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A Newsletter from Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys

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BWS Announces 2nd Largest Gift in School History

ADMIN NEWS

I am happy to announce another milestone in Bishop Walker School history and for *Securing Their Future: A Campaign for the Boys of the Bishop Walker School!* The **A. James and Alice B. Clark Foundation** recently informed us that they have officially approved our capital campaign request in the amount of \$750,000, along with a student sponsorship annually for the next three years—for a total of \$804,000 in funding! This is the second largest gift in Bishop Walker School history, and it will continue to have a lasting impact on our students and their families well beyond the three-year term of the grant.

With this incredibly generous gift, **we have now raised \$5.65 million of the \$6.5 million goal of *Securing Their Future***, and we are one step closer to fully financing the new school home for our students at THEARC and establishing a \$1 million operating reserve.

I invite you to learn more about *Securing Their Future* and see our new facility in-person. From now through the summer, we have a number of tour dates open to the public, listed at bishopwalkerschool.org/tourdates. If you are interested in taking a tour of BWS and contributing to *Securing Their Future*, contact Director of Development David A. Shepard at dsheward@bishopwalkerschool.org. I look forward to showing you the significant impact this incredible gift—along with your generous charitable contributions—are having on the lives on our students every day.

Gratefully,

James R. Woody
Executive Director & President

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, June 12th Last Day of School

Monday, June 24th Start of Summer Program

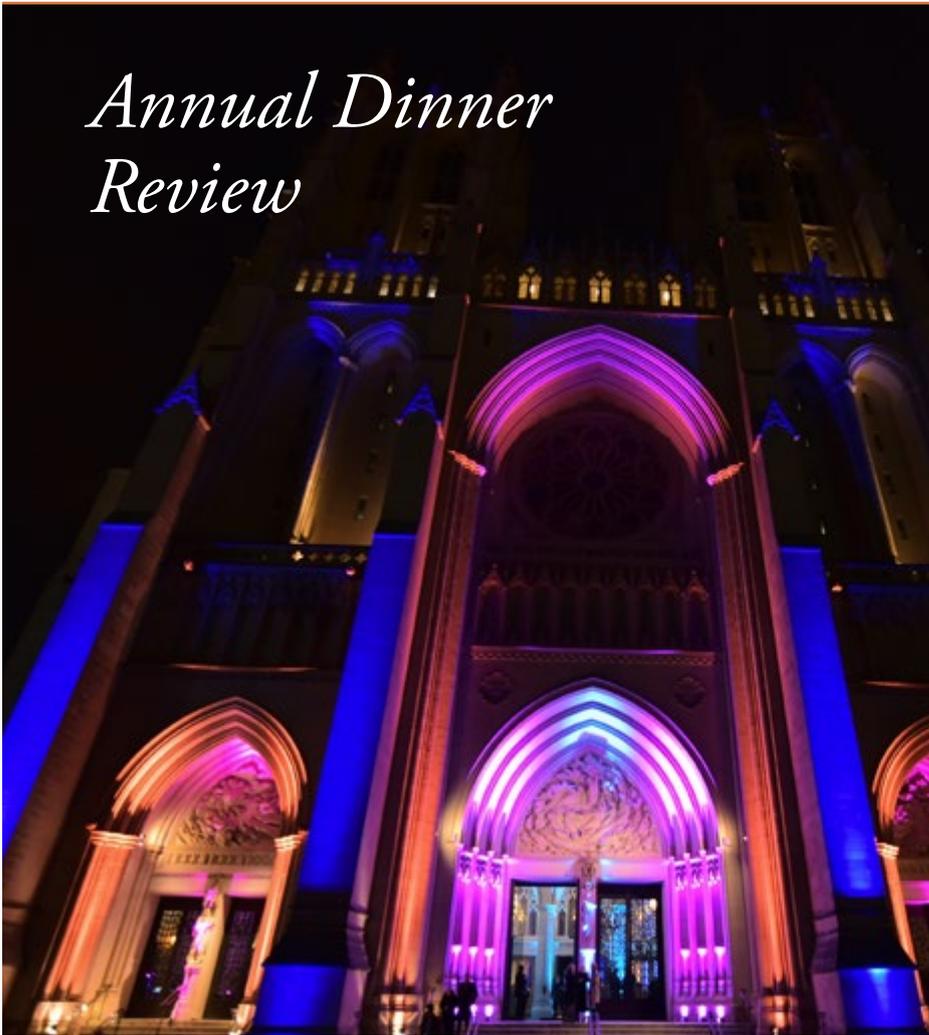
Monday, November 3 Evensong at Washington National Cathedral

Thursday, March 5, 2020 BWS Annual Dinner

Scholars all ready for Career Day



Annual Dinner Review



On Wednesday, February 27, 2019, the Bishop Walker School gathered at **Washington National Cathedral** with close to 700 friends and supporters to celebrate another year of successfully delivering on our mission of educating boys in the underserved communities East of the Anacostia River. **Thank you** to all those who attended, and a special thank you to our extremely generous Underwriters and Sponsors! Due to your contributions, we raised a record \$823,000—to support the boys of the Bishop Walker School.

