#### BAY AREA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

a ministry of BAY AREA CHURCH



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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.





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This month's theme: Reflect

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!"

—Psalm 107:1 (ESV)

A message from our Head of School, LES RAINEY

It's natural to feel like we're running on empty as we near the end of the school year. In times like this, it's a meaningful practice to pause and reflect on how God has provided and blessed us throughout the school year journey. One thing we know for certain: God is faithful, and His steadfast love never runs out.

As I look back on the 2024–2025 school year, I'm incredibly thankful for the many memories our students created under the guidance of our exceptional faculty and staff. From field trips and Friday Night Lights to carnivals and concerts, these moments are just a glimpse of what makes our Bronco community so special.

But above all, what matters most is the Christ-centered education our students receive each day—an education firmly rooted in a biblical worldview. That foundation is what truly sets this year apart and defines the heart of the BACS experience.

As we enter the summer break, I pray your family finds time to rest, reconnect, and be refreshed. Thank you for partnering with us—we're excited for what God has in store in the year ahead!

It's a great day to be a Bronco!





A message from our Early Learning Academy Director,

# **ANITA PIERCE**

As the 2024–2025 school year draws to a close, I smile as I reflect on how much your children have grown—academically, socially/emotionally, and spiritually. I am so proud of them!

We are truly thankful to have partnered with you at the beginning of your child's educational journey and their growing relationship with Jesus. In Matthew 19:14, Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." What a beautiful reminder of His love and care for them.

This year has been filled with so many memorable events—dress-up days, the Pancakes & Syrup Food Drive, and Picnics with Parents, just to name a few. But I have to say, the most rewarding experience has been attending Chapel. It is such a joy to watch preschool children engage in worship with such pure hearts and enthusiasm.

It's hard to believe we only have a few weeks left of the school year. I want to sincerely thank you for entrusting us with your child's education and for your ongoing support and dedication.

I hope you enjoy a relaxing summer with your children—treasure every moment. It passes too fast! We look forward to seeing everyone again in the fall.

#### **Mark Your Calendar**

**5/13** K4/Bridge Graduation Rehearsal (Students only) \*Please have your student here before 9:00am.

**5/22** Last day of school for full-time students

6/1 Registration deadline for ELA Summer Camps 5-8

5/15 K4/Bridge Graduation Ceremony 10:00-11:00am \*Please have your student here before 9:00am. -Last day of school for part-time students REGISTRATION **OPEN NOW!** 

# early learning academy

# 2025



May 27-30 Fun At the Circus

4 day special price Special Price: \$160 PM Plus Care: \$80

No camp June 2-6

Vacation Bible School



June 9-13 A Bug's Life



June 16-20

Super Heroes & Princesses



June 23-27 Reading with Eric Carle



No camp June 30 - July 4 Independence Holiday Week



**July 7-11** Space



**July 14-18** Digging into Dinosaurs



July 21-25 Under the Sea



July 28 - Aug. 1 Lego Land

#### Camp Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm \$200 per week

Camps 1-4 Click here to register Registration closes May 1

#### PM Plus Care

Monday - Friday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm \$100 per week

Camps 5-8 Click here to register Registration closes June 1



Open to ELA students enrolled for 2024/2025 or 2025/2026

Age 2 by 9/1/2024 through completed Bridge Class



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He has been faithful to draw our hearts and minds toward Him.

A message from our Elementary Principal,

DANA DUNCAN

This school year has been a blessing in so many ways. What an absolute joy to walk these halls every day! Our students have grown so much. They have grown academically, socially/emotionally, and spiritually. We have an outstanding number of students who have said Red Star and Gold Star Scripture this year! Also, we had a wonderful time celebrating 13 baptisms in Chapel last week. God is so faithful!

As we come to the close of another school year, I invite you to take a moment to reflect on the blessings and growth we've experienced together. This year has been filled with learning, laughter, and meaningful moments that have shaped not just our minds, but our hearts.

In Psalm 90:12, we are reminded: "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Each school day has been a gift, an opportunity to grow in knowledge, character, and in the love of Christ. Whether through classroom lessons, acts of kindness, or challenges we've overcome together, God's hand has been with us. He has been faithful to draw our hearts and minds toward Him. We have truly experienced the goodness of God!

