



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.





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A message from our Head of School,
LES RAINEY

Dear BACS Family,

As we enter this season of gratitude, I'm reminded of how much we have to be thankful for here at Bay Area Christian School. Each day, we get to see God's hand at work across our campus — in classrooms, on the fields and stages, and in the relationships that make this community so special.

I'm especially grateful for our families, who faithfully partner with us in the mission of Kingdom Education. Your trust and support mean so much as we work together to train the next generation to know and follow Christ. It's a privilege to walk alongside you in this journey.

I'm also thankful for the opportunity to serve with the finest faculty and staff anywhere. Their dedication and love for students are unmatched, and they pour themselves into the lives of our young people every single day.

We're blessed to be part of a church that recognizes the importance of Kingdom education and sees the school ministry as an extension of its mission to make disciples. And we honor the many former administrators, pastors, and leaders who served so faithfully through the years, laying the foundation for what BACS has become today.

This time of year invites us to slow down and reflect — to pause and remember all the good things God has done and will continue to do on this campus. His faithfulness never wavers, and His blessings are evident in so many ways.

Most importantly, I am thankful for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. Every blessing we enjoy flows from that ultimate act of love and redemption. May we never lose sight of that truth as we move through this season with hearts full of gratitude.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and as always — it's a great day to be a Bronco!



Thankful

for our Bronco family





A message from our Early Learning Academy Director,

ANITA PIERCE

The ELA Staff and I are thankful for our students and families. As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, I hope you are able to take the time to relax and spend time with your children. This season of their lives passes so quickly. Psalm 107:1 "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."

As our temperatures get cooler, please send a jacket for outdoor play. We will continue to enjoy recess outside as the weather permits. Check your child's extra clothes, including shoes, to make sure they are seasonally appropriate and fit.

Wishing you a warm and happy Thanksgiving filled with love and laughter!

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, 11/19 Part Time & P2 M/W Fall Parties

Thursday, 11/20 P2 T/Th Fall Party

Friday, 11/21 FT Fall Parties. Early Release at noon

Monday, 11/24 – Friday, 11/28 Thanksgiving Holidays



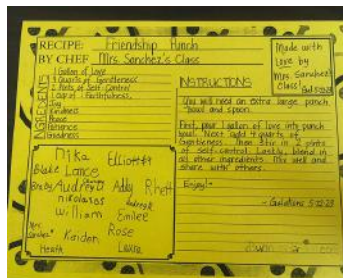


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A message from our Elementary Principal, **IRENE PERELLO**

Have you ever lived with fear of how you will be able to accomplish something in your life? I have definitely struggled with this fear. The unknown is challenging. During these times, I go to the Lord in a posture of prayer with a thankful heart. The verse that helps me is Philippians 4:6-7. The Lord states, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” When I start remembering all the things He has done in my life, it gives me a sense of peace as I face the unknown. Becoming principal of BACS was definitely an unknown situation. I pray every day with a grateful heart because I am so blessed to be surrounded by great, Godly people who love our community so well. The teachers are creative in all subjects to teach our students in a Biblical and rigorous way. They love our students and build relationships that are lasting. Our office staff, administrators, cafeteria workers, extended care team members, IT, maintenance operators, etc, work so hard in making sure all things are operating smoothly, and they do it all with a joyful heart. The people who work at BACS are part of the mission to serve and be a light to all who meet them. I am thankful to the Lord for guiding me and always being a lamp to my feet as I navigate daily how to lead our school well. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!





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Mark Your Calendar

Friday, 11/ 14

Last day to turn in Operation Christmas Child boxes

Monday, 11/ 17

8th Grade Science Field Trip

Friday, 11/ 21

Grandparent's Day; Noon Dismissal; Uniforms must be worn (Not a spirit day)

Monday, 11/24 – Friday, 11/28

Thanksgiving Holidays

A message from our Junior High Principal,

JARED FUQUA

November. It is my favorite month. It is a month where the nation comes together with a spirit of thanksgiving. This month includes two special days where we give thanks: Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Day. As of this typing, it is currently Veteran's Day. Our students have been encouraged to thank veterans in their life who have sacrificed for and served their country. I also want to send a heartfelt "thank you" to all who have worn the uniform, served, and fought for the values upon which our country was built. Around this time, I am reminded of the 8th grade DC Trip in 2024. We were visiting the Arlington National Cemetery, and there was a group of veterans who were visiting as well. Mr. Darling, a veteran himself, encouraged our students to go speak with the veterans and thank them for their service. What transpired was truly moving. As I walked by one of our groups of students, I overheard a veteran tell them, **"You were worth it. I would do it all over again for you."** What a similarity to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Our students turned and looked at me with eyes filled with tears. Hugs were given to the veterans and our group moved on, but the emotions stayed. It was a pivotal moment for our students in which they felt true gratitude, and at the same time understood the overwhelming importance of selfless, humble sacrifice. So again, I want to give thanks for all those who have selflessly protected our nation and its freedoms.

