innovative way. Students use their minds, hands, hearts, and teaming skills to interact with technology and each other through 3D digital printers, robots, coding, gaming, building, marketing, selling, and photography/videography.

COUNSELING SERVICES* *The counseling staff supports students in navigating academic, social-emotional, career, and personal development goals*, utilizing God's Word and the best counseling practices. All school counselors have a master's degree or higher.

ADMISSIONS We are a covenant Christian school and seek Families who have a commitment to Christian education along with the student's academic history, conduct, and performance on standardized achievement tests is considered for admission.

SCHOOL BACKGROUND For 50 years, BRCS has offered a superior education on a spacious 21-acre campus in the heart of Boca Raton. BRCS is an independent PreK3–12th grade school and is a ministry of Boca Raton Community Church.

