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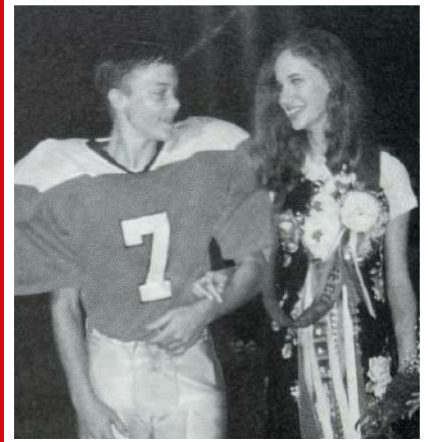
THE SOCIAL HERD

»»» *Homecoming Edition*

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.



SEPTEMBER 2026







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

Dear BACS Family,

Homecoming is always a special week at Bay Area Christian School. Yes, there will be a football game, mums, dress-up days, and a parade and pep rally. But Homecoming represents something much bigger than any one event.

This year, as we celebrate 54 years of Bay Area Christian School, I'm especially grateful for the generations of people who have helped make BACS what it is today. We stand on the shoulders of faithful teachers, administrators, families, church leaders, and alumni who have invested their time, talents, prayers, and resources into this school ministry. I'm particularly thankful for the obedience of our founders, who followed God's leading more than five decades ago and established a school committed to educating students from a distinctly Biblical worldview.

None of us were here for all 54 years, but each of us has been entrusted with a small part of the BACS story. That is one of the things I love most about Homecoming. It allows us to look back with gratitude, enjoy what God is doing among us today, and look ahead with great anticipation for what He will do through the generations still to come. So, as we celebrate Homecoming this week, I hope we remember that it is about more than a game or any one event. It is a celebration of community, and ultimately, God's goodness and provision. For 54 years, He has been faithful to this school and its mission, and we have much to be thankful for.

Happy Homecoming, Broncos!

Homecoming 2026

Parade & Pep Rally

Thursday, October 1st @ 6:30 PM



Wheels and Thrills: Golf Cart Decorating Contest



Chili Cook-off

Friday, October 2nd @ 5:00 PM

Homecoming Football Game

Friday, October 2nd @ 7:00 PM

Get your HOCO gear!



HOCO SHIRTS are available in all sizes youth to adult, in both cotton and Performance (dri-fit) options. Shirts are set to arrive the week before Homecoming and will be distributed to your student no later than Sept 28. These may be worn anytime throughout the week of Homecoming, and can also be worn as a spirit shirt on Fridays throughout the year. [ORDER HERE](#)

The deadline to order is September 13th at 11:59 pm!



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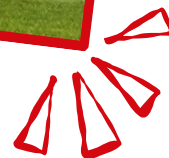
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FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS!!



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THE HOMECOMING COURT

through the years





Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, 9/22 Firefighter Visit

Thursday, 9/24 LCPD Visit, Hat Day

Homecoming Week Dress Up Days

Monday, 9/28 Safari Day

Tuesday, 9/29 Comfy Cozy Day

Wednesday, 9/30 Neon Day

Thursday, 10/1 Crazy Day - Wear wacky clothes!

Friday, 10/2 Bronco Spirit Day

Tuesday, 10/6 ELA Picture Day

A message from our Early Learning Academy Director,

ANITA PIERCE

September is here and our school year is off to a great start! Our full-time students are completing their 5th week of school, and our part-time students are completing their 3rd week of school. They are settling into classroom routines and making new friends!

We are so thankful to partner with you in helping your children learn and grow in their faith. ELA parents are welcome to join us for Chapel on Wednesdays. Our ELA students attend the first chapel from 9:30-10:00 am. We love having you as our special guests.

This month, we are learning about community helpers. We had a visit from a veterinarian last week. We will welcome a police officer and firefighter later this month. All share information about the important jobs they do in our community.



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16 He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 17 Then Elisha prayed and said, "O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see." So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. - 2 Kings 6:16-17

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

Have you ever had a vision to do something creative that would benefit your whole family—your home team? As we prepare for our school's homecoming season, many of us are making mums, gathering the family to attend the games, and embracing the season with various fun activities. Perhaps you can relate to my story.

We are currently celebrating a "birthday season" in my family, and I am making fun cakes to celebrate my children's birthdays. For my daughter's cake, I decided to create a 3D upright house. However, my vision was not cooperating last Thursday evening. I struggled to get it to stand and to create a proper roof. I grew tired and frustrated, almost ready to give up and resort to making a simple flat sheet cake.

