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#### **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.





Dear BACS Families,

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It's about equipping students to see the world through the lens of a Biblical worldview, to live as faithful disciples of Jesus, to engage society with truth and grace, and to strengthen the church for generations to come.

At Bay Area Christian Church and Christian School, it's common to hear that we have organizational DNA. What does that mean? Simply put, it's the foundation that guides everything we do as a community. Our DNA is built on four core values:

#### Kingdom. Disciple. Society. Church.

These are not just words on paper, they are the foundational building blocks of Bay Area Church and Christian School. They should shape the way we teach, the way we serve, and the way we partner with families in raising up the next generation.

Together, they direct our vision of saturating the 4B area with the Gospel by restoring people, families, and churches. This is more than an academic education. It's about equipping students to see the world through the lens of a Biblical worldview, to live as faithful disciples of Jesus, to engage society with truth and grace, and to strengthen the church for generations to come.

Over the course of this school year, we'll take time to break down each of these core values—Kingdom, Disciple, Society, and Church—so you can see how we strive for them to come to life on our campus and in the lives of our students.

As we move forward into the fall season, we invite you to pray with us that our students not only learn well but also live out this DNA in their classrooms, homes, churches, and communities.

It's a great day to be a Bronco!



# special updates



# A message from our Admissions Director, DENYS WATSON

A new school year means it is a great time to make sure all your contact information is current! If you have any updates to your family or contact details, please send them to admissions@bacschool.org so we can update our Student Information System (SIS). This helps us stay in touch about all the fun and important things happening on campus.





# A message from our Cafeteria Supervisor, ARYANA BEHR

I am enjoying getting to know you and your children. In an effort to keep you informed of our lunchroom practices and processes, we have created a Cafeteria Guide. Please click the link below for helpful tips, reminders, and step by step instructions for ordering food and adding funds to your child's snack account.

We hope you will find this guide informative. As always, please let us know if you have any questions or if we can help in any way.

**BACS** Cafeteria Guide





A message from our Early Learning Academy Director,

## **ANÎTA PIERCE**

September is here, and we are off to a great start! Our full-time students are already in their 5th week of school, and our part-time students are in their 3rd week. Everyone is doing a wonderful job settling into classroom routines and making new friends.

We're so thankful to partner with you in helping your children learn and grow in their faith. ELA parents are invited 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're learning all about community helpers! We're excited to welcome a boat pilot, a police officer, and a firefighter to visit our classrooms and share about the important jobs they do in our community.





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A message from our Elementary Principal,

## **IRENE PERELLO**

How do you feel when you settle at home with your feet up after a long day's work, reflecting on what the Lord has done? I ask you this question because it is one month into 2025-2026, and I am finally putting my feet up and reflecting on the progress we have made with our students in this new school year. Our students have accomplished many new things already; from learning how to walk in a line, follow lunch room procedures, understanding the rules and expectations of the classroom, navigating playground experiences, afterschool, and home activities. When progress occurs and accomplishments are happening, I think about Proverbs 16:9. It states, "The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes their steps." As I share this, I am feeling completely grateful for how the Lord has allowed me to watch, assist, and guide our new families, staff, and students to simply get to the next step.













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A message from our Junior High Principal,

## JARED FUQUA

Things are in full swing here at the Bay Area JH. I am so proud of our student body. They are settling in academically, and our athletes are giving it their all on the court, course, and field. Last week, I was able to witness members of the JH Choir lead worship in chapel for the younger grades. It was a blessing to see these leaders glorify God with the talents He has given them. This is just an example of what makes Bay Area a special place. I'm looking forward to seeing our students thrive and grow as the school year continues!

#### **Mark Your Calendar**

**Monday-Wednesday, 9/15-17** Spiritual Emphasis Week

**Wednesday, 9/24** See You at the Pole

**Thursday, 9/25** JH Pep Rally







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#### **Mark Your Calendar**

Wednesday-Friday, 10/15-17
Junior/Senior Retreat (registration coming soon!)

