



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.







**TEXAS EDUCATION
FREEDOM ACCOUNTS**

There is a new [Texas Education Freedom Accounts \(TEFA\) website](#) as well as a [TEFA Parent Application Checklist](#) now available. Click the links above or visit our [Tuition & Fees page](#) for the info. Stay tuned for more information in the weeks ahead!

A message from our Head of School,

LES RAINEY

Welcome back to campus, and Happy New Year! I hope the first days of 2026 are off to a wonderful start for your family. The beginning of a new calendar year often brings renewed energy and a sense of freshness. It is also a meaningful time to look back and reflect on all that 2025 brought us.

While there are many blessings to celebrate, it can be easy to overlook the challenges we faced along the way. Yet it is often through those difficult moments that God faithfully carries us, granting us greater perspective, wisdom, and resilience.

Regardless of our circumstances, whether ideal or difficult, we are reminded of God's steadfast love. Psalm 136:1–3 declares:

***“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.”***

In this psalm of thanksgiving, the promise “for His steadfast love endures forever” is repeated 26 times, powerfully emphasizing both God's enduring goodness and His supreme authority over all.

As we move into 2026, my prayer for our campus is that we would continue to pursue excellence in every area, while remaining clear about what holds ultimate priority. May our efforts never take precedence over our devotion, and may our focus remain firmly fixed on the God of gods.

We are thankful that you are part of the BACS family, and we look forward to a strong second semester together.



special updates



A message from our Admissions Director,
DENYS WATSON

Our Continuous Enrollment/Re-Enrollment for all K-12 students is from January 1-14. If you do NOT plan to return for the 2026/2027 school year (not including seniors), please email admissions@bacschool.org and include your withdrawal reason.

If you do not OPT-OUT during this time, you will be billed the re-enrollment fee of \$140 per student/max \$420. This fee is non-refundable.

- **Wednesday, 1/14** Deadline to opt-out from Continuous Enrollment
- **Thursday, 1/15** Re-enrollment fees for the 2026/2027 school year processed in FACTS

We are also accepting new applications for K-12 students!



special updates



A message from our Nurses,

**BRIANA ARGHIROPOL
& DARCY GONZALEZ**

Greetings, Bronco families! With the start of a new semester, we want to hopefully help alleviate any confusion in regards to which form to choose when your student needs medication during school hours. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact our clinic at nurse@bacschool.org. You may also visit our [BACS Clinic webpage](#) for helpful information.

IMPORTANT: ANY medication that is to be administered by the Nurse at school needs to be provided by the student's parent/legal guardian and requires a Long-Term and/or OTC Med Form with BOTH the parent/legal guardian's signature and the physician's signature.

NEW NAME

The Short-Term Med Form will now be named [Overnight Field Trip Med Form](#), as this form is ONLY to be used for when your student goes on a field trip with the school that will be overnight. This form is completed online and automatically submits to the Nurse. You will need to bring the medication in the original container with the student's name on it to the clinic by the date listed on the Medical Release Field Trip form.

[Long-Term Med Form](#)- this form is to be filled out by the parent/legal guardian and physician for any doctor-prescribed medication that a student will need to keep in the clinic year-round, from daily meds to emergency meds. You will need to provide the signed Long-Term Med Form along with the labeled medications in their original packaging to the Nurse.

[Over-the-Counter \(OTC\) Med Form](#)- this form provides a way for the student's parent/legal guardian and physician to initial and sign for every OTC medication he/she may need for the school year. You will need to provide the signed OTC med form along with the labeled medication bottle to the Nurse.





A message from our Early Learning Academy Director,

ANITA PIERCE

Happy New Year! We're so happy to welcome everyone back as we start 2026 together. January is a time for fresh beginnings, and we're looking forward to lots of learning, laughter, and sharing God's love with your children.