Before I threw in the towel, I decided to go to bed and revisit the cake the next day, after getting some rest and praying. The power of prayer and rest helped me to view the cake with new eyes and brain power the next day, and I came up with a solution to make it look like a 3D house. It turned out just as I had envisioned, and my daughter was thrilled!

I share this story because it reminded me of how I can apply this lesson whenever I feel frustrated with a vision or project I'm working on. In 2 Kings 6:16-17, the prophet Elisha comforted his helper when they were surrounded by enemies, and their circumstances seemed hopeless. Elisha had faith that God was greater than their challenges. In verses 16-17, it states, "He said, 'Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.'" Then Elisha prayed, saying, "O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see." The Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw that the mountains were full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha." God rescued them that day, and the young man, his helper, learned to trust God even when things appeared impossible.

The Lord reminded me always to seek Him in prayer and to rest in Him before giving up on anything I undertake. As we enter this homecoming season, amidst all the fun activities that may cause some frustration, remember to submit everything to the Lord, get the rest you need, and trust that His ways are always better and possible.



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A message from our Junior High Principal,

JARED FUQUA

This year our students are being encouraged to adhere to the Bronco Way: Accountability, Gratitude, and Respect. Our hope is that our students exude and embody these characteristics by the time they leave our halls. We understand that in order for our students to embrace these characteristics, they must see the adults in their lives set the example and the standard. That is our goal as a faculty and administration here in the Junior High. We are thankful to partner with you in pushing the Bronco Way to our students.

As an encouragement, I want to let you know that we understand the first weeks in Junior High can be challenging. Students are held accountable in all facets of school life. They now have eight classes and possibly eight different teachers. They are following a new and busy schedule. They are navigating new hallways. They are learning how to study and take notes. They are learning how to use their time wisely. In all of this, the chance of failure rises. This can be a hard pill to swallow for students who have not previously experienced failure. **However, that is life.** At some point, we all experience failure. What matters is how we respond and grow. We often see that students may look to their parents and teachers to help soften the blow or even try to take the feeling of failure away completely. Personally, I think this does more harm than good. In the real world, we are held accountable for our actions, whether they result in success or failure. Our goal as a faculty is to help guide these students through hard times, giving them perspective from a biblical worldview and skills to successfully attack those points of weakness. We want our students to know that we espouse this philosophy, because we truly love them and we want them to be prepared for what is to come. I hope you know that we are in your corner. I am thankful to partner with you in this endeavor, and I pray that the Lord will use your student's experiences in our classrooms and hallways to further His Kingdom.



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Mark Your Calendar

Monday-Wednesday, 9/14-16 Spiritual Emphasis Week

Wednesday-Friday, 9/23-25 Junior/Senior Retreat

Monday-Friday, 9/28-10/2 Homecoming Week

A message from our High School Principal,

BLAINE SPENCER

As we move further into September, the excitement of a new school year has begun to settle into the rhythms of everyday life. Classes are becoming more demanding, practices and activities are in full swing, and for many of our students, the initial energy of the school year is giving way to the reality of the work ahead.

This month, I want to encourage our students to **PRESS ON TOGETHER WITH JOY.**

During our chapel services, we have been studying through the first chapters of Philippians. One of the most powerful themes we continue to see is JOY. What makes Paul's words especially meaningful is that his joy was not dependent upon easy circumstances. Even in the midst of difficulty, Paul continued to rejoice because his confidence and hope were rooted in Christ.

In Philippians 1:27, Paul encourages believers to “stand firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel.” Then in Philippians 2, we are challenged to live with the same humility and mindset of Christ. Looking not only for our own interests, but also to the interest of others. That is a powerful picture of community.

As we prepare for Homecoming Week, I hope we see this celebration as more than dress-up days, pep rallies, and a football game. Homecoming gives us an opportunity to celebrate what it means to belong to a community and, more importantly, to intentionally strengthen that community.

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My challenge to our students is simple: Look beyond yourself. Who can you encourage? Who can you include? Who can you serve? How can you contribute to the joy of our community?

As we continue through Philippians and celebrate Homecoming, let's be a community that presses on together, serves like Christ, and finds our joy in Him!



A message from our Academic Counselor,
NANCY GADD

The 2026–2027 school year is already in its fifth week, and the fall season is quickly approaching. With Spiritual Emphasis Week, the junior/senior retreat, and Homecoming on the horizon, there is much for our students to look forward to and enjoy.