*For more Annual Dinner pictures, please visit:
bishopwalkerschool.org/DinnerPictures*

Flower Mart



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On Friday, May 3rd, Kindergarten, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade visited Flower Mart at **Washington National Cathedral**. They had a blast going on the rides, playing, games, and of course, eating **ice cream!** After a morning of fun, the chorus sang several songs—including one of the boys' favorites, "In His Image"—on the steps of the Cathedral to an audience of Flower Mart vendors and attendees. *To see more pictures from Flower Mart, please visit bishopwalkerschool.org/FlowerMart.*



NATIONALS BASEBALL ACADEMY

In January, Mr. Brown took his movement classes to the **Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy!** All scholars in grades K-5 participated in several hitting, catching, and throwing drills, and played in a scrimmage game at the end of the morning. Despite the wind and cold, it was an awesome day and the boys look forward to going back next year! *To see more pictures, please visit bishopwalkerschool.org/NatsAcademy.*



BWS BOYS WIN WITH WINNERS LACROSSE

As a part of Mr. Brown's movement class' exploration of different sports, we invited WINNERS Lacrosse to BWS to teach the boys about the game of lacrosse.

WINNERS is an organization that offers boys and girls the opportunity to learn the game as well as the life skills associated with team sports. Using drills, WINNERS showed our scholars several basic lacrosse skills, and afterwards they scrimmaged.

Thank you to WINNERS Lacrosse for sharing your sport with our school!



To the playground!

Celebrating Homecoming with Spirit Week

This Spring, BWS hosted Spirit Week and celebrated a Homecoming flag football game. Each day, the scholars dressed up a different way to show their school spirit. Monday was class color day, and each grade chose a color to wear. Tuesday was Character Day, and scholars dressed up as their favorite book or movie character. Wednesday was BWS Swag Day, and students wore BWS clothing and blue and gold. Thursday was Career Day, and students dressed up as what they want to be when they grow up. The week culminated with the flag football team defeating St. Francis Xavier School and a celebratory cookout. **Go Kings!**

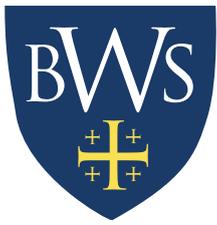
Bless: Bishop Curry Shares The Way of Love

Earlier this year, a camera crew from the the Episcopal Church visited BWS as a part of **Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry's** initiative of *The Way of Love, Practices for a Jesus-centered Life*. While at BWS, the camera crew shot a short film—*Bless*—about the blessing that the Bishop Walker School is to its students, teachers, faculty, staff, volunteers, and community. To view *Bless*, visit bishopwalkerschool.org/bless, and look for it on the homepage. Thank you, Bishop Curry, for sharing our blessing with the world!

BWS Volunteers

This Spring, two BWS volunteers—**Scott Marquardt and Heinz Stubblefield**—visited our 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade scholars to share one of their lifelong hobbies—cycling. Scott and Heinz showed the boys the different parts of their bicycles and how to make basic repairs. They also shared stories from some of their favorite long-distance races. **Thank you, Scott and Heinz,** for sharing your passions with our scholars!





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SCIENCE LAB/IN THE GARDEN

Spring is Sprung at THEARC Farm

On Earth Day, **Ms. Bogle's Garden Science class** moved mulch and soil to prepare the raised planting beds at THEARC Farm for springtime planting. During winter and early spring, the boys grew beans, peas, chard, and onions under indoor grow lights in the science lab. Now that it has warmed up, they have replanted their vegetables outdoors. Before the end of the year, Ms. Bogle and Ms. Simmons will help the boys prepare some of the food they have grown.

LEARNING TO COOK FROM THE GARDEN

When Ms. Bogle and Ms. Simmons aren't teaching the boys about plants in the garden, they teach other related life skills, like cooking. This winter, the 3rd through 5th Grade scholars learned to make many dishes from foods they have grown or will grow in the garden this year. One dish they prepared was **jollof rice**, a one-pot dish popular in many West African countries. It consists of rice, tomatoes and tomato paste, onions, spices like nutmeg, ginger, garlic, and cumin, chili peppers, and other ingredients like vegetables and meat. Through preparing these dishes, the scholars learned how to prep and chop vegetables as well as cook.



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