



ADVANCEMENT AT BEREAN

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WHAT IS "ADVANCEMENT"

Nearly 97% of schools have to use fundraising dollars to make their annual budget - 97%! Financially, Berean operates within the top 3% of Christian schools as we do not rely on fundraising to operate, but we do rely on external donations for strategic development of campus operations, school development, and departmental initiatives. This is one avenue of school advancement as we are intentionally seeking to maximize school resources through donations to enhance student learning and well-being. As part of building this program, we recognize those who give or are willing to potentially give to a school need to know that the school is stewarding financial gifts wisely. The intent of this newsletter is to provide a brief overview of the Boosterthon fundraiser and how these funds were invested into the school and its students. Operational costs outlined include Boosterthon charges as well as the cost of internal prizes for students and families.

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BOOSTERTHON

TOTAL DONATIONS

\$78,800

OPERATIONAL
COST

\$12,000

Initiatives

- Campus Security
- Preschool & Elementary Learning Enrichment
- Upper School Lunch Equipment
- Teacher Resources
- Strategic Savings

CAMPUS SECURITY

Several security upgrades took place on campus because of the generous support of families. Preschool classrooms were outfitted with a secondary locking system for each door in each classroom. Six additional digital radios were purchased to supplement our current inventory. These were greatly needed because our staff has increased in size. The elementary lobby is in the process of being equipped with Raptor self check-in stations which will assist visitors with a more convenient check-in method. The Upper School building was also outfitted by Clear Armor with a protective, impact-resistant film which also helps provide a visual layer of security with reflective material.



STUDENT LEARNING ENRICHMENT

Enrichment classes and activities not only add variety to students during the school day but also enhance students' ability to learn holistically through experiencing several learning styles including hands-on and inquiry-based learning. Fundraising dollars were used in multiple departments for these classes including preschool and elementary to improve student learning experiences in classes such as physical education and STEM. Previous funding was used last year to acquire specimen refrigerators for the upper school science laboratory as part of the overall initiatives to improve the Academy's STEM program. Funding from this year's Boosterthon has also been earmarked to provide funding throughout the year for all specials teachers in preschool and elementary.

TEACHER RESOURCES

Berean intentionally works each year to ensure teachers are provided with the resources that they need in order to maximize their teaching impact inside the classroom. Outside of budgeted classroom supplies and teacher stipends, fundraising provides teachers with resources to enable them to make an even greater impact on student learning and the learning environment. Your support this year provided several items including a preschool laminator, table, and shredder while also enabling the school to equip the growing intervention department which assists students with learning disabilities.



UPGRADED LUNCH EQUIPMENT

Based on family and student survey data, new upper school lunch equipment was purchased to provide students with more lunch options including a cold salad bar and new serving stations to give more options to students while keeping their food warmer for longer. The recent addition of a taco serving bar has been a big hit with the students!