At the same time, the first nine weeks are coming to a close, PSAT testing is approaching, and our seniors are diligently submitting college applications. As the calendar fills, we are reminded of the importance of staying organized while also being present in the moments God gives us.

It is a blessing to have so many opportunities to fellowship and learn. As we embrace this busy time with gratitude, remember to pause and recognize God's presence along the way.

Reminders

Dual credit

Fall Dual Credit classes begin Monday, August 17. Students, please log into Brightspace to confirm your course schedule and check for class information.

If you have any questions regarding dual credit or your schedule, please make an appointment to meet with me. I am happy to help!

Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, 10/1 LSA College Fair for 11th & 12th grade 1:00-2:30 pm

Tuesday, 10/20 PSAT for grades 8th-11th, 7:45-11:30 am



A message from our Director of Curriculum and Instruction,

LINDA MUDGETT

Cooler temperatures, marching bands, and fall sports all add to the excitement of the season. In the curriculum department, we use the fall time cleaning up from the busy summer. Additionally, we are working on funding procurements for teacher trainings, curriculum budgeting for next year, selling or giving away old curriculum materials, data analysis, achievement testing preparations, and strategic planning goals.

As always, feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.



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A message from our Director of Student Support,

MIKE AMMONS

Over Labor Day weekend, our family reunited in Colorado Springs to visit our oldest son, Noah, during his first semester at the United States Air Force Academy. Since he reported for duty in June, we had deeply missed the simple gift of being together in person.

It was a profound blessing. We laughed, played games, watched football, and enjoyed one another's company. Noah's little brothers wrestled with their big brother, and my wife and I simply enjoyed the opportunity to hug and hold our oldest child again. It was a wonderful weekend.

Then came the travel day home.

We packed our bags, drove to the airport, returned the rental van, hurried through security, squeezed onto the plane, endured turbulence, navigated impatient crowds, retrieved our car, and battled Houston traffic before unloading in the familiar humidity. I am ashamed to admit that I was in a bad mood for much of the day. I was frustrated by the inconvenience, the crowds, the schedule, the traffic, and the loss of comfort and control.

Most of those things were not real hardships. They were ordinary inconveniences. Yet they revealed something important in my heart: I was tempted to treat the very people whose presence had brought me so much joy the day before as obstacles to getting home more easily.

Our chapel series through Philippians has been a timely reminder. In Philippians 2:3–4, Paul writes, “Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.” The frustrations of a travel day gave me another opportunity to consider whether I was living out that command, especially toward my own family.

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Philippians 2 points us ultimately to Christ, who humbled Himself in love for us. The mind of Christ should shape not only our response to major trials, but also our response to crowded airports, interrupted plans, stressful mornings, and the small inconveniences that tempt us toward impatience. Our circumstances do not excuse a lack of love. They often reveal how much we need God's grace.

During our visit, Noah mentioned how good it felt simply to hug his mom and wrestle with his little brothers. Those moments are easy to take for granted when they are part of everyday life. Yet this season has reminded our family how precious they truly are.

God has graciously given us family relationships for love, discipleship, encouragement, forgiveness, and growth. Psalm 127:3 reminds us, "Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward." The window of daily life together is often smaller than we realize. Before long, our children take their next steps into the places and callings God has prepared for them.

So cherish the people God has entrusted to you. Be quick to love, quick to forgive, and slow to let ordinary frustrations steal the joy of being together. May we thank God for the family connections He provides and seek to reflect the humble, sacrificial love of Christ within our homes.



Mark Your Calendar

Chili Cook-Off Friday, 10/2

Get your best chili recipes ready and come support the BACS Band as we host our [annual Chili Cook-Off](#) event! The Chili Cook-Off will take place on HOMECOMING, which is Friday, October 2nd, during the pre-game. Winners will be announced during halftime. See below for important details and sign-up information!

- Team Sign-Up: [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)
- Advance Tickets: [CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE](#)



A message from our Fine Arts Director,

MARIANNE MORRISON

An arts education is essential to a well-rounded academic experience, fostering creativity, self-confidence, and critical thinking. Through music, visual arts, and performance, students learn to articulate their ideas, collaborate effectively, and approach problem-solving with innovative perspectives. Research consistently demonstrates that artistic engagement enhances overall academic achievement while building foundational, lifelong skills. At BACS, the arts are fundamental to our mission of nurturing the whole child.

