



# Patriot Nation Weekly

4/4/25

## From the Principal's desk...

Happy April! We'd like to send out a big CONGRATS to the BCS cast and crew (and all others involved!) of The Little Mermaid! It was such an incredible show; your hard work definitely paid off! Thank you for sharing your God-given talents with us! 😊  
"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." – James 1:17

## BCS HIGH SCHOOL SEMI-FORMAL-TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE!!!!!!

<https://bangorchristian.wufoo.com/forms/r1nqnctd1v7ydvo/>



## COIN DRIVE MEMORIAL FUNDRAISER FOR RIGHT TO LIFE

The 3rd annual Christopher Swanson Memorial Coin Drive will be taking place April 10-17th. Each classroom will be given a container to collect coins from their students. There are prizes for all classes that raise \$100 or more

and the class with the highest total will earn a pizza party  
Christopher Swanson was an alumni of Bangor Christian Schools,  
his family is raising funds in his honor to benefit the Maine Right to Life.



### Absentee Form

If your child will be absent, late or dismissed early, please fill out our Student Absence Form. This is the best form of communication!

<https://bangorchristian.wufoo.com/forms/zyuxtjf0ykm0mc/>

Emailing a teacher or the principal is not necessary or enough, the Elem or MS/HS office needs to hear from you, that is where official attendance is recorded.

### SENIORS

If you need a transcript sent to a school that you are applying to, please go to <https://www.bangorchristian.com/Experience-BCS/Alumni> There you will find the form you need to fill out. Mrs. Straubel can usually have them sent by the next day but you must go through the request form. If you call or email, you will just be told to go to the website. :)

### Ministry Opportunities

We are in need of **Substitute Teachers**.  
Contact the school if you have any questions or are interested!

### Patriot Fund Link & Update

If you are interested in giving, the Patriot Fund is a fantastic opportunity! It provides money for all of the basics (and beyond!) that keep BCS going. We would love for you to consider giving to support this incredible ministry as we strive for excellence in all we do!

We are working to meet our April goal and we are just \$7,500 away from our year end goal! Can you help us out? Anything you could do would be greatly appreciated so if you would like to contribute, feel free to donate via the school directly or at the link below!

**"The one who blesses others shall be abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped."**

**Proverbs 11:25**

Please visit the link! [Patriot Fund Link](#)

### **Patriots Athletics**

BCS Fans,

The NEW Bangor Christian Schools website is released and public! Check out our new BCS Athletics pages at <https://www.bangorchristian.com/Athletics>

Our new website features:  
Social Media Feeds to all BCS Athletics sites

Click on "Patriot Teams" for a link to the BCS Athletics Master Sports Calendar and individual team pages that include team calendars and coaching staff. You are now able to subscribe to all calendars through these pages.

Not loving the new Google Calendar system? Bookmark <https://www.bangorchristian.com/Athletics/Patriot-Teams/Master-Sports-Calendar> for a website view of our master sports calendar!

See Sports News and Announcements for coaching positions available, required forms and documents, and social media and MPA links for all of our athletic leagues and conferences.

New Business Sponsors page. Check out all of the local businesses supporting our school and athletics programs. Click on their logos to link to all business sponsor websites and contact info!  
<https://www.bangorchristian.com/Giving/Business-Sponsors>

New BCS Boosters Page!

Future Peewee Athletics signups and news will be on our Peewee Athletics page.

We hope that these changes help make your BCS Athletics experience easier to navigate and share with Friends and Family.

Go Patriots!

**BCS School Store**

If you are interested in ordering more items from the school store, here is the link.

**[BCS School Store](#)**

**Follow Us on Facebook and Instagram to see what our students are learning and doing while attending BCS!**

**Tim Hortons Lunch Program**

We offer lunch through Tim Hortons! Please check your email for the order form and email [aduff@bangorchristian.org](mailto:aduff@bangorchristian.org) with any questions!

Orders must be placed by 8pm the night before!

**Parent Opportunity**

This forum is sponsored by Baptist Youth Camp and United Baptist Church.





## *You are invited to a* **Parents' Forum**

What are the challenges that your family faces?

What does the Bible say about parenting in 2025?

How can Christians navigate the world of technology with their kids?

*Join the conversation. . .*

**@ United Baptist Church • 28 Hancock St, Ellsworth**

**April 13th, 2025 • Sunday, 3-4:30pm**

At this inaugural Parents' Forum, we will get start to consider what we are dealing with as parents in 2025. We will look to God's Word to help encourage and equip us to faithfully parent the precious ones the Lord has entrusted to us.

*Childcare will be available.*



**Please RSVP so we can plan accordingly**

**A@BYC.cc or 207-460-1536**



### **Summer Camp Opportunities**

This week we are highlighting our friends from Baptist Park Camp located in Mapleton, Maine. Baptist Park offers a variety of day camps and overnight camps (including an outdoor adventure and flight camp). Check them out at the link below.