Thank you for partnering with us as we trust God's plans and look forward to all He has in store for our preschool this spring. "This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24, ESV)



Reminders

- Please send children dressed for cooler weather
- Label jackets, lunch boxes, and water bottles
- Check backpacks daily for notes and artwork

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, 1/14 Deadline to opt-out from Continuous Enrollment

Thursday, 1/15 Re-enrollment fees for the 2026/2027 school year processed in FACTS

Monday, 1/19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - No School

Wednesday, 1/21 Pajama Day (P2 M/W Class)

Thursday, 1/22 Pajama Day (All other classes)

Friday, 1/23 100th Day of School (Full Time Classes)





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

Happy New Year! What is your New Year's resolution? Goal? I personally hate making them because it is so easy to break them! However, if we change our mindset a bit and make a goal that is attainable through submitting it first to the Lord, then we should find success. It reminds me of the verse from Psalms 37:4; which states, "Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart." Our desires must be aligned with His desires and then our goals aligned with His goals or will for our life. Many times our goals that are aligned with God's will for us take time and are hard. We may not even understand why God puts us on this course. As we persevere through these goals, it may be a dark road but in the end, the light always shines through. For me, as I persevere through the road of achieving the goal, I am reminded to worship while I am waiting. I literally had a physical



experience of this just a couple of days ago as I hiked through a trail in Prayer Mountain at Cedar Hill Church in Dallas. My goal was simply to do a nature hike while praying before it got dark. As I was in the deep woods following the trail, I walked for an hour, realizing it was getting dark really soon, and I possibly had 5 more miles to go! Needless to say, I panicked and tried to find the shortest trail out; unfortunately, each trail I took was not a shortcut. Thankfully, I had a flashlight and walked in the dark for two more hours! There was a lot of grumbling and fear of what was in the scary dark woods. Finally, in my exhaustion of the unknown and in the last thirty minutes of the trail, I started singing worship hymns. Once I started to worship the Lord and glorify His name, I felt peace and strength to keep going. It made my last leg of the

hike so much easier and reminded me to worship while I endured this journey. Seeing the light at the end of the trail was sweet music to my ears! I am always so grateful that no matter what my journey or goals are in life that the Lord will see me through it if He is the author of my trail of life! May you all find hope in the Lord as you start your 2026 goals this new year!





A message from our Junior High Principal,

JARED FUQUA

Welcome back! I pray that everyone had a blessed and restful break. Our students wrapped up the fall semester having accomplished much. The first semester is new and exciting, but also full of challenges, and our students pushed through all the way to Christmas Break. It's quite interesting the change we educators notice in our students when they come back for the spring semester. I was speaking with one of our teachers, and we laughed at the fact that some students look taller and older even after just two weeks on break! We also notice that there is a change in maturity. Seventh graders now have a semester under their belt and seem as though they have found their footing. Eighth graders are now knocking on the door to the high school, and are more than ready to spread their wings and leave the nest. At this time of year, I often stop and marvel at how we can change over such a short period of time.

My prayer is that our students will start this new year afresh, and that they will grow stronger as they tackle whatever obstacles lay in their paths. I pray that most importantly, their relationship with the Lord strengthens, and that they put Him first in all things. I am thankful for our student body, and I am also thankful for all of our parents who entrust us with the education of their children.

Go Broncos, and may you have a blessed and happy new year!

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A message from our High School Principal,

HAROLD PAYNE

As we launch into the spring semester, we are excited to welcome students and families back to campus. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather again as a community and to step into a season filled with purpose and expectation. In the weeks ahead, our students will take part in Spiritual Emphasis Week, the BETA Convention, and our Freshman and Sophomore Retreat, each intentionally designed to strengthen faith, leadership, and relationships. We believe God uses these moments to speak clearly to students and to shape their hearts in lasting ways. Along with these experiences, we are excited to share that new opportunities are coming soon to our high school campus that will further support student growth and calling. As the semester gains momentum, there will be a significant amount of important information coming your way. Please stay informed by reading school emails and following our social media posts. Thank you for your continued partnership as we look forward to all that God has planned for this spring.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, 1/12 NHS Induction

Wednesday, 1/14 Awards Chapel, Deadline to opt-out from Continuous Enrollment

Thursday, 1/15 Re-enrollment fees for the 2026/2027 school year processed in FACTS

Friday, 2/13-Sunday, 2/15 BETA Convention

Wednesday, 2/18-Friday, 2/20 Freshman and Sophomore Retreat (Registration opening soon)



Important Information about Semester Exemptions

- You must have an A average for the semester in the class before any bonus is added.
- You cannot have more than 9 absences.
- You cannot have any in school or out of school suspensions.