As we head into summer, may we carry forward the lessons learned, the friendships formed, and a spirit of gratitude. Let us continue to seek wisdom, show compassion, and walk in faith, knowing that God has great plans for each of our children.

Thank you for being a part of our school family. May your summer be restful, joyful, and filled with the peace of Christ.





# **Elementary News**

#### **Mark Your Calendar**

**5/16** Kindergarten Graduation **5/22** Last Day - Classes dismiss at noon **5/22** Awards Night at 6:00pm

#### **Reading Champs**

Join us in congratulating second-graders Killion Vlasak and Jordan Warwick for reading 80 books this school year! Each month, Mrs. Stevenson gave students a reading challenge of ten books. Both of these boys rose to the challenge. Way to go!







An optional summer reading challenge will be available starting next week in the elementary library when students enjoy their library time or in the elementary office.

#### **Required Summer Reading**

We're excited to announce our summer reading choices this year! Please <u>click this link</u> to view the books and assignments to keep our Broncos reading strong.



# **CAMP KINDERGARTEN 2025**

Excite and prepare your little learner for kindergarten with our engaging summer program!

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Camp Kindergarten is a half-day summer program to prepare for an exciting year of kindergarten! We will make new friends as we go through all of the components of a regular full day of school but with a half-day schedule. Each session is sure to bring excitement to your child and ease the worries of parents and children alike. Children may wear appropriate summer attire and enjoy a relaxed learning atmosphere.

#### Skills covered:

- Fine motor skills
- Phonics foundations
- Numbers sense
- Tour the campus to become acquainted with their new surroundings.
- Become familiar with school procedures to help them make the transition from preschool to kindergarten easier.



### **Camping Under The Stars**

June 16-19 Afternoon 1:00-3:30 p.m.



#### Cost:

\$275.00 per week

Click <u>here</u> to register!

## **Fairy Tale Favorites**

July 14-17 Morning 9:00-11:30 a.m.



## Christmas in July

July 21-24 Afternoon 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Taught by Cynthia Lane
BACS Lead Kindergarten Teacher
Classroom C102





A summer enrichment program to get your child ready for next year!

Your child is invited to join us this summer! They will have fun spending time with school friends, enjoying lunch together, and reviewing important skills to help them get off to a great start next year. These sessions will include math skills such as computation, identifying money, and telling time. Phonics, reading, and fine motor skills will also be presented in a fun and engaging way.

**Location:** Ms. Lane's Classroom (C102) & Kid's Commons

**Price:** \$65.00 per session or \$250 per week

Age: Entering Kindergarten through Third grade **Time:** 9:00am-12:00pm Monday through Thursday

Questions: cynthia.lane@bacschool.org Bring your backpack and lunchbox!

#### Two Weeks Available

June 16-19 Camping Under the Stars

July 21-24 Christmas in July

Click <u>here</u> to register!





#### Mark Your Calendar

5/19-22 Exam Week (schedule can be seen in FACTS)5/22 Secondary Awards Night at 7:30pm in the Worship Center

#### **Required Summer Reading**

Click this link to view this year's summer reading picks.

A message from our Junior High Principal,

## JARED FUQUA

If I had to choose a few words to describe this year, they would be: fast, new, and packed. I think of the word fast because this year has flown by at the speed of light! When I talk with teachers, a common theme emerges: while there have been slow and dense moments throughout the year, I often find myself looking at the calendar thinking, "How in the world is it already May?!"

The word new comes to mind when I reflect on the many first-time events that took place this year. We held our first Junior High Pep Rally. Our students participated in JH Candy Bar Bingo, and, for the first time, our seventh graders went on the Texas Trip, visiting College Station, Austin, and San Antonio. We also hosted an Impacts of Technology Seminar for our 6th–8th graders.

I think of the word packed because of all these exciting events! Our teachers have been wonderfully flexible in adapting their schedules to ensure our students benefit from both academic rigor and meaningful experiences. We truly strive to live out our goal of helping students work hard and play hard.

I'm proud of our seventh graders for entering Junior High and working hard to adapt with a positive attitude. I'm equally proud of our eighth graders for offering consistency and leadership in the hallways. I wish them all the best as they transition to high school.

