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Bay Area Christian School
exists to provide quality,
Kingdom education to the
next generation, empowering
them to make disciples of
Jesus at home, in society, and
through the church.



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A message from our Head of School, **LES RAINEY**

The first quarter has quickly come to an end, and it's been a great start to the school year. I hope our new students, parents, faculty, and staff have settled in well and are beginning to feel at home as part of the Bronco community.

The bookend ceremony during Homecoming this past Thursday evening reminded me just how quickly the school years go by. There on the field, we had the Class of 2027 meeting the Class of 2039, a powerful picture of one group preparing to finish their time at BACS while another is just beginning the journey.

It reminded me of the words of Psalm 90:12:

“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”

There is always something next on the calendar: a program, game, performance, test, deadline, or event. If we aren't careful, we can spend so much time looking ahead to what's next that we miss the gift of where God has planted us right now.

Some seasons are exciting and full of celebration. Others are challenging and require a little more perseverance. But each season is worth embracing. Our children will only be in this grade once. They will only have these teachers and classmates for this particular season. As parents and educators, we only get so many days to teach, encourage, disciple, and enjoy the young people God has entrusted to us.

At the end of Job's life, Scripture says that he died “full of days” (Job 42:17). I love that description; not simply that Job lived many days, but that his days were full.

As we begin the second quarter, my encouragement to our entire BACS family is simple: let's number our days and make them full by enjoying these moments rather than always rushing toward the next one.

Before we know it, the Class of 2039 will be the one standing on the other side of that field.

It's a great day to be a Bronco!



special updates



A message from our Admissions Director,
DENYS WATSON



Thinking About Next School Year?

If you have friends or family members who are considering BACS for the 2027–28 school year, now is a great time to encourage them to learn more about our school. Kindergarten applications and applications for other grades will open January 5, 2027, at 8:00 AM. Because several grade levels have waiting lists, we encourage interested families to begin the process early.

A campus visit is highly recommended as part of the admissions process and gives prospective families an opportunity to experience BACS firsthand. Families interested in applying are encouraged to begin planning their visit soon. To get started, visit the [Schedule a Visit](#) section of our website.



The BACS Admissions Office is pleased to welcome Michelle Goldman as our Admissions Assistant. Michelle brings a wealth of knowledge in data management, quality assurance, and compliance. She holds a Master of Arts in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from the University of Houston-Clear Lake and a Master of Business Administration from the University of St. Thomas. She is passionate about working in Kingdom Education and has a heart for people and a vision for lasting impact.



special updates



A message from our Nurses,

Brianna Arghiropol and Darcy Gonzalez

During the month of October, we will be performing vision and hearing screenings. The Vision and Hearing Screening Program, Texas Health and Safety Code requires that all children enrolled for the first time in any public, private, parochial, or denomination school or who meet certain grade criteria (specified below), must be screened or have a professional examination for possible vision and hearing problems.

We will be screening all children in the following grades and all new students to Bay Area Christian School this year: Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th grades. If your child already wears glasses or contacts, please make sure you send them with your child daily, as they will be tested with them. Should a vision or hearing discrepancy be found, you will be notified by letter and requested to visit your health care provider for further evaluation.

Feel free to check out our [Clinic web page](#) on the BACS website for additional information from the State regarding Hearing and Vision Screening requirements.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the clinic via email at nurse@bacschool.org.





A message from our Early Learning Academy Director,

ANITA PIERCE

October is a wonderful time to enjoy the beauty of God's creation and the excitement of a new season! As the leaves begin to change and the weather begins to cool, we are reminded of the many blessings God gives us each day.

Our classrooms will be filled with fall fun, hands-on learning, friendship, and opportunities to grow in God's love. We will continue helping our students develop independence, kindness, and a love for learning while sharing God's Word and His love with them each day. Thank you for partnering with us as we nurture and encourage your children. We are grateful for each child and family who is part of our ELA family!

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” — Psalm 118:24

Wishing our ELA family a happy, fun-filled, and blessed October!

Mark Your Calendar

Friday, 10/9 Student Holiday
Wednesday, 10/14 K4 Teddy Bear Day
Wednesday, 10/28 PK4 Fall Festival
Thursday, 10/29 Book Character Day

Reminders

- As the days get a little cooler, please check to make sure the extra clothes in your children's backpack still fit and are appropriate for the weather. Please pack a sweater or light jacket since outdoor play is a part of our daily routine. Please label all belongings in case they are lost.
- Check your child's folder daily for artwork and important notes.





Mark Your Calendar

Friday, 10/9 Teacher in-service day; No school for students

Friday, 11/6 Fun Run

A message from our Elementary Principal, **IRENE PERELLO**

Have you ever been to the mountaintop with Jesus? In Mark 9:2-3, Jesus brings James, Peter, and John to the mountaintop, and they see the glory of the Lord.