A message from our High School Principal,

## HAROLD PAYNE

It has been a great start to the school year. Our students have settled in well, and I love what I am seeing around our campus. As a school, we are constantly looking for new ways to prepare our students for the future, no matter where God leads them. This year, we are excited to launch a new initiative for our juniors and seniors called Lunch and Learn. These special sessions are designed to equip our students with practical tools and knowledge to help them navigate the challenges of adulthood with confidence. Each Lunch and Learn will feature community leaders who bring expertise in areas such as career planning, financial literacy, leadership, and other essential life skills.

This is a unique opportunity for students to learn directly from accomplished professionals who are eager to invest in the next generation. Beyond the valuable knowledge shared, Lunch and Learns will foster engaging discussions and provide a space for students to connect with peers in meaningful ways.

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Click here to register!

- The first session is September 23, 2025.
- The cost is \$12, and includes a Chick Fil A lunch and an informative session on topics geared toward setting upperclassmen up for future success.
- September's topic is "Financial Foundations," including saving, investing, budgeting, and debt awareness from a local Financial Advisor, Andrew Thompson.





A message from our Academic Counselor, NANCY GADD

#### **Mark Your Calendar**

**Thursday, 10/2** LSA College Fair for 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade, 1:00-2:30 PM

**Tuesday, 10/28** PSAT, 7:45-11:30 AM

#### Announcements

#### Seniors

Check your college application portals for application requirements.

The school year is off to a fantastic start! By the end of the second week, students were confidently navigating their schedules as if summer break had never happened. The energy on campus has been both positive and focused, and it's been a joy connecting with students during Bible classes.

In August, I met with students to help them create their College Board accounts, set up their ACT profiles, and show seniors how to register for their Parchment accounts. These platforms are essential tools for college and career readiness, providing access to test scores, transcript requests, and scholarship opportunities.

I encourage all families to talk with their students and explore these two college planning tools together. Staying engaged now can make a big difference later!







If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.





#### **MISSION**

To support Bay Area Christian School by providing resources to students and teachers, furthering the growth of Kingdom education and empowering future leaders in faith and learning.

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A message from our Fine Arts Director,

## MARIANNE MORRISON

The arts are a vital part of a well-rounded education, helping students grow in creativity, confidence, and critical thinking. Through music, visual art, and performance, children learn to express themselves, collaborate with others, and approach problems from new perspectives. Research consistently shows that participation in the arts also strengthens academic achievement and builds lifelong skills. At BACS, we believe the arts are not just enrichment...they are essential to developing the whole child.

In Elementary and Secondary Art, students are exploring a wide range of techniques, tools, and mediums that help them grow as creative and confident artists.

Elementary Music is off to a lively start as students review last year's basics and quickly build upon their foundation. Our After School Music programs, Grace Notes, Music Makers, and Elev8 launched this month, and we look forward to seeing students strengthen their musical skills and knowledge.

In Secondary Music, Choir students are preparing for Honor Choir and All-State auditions, while Band and Colorguard continue to refine their Marching Band routines. You can catch the Bronco Band in action at pep rallies and High School football games, bringing spirit and energy to our campus. Meanwhile, the BACS Orchestra continues to grow, with students developing new skills and techniques to become stronger string players.







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A message from our Director of Student Support,

## MIKE AMMONS

Over the past week, my family moved, and as we packed and carried hundreds of boxes, I kept thinking about the Westminster Shorter Catechism's first question:

What is the chief end of man? To glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

One of the proof texts for this truth is Revelation 4:11: "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created." Opening boxes we hadn't touched in years was eye-opening; what once felt essential had quietly become forgettable. It reminded me how easily stuff slides from precious to pointless, and how not only possessions but also my attitude, my devices, and my social media feed can crowd out delight in Christ. As fall calendars fill and holiday wish lists grow, it's tempting to treat "new" as "necessary." But today's hot gadget will often become tomorrow's garage box we barely remember.

If our chief end is to know and enjoy God, then our schedules and spending should begin to reflect that end. I'm not anti-stuff; I'm pro-worship. I want to steward every gift for His glory and fame.