Finally, I want to thank our parents for trusting us to educate and influence their children for God's Kingdom. What a year it has been—I'm looking forward to seeing how God will move in the year ahead!





A message from our High School Principal, HAROLD PAYNE

As we close out this school year, I find myself reflecting on all the ways God has been present through it all. From the exciting highs to the unexpected challenges, He has remained steady and faithful. This has truly been a year filled with growth, joy, and incredible accomplishments. I am so proud of our students and the way they have continued to show grit, kindness, and perseverance both in and out of the classroom. Their dedication to learning, their care for one another, and their commitment to doing things with excellence have not gone unnoticed.

High school is just a small chapter in life, but it is one that helps shape the habits, character, and convictions that will guide students for years to come. Whether they realized it or not, they've been building foundations that matter. We've celebrated big wins, overcome hard moments, and stayed grounded in the truth that we are never walking alone. It has been a joy to watch our students grow into who God is calling them to be. What a blessing it is to be part of a community where faith and learning go hand in hand. As we step into summer, may we carry with us a deep sense of gratitude and a clear reminder of God's goodness in every season.

#### **Required Summer Reading**

Click this link to view this year's summer reading picks.





A message from our Academic Counselor, NANCY GADD

The Class of 2025 will be graduating in just two weeks. Remarkably, almost half of these students have been part of BACS since kindergarten. To reflect on the impact of years spent in Bible classes is to glimpse something far greater than we can fully comprehend. The opportunity for the Good News of the Gospel to take root in each student's heart, and to reach out through the generations, is an answer to many prayers.

We are humbled by God's goodness in giving us our school. Our hearts are overwhelmed with gratitude, and we are thankful for the families who faithfully commit to Christ-centered education.

Thank you to our students for reflecting God's beautiful design and love in your lives. You are a testimony to His faithfulness. We are proud of you, and we're praying for all that He has in store as you take your next steps.

#### Announcements

#### **Graduating Seniors**

Order your final transcript through Parchment before May 23rd.

#### **Schedules Changes**

Please submit 2025-2026 schedule change requests through the student resources portal.

#### **Testing Dates**

**SAT Testing** 

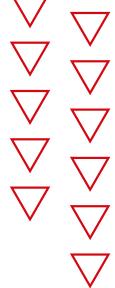
For upcoming dates, click here.

**ACT Testing** 

For upcoming dates, click here.







A message from our Fine Arts Director,

# MARIANNE MORRISON

As we wrap up the 2024–2025 school year, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to students, parents and teachers for their support, hard work, and collaboration throughout the year. It has been a joy to watch students grow, learn, and express their musicality and creativity in so many meaningful ways. Your presence at events and consistent encouragement has made a lasting impact, and I truly appreciate the partnership we have at BACS. As summer begins, I hope you find time to relax, recharge, and enjoy special moments with family and friends. Have a safe, fun, and restful summer break—you've earned it!

#### Announcements

#### After School Clubs for 2025-2026!

We are excited to continue offering after-school Music and Art clubs for the 2025-2026 school year! Please click the links below for more information and to sign up!

After School Music

After School Art Club

#### Camp Bronco

We're so excited to invite your student to join us at Camp Bronco, our summer specials camp! Camp Bronco is open to students entering first through fifth grade. At Camp Bronco, your students will have the chance to get active with fun PE games, discover their creativity through exciting art projects, attend music classes that will get them grooving, and learn Spanish through hands-on activities that are as fun as they are educational.

This summer, we're offering two sessions, each packed with four days of non-stop fun, friendship, and learning. Whether they're sprinting through a game, creating jungle art, or singing their heart out, Camp Bronco is the perfect place to make summer memories. We hope your child can join us for a summer full of adventure and growth! Click <a href="here">here</a> to register!