“And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them.”



Can you see what I see when I am at the mountaintop? It's clear, beautiful blue skies with fluffy clouds floating all around. Peaks of snow may be lying on the ground. Green trees and pastures surround you. It is simply breathtaking to see the views of God's creation all around you from the top.

Thankfully, I have had many mountaintop experiences with the Lord. They have really shaped me in my walk with Him, as I have seen God's glory in my life and experienced the power He has. Truly, His goodness, mercy, and grace have overwhelmed me.

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I must be honest for a moment and say that when I am on the mountaintop, I don't want to come back down. I want to be spiritually selfish and stay there, experiencing His glory all to myself. In fact, one year when I was on the mountaintop, I felt the Lord's presence, peace, and direction so clearly that I thought I had made it! All I needed to do was keep being obedient and do His will, and I would never leave the mountaintop.

Well, needless to say, that was not true.

The Lord put me on the mountaintop to reveal what He can do in my life so that I can go down the mountain and be on mission for His kingdom. He equips us so that when we are called, we can be ready to fight the enemy that waits for us down the mountain and in the valleys.

He did that with James, Peter, and John that day, too. They didn't stay on top of the mountain; they went down and started their mission. And, as we are all aware, being a disciple of Jesus was not easy!

My prayer for you all is that you experience wonderful mountaintops with Jesus. And when you are in a season of valleys, I pray you hold fast to what the Lord has shown you on the mountaintop and let it help you walk through the valleys.

Walking in the footsteps of our Lord is not easy on this earth, but don't give up. Deuteronomy 31:8 says,

“It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”





A message from our Junior High Principal,

JARED FUQUA

As the first quarter comes to a close, I want to thank you for choosing Bay Area Christian School. It is a blessing to see our students learning, participating, and competing within our classrooms, fine arts halls, and on our fields and courts. As I have met with our faculty, they have told me stories of our students standing up for what is right, showing the love of Christ to others, and striving to give their all in class. I have also seen our student body strive to meet the standard set by Bronco Way: accountability, gratitude, and respect. It reminds me of how special this place is, and how special Christian education is.

We are now moving into the second quarter, which comes with a surge of activity. We will have field trips, Thanksgiving Break, and semester exams. My prayer is that our students will be able to balance all of this activity by enjoying the moment, but also continuing to put forth their best effort academically. Thank you for your partnership and continued support!





Mark Your Calendar

Friday, 10/16 Senior Night

Tuesday, 10/20 8th-11th Grade PSAT/Senior Serve Day

Thursday, 10/22 10th Grade Holocaust Museum Field Trip

A message from our High School Principal,

BLAINE SPENCER

As we enter October, I have been reflecting on all that September brought to our High School. Throughout the month, our students had countless opportunities to connect with one another and, most importantly, with our Heavenly Father.

Through chapel, worship, athletics, academics, Spiritual Emphasis Week, Junior/Senior Retreat, Homecoming week, and everyday challenges, our students have grown spiritually, mentally, physically, and emotionally.

Luke 2:52 reminds us that Jesus

“increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.”

This is our desire for every student at BACS. We want to see our students grow as whole people while becoming more like Christ.

As we move into October, my encouragement is simple: Be intentional. Be intentional about your relationship with Christ, your relationships with others, your learning, and the opportunities God places before you.

Let's continue to grow together and make the most of every opportunity God gives us.



Class of 2027

We're excited to offer one convenient place in the BACS app for seniors and families to find important links all year—from scholarships and yearbooks to school media requests and cap & gown ordering!





Reminders

Class of 2027

Seniors, do not hesitate to schedule appointments with Mr. Hobson or myself to help in any way with your college applications.

A message from our Academic Counselor,

NANCY GADD

September was one of the hottest months this year. God knew we needed a change in the season to help us be our best. In Acts 14:17, it states:

Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; He provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.

We welcome the change with gratitude. The blessing of being chosen in this time and day to walk in His goodness is overwhelming to imagine. The first nine weeks of school have gone by way too fast, and I know the next few will move even faster as the holidays approach. In the midst of all the activity, remember to breathe deep and listen for the sounds of our children playing, working hard, being silly, showing kindness, and facing challenges.

I am thankful for our school, our staff, and all of our families. It is a great day to be a Bronco!

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, 10/20 PSAT Testing - All 8th-11th grade students will take the PSAT from 7:45 -11:15 am. The remainder of the day will be a normal schedule. Seniors will attend a community service day.

