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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.

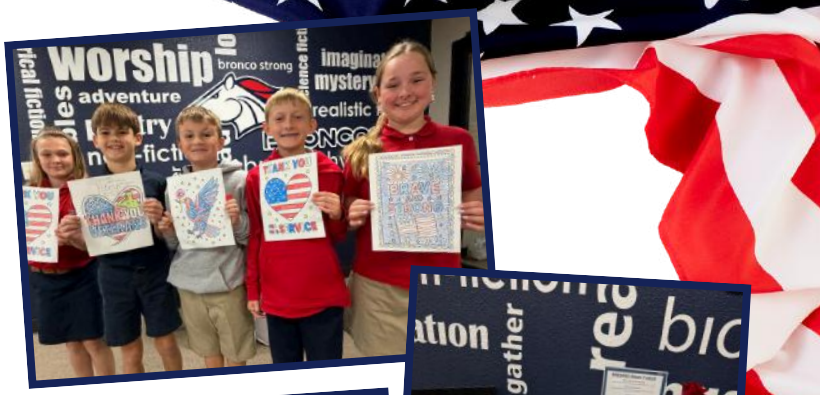
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A message from our Head of School,

LES RAINEY

Dear BACS Family,

As we celebrate Veterans Day throughout the entire week, I want to express my sincere gratitude to the men and women who have served our country through the generations, sacrificing so much to defend and protect the freedoms we enjoy in the United States.

Several years ago, while visiting Washington, D.C., with a group of our eighth-grade students, I had the privilege of meeting and personally thanking several veterans traveling with the Honor Flight Network. This wonderful organization was originally established to bring World War II veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit the monuments and memorials honoring their service and sacrifice.

I remember visiting with these veterans, many of whom were well into their later years, and thinking about the unimaginable things they must have witnessed and experienced. Some had even lied about their personal information as young men to enlist and serve their country. I was struck by their bravery, resilience, and willingness to sacrifice for something greater than themselves. It was an experience I will never forget.

As I reflect on that experience, my prayer is that we are raising a generation of young men and women who understand the significance of that sacrifice. At BACS, we desire for our students to develop a genuine love for their country, one rooted in a Christ-centered worldview. We want them to recognize that the freedoms we enjoy are both a blessing and a responsibility, and that we are called to steward those freedoms with wisdom, humility, gratitude, and a commitment to biblical principles.

So, to the veterans within our BACS family and throughout our community, thank you! Thank you for your service, your sacrifice, and your willingness to answer the call to serve our nation. Words will never fully express the gratitude we owe you, but please know that you are deeply appreciated by our entire Bronco community.

It's a great day to be a Bronco!

special updates





A message from our Nurses,

Brianna Arghiropol and Darcy Gonzalez

FLU PREVENTION & REPORTING REMINDERS

To help prevent the spread of influenza and keep everyone healthy, please follow these precautions:

- **Stay home when sick** - Students and staff experiencing flu-like symptoms should remain home.
- **Practice good hand hygiene** - Wash hands frequently with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.
- **Cover coughs and sneezes** - Use a tissue or your elbow and dispose of tissues properly.
- **Avoid sharing** - Do not share water bottles, food, utensils, or personal items.
- **Clean and disinfect** - Frequently sanitize high-touch surfaces, desks, equipment, and shared spaces.
- **Monitor symptoms** - Watch for fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, chills, and fatigue.
- **Follow return-to-school guidance** - Individuals should be fever-free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, with symptoms improving overall, before returning.

IMPORTANT: REPORT ALL POSITIVE FLU CASES TO THE SCHOOL NURSE BY EMAIL AT NURSE@BACSCHOOL.ORG OR BY PHONE AT 281-332-3601.

- Please notify the school nurse of every confirmed positive influenza case (Flu A or Flu B), including students and staff. Timely reporting helps us monitor cases, identify potential outbreaks, and take appropriate steps to reduce further spread.

Thank you for helping keep our school community healthy and safe!



