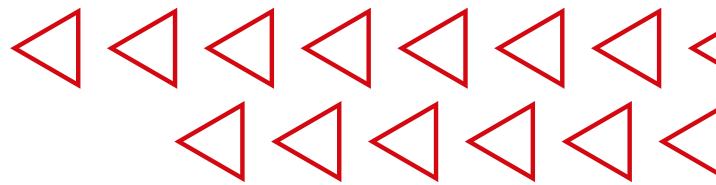




THE SOCIAL HERD



OUR MISSION

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.





This month's theme: Concede

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A message from our Head of School,

LES RAINEY

Dear BACS Family,

This month, we are focusing on having a spirit of radical forgiveness. Let's be honest—having a forgiving heart is neither natural nor easy. At least it's not for me. In Matthew 5:38-41, Jesus clearly challenges our natural inclinations, teaching us how to forgive and respond in ways that defy resentment and anger.

As I reflect on the things I've held onto in the past, I realize how often they've been petty and insignificant. I find myself asking: Is this worth holding onto? Is this worth sacrificing a relationship for? Almost always, the answer is "no." My sinful nature may want to respond with anger, aggression, or even payback, but the way of Christ calls us to love, patience, and forgiveness.

Conceding, in this context, is not weakness but strength. It's choosing forgiveness over retaliation, grace over pride, and generosity over self-preservation. May we strive to embrace this Christlike heart as we journey together this month.

It's a great day to be a Bronco!

Upcoming Events

1/27 State of the School Address & Preview Night for Prospective Parents

3/29 BACS Carnival, Craft Show, & Silent Auction





A message from our Admissions Director,

DENYS WATSON

We are now accepting applications for all grades Kindergarten through 12th for the 2025-2026 school year!

To apply, create an [online application here](#).

Please [complete this form](#) if you would like to schedule a tour for grades K-12.

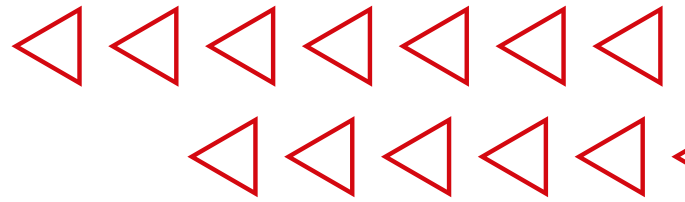
Tours are available:

Monday - Friday

9:00am, 11:00am & 1:30pm

Please allow 45 minutes to one hour for elementary tours and 1.5 hours for secondary tours





A message from our Early Learning Academy Director,

ANITA PIERCE

Happy New Year! 2025 is off to a great start! It is the time of year that many of us make resolutions. This month, our focus is on forgiveness. How many times have we reacted rather than taken a moment, think about the situation, and respond? The word "forgive" appears over 100 times in the Bible. If God's word contains forgiveness that many times, He knows that we need reminders! This is sometimes easier said than done due to human nature. Jesus wants us to love one another in the same way He loves us. We should put ourselves in a position to see the situation from the other person's perspective.

Mark Your Calendar

- 1/14** Deadline to opt out of Continuous Enrollment
- 1/16** Priority 2025/2026 enrollment for BACS/ELA siblings begins
- 1/20** Martin Luther King Holiday
- 1/22** Pajama Day for P2 M/W class
- 1/23** Pajama Day for all other classes
- 1/24** 100th Day of School for full-time classes





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A message from our Elementary Principal,
DANA DUNCAN

January's theme of concede challenges us as believers to draw near to Christ and reflect His love for others. In Matthew 5:38-40, Jesus teaches a radical approach to forgiveness and response to injustice, calling His followers to go beyond the natural human instinct for retaliation. To "concede" in this context means to yield to God's higher authority, acknowledging His truth over our own desire for revenge. This act of concession becomes a separation point between believers and the world. While the world often responds to offense with anger and aggression, as followers of Christ we are called to respond with extraordinary kindness, generosity, and humility. By resisting the urge to retaliate and seek revenge, we reflect the character of Christ and entrust ourselves to God's guidance. As we seek His will with humble hearts, God leads us in how to navigate relationships with others, showing us how to extend grace and forgiveness, even when it feels difficult or impossible. In these moments, we are not just surrendering our right for what we desire as justice, but yielding to God's truth, allowing His love to shine through us and testify to a broken world. We are all sinners in need of salvation and surrender to His will.