A message from our Academic Counselor,
NANCY GADD

As we welcome 2026, my mind reflects on how quickly the school year passes. I pray we learn to pause and not let the little moments slip by unnoticed. I hope we take in God's gifts and goodness at every opportunity. Moving forward into this new year, I pray for the wisdom to notice the small things being mindful of God's gifts and goodness, present in everyday experiences, shared laughter, and learning.

Reminders

Juniors

Please register for your SAT through [College Board](#). Upcoming testing dates are the following: March 14th, May 2nd, and June 6th.

ACT test dates: Feb. 14th, April 11th, and June 13th

Seniors

Be sure to check your application portals for additional information and financial aid offers.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, 1/12 NHS Induction, 6:00 pm in the Student Center
Tuesday, 2/3 Dual Credit Interest Meeting (6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall)





A message from our Director of Curriculum and Instruction,

LINDA MUDGETT

Happy New Year!! The spring semester always seems as if it is extremely busy. We are preparing for our teacher convention in February, Iowa testing in April, and evaluating curriculum for next year. We are still doing the everyday, but also looking ahead. It is easy to feel overwhelmed. Being overwhelmed is not a Kingdom emotion or fruit of the spirit. It is not something we should partner with. Whenever I'm experiencing negative emotions, I try to name them and lay them at the feet of Jesus and ask Him what He wants to give me in exchange. I ask for a word, a phrase, a scripture, a picture (believe it or not, God has given me pictures that have been exactly what I need to come back into peace), a song, a sound, etc. Romans 8:6 says:

For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

It certainly is much better than the negative emotion.





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A message from our Director of Student Support, **MIKE AMMONS**

January is a natural time to set fresh goals with hope and energy as we step into a new year. Many of us want to get healthier, recommit to good habits, break harmful patterns, and bring more order to daily life. Those aims can be good gifts when they are pursued with humility and wise accountability. Yet we also know how quickly motivation can fade and how easily accountability can soften. When that happens, the question that steadies us is not simply “What do I want?” but “Why am I doing this?”

Scripture takes that idea even deeper by pressing us to examine the heart: what am I worshiping, and whose approval am I seeking? Lasting change is not fueled by willpower alone, but by repentance, faith, and a renewed mind shaped by God's Word (Romans 12:2). In biblical counseling we often use the pattern “put off, renew, put on,” because durable habits grow from transformed desires, not mere external pressure (Ephesians 4:22–24). One practical way to strengthen your “why” is to look back before you look forward.

God repeatedly calls His people to remember what He has done, because remembrance fuels trust and obedience. In Joshua 4, Israel set up memorial stones after crossing the Jordan so future generations would not forget the Lord's deliverance. The purpose was simple: “When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’” you would be ready to tell them (Joshua 4:6).

As you pursue resolutions, consider building a similar rhythm of remembrance in your home. This month, set aside ten minutes and write down or record one “God moment” from the past year when the Lord provided, protected, corrected, or comforted your family. Be specific about what happened, what you learned, and what it revealed about God's character. Then share it with your children, pray in thanksgiving, and keep it somewhere you can revisit when you are tired or tempted to quit. Remembering God's faithfulness strengthens our love for Him, steadies our resolve, and helps our goals become a form of worship rather than mere self-improvement.





A message from our Fine Arts Director,

MARIANNE MORRISON

The Fine Arts program at Bay Area provides students with meaningful opportunities for growth and achievement. Through hands-on instruction and experiential learning, students enrolled in Fine Arts courses are encouraged to think creatively and develop a deeper understanding of the world around them.