**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**  **1ST-5TH GRADERS** 

**JUNE 16-19** (12PM-4PM)

**JULY 14-17** (8AM-12PM)

#### **Activities**

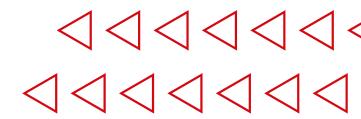
- ✔ P.E.
- Music & Dance
- ✓ Drawing & Painting
- ✓ Spanish
- Snacks

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For more information: elisabeth.hope@bacschool.org





A message from our Athletics Director, KYLE KENNEDY

As we bring the 2024–2025 athletic seasons to a close, we pause with grateful hearts to reflect on the journey and give glory to God for another year of growth, competition, and community through sports. From the first kickoff in the fall to the final whistle of spring, our student-athletes have displayed not only athletic skill and perseverance but also Christ-like character in every practice, game, and moment of teamwork.

To our student-athletes—thank you for your dedication, discipline, and sportsmanship. You've honored the gifts God has given you by working with excellence, encouraging one another, and representing our school with integrity. As Colossians 3:23 reminds us, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." Your efforts have truly reflected that calling.

To our coaches—your leadership has gone far beyond strategy and skill-building. You've modeled servant leadership, patience, and grace, shaping our athletes not only into better competitors but into stronger disciples of Christ. Your influence will continue to bless lives well beyond the field or court.

To our parents and families—your prayers, encouragement, and faithful presence have been the foundation of our athletic success. Thank you for being cheerleaders in the stands and supporters at home. (continued on next page)



Each athletic season brought its own challenges and victories—moments that stretched our faith, built resilience, and strengthened our community. We give thanks for both the triumphs and the trials, knowing that God uses all things to shape our character and draw us closer to Him. As Romans 5:3–4 says, "We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope." (continued on next page)

As we look to the future, may we carry forward the lessons learned: the importance of teamwork, the strength found in humility, and the joy of using our gifts to honor God. Thank you for making the 2024–2025 school year in BACS athletics one that glorified the Lord and brought our community closer together.

#### **Spring Sports News**

#### Softball

The varsity softball team closed out their season with an impressive 13–3 win over Cristo Rey on April 22nd, finishing the year with an 8–4–1 record. The Lady Broncos showed heart, hustle, and teamwork all season long. Well done, ladies!

#### **Baseball**

Congratulations to the varsity baseball team on an outstanding season and for earning a spot in the TAPPS 5A State Playoffs! The Broncos faced top-seeded Beaumont Kelly on April 28th, battling hard in a 4–0 loss. It was a strong season filled with growth, determination, and memorable moments.

All-District Honors:

- 1st Team: Nolan Thorp, Jacob Newsom, Peyton Ardoin
- 2nd Team: Harrison DuPont, Owen Townsend
- Honorable Mention: Jackson Karstedt, Jason Darling, Jackson Lowry, Connor Joyce

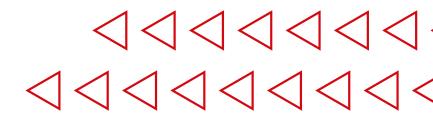
#### Track & Field

The track team concluded their season on May 2nd & 3rd with two athletes representing BACS at the TAPPS State Track Meet.

- Kirsten Rasmussen placed 7th in the high jump
- Josh Armstrong finished 8th overall in the 800M
- Congratulations to both for their incredible performances and for representing our school with excellence!

#### Golf

The golf team wraps up their season today at the TAPPS State Golf Tournament. A special congratulations to Tessa Collins for qualifying and competing at the TAPPS 5A state level.





# Athletic Summer Camps

THESE CAMPS ARE OPEN TO BRONCOS AND ALSO STUDENTS OUTSIDE OF BACS.