Department Highlights

- **Visual Arts (Elementary & Secondary)**
 - Students are actively engaging with a diverse selection of techniques, tools, and mediums, developing both technical proficiency and artistic voice.
- **Elementary Music & After-School Programs**
 - Elementary classes are building upon foundational concepts established last year. Additionally, our specialized after-school ensembles, Grace Notes, Music Makers, and Elev8, have officially launched, offering students targeted opportunities to advance their musical knowledge and skills.
- **Secondary Performing Arts**
 - Vocal Music: Choir students are preparing for TPSME Honor Choir and All-State auditions.
 - Instrumental Music: The Band and Colorguard continue to refine their marching routines, performing at pep rallies and high school football games to foster campus spirit. Additionally, the BACS Orchestra is expanding, with string players actively mastering fundamental techniques and repertoire.



ONE TEAM.
ONE MISSION.
ONE STANDARD.

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, 9/12 Battle for the Paddle

A message from our Athletics Director,

KYLE KENNEDY

September is an exciting time for Bronco Athletics! Our fall teams are competing hard, representing BACS well, and building momentum as district competition begins. We are proud of the effort and school spirit being shown by our student-athletes and coaches.

Football

The varsity football team has been dominant to begin the season. The Broncos are currently 3-0 and have outscored their opponents 127-21. They will host Danbury High School this Friday night at BACS before opening district play at home next week against a tough Holy Cross team. Come out, pack the stands, and cheer on the Broncos!

Volleyball

The Lady Broncos are currently 11-6 and will open district play against Conroe Covenant this Thursday at 5:00 p.m. at BACS. The team is coming off a strong performance at the San Marcos Academy Tournament, where the Lady Broncos finished as runners-up in the Gold Bracket. We are proud of how they competed throughout the weekend and look forward to watching them carry that momentum into district play.

Congratulations also go to our eighth-grade volleyball team, which won the Brazosport Christian School Volleyball Tournament on August 28-29! We are proud of these young Lady Broncos and their outstanding accomplishment.

Cross Country

Our cross-country team will compete in the Galveston Island Beach Run this Friday morning. The Broncos will then return to action on September 26 at Second Baptist. We are proud of the work these runners have put in and look forward to seeing them continue to improve throughout the season.

Winter Sports

Winter sports are right around the corner! Please watch for an email from Assistant Athletic Director Jeff Buehler with information regarding junior high tryouts for boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, swimming, and wrestling.

Bronco Backers Pickleball Tournament

The Bronco Backers will host the Battle for the Paddle Pickleball Tournament this Saturday, September 12, at Chicken N Pickle from 2-5 pm.

Families who would like to attend and watch the tournament may purchase a Family Pass (\$100.00) or a Couples Pass (\$50.00) at the event. Individual tickets are \$25.00. Admission will also include food from Chicken N Pickle. A silent auction featuring several fun prizes will be available throughout the event.

We hope you will join us for a great day of competition, fellowship, and support for Bronco Athletics & Fine Arts!





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September 10, 2026



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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.



There are two opportunities to purchase BACS **spirit wear**! The **BSN** live store is available **until January 7th** and will ship within 2 days to your home. Click [here](#) to view and order. **Gandy, Inc.** has a pop up store that will only be open **until September 14th**. Click [here](#) to view and order.



We will have a **Spring Carnival Meeting** on **Wednesday, September 16 at 8:00 am** in the Kids Commons. Come and learn how you can help us host a wonderful event to be held on Saturday, April 3, 2027. The carnival will include a silent auction and craft show.



HOMECOMING 2026 is early this year! **Thursday, October 1** is the **HOCO Parade** with the **Chili Cook-off** and **football game** following on **Friday, October 2**.



There will be a **Wheels and Thrills** golf cart decorating contest as part of our parade. You may decorate any way you like. Decorations do not have to be school colors. Let your creative juices begin! We only have 10 spots available for the contest. [Click here to register](#). The deadline to register is September 24. Click the Homecoming icon in the BACS app to sign up!



Bronco Backers will offer a **SCHOLARSHIP KICK!** 2 Seniors, 2 Kicks, 2 - \$1000 Scholarships! The "wheel" will spin during secondary chapel on September 30. The "kick" will take place during the nighttime HOCO pep rally on October 1.



Stronger Together Women's Conference

Saturday, September 26, 2026

9:00 am - 3:00pm

[Click here to register](#)

Teen and young adult sessions!

No matter what stage of life you are in, there is a breakout session just for you!