A message from our Early Learning Academy Director,

ANITA PIERCE

The ELA Staff and I are so grateful for our wonderful students and families. As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, I hope you have the opportunity to slow down, enjoy some time together, and make special memories with your children. These precious years pass by so quickly, and we are thankful to be a part of their lives.

Psalm 107:1 reminds us, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."

As the temperatures begin to cool, please remember to send a jacket with your child for outdoor play. We will continue to enjoy recess outside as weather permits. Please also take a moment to check your child's extra clothing, including shoes, to ensure everything is seasonally appropriate and fits comfortably.

Wishing your family a warm and joyful Thanksgiving filled with love, laughter, and many blessings!

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, 11/9-Friday, 11/13 Pancake Mix & Syrup Food Drive
Wednesday, 11/18 Part Time Fall Parties
Thursday, 11/19 P2 Part Time Fall Party
Friday, 11/20 FT Fall Parties. Early Release at noon
Monday,11/23 – Friday,11/27 Thanksgiving Break



Mark Your Calendar

Friday, 11/20 Grandparents Day; Noon Dismissal
Monday, 11/23-Friday,11/27 Thanksgiving Holiday Break

A message from our Elementary Principal,

IRENE PERELLO

Have you ever planted seeds in your garden and waited patiently for them to grow? You wonder what will be produced, how much or how little your seeds will absorb. Will the fruit be healthy, sick, or plentiful? Depending on the sun, soil, and water, you just wait to see what happens. Sometimes it will harvest something bountiful and beautiful, or simply nothing like what you were expecting. Planting is hard, but waiting is even harder.

This reminds me, isn't that true of life? We plant seeds in our children's lives, and we simply have to wait on the Lord to see what fruit they will produce. The Lord counsels us through His Word on how to produce good fruit. John 15:5 says: ***I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, He it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.***

Without the Lord, we can do nothing. That's why I love working here. Our mission is to teach our students all about God and help them learn to be in relationship with the Lord. We do this by teaching them about what the Word says, through reading our Bibles, learning Scripture, and praying. Abiding in Him helps us produce the fruit that comes from Him.

This is why I am thrilled that we can offer a hands-on STEM club that teaches our students all about abiding in Him through learning about caring for the garden, also known as our Bronco Sprouts.



I pray you have a wonderful Thanksgiving season, enjoying your family and continuing to plant the garden that the Lord has blessed you with.



A message from our Junior High Principal,

JARED FUQUA

As we enter a time where we focus on giving thanks, I want to encourage you to have conversations with your children and ask them what they are thankful for. It can be so easy to become self-absorbed with our schedules, problems, and task lists that we don't take time to meditate on the blessings the Lord bestows to us each and every single day. When we take the time to consistently talk about what we are thankful for, it becomes normal for our children to follow suit. It is liturgical in nature.

I'd like to thank you, our families, for trusting us to educate your children and pour into them spiritually. I'd like to thank our faculty and staff for their daily effort educating and guiding our students. I'm thankful for their belief that this vocation is a ministry, not just a "job". I'd like to thank our students for bringing the joys of youth into our hallways and classrooms. I'm thankful to hear laughter before school, during class changes, and after school. This is truly a special place.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours.



Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, 11/18 Last day to turn in Operation Christmas Child boxes
Friday, 11/20 Grandparents Day; Noon Dismissal; Uniforms must be worn (not a spirit day)
Monday 11/23 - Friday 11/27 Thanksgiving Holidays

A message from our High School Principal,

BLAINE SPENCER

As I slow down and reflect on all that 2026 has brought, I am reminded of just how much I have to be thankful for. I am grateful for the time spent with my family during Spring Break in the Asheville area of North Carolina, where we were able to take in the beauty of God's creation and see His handiwork all around us. I am thankful for the special milestone of watching my youngest daughter, Eliza, take her first steps. I am also incredibly grateful that the Lord led my family and me to League City, where we have had the privilege of becoming part of the Bay Area Christian School family.