I pray that you all will enjoy the Thanksgiving Break. Enjoy the time with family. Enjoy the classic football matchups (here's to hoping YouTube TV and ESPN figure it out). And finally, enjoy the turkey, stuffing (not dressing), green bean casserole, and sweet potato casserole topped with pecans and marshmallows!

I am thankful for BACS, and I am thankful for you, our families and community.





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A message from our High School Principal,

HAROLD PAYNE

As we head toward Thanksgiving break, I hope you are able to enjoy some extra time to rest, laugh, and be with your kids. It is also a great opportunity to talk with them about some of the things they face every day online. I want to encourage you to read ["5 Conversations Every Parent Should Have with Their Kids About Screens" by Jonathan Morrow](#). Our students are growing up in a digital world that can be exciting, confusing, and sometimes overwhelming. This article gives simple ways to start important conversations that help your kids think about what they see and how they use their time online. These moments are not about setting rules but about building relationships and helping them make wise choices. Your voice matters more than any app or influencer they will ever hear. What if reading this article and having one of these conversations could be the difference between protecting your child and letting something harmful slip through unnoticed? I hope you will take a few minutes this week to read it and begin that conversation.

We have so many great students and families. This Thanksgiving I am especially thankful for the opportunity to work alongside each of you to train and support our students on their journey to adulthood. I hope your Thanksgiving break is filled with family, laughter and a time to slow down and enjoy the moments that matter most. Thank you for your unwavering support and partnership, it truly makes a difference.





Reminders

Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors

PSAT scores will be coming soon. Students can view their scores through their College Board accounts.

Seniors

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

A message from our Academic Counselor,

NANCY GADD

November is a time of gratitude. Gratitude isn't just for special occasions. It is something we are called to practice daily. In Colossians 3:15 -17 Paul writes: "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." When we pause to notice the good things around us, even the small ones, we start to see just how much we have to be thankful for. Rejoicing always and giving thanks in all circumstances allows the Spirit to work in our hearts (1Thessalonians 5:16-19). Everyday gratitude might look like appreciating a sunny morning, a smile from a friend, or a teacher who takes extra time to help. It's about recognizing those little moments that make our days brighter and our hearts focused on our blessings. Practicing gratitude helps us feel happier, less stressed, and more connected to others. In our school community, it also helps build an environment of kindness and respect. When we say "thank you," offer a helping hand, or show appreciation for someone's effort, we spread the fruits of the Spirit that reaches far beyond the classroom. This month let's all try to find one thing each day to be thankful for and share it. Take quiet moments to pray the walk in gratitude.





Mark Your Calendar

Weather permitting, a small ensemble of BACS High School Choir students will dress in traditional Victorian costumes and will perform traditional Christmas carols at the Dickens on the Strand festival in Galveston on Sunday, December 7th. Street performances will begin around 2:00 pm.

A message from our Fine Arts Director,

MARIANNE MORRISON

Grandparents Day - Friday, November 21st

All students in grades K-4 will participate in music programs for our Grandparents on this day! The students have been working very diligently on this program and we know you will be very proud of your child!

- Kindergarten Program will be from 8:15-8:40 am
- 1st and 2nd Grade Program will be from 9:00-9:45 am
- 3rd and 4th Grade Program will be from 10:00-10:45 am

Christmas Concert - Tuesday, December 9th

Mark your calendars for this year's Fine Arts Christmas Concert! The concert will be on December 9th at 6:30 pm, and will feature performances by 5th-12th Choir, Orchestra and Band students. Please note a few important details:

- Participation is REQUIRED for 5th & 6th Grade Band and Orchestra students, as well as 7-12 Band, Choir, and Orchestra students - your child's teacher will be sending more information!
- Participation is OPTIONAL for 5th & 6th Grade Wheel Class (Music, Art & Spanish) students - click [HERE](#) for more information and to sign up to participate!

Christmas Chapels - Wednesday, December 10th

- Chapel Times are as follows:
 - PK-2nd: 9:30-10:00 am | 3rd-6th: 10:05-10:40 am | 7th-12th: 10:45-11:30 am
- 5th and 6th Grade Band, 5th & 6th Grade Music, and 5th & 6th Grade Orchestra will sing/play for the PK-2 Chapel
- JH Band, 5th & 6th Grade Music & JH Choir and JH Orchestra will sing/play for the 3rd-6th Chapel
- Secondary (7th-12th) Choir & HS Band & HS Orchestra will sing/play for the 7-12 Chapel

All School performances will be featured on our BACS YouTube Channel. Click [HERE](#) for the link!





