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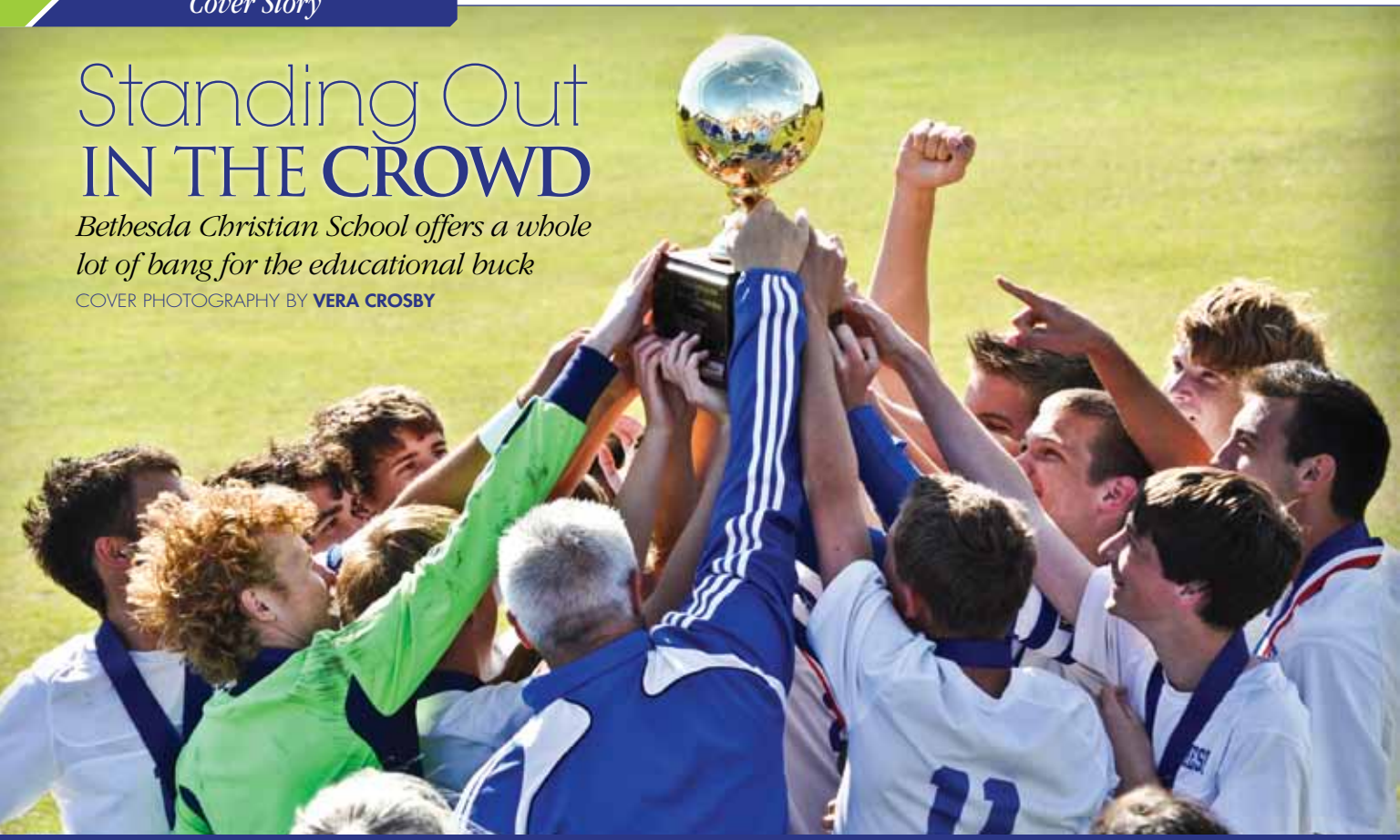
BETHESDA
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Standing Out IN THE CROWD

Bethesda Christian School offers a whole lot of bang for the educational buck

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In the current economic climate, Americans have become very discriminating shoppers, looking for great deals on quality products. It is no less true in the education of their children. Since Bethesda Christian School's founding in 1980, parents have enrolled—and re-enrolled—their children at BCS in the belief that the return on their investment was well worth the expense.

Bethesda's steadfast commitment throughout its 31-year history has been to foster the development of Christ-like character in students and to equip them for service through high quality academics. These three distinctions—Character, Academics and Service—permeate every facet of the school's program.