I am equally thankful for the men and women who have served, are serving, and will serve in our nation's military. Their willingness to sacrifice and serve has provided my family and countless others with the freedom to experience the everyday moments and blessings we sometimes take for granted.

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, I am reminded that gratitude is about more than recognizing the good things happening in our lives. It is about recognizing the goodness of the One who gives us every good gift. My thankfulness is not rooted simply in the fact that life is good, but in the truth that God is good. Even when circumstances are difficult or life does not unfold as we expected, His goodness remains constant.

My prayer is that each of us will take time this Thanksgiving to reflect on God's faithfulness, recognize His blessings, and give Him the praise He deserves. May we never lose sight of the greatest reason for our gratitude: the goodness, grace, and love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



Class of 2027
Seniors, Check your college application deadlines and be sure to submit requested information through your college application portal. Also complete your FAFSA to have access to scholarships and financial aid.

A message from our Academic Counselor,

NANCY GADD

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are reminded of the many blessings in our lives. Psalm 136:1-9 God calls the glory of creation and gives us confidence in his unending love.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the God of gods, for His steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for His steadfast love endures forever;
to Him who alone does great wonders, for His steadfast love endures forever;
to Him who by understanding made the heavens, for His steadfast love endures forever;
to Him who spread out the earth above the waters, for His steadfast love endures forever;
to Him who made the great lights, for His steadfast love endures forever;
the sun to rule over the day, for His steadfast love endures forever;
the moon and stars to rule over the night, for His steadfast love endures forever;

This month slow down and rest in God's goodness. At BACS we are so thankful for our amazing students, families, and dedicated staff who help our school be a place to learn, grow, and lift up praise to Jesus each day.

Exciting News

CollegeBoard
PSAT

PSAT scores are now available through the College Board!

- Log into the College Board Student Score Reports Portal to view your PSAT score breakdown.
- Scroll to the Skill Insights or Content Domains section.
- Note the specific sub-skills where you scored in the "Yellow" or "Red" zones (e.g., Algebra, Advanced Math, Craft and Structure, or Expression of Ideas).

Target Those Skills on Khan Academy

- Head over to the Khan Academy Official Digital SAT Prep course.
- Instead of following a broad plan, manually click into the specific Reading & Writing or Math domains you noted from your score report.
- Complete the targeted videos, articles, and short quizzes for those specific weaknesses to build up your skills.



A message from our Director of Curriculum and Instruction,

LINDA MUDGETT

And don't allow yourselves to be weary in planting good seeds, for the season of reaping the wonderful harvest you've planted is coming. Take advantage of every opportunity to be a blessing to others. - Galatians 6:9

And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest. - Luke 8:14

One of the cool things about living in Texas during the fall, is that things still grow. This year, I have been truly blessed with the opportunity to serve as the sponsor of STEM Bronco Sprouts. The Bronco Sprouts garden has sprouted pole beans, birdhouse gourds, sunflowers, buckwheat, red clover, beets, radishes, carrots, beans, peas, mini melons, and more. We have even had some tomato volunteers. This garden has taught us about tending things we want to grow and about the character quality of tenacity. It reminds me of the scripture verse that even when things look dark and daunting, God's glory rises and appears over us (Isaiah 60:2). I feel that the Bronco Sprouts are partnering with God and His Kingdom when we tend our garden spaces and when plants grow and bloom. It helps bring God's light into our world. When I look at the wonder in the faces of the Bronco Sprouts' kids, I see God's light and joy shining through. We continue to grow and learn and sow so that we can produce a huge harvest and be a blessing to others.

This season for curriculum is that of reevaluating, refining and redirecting. Planning for next year begins early on. A big shout out to my administrative assistant, Liz Griffin, who put together a Recommended Books By Grade Level list. Right now, it is divided into K-2, 3-5, and 6-8.