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A message from our Director of Student Support,
MIKE AMMONS

Recently I entered a short essay contest to win a 1599 copy of John Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion. In my draft I argued that such a volume deserved mint-condition treatment, sitting on a shelf as a witness to the timelessness of sound doctrine. I did not win the book, and that was fine. The essay, however, did give me the opportunity to reconsider what I had said and, more importantly, what I truly believe about doctrine and discipleship. Although this volume is certainly worthy of a place in a museum for all the world to see, it is not meant to get lost on my bookshelf; where its meaning and influence would be minimized and rarely shared. This book, like our faith, is meant to be used actively for the glory of God and the promotion of Jesus Christ. Christianity is not a relic for private admiration but an active obedience that directs our calling and our commitments. Scripture anchors this conviction: "One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts" (Psalm 145:4). Sound doctrine is precious, yet its purpose is proclamation and obedience.

If I had won that copy, I hope I would have admired it briefly, photographed it to honor the gift of faithful theology, and then sold it to fund gospel work. That picture captures the posture we want for our homes and our school. We hold earthly treasures loosely so that we can hold our Savior tightly. We use every gift; time, influence, skills, and resources; not to polish our shelves but to make Christ known. In classrooms, on sidelines, over dinner tables, and in the digital universe, we aim to commend His works to the next generation. That means opening the Bible together, praying with our children and for their classmates, serving neighbors in practical ways, and speaking the good news with humility and courage. It also means choosing generosity over excess, obedience over comfort, and faithfulness over the pursuit of trophies or even rare editions. Our goal is not to be curators of Christian artifacts but participants in Christ's mission.

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To borrow from the ever-wise Dana Duncan, let's keep the main thing the main thing: knowing Christ and making Him known. Let's measure success by steady faithfulness, not by attention or accumulation. Let's invest our words, calendars, platforms, and possessions in what will outlast us all, the glory of God for the good of others. When our children watch us prioritize worship, Scripture, prayer, and service, they learn what matters most. When they see us give away what we could have kept, they glimpse the worth of Christ. May we prize sound doctrine, and even more, live it daily. May our homes be full of grace where the gospel is believed, practiced, and shared. And may the Lord make Psalm 145:4 true in this community, so that one generation after another will declare His goodness, for the fame of Jesus and the salvation of our children.





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A message from our Director of Curriculum and Instruction,

LINDA MUDGETT

This is typically the time of year when good intentions wane and weariness tempts us to “just get by.” It is important to “keep drinking” from the well of Living Water to stay filled up and encouraged and request help if needed. If your student needs extra help, don’t hesitate to reach out to their teacher(s) or administration to see what may be available. One of the supports for the Bob Jones University Press materials is <https://afterschoolhelp.com/> or xtramath.org. [Khan Academy](https://www.khanacademy.com) is an excellent resource to support older students in preparing for the SAT or for targeted help. The curriculum department also has some math manipulatives and other flashcards if needed for home or in the car. Don’t hesitate to reach out.





A message from our Athletics Director,
KYLE KENNEDY

Winter Sports Season is Here!

Our winter sports are officially underway — come out and support your Broncos!

Boys Basketball – Tonight at 6:00 PM vs. CHSA (Home)

Girls Basketball – Tonight at 6:30 PM in the Clear Brook High School Tournament

Girls Soccer – Tonight at 7:00 PM vs. The British School (Home at BACS)

Boys Soccer – Tonight at 5:00 PM at Northland Christian

Wrestling – Hosting a dual meet on November 20 at BACS

Swimming – Next meet on November 15 at WW Emmons Natatorium, 9:00 AM

Watch all JH/HS home events live on [Hudl TV!](#)





BAY AREA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU, A MILLIONS TIMES THANK YOU!



The 2025 Fun Run hit an all time high! Because of our fabulous families, we raised \$188,353! This will help with tuition assistance, more security measures, technology and keeping our transportation fleet up and running. What a blessing!



NEXT FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21 is our annual **Grandparents Day Celebration!** Kindergarten will lead us off at 8:15, 1st & 2nd grades at 9:00, 3rd & 4th grades at 10:00 in the Worship Center. Fifth and sixth graders will have a picnic with games, popcorn and soda at 10:30 outside (location to be determined.) Guests of kindergarten through 4th grade should be registering for a name tag now. Click [here](#). Registration closes on November 18. The three shows will be live-streamed on our website according to the times above. Go to www.bacschool.org and click on "Bronco Life" then "Watch."



Early dismissal on Friday, November 21 @ noon for preschool, elementary and secondary.



NO EXTENDED CARE or LUNCH on Friday, November 21.



The school campus will be closed the week of November 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will return Monday, December 1, 2025

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2

It's a great day to be a Bronco!