So here are three practices for families longing to glorify and enjoy God together.

- 1. Set aside a daily time to open Scripture as a family and enjoy God's word.
- 2. Root your faith in a Bible-teaching church engaging in worship, prayer, and real community where parents and children are known and encouraged.
- 3. Serve together in Jesus' name, finding simple ways to magnify His love to neighbors in need.

As I unpack my house and my heart, I need to repent, laying aside the endless distractions that slow my love and obedience. Together, let's choose habits that re-train our desires toward what lasts. Let's strive to be less about acquiring and more about abiding with and knowing our Savior. Let's have homes where boxes hold things, but our hearts hold Christ.





A message from our Director of Curriculum and Instruction,

## LINDA MUDGETT

As we progress throughout the school year, there are many ways to support your students. Along with reading every day, asking questions and discussing what is read promotes the thinking and learning process. Here is a simple story sequence that could be utilized for most anything read:

- Characters/Setting-Who is in the story? What are they like? Where do they live or go? When does it happen?
- Plot or Problem–What do they need/want? What do they think? What do they say and do?
- Climax and Resolution–How is the problem/need resolved? What happens after? What is learned? What is the message or moral?

One of the areas we typically notice gaps is math fact foundation. Here are two websites that can help with math facts: <a href="https://afterschoolhelp.com/">https://afterschoolhelp.com/</a> or <a href="xtramath.org">xtramath.org</a>. Keeping good old-fashioned flashcards readily available provides valuable practice for math facts. Khan Academy also has free resources and can help fill in gaps. We do have simple math manipulatives and some flashcard sets if you would like them. Either ask your teacher or contact me.

As always, let us know if you have any questions or concerns.









As we step into September, our Broncos are competing with passion, determination, and teamwork. We're proud of the way our student-athletes continue to represent Bay Area Christian School with excellence on and off the field.

#### Volleyball

Our Varsity Volleyball team wrapped up their final tournament of the season last week and is now gearing up for the start of district play. Come out and cheer them on in their district home opener, Thursday, September 18th at 6:00 PM vs. Logos Prep.

#### Junior High Volleyball

A huge congratulations to our 7th and 8th grade teams for their outstanding play at the Brazosport Christian Tournament this past weekend!

- 7th Grade: Finished as Runner-Up in the Silver Bracket.
- 8th Grade: Captured the Gold Bracket Championship! Way to go, Lady Broncos!

#### **Cross Country**

The Bronco Cross Country team continues to put in the miles and represent our school with perseverance. Their next race is Friday, September 20th at Challenger Park, hosted by LSA.

#### **Football**

Friday Night Lights are here! The Varsity Football team takes the field at home on September 12th at 7:00 PM vs. Conroe Covenant. Pack the stands and bring your Bronco spirit to support the team!







## bronco weekly news

September 11, 2025



**Student Friday Night Lights is Friday, Sept. 12** (tomorrow) at the football game for **Kindergarten - 2nd grades.** Each student must have a ticket. Students will receive one free ticket to the game from their teacher. Family members must purchase tickets. Students will run through the tunnel with the cheerleaders and help cheer on the football team before the game. Arrive by 6:35 pm to line up. Tickets are \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$8 for adults.



There are many items in the lost and found in each division office and gyms. If you are missing glasses, lunch kits, jackets, water bottles, hair bows, etc. please send your student to claim them. Items with names on them are returned daily.



Secondary students can participate in See You At The Pole on Wednesday, September 24 at 7:15 am at the Athletic Center. Come worship and pray for our country, leaders and students.



**Friday, October 10** will be a Teacher Work Day. Students have the day off and a long weekend, but teachers GET to work!



Come join us on Saturday, September 27th from 9 am to 2 pm for our Stronger Together Women's Conference. Get ready for an unforgettable day designed just for you- filled with uplifting worship, powerful teaching, and meaningful fellowship. Go to bayarea.church/events to find out more information or click here.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Psalm 8:1



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