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BCSO schools encouraged to stay vigilant during legislative lull

By Izaak VanderSchel,
BCSO Legislative Director

As we head into spring, it is easy to get distracted by the prospect of warmer weather, working in the yard, and summer break. However, there is still much to be aware of in Columbus. The legislature is still in session for another couple months, and then they come back for a whirlwind lame duck session in the fall. So, now is not the time to be caught off guard and lose sight of what we are fighting against and fighting for.

There are two bills in particular which cause some concern. HB 160, the sexual orientation/gender identity (SOGI) bill masquerading as the Ohio Fairness Act, has not

been very active recently with only a couple of hearings over a month ago. That does not mean that there is any less cause for concern. It is still a very dangerous proposition that requires continued vigilance. The more recent threat has been HB 512, with at least five hearings already. While not a direct attack on religious liberty like HB 160, this bill does pose a potential threat to the consistency of our 08 position (which has been operating without aberration for 35 years).

Interestingly enough, both of these bills have been assigned to the same committee (Government Accountability and Oversight). Some have surmised that the reason is to get both of these

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"If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds and instill into them just principles, we are then engraving that upon tablets which no time will efface, but will brighten and brighten to all eternity."

~ Daniel Webster



EVENT REPORT:

2018 BCSO Fine Arts Competition

By Paul Shaver, BCSO Fine Arts Director

Four hundred eighty-three students from eighteen BCSO schools competed in the 2nd annual BCSO Fine Arts Competition held at Heritage Christian School in Brooklyn on March 8-9. Collectively, the students competed in approximately 2,900 events including testing, projects and scheduled events. The buildings were a beehive of activity. Congratulations go to Heritage Christian School in Findlay, which won the highest point trophy, and to Zanesville Christian School, which won the highest average trophy. Congratulations also go to AnnaGrace Leszkowicz of Heritage Christian School and Truett Howell of Zanesville Christian School who won the outstanding competitor awards. These awards were a bit delayed due to an increase of approximately 800 entries, but the Lord was gracious to get all the results early the following

week. All praise to Him! In spite of a few quirks, it was a great competition! All ratings and awards may be viewed at www.bcsoschools.org.

We were excited to see the first-place projects projected onto the wall as well as, to listen to some top performances at the awards ceremony. The performances featured an Expository Preaching presented by Josiah Knight of Victory Christian School; a Classical Keyboard Duet performed by Emma Hixson and Faith Stabler of Mentor Christian School; a Vocal Quartet performed by Charis Falls, Anna Grace Westerlund, Bryan Dahlke and Garrett Plessinger of Licking County Christian Academy; and an Oral Interpretation of Scripture performed by Elisabeth Fickel of Lima Christian Academy. The highlight of the awards assembly was perhaps the remarks from Josh

Mandel, Treasurer of the State of Ohio. We were also blessed by the encouraging words from BCSO President Kevin Folger and BCSO Executive Director Keith Hamblen.

Thank you to all who used their God-given abilities for God's glory in helping with competition. A huge thank you goes to those students and adults from the participating BCSO schools for their tremendous help in seeing the competition run smoothly. A special "thank you" goes to each judge who helped make the competition a huge success. We also extend appreciation to Principal Luke Brown, the HCS staff, students and volunteers for their excellent work in hosting a great competition. Words cannot fully express the deep sense of gratitude to all who helped with the competition. You all are greatly appreciated!



BCSO represented at 41st AACCS National Fine Arts Competition

Submitted by Paul Shaver,
BCSO Fine Arts Director

GREENVILLE, SC – Students from the Buckeye Christian School Organization (BCSO) competed in the 41st annual American Association of Christian Schools National Competition held at Bob Jones University on April 10-12, 2018. Schools representing BCSO were: Fayette Christian School; Heritage Christian School (Brooklyn); Heritage Christian School (Findlay); Lima Christian Academy; Mentor Christian School; Victory Christian School; and Zanesville Christian School. The

BCSO finished in 15th place with 12 points.

Approximately 1,900 students and sponsors from 33 states participated in the AACCS National Competition, after having captured top honors in their state competitions. The students—representing over 200 Christian high schools—competed in 76 categories in the five basic areas of Bible, music, speech, art and academics.

The Bible competition included Bible quiz teams, preaching and

teaching. Academic competition included academic testing and a science fair. Music students challenged each other in solo and group competitions for both vocal and instrumental music. Speech contestants participated in such categories as debate, dramatic interpretation, original oratory, acting, plus other categories. Art students displayed their pieces for the art contest.