As a private Christian school, our instructors work diligently to integrate a strong, content-based Fine Arts education with a biblical worldview. This approach helps students interpret their world through the lens of faith while honoring and developing the creative gifts God has given them. As the year begins, our Fine Arts teachers will continue preparing students for upcoming competitions and festivals, and we have lots of wondrous opportunities coming up for our students this Spring!

Mark Your Calendar

Friday, 1/9 & Saturday, 1/10 TPSMEA Honor Orchestra Clinic

Saturday, 1/10 ATSSB Area Band Auditions

Friday, 1/16 & Saturday, 1/17 TPSMEA High School Choir Region Clinic & Concert

Saturday, 1/17 High School Region Band

Saturday, 1/24 Junior High Region Band

Thursday, 1/29 - Saturday, 1/31 TPSMEA High School All-State Choir





A message from our Athletics Director,
KYLE KENNEDY

Winter Sports Update

Boys Basketball

The varsity boys opened district play against Second Baptist just before Christmas break. They return to action this Friday, hosting Logos Prep at BACS at 7:30 PM.

Girls Basketball

The Lady Broncos begin district play tomorrow against Second Baptist at 5:00 PM, followed by a matchup with Logos Prep on Friday at 6:00 PM.

Wrestling

The wrestling team will travel to Kincaid High School for a dual meet on January 13, then return home to host a dual meet at BACS on January 20 at 5:00 PM.

Boys Soccer

The boys picked up a big win before Christmas break with a 6-0 victory over Beaumont Kelly. They look to extend their winning streak to 3-0 this Thursday at 7:00 PM against Fort Bend Christian.

Girls Soccer

Lady Broncos Soccer begins district play this Thursday at 5:00 PM versus Fort Bend Christian School. The team enters district action undefeated with an impressive 9-0 record.

Boys & Girls Swim

The swim team's next meet is scheduled for January 13 at Clear Springs Natatorium. The TAPPS Regional Meet will take place at the University of Houston on January 24 at 10:00 AM.



Spring Sports Information

Junior High Baseball Tryouts

Tryouts for grades 6-8 will be held on January 26 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the baseball field. Athletes must have a current physical on file with Coach Bradley to participate.

Junior High Softball Tryouts

Tryouts for girls in grades 6-8 will take place on January 26 from 3:15-5:15 PM at the softball field. A current physical on file with Coach Bradley is required.

Junior High Tennis

Please watch for an upcoming email from Coach Gould regarding the JH tennis parent meeting for 7th and 8th grade students. A current physical on file with Coach Bradley is required for participation.

High School & Junior High Track & Field

Additional details for HS/JH Track & Field will be sent out later this week. Please be on the lookout for this email.





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Monday, January 19 is Martin Luther King Holiday. The campus will be closed.



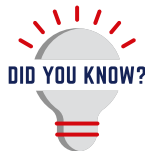
Continuous Enrollment for PK-12th grade for the 2026/27 school year has begun! If you plan to remain at BACS/ELA, do nothing. Your account will be charged the re-enrollment fee in FACTS on January 15. If you will NOT be returning next fall (excluding current seniors), please email admissions@bacschool.org by January 14 with your withdrawal reason to avoid being charged.



Now accepting student applications for the 2026/27 school year. Tell your friends!



BACS and Bay Area Church have several part time and full time positions open. Click [here](#) to view openings or go to our website bacschool.org - about us - careers.



Bay Area Church offers Care Groups such as Grief Share, Divorce Care, Cancer Support, Family Grace Group and Celebrate Recovery? For more information, click [here](#) or visit their website at bayarea.church/care.

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Wednesday, January 14 - the last day to opt-out of Continuous Enrollment
Thursday, January 15 - 2026/2027 re-enrollment fees charged to FACTS accounts.

*²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received^[a] it, and it will be yours.
Mark 11:24*