 CollegeBoard

PSAT

Free PSAT Practice

- [What's on the PSAT 8/9?](#) (for 8th & 9th graders)
- [What's on the PSAT/NMSQT?](#) (for 10th & 11th graders)





A message from our Director of Curriculum and Instruction,

LINDA MUDGETT

Typically, this time of year, parents ask what they can do to help their kids who may be struggling. One such resource is afterschoolhelp.com by Bob Jones University Press. In language arts, there is Phonics & English 1, Writing & Grammar 2, English 3, and Writing & Grammar 4-12. In math, there is Math 1-5. Of course, students should be reading at least 20 minutes a day.

Currently, in the curriculum department, we are compiling a book list of good books for each grade level. We are also looking at updates for next year, editing the Elementary Brochures and K-12 Summer Reading documents as well as working on strategic planning initiatives.

Let us know if we can be of any assistance.





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A message from our Director of Student Support, **MIKE AMMONS**

Last week, during our Junior/Senior High School retreat, I used my own life as a bit of an object lesson.

In a lighthearted way, I told our students about my deeply held desire to recapture at least a little of my former physical fitness. I know exactly what that requires. I need to be more active, drink plenty of water, get good sleep, and, most importantly in my case, clean up my eating habits.

More specifically, I confessed my ongoing struggle with ice cream sandwiches. My wonderful wife primarily buys them for our boys to enjoy as an occasional treat. Somehow, however, I routinely manage to consume at least 50 percent of every box.

I know. Self-control.

But my main point was not really about healthy eating. I wanted our students to recognize something deeper. There are times when what I say I deeply desire is not reflected in the way I actually live.

I can sincerely say that I want to become healthier. But if my repeated choices consistently move me in the opposite direction, those choices reveal that, at least in those moments, I want something else more. And honestly, that is a little crazy. I have eaten plenty of ice cream sandwiches in my life. They are good, but they are certainly not good enough to interfere with a goal that matters much more.

I think there is a spiritual reality here for all of us.

Many of us would sincerely say, “I love Jesus. I want to know Him. I want my family to follow Him. I want Christ to be at the center of our home.” Those can be completely genuine desires. But Scripture invites us to consider whether the priorities of our lives increasingly reflect the desires of our hearts.



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Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). He was not teaching that we earn His love through obedience. The Christian life begins and continues by grace. But love for Christ does not remain merely an intention or sentiment. Over time, it begins to shape the way we live.

Jesus also tells His disciples, "Abide in me, and I in you" (John 15:4). The picture is not of frantic religious activity. It is a life increasingly connected to Christ, dependent on Christ, and shaped by Christ.

A helpful reflection and consideration for our families is:

If fellowship with Jesus really is one of our deepest priorities, where does that priority become visible?

The expectation isn't perfection. No Christian family gets this right all the time. There are busy weeks, tired parents, distracted kids, missed opportunities, and seasons when our priorities become disordered. The answer is not guilt. The invitation is to keep returning to Christ and intentionally arranging our lives around what we say matters most.

Here are five simple places we might begin:

1. Make God's Word a normal part of family life.

Deuteronomy 6:6–7 describes God's truth being talked about in the ordinary rhythms of life. Family discipleship does not require an elaborate plan. Read a short passage together. Talk about something God taught you. Ask your children what they are learning.

2. Pray together.

Jesus taught His disciples to pray (Matthew 6:9–13). Pray before school. Pray when someone is anxious. Pray about difficult decisions. Thank God together when He answers. Let your children see that we really do bring every part of life before our heavenly Father.

3. Protect worship and Christian community as a priority.

Hebrews 10:24–25 reminds believers not to neglect gathering together. Sports, activities, work, travel, and entertainment can all be good gifts, but our calendars still reveal what we value. Consistently making worship and life with God's people a priority communicates something important to our children.

4. Let your children see repentance, not perfection.

One of the most meaningful examples we can give our children is a willingness to say, "I was wrong. Please forgive me." A Christ-centered home is not a home without sin. It is a home where grace, repentance, forgiveness, and restoration are regularly practiced.

5. Love and serve others together.

Jesus taught that loving God changes the way we love our neighbor (Matthew 22:37–39). Serve someone in need. Encourage a lonely friend. Give generously. Pray for a hurting family. Let your children see that following Jesus moves us beyond ourselves.

None of these practices make us Christians. Jesus saves us by grace, not by the quality of our family devotional life, church attendance, or parenting performance. But when Christ becomes our treasure, our lives increasingly begin to bend in His direction.

I still want to get healthier. Apparently, at some point, I am going to have to decide that my long-term goal matters more than the ice cream sandwich sitting in the freezer.

The spiritual stakes are infinitely greater.

So perhaps the question worth asking ourselves this week is:

If we say that knowing and loving Jesus is one of the deepest priorities of our family, where would our children see that priority reflected in the way we actually spend our time, make decisions, respond to one another, and order our lives?