Congratulations to each student for a job well done!

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National Competition - Individual Results

Elisabeth Fickel	Lima	OT Bible Knowledge	3rd
Elisabeth Fickel	Lima	Oral Interpretation of Scripture	3rd
Ida Howell	Zanesville	Bible Memory	3rd
Ida Howell	Zanesville	NT Bible Knowledge	1st
Brycen Hurst	Mentor	Sculpture	1st
Josiah Knight	Victory	Digital Media	2nd
Christina Wehrly	Heritage (Findlay)	Watercolor	3rd

BCSO Athletics: Winter Tournament Results

Agate submitted by Chris Brown, BCSO Athletic Director

Junior High Boys Basketball

- 1st Place - Heritage Christian School (Findlay)
- 2nd Place - Licking County Christian Academy
- 3rd Place - High Street Christian Academy
- Sportsmanship - High Street Christian Academy

Varsity Boys Basketball

- 1st Place - High Street Christian Academy
- 2nd Place - Licking County Christian Academy
- 3rd Place - Temple Christian School (Dayton)
- Sportsmanship - Temple Christian School (Dayton)

All-Tournament Team

- Dominic Filipo - Mentor Christian School
- Joe Timmons - Temple Christian School (Dayton)
- Cyle Hughes - Licking County Christian Academy
- Levi Ross - Licking County Christian Academy
- Nathaniel Anderson - High Street Christian Academy
- Jacob Mainous - MVP - High Street Christian Academy

The BCSO would like to thank Craig Westerlund, Pastor Nate Humphrey, Alice Harlow and all those from LCCA who hosted this tournament.



EVENT REPORT:

2018 BCSO Principals' Mtg

By Jeremy Bickelhaupt, Administrator/Principal, Ottawa County Christian Academy



Principal Kris Brandenburg, and the staff at Temple Christian Academy (Howard), hosted this year's Principals' Meeting on March 29. Dr. Jeremy Ervin, who serves as dean of Cedarville University's School of Education, was the featured speaker.

The focus of Dr. Ervin's workshop was to highlight free online tools, which our schools could utilize to provide professional development for our staffs.

Following the workshop, Brother Brandenburg, showcased his Academy's use of technology—

specifically how it utilizes Abeka's Digital Assessments. The Academy also highlighted how its 7-12 grade students are all taught using Abeka's DVD program, and the staff demonstrated how they implemented a STEM-themed course, which permitted students to write programming code for a *Sphero* robot.

The meeting concluded with a tour of Mount Vernon Baptist Temple's new church building and academic areas.

The BCSO thanks Brother Brandenburg, TCA and Mount Vernon Baptist Temple for hosting.

The *Building & Battling* newsletter is a quarterly publication of the Buckeye Christian School Organization. Its purpose is to disseminate information pertinent to our member schools in efforts to "build" a good work, as well as to serve as a tool for "battling" the secular world view that our culture impresses upon our students. Articles may be submitted for publication, but they will be subject to editing and approval. All submissions can be sent in MS Word (.doc) or PDF format to: info@bcso.org.

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contentious bills into a committee where Speaker Cliff Rosenberger had allies for his agenda. Regardless of the possible political motivation, it does make it easier for us to express our concerns and track progress. Now that the Speaker has resigned in light of federal investigation (unrelated to either of these bills), it remains to be seen whether these bills will experience any movement. Surely the sponsors are committed to pushing forward, so diligence is still necessary.

That which we are fighting *for* is in the area of financial assistance for parents, and we are looking at two different

pathways— one which we might be able to accomplish in the short term and the other that will take longer to develop. For right now, we are discussing a way to add a potential tax credit (of a smaller variety) to either 529 plan contributions or donations to 501c3 educational institutions. Even though the amounts may be small, with the proper coordination and communication, we are hopeful that such a plan could have a significant impact. The other method would be to establish a scholarship for parents who send their children to 08 schools. Although this is certainly a long-term prospect and will take

much effort, profitable discussions have begun in both of these endeavors.

Please continue to pray for these efforts but also for your legislators. Pray for them personally and intentionally. We have great opportunities to have an impact on the legislative front here in our state, but we have an even greater opportunity (and responsibility) to share the love of God and display the gospel through our interactions with everyone - including those in authority over us.

2018 EDUCATORS' CONVENTION

OCTOBER 4-5, 2018

"Remember the Word!"

- SOUL-STIRRING PREACHING AND SINGING
- WORKSHOPS FOR TEACHERS & ADMINISTRATORS
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