WHAT MAKES BETHESDA DIFFERENT?

Academics that deliver consistent results. Bethesda's reputation for strong academics is a major drawing card for families who enroll their children at BCS. Every grade typically ranks in the top ten percent of the nation on standardized achievement tests. Year after year, the mean average SAT composite score of BCS seniors has been well above the national average—surpassing not only the mean scores of public school students, but also those of their private school counterparts.

While academics are important for equipping students with life and career skills, Bethesda's deepest desire is to see each student in a vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ. The motto of BCS, "to be

At the helm of Bethesda's leadership is its long-time principal, Vicki Vaughn, who was selected in 2010 as a National Distinguished Principal by the National Association of Elementary School Principals.

like Jesus," reflects the school's commitment to partner with families in nurturing a Christ-filled life.

Transforming hearts through Character. Early in the school's history, Bethesda elementary teachers developed a unique approach to classroom management, one that intentionally focused on recognizing students when they exhibited praiseworthy behavior. Now known as the Honorable Character Classroom Management System, BCS continues to use the method in the belief that these "words of life" encourage students to develop life-long positive habits critical to the development of good character. One of Bethesda's accrediting agencies—the Association of Christian Schools International—agreed, awarding BCS with an Exemplary School designation for elementary classroom management.

Cultivating hearts of Service. BCS recognizes that the ultimate goal of all education is to prepare students for service in God's kingdom. To this end, Bethesda provides students with opportunities to help others through its annual summer mission trip, blood drive, and Serv-a-thon, as well as a variety of events benefitting people in need.

Quality performing and visual arts. Bethesda considers the fine arts an important avenue for tapping a student's creative potential. Consequently, performing and visual arts are included in the Bethesda curriculum for all grades.

Instruction in art media varies according to grade level, but student artists receive training in drawing, painting, printmaking, fiber arts, matting/framing, mosaics, pottery, and art history.

Students in grades 5-12 may participate in band, while choir is open to students in grades 7-12. The ongoing quality of Bethesda's band program is evidenced by the number of student musicians who distinguish themselves at the area, regional and state competitions sponsored by the Association of Texas Small School Bands.

For students with an interest in theatre, BCS offers drama as an extracurricular activity.

Winning athletics that emphasize Christ-like character. BCS athletic teams are known as the Ambassadors. The name reflects the athletic program's emphasis that athletes and coaches bring honor to Christ in all they do, both on and off the field.

Although Bethesda is best known in the community for its academics, the school's athletic program is making its mark as well. For three of the past four years, the varsity soccer team advanced to the TAPPS state tournament, capturing the 2011 state title in November. Bethesda's young varsity girls cross country team brought home the TAPPS state championship title in October.

The school's athletic program encompasses eight sports, fielding both high school and middle school teams. In addition to soccer and cross country, BCS also fields teams in basketball, baseball, softball, track and field, volleyball, and golf.

**QUALITY PRIVATE SCHOOL EDUCATION...
AT A REASONABLE PRICE.**

Many families are drawn to the idea of private Christian education but wonder whether it is worth the financial sacrifice that would be required of them. Through the generous financial support of the school's parent ministry, Bethesda Community Church, BCS is able to provide a strong, Christ-centered, academic program—and at one of the most affordable rates in the DFW Metroplex.

Visit the school's website, schedule an appointment for a tour, and discover for yourself how Bethesda Christian School stands out in a crowd!

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BCS AT A GLANCE

School Type

K-12, college-preparatory, private Christian

Current Enrollment

430 students

Teacher-Student Ratios

Kindergarten, 1:12

Grades 1-4, 1:18

Grades 5-12, 1:22

Kindergarten Schedule Options

Both full and half-day schedules are available.

Dual Credit/Honors/AP Options

Dual credit is available by partnership with John Brown University. Honors and AP courses available.

Accreditation

Association of Christian Schools International;
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

*Bethesda SAT Test Score Comparisons**

Subtest	Texas	National	BCS
Crit Reading	479	497	627
Math	502	514	617
Writing	465	489	635
Composite	1446	1500	1879

**BCS scores are for the Class of 2012. Texas and National scores are for the Class of 2011 and reflect the most current information available from College Board.*



*Join us at our **Open House** for prospective families on January 16 at 6:30 p.m.*

*To RSVP, register online at **BethesdaChristianSchool.org** or call **817-281-6446**.*