## **Elementary**

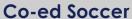


#### Wrestling

Incoming 5th grade boys
June 2nd-6th



Incoming 1st-5th grade boys
June 9th-12th



Incoming 1st-5th grade boys/girls
June 16th-19th



Incoming 1st- 5th grade boys June 30th-July 3rd



#### Basketball

Incoming 1st-5th grade boys July 7th-10th

#### Cheer

Incoming 2nd-5th grade girls July 7th-10th

#### Co-ed Swim

Incoming 5th grade boys/girls
July 14-17th

#### Softball

Incoming 1st-5th grade girls July 21st-24th

## Junior High



#### Wrestling

Incoming 6th-8th grade boys
June 2nd-6th



#### **Basketball**

Incoming 6th-8th grade girls
June 9th-12th



#### Volleyball

Incoming 6th-8th grade girls June 16th-June 19th



#### Co-ed Soccer

Incoming 6th-8th grade boys/girls
June 16th-June 19th



#### **Basketball**

Incoming 6th-8th grade boys July 7th-10th



#### Swim

Incoming 6th-8th grade boys/girls July 14-17th

## **High School**



#### Wrestling

Incoming 9th-12th grade boys
June 2nd-6th



#### Volleyball

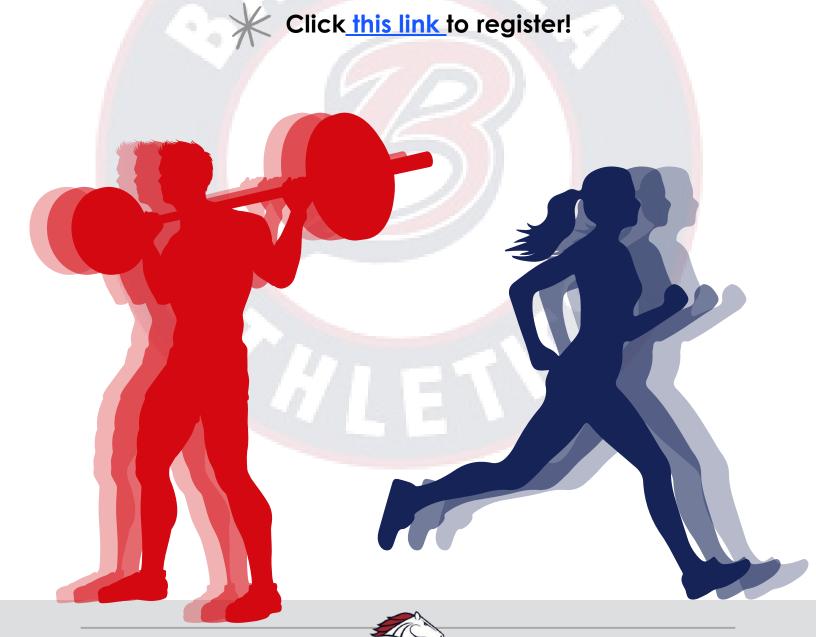
Incoming 9th-12th grade girls July 14-16th

# Summer Speed & Agility Training For Incoming 4th-12th Graders

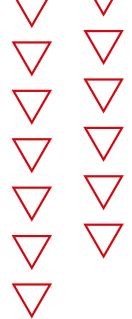
All speed and agility workouts take place on campus. Athletes will start and finish in the Athletic Center (building G) at the same time each day, rain or shine.

Workouts will begin Tuesday, May 27th and end on Thursday, July 24th. There will be no workouts the week of June 2nd-6th.









A message from our Director of Curriculum and Instruction, LINDA MUDGETT

As I reflect on this school year, I am reminded how God provided all along the way. I'm thankful for the people I work with and this ministry. I'm thankful for our parents and students. I'm thankful for my 8th grade Writing Lab class and the past classes I have had.

#### **Announcements**

Summer Reading is almost here! Click the links below for more information.

<u>Elementary Summer Reading</u> <u>Secondary Summer Reading</u>

We do have some <u>Vacation Station</u> review books left if you wanted to purchase one and didn't get a chance. Click on the link to place your order.





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A message from our Director of Student Support,

# **MIKE AMMONS**

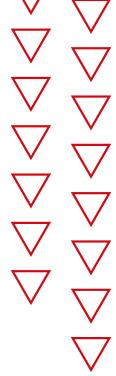
I can't believe it's already May and that we are so close to wrapping up the 2024–2025 school year. For our students, this is a season of excitement as they begin to look ahead to what's next. Our seniors are preparing to take their next step beyond our campus into college, career training, or the workforce. For our other Broncos, the summer break is a welcome rest and an opportunity to look forward to the next school year with fresh hopes, goals, and aspirations. As a parent and educator, I've come to see that this time of year, though filled with anticipation, is also a valuable time for reflection and recalibration.