Mark Your Calendar

- 1/17 6th grade field trip to the zoo
- 1/20 Martin Luther King Day/School holiday
- 1/24 100th Day of School and 3rd grade field trip to Minute Maid
- 1/27 State of the School Address
- 1/31 4th grade field trip to Dave & Buster's





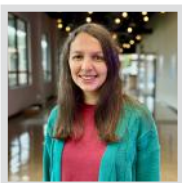
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A message from our High School Principal,

HAROLD PAYNE

As we begin the new year, I am reminded of the powerful teaching found in Matthew 5:38-41. The culture of competition and individualism often makes it easy to fall into the trap of retaliation and pride, especially when we feel wronged or misunderstood. But Jesus calls us to a higher standard, one that challenges us to embrace grace over revenge, humility over pride, and generosity over self-interest. As parents, educators, and leaders we have a unique opportunity to model these values for our students, showing them what it looks like to respond with compassion and love, even in difficult circumstances.

This semester, let us commit to creating a school environment where kindness and understanding take precedence. Instead of reacting with frustration or anger when things do not go as planned, let us choose to go the extra mile, offer grace when it is most needed, and serve others selflessly. By embodying these principles, we not only foster a culture of respect and empathy but also demonstrate the love and humility that can truly transform lives. As we move forward, may we continue to reflect on how these teachings can shape not only our school community but also the hearts of our students, preparing them to be agents of change in a world that desperately needs it.



Welcome

Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Terekhina, our new Art and Speech teacher, who brings an incredible depth of experience and passion for education to our school. Her commitment to Christian values and her creative teaching style align beautifully with our school's mission. We are blessed to have Mrs. Terekhina join our community.





A message from our Academic Counselor,
NANCY GADD

The scripture in Matthew 5:38-41 is a powerful visual from our Lord. Jesus explains how to show others the love of the Lord in everyday situations that are challenging. As Christians, to show others the love of Christ must come first in every situation. It is only through the Spirit of the Lord hearts are called to Him.

Mark Your Calendar

Our Dual Credit meeting is
2/6 at 6:00pm in the Kids
Commons cafeteria.

Testing Dates

Upcoming SAT options
3/8 (registration deadline is
2/21), 5/6 (registration
deadline is 4/7)

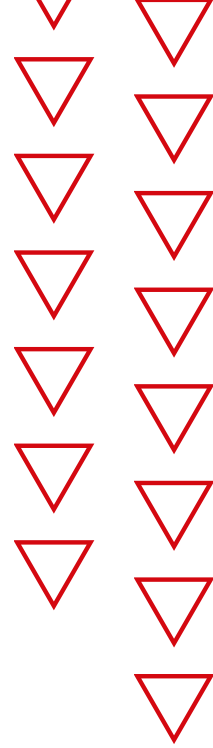
Upcoming ACT options
www.act.org

Announcements

Juniors: should take one of the
upcoming SAT and/or ACT
exams. Information and
registration is available [online](#)
(for the SAT) and
www.my.act.org (for the ACT.)

Seniors: Check your college
application portals for any
updates, and schedule
appointments with me as
needed. Be sure to fill out your
FAFSA for financial aid
opportunities.





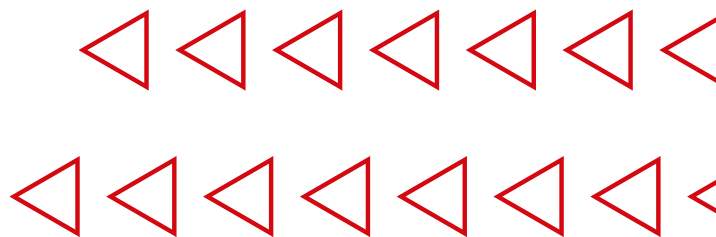
A message from our Fine Arts Director,
MARIANNE MORRISON

American culture values strength, assertiveness, and standing your ground in all circumstances. This is good and necessary at times, but it can also be contrary to gospel values and the cause of Christ. Strong relationships require that we act humbly and offer mercy to others when offended. In its simplest form, mercy is giving others something that they do not deserve. When we respond with mercy and choose humility over defensiveness and anger, we shine brightly for the Gospel and we open the door to healing and deeper connection with others. Humility doesn't diminish our worth or value - instead it strengthens it. When we practice self-control, we model the way of Christ and put our trust in something greater than our immediate feelings and emotions.

Mark Your Calendar

- 1/10-1/11** TPSMEA High School All-Region Choir Clinic & Concert
- 1/17-1/18** ATSSB High School Band Region Clinic & Concert
- 1/23-1/25** TPSMEA High School All-State Choir
- 1/25** ATSSB Junior High Band Region Clinic & Concert





[Bronco Backer Golf Tournament](#)

Monday, April 7th, 2025

A message from our Athletics Director, **KYLE KENNEDY**

From my perspective, this month's verse calls me to embody a deeper kind of strength—one rooted in humility and grace, especially when I face mistreatment or injustice. It challenges me to respond to conflict not out of pride or a desire for revenge but with a willingness to go above and beyond, extending love and understanding even when it's tough. By doing this, I reflect Christ's example, demonstrating that true strength isn't in retaliation but in choosing peace, forgiveness, and selflessness over resentment or bitterness.