Not as a question meant to produce guilt, but as an invitation to consider one small, intentional step that might help our homes more faithfully reflect the Savior we genuinely desire to know and love.





Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, 10/8 Texas A&M Treble Choir Day

Monday, 10/19 TAPPS Fall Drumline Championship

Friday & Saturday, 11/6-7 TPSMEA Honor Choir Clinic and Concert

A message from our Fine Arts Director,

MARIANNE MORRISON

Bronco Fine Arts has started the year strong, and we are looking forward to an exciting fall filled with opportunities for our talented students!

On Thursday, October 8, selected high school girls will attend the Texas A&M Treble Choir Day outreach event. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our students to strengthen their choral skills while working with the outstanding Texas A&M University choral staff alongside more than 700 students from across Texas.

The Mighty Bronco Marching Band has also been making us proud! They have done an amazing job marching and performing at Friday night football games, bringing energy and school spirit to every performance. We are excited to see them continue their season at the TAPPS Fall Drumline Championship in Waco on Monday, October 19th.

Additionally, selected choir students in grades 5–8 will participate in the TPSMEA Honor Choir Clinic and Concert on Friday and Saturday, November 6th–7th. This is another fantastic opportunity for our students to grow as musicians and share their talents with others.

We are incredibly proud of our talented Broncos and all they are accomplishing through Fine Arts!

We look forward to a fun and exciting fall season.





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ONE TEAM.
ONE MISSION.
ONE STANDARD.

A message from our Athletics Director,
KYLE KENNEDY

October is an exciting time for Bronco Athletics as our fall teams move into the heart of district competition and our winter sports prepare to begin. We are proud of the hard work, school spirit, and Christlike character our student-athletes and coaches continue to display.



Homecoming was a great night for our entire BACS community, highlighted by the Broncos' 71-28 victory over St. Francis. Congratulations also to Nate and Maci, who each received a \$1,000 Kick for Scholarship award presented by the Bronco Backers!

Thank you to our coaches, families, Bronco Backers, and fans for the many ways you support our student-athletes. The energy surrounding our programs has been tremendous, and we look forward to finishing the fall season strong while preparing for another exciting winter season.



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Cross Country

Congratulations to both the boys and girls cross country teams for finishing in first place at last week's meet hosted by First Baptist Pasadena! This was an outstanding team accomplishment and a reflection of the work our runners have put in throughout the season.

The Broncos will compete in the district meet on Saturday, October 17, at The Woodlands Christian Academy. We wish all our runners the best as they compete for a district championship!

Volleyball

The Lady Broncos are currently 14–8 and continue to compete hard as they move through district play. Their next home match will be Tuesday, October 13, against St. Francis. Come out and support the Lady Broncos as they enter an important stretch of their season!

Football

The varsity football team remains undefeated with a 6–0 record. The Broncos will travel to face Geneva this Friday before returning home on Friday, October 16, to host Brazos Christian in a matchup that could determine the district championship.

The October 16 game will also be Senior Night. We will recognize seniors from football, band, cheer, cross-country, and our student athletic trainers. The ceremony will begin at approximately 6:35 p.m., prior to kickoff. We encourage everyone to arrive early and help us celebrate these seniors for the time, effort, and leadership they have given to BACS.

Junior High Winter Sports Tryouts

Winter sports will begin over the next few weeks. Junior high tryout dates are listed below:

- Boys Basketball: October 20
- Girls Soccer: October 20
- Girls Basketball: October 21
- Boys Soccer: October 27
- Swimming: October 22
- Wrestling: November 2

Additional information regarding tryout times and requirements will be communicated to families. If you have any questions about junior high athletics, please contact Assistant Athletic Director [Jeff Buehler](#).





October 8, 2026



THANK YOU everyone for an incredible Homecoming Week! Thank you for participating in the parade and pep rally. Thank you for supporting our Bronco football team, cheerleaders, band and color guard. Last but not least, THANK YOU for the wonderful First Friday Treats! BACS is truly blessed in so many ways!



Congratulations to the **Chili Cook-Off Winners!** Thank you everyone for your participation!

- Best Presentation - Bay Area Student
- Ministry Spiciest Chili - Good Bull
- Best Tasting Chili - The Holy Smokes Chili Crew



Student Holiday/Teacher In-Service - tomorrow, **Friday, October 9, 2026**. School will not be in session. Enjoy your long weekend!



Check out the **Volunteer section** on our BACS app! Scroll down to "volunteer." There is a link to sign up for various volunteer opportunities that may interest you. The other link captures your volunteer time.



BACS is looking for **part-time ADULT Extended Care help**. Click [here](#) for details or go to the website at www.bacschool.org and click on About Us and Careers. We love our extended care kiddos!

9 "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