Deuteronomy 6:6 reminds us, "And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart." This verse calls us, as parents, to saturate our homes with God's truth, to teach it to our children so it transforms hearts, and begins to shape everything we think, say, and do. This is the legacy of faith we are called to pass along to our children and grand children. In a season that naturally stirs excitement for the future, let's also consider the importance of planting God's truth deep in the daily rhythms of our homes. For me, this calling is especially significant this year, as my oldest child prepares to return to BACS as a senior.

The big moments in our parenting journey are easy to remember, but it's the everyday conversations, at the dinner table, during car rides, before bedtime, that often teach our children most about God's character and His faithfulness. So, as we head into summer, let's take time to celebrate God's kindness, reflect on how He has guided our families, and intentionally draw near to Him. One of the best ways we can do that is by building simple, consistent practices of family worship. (continued on next page)







A message from our nurses,

# BRIANNA ARGHIROPOL & DARCY GONZALEZ

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please take note that our policy will be changing for the 25/26 school year. ALL medication received in the clinic MUST have a physician's signature, over-the-counter (OTC) medication, as well as prescription medication. THE NURSES WILL NOT GIVE ANY OTC MEDICATION WITHOUT A PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE.

WE HAVE CREATED A DOCUMENT WHICH HAS SOME OF THE MOST COMMONLY USED OTC MEDICATIONS (available on the next page). PLEASE PRINT IT OUT AND HAVE SIGNED BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. Thank you!

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us at 281-332-3601.





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hives/itching/swelling		
Refresh Eye Drops 1-2 drops dry eyes		
Allergy Eye Drops 1-2 drops itchy, red, dry eyes		

I am requesting that BACS employees administer the above medication to my child as needed. I understand medications will only be administered if they are in the original bottle, correctly labeled, and age dose appropriate. I understand that BACS and its employees will not be held liable for any injury or side effects from administration of this medication. I understand that this medication authorization is only valid for one school year.

Parents must provide all medications. The BACS Clinic does not stock or provide any medications. All medication must be kept in the clinic. No self-carry of OTC meds permitted. Dose must be age/weight appropriate and in compliance with package dosing guidelines.



Student Name:

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

This summer, I encourage you to set aside time each day to read the Bible together, even just a few verses. Pray as a family, not just at meals, but before outings, after hard days, and during quiet moments. Serve together in your church or community to show your children what Christlike love looks like in action. Play worship music in your home or car and talk about the lyrics that stir your heart.

Most of all, let your children see that your walk with Jesus is real, personal, and central to your life. When faith becomes part of your family's daily rhythm, it moves from instruction to transformation. As Deuteronomy teaches, God's Word is to be on our hearts, shaping our homes and anchoring our children's future. May this summer be a time not only of rest but of spiritual renewal for your family. We are so grateful to partner with you in shepherding the hearts and minds of your children.







# bronco weekly news

May 8, 2025

#### FIELD DAYS 2025



3rd grade May 8 **8:45 - 11:00**4th grade May 9 **8:45 - 11:00**5th grade May 20 **8:45 - 11:45**6th grade May 21 **8:45 - 11:45** 



**Start looking for your red/gold star lanyard!** If your student is new this year and said red star, he/she will receive the lanyard during Bible class the last week of school. If your student has been here previously and said red star, you should aready have it. The original one is a gift from the school. If you need a replacement, the cost is \$10. For more information, email <a href="Deena.Heidemann@bacschool.org">Deena.Heidemann@bacschool.org</a>.



**Thursday, May 22 is the last day of school!** Elementary will dismiss at noon. Secondary will dismiss after their last final at 10:55. There will be no lunch served this day.



# THERE WILL BE NO EXTENDED CARE ON THURSDAY, MAY 22. ELEMENTARY DISMISSES AT NOON.



Mark your calendars for **Night of Excellence**. The **1st - 6th grades** presentation will be **Thursday, May 22 at 6:00 pm** with the **7th -12th at 7:30 pm**. This ceremony will take place in the Worship Center. Awards to be given out will include highest/second highest average for the fourth quarter and for the year, achiever, Christian character, gold star and outstanding student. Check your email to see if your student will receive an award. Students who said gold star will not receive an email or phone call. Show up with your lanyard!

## early **learning** academy

Thursday, 5/15 10:00-11:00 - ELA K4 / Bridge Graduation

Please see class newsletters for class party information.

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