Winter Sports News

Swimming

The varsity swim team competed at the TISCA Championships on Tuesday, with the boys finishing 4th overall and the girls finishing 5th. Their next meet will be this Saturday at 11:15 a.m. at Clear Springs Natatorium.

Wrestling

The high school wrestling team has been hard at work during the Christmas break, practicing and competing. They will travel to Kincaid High School this Saturday for a dual meet at 5:00 p.m.

Boys Basketball

The varsity boys basketball team defeated Conroe Covenant this past Saturday during the Christmas break. Their next game is Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. at Cypress Christian.

Girls Basketball

The girls basketball team kicked off district play yesterday with a dominant 72-54 win over Second Baptist, starting their district campaign 1-0. They will play Logos Prep at BACS this Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Boys Soccer

The varsity boys soccer team remains undefeated after a strong 5-0 win over Grace Academy yesterday, improving their record to 7-0. Their next match is on January 13th at 5:00 p.m. at BACS against HCYA.

Girls Soccer

The girls soccer team secured a 3-1 victory over HCYA in their last game, bringing their record to 6-2. They begin district play this Thursday at Fort Bend Christian, and on January 13th, they will face Second Baptist.





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A message from our Director of Curriculum and Instruction,

LINDA MUDGETT

The other scripture that comes to mind when I read Matthew 5:38-41 is Romans 8:6, (NASB) For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace. The word “set” is highlighted to me. In this case it means determined, intent and premeditated. There are two kingdoms. We always have two choices-the way of the spirit, which is life; or the way of the flesh, which is death. When our minds are “set on” the Holy Spirit, then we can choose to respond in the way of life. There is always a spiritual solution available to us. The difficult part is quieting our hearts to hear what Jesus is saying to us and how He wants to lead in the situation, and then choosing it. When we follow the Holy Spirit, then the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.” (Romans 8:2)

Announcements

- New brochures for K-6 are being updated and will be posted to the website by February.
- Scheduling for the K-8 Iowa Assessments is being finalized. These assessments will be administered in April.





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A message from our Director of Student Support,

MIKE AMMONS

Welcome to 2025! Happy New Year! This season often brings fresh opportunities for self-reflection, renewed goals, and personal growth. One guiding concept for our efforts is “conceding,” not simply giving up, but yielding to God’s ways instead of clinging to our own. In Matthew 5:38 - 41, Jesus teaches, “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.” This passage reminds us how “conceding” in conflict or misunderstanding can help us live out our faith more fully.

As parents, we see daily challenges where children struggle with fairness, retaliation, or standing their ground with respect. Yet the principle of conceding encourages us to go the extra mile, not letting others walk over us, but allowing God’s grace to shape our responses. By surrendering our instinct for immediate justice, we choose to trust God’s will instead.

This year, let’s talk with our children about conceding. Ask what “turning the other cheek” might look like in classrooms, on the playground, or with siblings. Show them how it’s possible to stand up for what is right while maintaining a spirit of mercy. Consider praying each morning as a family, inviting God to guide you through unexpected frustrations or conflicts. Emphasize that conceding isn’t weakness, but a way to follow Jesus’s example of humility and sacrificial love.

I am excited to see how these conversations about conceding will shape our students and our community throughout this new year.



BRONCO ANNOUNCEMENTS



Monday, January 20, 2025 is a **school holiday** in observance of MLK Day. Have a wonderful long weekend!



On **Monday, January 27, 2025 at 6:30pm** we will host our annual **State of the School Address and Preview Night for prospective parents**. If you are in attendance, you can register for one of four \$500 tuition discounts for one student for the 2025/26 school year or one of eight one student re-enrollment fee waivers (one per family). You must be present to win!



Saturday, March 29, 2025 from 10:00am - 2:00pm BACS will host the 2025 Carnival/Craft Show/Silent Auction. Be on the lookout for more information arriving in your inbox in the next few weeks!



The **7th Annual Bronco Backers Golf Tournament** will be held on **Monday, April 7, 2025**. Scan the QR code for more information.



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BAY AREA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

1/14

Deadline to opt out of Continuous Enrollment

1/15-1/31

Priority enrollment for ELA / BACS siblings

2/1

Open enrollment for new students begins



VALENTINE ORDER FORM

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Take the stress out of Valentine's Day and support our Broncos at the same time! NHS students will put together your order and deliver to classrooms on February 13th. There is even an option to order for an entire class!

[Click here to order](#)

- Orders are due by Thursday, February 6th.
- Orders will be charged to student FACTS accounts. No cash/check.