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A message from our Director of Student Support,

MIKE AMMONS

Last weekend, while traveling home from Lubbock after the Broncos' playoff football game, I found myself scrolling through my phone at 2:00 a.m. Apparently, my phone had determined that I was a middle-aged man in desperate need of personal improvement. To be fair, at 2:00 a.m. on a charter bus, it wasn't entirely wrong.

One advertisement caught my attention. It promoted an app called RISE, designed to improve sleep and regulate our circadian rhythms. The advertisement featured a cartoon of a struggling middle-aged man whose life was unraveling. He was exhausted, unproductive, physically unhealthy, and struggling personally and professionally. Then he discovered the app, and within two weeks, he was a completely different person. His energy returned, his relationships improved, and he was suddenly excelling in nearly every area of life.
All thanks to a better sleep schedule!

Of course, RISE isn't unique. Products like the Oura Ring, RYZE Mushroom Coffee, and countless other wellness products offer similar promises: make this one adjustment, establish this one habit, or purchase this one product, and watch your life dramatically improve.

There's something appealing about a simple solution to life's complicated challenges.

And to be clear, I'm not opposed to these products. Getting adequate sleep, eating well, exercising, and developing healthy habits are genuinely good things. Scripture encourages us to be faithful stewards of the bodies God has given us.

But I wonder if we've begun confusing improving our circumstances with transforming our lives.

Modern wellness culture often promotes what we might call a "lifestyle optimization loop." If we can just get our routines, sleep, nutrition, and productivity properly aligned, then peace, fulfillment, and personal flourishing will naturally follow.

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There is some truth in that message. Healthy habits really do improve our lives. But they cannot address our deepest spiritual needs.

A better routine can improve the way we live, but it cannot give us a new heart.

Scripture describes renewal as something far more profound than behavioral improvement. In Ezekiel 36:26, God promises His people a new heart and a new spirit. Romans 12:2 speaks of transformation through the renewal of our minds. And Titus 3:5 reminds us that regeneration and renewal come through the Holy Spirit.
Our deepest hope isn't found in what we can accomplish for ourselves, but in what God has accomplished for us through Jesus Christ.

And unlike the transformation portrayed in that advertisement, spiritual growth rarely happens in two weeks! Sanctification unfolds over a lifetime, often through struggles, setbacks, and seasons when life feels anything but optimized.

This is an especially important truth to teach our children. We want them to develop discipline, practice healthy habits, work hard, and care for their bodies. But we also want them to understand that their identity, worth, and hope are not found in their performance, productivity, or ability to manage life's challenges.
Their greatest need is to know Christ and experience the transforming work of His Spirit.

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, we can be grateful for the many tools and resources that help us live healthier lives. But we can be infinitely more grateful that God offers something no product or personal achievement can provide: forgiveness, reconciliation with Him, and the promise of new life in Christ.

So get a good night's sleep. Take a walk. Eat a little better. And perhaps put down your phone at 2:00 a.m. I'm certainly preaching to myself!

But remember, the peace our hearts most deeply need cannot be purchased, measured, or manufactured. It is found in Christ.

Jesus offers a promise far greater than anything marketed to us:

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28, ESV)

What an extraordinary promise for weary parents and busy families. Our greatest hope isn't that we can finally get everything right, but that we belong to a Savior who is faithfully making us new.

And that is something worth celebrating this Thanksgiving.



A message from our Fine Arts Director,

MARIANNE MORRISON

Our Fine Arts students continue to shine, showcase their incredible talents, and reach new heights of achievement! We are thrilled to congratulate our outstanding musicians on their remarkable achievements this season:

- TPSMEA Middle School Honor Choir: 7 choir students successfully auditioned and earned a spot in this year's Honor Choir.
- TPSMEA All-Region Choir: 9 choir students were selected to represent our school in the All-Region Choir.
- TPSMEA All-State Choir: 1 student was selected to the All-State Choir
- TAPPS Fall Drumline Festival: Our Bronco Band delivered fantastic performances at the festival, earning excellent ratings and representing our school community with pride and distinction.