**<http://baptistpark.net/>**

**Youth Day Camps**

**PUDDLE JUMPERS**  
July 14, 15, 18, 30, 31 & August 1  
Ages 4 - 6 • \$39/day

**GROWING UP ADVENTURES**  
July 16, 17, 18, 28, 29 & August 1  
Ages 6 - 8 • \$39/day  
Overnight option on July 28 for an additional \$25

**Youth Week-Long Camps**

**MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS**  
June 29-July 2 • Ages 9 - 11 • \$175

**FLIGHT CAMP**  
July 6-11 • Ages 14 - 18 • \$595

**OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMP**  
July 6-11 • Ages 13 - 18 • \$250

**MAXED OUT ADVENTURE**  
July 20-25 • Ages 11 - 14 • \$250

**2025 SCHEDULE**

JUNE		JULY		AUGUST	
29	MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS AGES 9 - 11	30	BIKE TUNE-UPS MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS AGES 9 - 11	1	MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS AGES 9 - 11
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### Summer Reading- Beyond The Bookmark Program

Check out these [summer reading boxes](#) from our Christian book fair company I55.

“We are thrilled to bring you our summer reading program, Beyond the Bookmark! Make reading fun again with our handpicked books and carefully curated activities. Each box is designed to engage children and inspire a passion for reading.”



### Opportunities for Families



#### Tri-County 4-H Sampler

Activities for youth ages 5-18  
Information and resources for parents, guardians and caregivers



Learn more about 4-H with monthly workshops hosted by Penobscot, Piscataquis, and Somerset County 4-H Positive Youth Development staff  
**Coming May 27: Marine Touch Tank!**  
Location TBA

For more information or a reasonable accommodation, please contact  
Emily Pigeon  
By Phone: 207-942-7396  
or  
By Email: [emily.pigeon@maine.edu](mailto:emily.pigeon@maine.edu)  
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**Straw Rocket STEM Challenge REGISTRATION**

Non 4-H Member	4-H Member
	



#### Lafayette & Rawcliffe 4-H Science and Engineering Learning Center

**Free Event!** **Open House** **Fun for all ages!**

**Learn about:**  
Our Space  
Our Touch Tank  
4-H Programs  
4-H Toolkits  
Aquaponics

**Make:**  
Seed Paper  
Straw Rockets  
Seaweed Lava Lamps

**April 19, 2025 from 10am - 1pm**  
491 College Ave  
Orono, ME 04473

**Meet Coral & Frances!**



**For more info:**



<https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/science-center/>

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### April & May Date Reminders

**April 11- Fundraiser Friday (Dress Down Day)**

**April 17- Early Release Day (12:00 dismissal; No After Care)**

**April 18- Good Friday (No School)**

**April 20- Happy Easter!**

**April 21-25- April Vacation; students return on April 28th**

**May 3- Semi-Formal (High School)**  
**May 5-9- IOWA Testing (Grades 2-11)**  
**May 5-9- Teacher Appreciation Week**  
**May 12-16-Spirit Week**  
**May 22- Spring Concert- 6:00**  
**May 23- Early Release Day (12:00 dismissal; No After Care)**  
**May 26-Memorial Day (No School)**  
**May 30- Friday Fundraiser (Dress Down Day)**

## **Maine Children's Scholarship Fund Open Enrollment**

**The application period is January 1, 2025, and ends on April 30, 2025.**

Our random drawing will be in July.

The purpose of the Maine Children's Scholarship Fund is to increase the educational opportunities for the children of low-income families.

MCSF grants help pay for up to seventy-five percent (75%) of the private school tuition (maximum of \$1,400 per child, per year) for families that meet our income guidelines. We have Homeschool and Hybrid scholarships as well.

**We are asking to spread the word to parents, friends, family,  
other Maine private schools, churches and encourage any  
private school or homeschool families that meets our income  
guidelines to apply.**

Please feel free to add our website to your school web page as a scholarship  
opportunity

**Please visit our website [mecsfs.org](https://mecsfs.org) for more information and to  
apply online or download our application to mail.**



## 2024 – 2025 Income Eligibility Guidelines

Total Number of People in your Household:	Your Total Family Annual Income is Less Than:
1	\$27,861
2	\$37,814
3	\$47,767
4	\$57,720
5	\$67,673
6	\$77,626
7	\$87,579
8	\$97,532
Additional Members of the family please add:	\$9,953

### A Note from Elementary

Our lost and found is filling up! Please stop by and check to see if anything belongs to you!

Please send your child with a coat, hat, gloves, boots and snow pants as they go outside for recess! If your child forgets snow pants, they will play on the pavement and not be allowed to play in the snow. We try to have extra coats, hats and gloves on hand, but don't always have enough to go around.

If your child will be absent, late or dismissed early, please fill out our Student Absence Form. This is the best form of communication!

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