

Here's some important information for you as we launch a new year!

- ☆ **Arrival for October 12 and beyond:** All classes will be held at Grace Point Church of Paradise (the brick church across Singer Avenue from Paradise Bible Fellowship Church) from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Please do not drop off your children any earlier than 6:45 p.m., as we can not guarantee that their crew leader or teacher will be here to supervise them before that time. Elementary students (K-6th grade) may be dropped off or walked to the porch by the large parking lot where they can then find their way upstairs to the sanctuary; however, parents or guardians of preschool students are to take their children straight to their classrooms downstairs.
- ☆ Registered students will receive a **free Wednesday Night BLAST t-shirt!** We invite kids to wear their BLAST t-shirts every BLAST night. The style has not changed from last year, so we encourage returning students to wear their BLAST shirt from last year if they can, but if they need a new one, please indicate their t-shirt size on the registration form.
- ☆ We ask that students bring a **Bible** to BLAST. If your child does not have one, please let your child's crew leader know and we would be happy to provide one for your child.
- ☆ Every time there is a new **Elementary Bible Memory Verse**, students will receive a little card with their verse on it. They are to attach it to the binder clip we'll provide for them on their first night of BLAST. The clip either has a ring or a clasp that holds onto the cards and attaches to the clip. This way they can clip their verses onto their Bibles so they know where they are. We encourage you to work with your children to help them learn each verse so they can say it to their crew leader the next week. If all the children learn enough verses, there will be a special treat for everyone at the end of the year!
- ☆ Each student will be given a **take-home paper** every night which tells you what your child learned that night at BLAST. It will also include important **BLAST announcements**. In addition, if you provide an email address, you will receive event information, reminders and announcements, including cancellations due to inclement weather. We will also email to you an **invitation to Grace Point Church's communication tool, entitled "The City"**. All you need to do is create a username and password and you will have easy access to the BLAST calendar as well as other BLAST information for parents, all at one site. Both churches' websites have general information as well. If you do not have email, a paper copy of these announcements will be available at the table downstairs just past the coat racks on the right. Please check for these memos every time you pick up your child.
- ☆ **Dismissal:** ALL children must be picked up personally by a parent or someone you've given permission to do so. Please pick your children up promptly at 8:30 p.m.
 - Preschoolers will be picked up in the same classroom where they were dropped off.
 - Elementary students will be picked up at the same spot every night, even if they went to the Factory. On your child's first regular night of BLAST, please stop by the table just past the coat racks downstairs to find out your child's crew name (i.e., Comets A, Comets B, etc.) and receive a map showing where to pick him or her up each night. **Elementary students must stay with their crew until their crew leader has dismissed them, which will only happen once the crew leader has at least made eye contact with the parent or guardian.** We have safety staff and hall monitors on duty every night to oversee your child's safety.
- ☆ **Special Dates:** (* - Parents and guardians are invited to join us at this event!)
 - October 12: First regular night of BLAST
 - November 16: Pinewood Derby*
 - November 23: No BLAST (Thanksgiving Break)
 - December 21 and 28: No BLAST (Christmas and New Year Break)
 - February 15: Minute to Win It Game Night* (Details to follow)
 - March 21: Final Countdown* (Details to follow)
- ☆ **Bring your friends to BLAST!** Your friend will get a prize and so will you! Your friend's parent or guardian can download a registration form from either of the websites below or fill one out when they come!
- ☆ If you would be willing to donate **juice boxes/pouches** for our snack time that would be much appreciated! Please label items to indicate that they're for BLAST and give them to our kitchen staff. Thank you!
- ☆ **Should we need to cancel an evening of BLAST** (for inclement weather or otherwise), we will put an announcement on WDAC (94.5) and WJTL (90.3) as well as on the churches' websites (www.pbfc.cc and gracepointparadise.com). We will also email all students who provide an email address. As a rule in the case of inclement weather, we will cancel Wednesday Night BLAST if the Pequea Valley School District is closed (not necessarily a delayed start) or has an early dismissal. We will still announce the cancellation of BLAST on the radio and websites.



For directions, downloadable registration forms and other information, please contact:

- Paradise Bible Fellowship: www.pbfc.cc or (717) 687-7577
- Grace Point Church of Paradise: gracepointparadise.com or (717) 687-7971
- Sheri Yoder, Wednesday Night BLAST Director: (717) 314-9409 or yoder92@epix.net