We could not be prouder of these dedicated students and their commitment to excellence. Grandparent's Day Preparation Our youngest artists and musicians in Elementary Art and Music have been hard at work designing artwork and preparing a wonderful performance for Grandparents Day on Friday, November 20th.

We are deeply grateful for our school family and can't wait to welcome our grandparents for this special celebration!



Fall Sports Highlights

Our **Cross Country** teams wrapped up an outstanding season by competing at the TAPPS State Championships, where they finished seventh and eighth as teams. Congratulations to Noah Wilkerson, who finished eighth overall and earned First Team All-State honors!

The **Lady Broncos Volleyball** team also completed a strong season with 18 victories and a trip to the playoffs. Their season ended against eventual state runner-up Brazos Christian, but we are proud of the growth, effort, and determination the team displayed throughout the year.

As we close the fall season, we want to thank our coaches, student-athletes, families, Bronco Backers, and fans for the many ways you support BACS Athletics. The wins and accomplishments are exciting, but we are even more proud of the character, leadership, and teamwork our students continue to develop through athletics.

A message from our Athletics Director,

KYLE KENNEDY

November is an exciting time for Bronco Athletics as we celebrate a successful fall season and begin another busy winter season. We are proud of the way our student-athletes have competed, represented BACS, and honored Christ throughout the year. We look forward to another great winter season. Let's continue to show up, support one another, and represent BACS with excellence in everything we do.

Football

The Broncos punched their ticket to the TAPPS Division III State Semifinal with an impressive 59–27 victory over Lubbock Trinity Christian this past weekend!

They will face district rival Brazos Christian this Saturday, November 14, at 1:00 p.m. at Rice Consolidated High School. The winner will advance to play for the Division III State Championship. We encourage the entire BACS community to make the trip, wear navy, and cheer on the Broncos!

Basketball

The boys and girls basketball teams will open their seasons this week. Both teams will host Brazosport Christian this Thursday, November 12, in the Athletic Center. We are excited to welcome our teams back to the court and look forward to a great season.

Swimming

The varsity swim team will compete in their second swim meet this weekend at the HCYA Swim Meet, held at the W.W. Emmons Natatorium. We wish all our swimmers the best as they compete in their second meet of the year.

Soccer

The boys and girls soccer teams will play their season openers on Monday, November 16, at Northland Christian. Both programs have been working hard in preparation for the season, and we are excited to watch them compete.

ONE TEAM. ONE MISSION. ONE STANDARD.

BAY AREA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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The annual **Fun Run** was a fun, colorful day! Thank you to all who participated. Our school raised $147,277.50!! These funds will benefit the elementary library, teacher wish lists and security upgrades. This is all part of the Annual Fund.

The fun run is over, but you can still give toward the above initiatives via the Annual Fund through December 31, 2026. Please **click here.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Our annual **Grandparent's Day Celebration will be on Friday, November 20.** Guests of kindergarten - 4th grades can begin registering for a name tag now - **click here**.

- Kindergarten leads us off at 8:15 am
- 1st & 2nd grades at 9:00 am
- 3rd & 4th grades at 10:00 am in the Worship Center
- 5th & 6th graders will have a picnic with games, popcorn and soda at 10:30 am at the Pavilion on the east side of campus (weather permitting)

Early dismissal on Friday, November 20 @ noon. NO EXTENDED CARE or LUNCH!

The school campus will be closed the week of **November 23 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.**

Fore! Registration is officially OPEN for our **9th Annual Bronco Backer Golf Tournament**—grab your clubs, and get ready to tee up for a great time! See the next page for registration options.

14 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. *John 15:5*

BAY AREA ATHLETICS & Fine Arts

9th Annual

BRONCO BACKER GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2027 || MAGNOLIA CREEK GOLF COURSE



9th Golf Tournament

REGISTER NOW

SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK THE REGISTER BUTTON TO SIGN UP! TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR EARLY BIRD SPECIAL PRICING AND SECURE YOUR SPOT BEFORE RATES INCREASE ON JANUARY 1ST!