### BAY AREA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

a ministry of BAY AREA CHURCH



# THE SOCIAL HERD

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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.





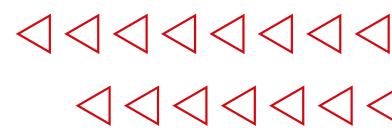
# A message from our Head of School, LES RAINEY

### Dear BACS Family,

As we enter into the home stretch of the school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the power of our words. In a school filled with learning, laughter, challenges, and growth, the way we speak to one another—students, parents, and staff—truly matters.

Ephesians 4:29 says, "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear." What a powerful reminder that our words should not only avoid harm—but should actively build others up.

One of the most successful and respected coaches in sports history, John Wooden, led his teams at UCLA to 10 NCAA basketball championships in 12 years. But more than his wins, Wooden was known for his character, humility, and commitment to encouragement. He believed that coaching—and life—was about shaping character, not just performance. He once said, "Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are."



### This month's theme: Monitor

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. Ephesians 4:29

### **Mark Your Calendar**

**4/14-4/17** lowa Assessments





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Coach Wooden led by lifting others up, correcting with kindness, and modeling grace under pressure. His quiet strength and servant-hearted leadership made a lasting impact on the lives of countless young men—and still inspires leaders today.







As we walk through the final stretch of the school year, let's commit to being a school community marked by encouragement:

- Speak life into your children, students, and colleagues.
- Build up those who may be feeling weary or overlooked.
- Choose words that reflect the love and humility of Christ.

May our campus be filled with voices that echo truth, and encouragement.

It's a great day to be a Bronco!



### **Summer Camp Information**

Throughout this newsletter, you will find summer camp options for your Bronco! If interested, click the link on each flyer to register or head over to your BACS app and click the sun icon to see all the links in one place.





A message from our Admissions Director, DENYS WATSON

The finance department will bill for Activity fees on May 1, 2025. These fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.

If you have a change in plans for the 2025-2026 school year and you have a student(s) that will not return, please email the <u>Admissions office</u> before April 30, 2025 to avoid being charged.

A reminder email will go out in a couple of weeks.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

Activity Fees are coming due





A message from our Early Learning Academy Director,

## **ANITA PIERCE**

Ephesians 4:29 is a clear reminder that our words hold incredible power, both to build up and tear down. It's so easy to let stress and frustration get the best of us, but this verse commands more from us. We have a choice! My grandmother used to say "Keep your words soft and sweet. You never know which ones you will have to eat!"

The impact of our words can linger far longer than we might realize. It's a great reminder that, as we become more intentional with our words, we not only bless others, but we also nurture a sense of peace within ourselves.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

4/10 Preschool Picnic with Parents - Full Time & P2 T/Th

4/18 Good Friday - ELA / BACS Holiday

4/21 Easter Monday - ELA / BACS Holiday



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

APRIL 2025



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As adults we can foster using kind words by acknowledging children's kind actions.

A message from our Elementary Principal,

DANA DUNCAN

Our language is a gift from God. It is important that we monitor our speech and use it to alorify Him. Ephesians 4:29 teaches us that the words we speak should always be kind and helpful, and should encourage others. For example, instead of saying something like, "You're so slow," a child could say, "Keep going, you're doing great!" Another example is when someone feels sad or upset, instead of ignoring their feelings, a kind word like, "I'm here for you" can lift their spirits. Just like a builder uses tools to make something strong, our words can build others up and make them feel happy and supported. It is important to remember that even when we're frustrated or upset, we can choose words that are positive and encouraging, helping our friends and family feel loved and cared for. As parents and teachers we can encourage children to pause and think about their words before they say them. Ask questions to determine if the word is helpful, kind, or if it builds people up. Teaching them to take a moment to think can prevent hurtful words and encourage intentional kindness. As adults we can foster using kind words by acknowledging children's kind actions. When children use kind words, be sure to praise them. Positive reinforcement encourages them to continue using uplifting language. Say things like, "That was really kind of you to say that, or "Your words helped make that person

feel better". God's gift of language is a wonderful blessing. Let's teach our children to

### **Mark Your Calendar**

4/10 3rd and 4th grade music program

further God's kingdom and speak encouragement to others.

4/14-17 lowa Assessments

4/18 Good Friday Holiday

4/21 Easter Monday Holiday





**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

For more information: elisabeth.hope@bacschool.org

### **Bay Area Christian School**

4800 West Main Street, League City, TX, 77573



# CAMP KINDERGARTEN 2025

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

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 sessions 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:** <u>cynthia.lane@bacschool.org</u> 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!







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A message from our Junior High Principal, JARED FUOUA

When I was attending high school here at Bay Area, I went through a time where I began to shift from one friend group to another. This was not because I was giving up on my former friend group, but rather a natural shift since I was spending a lot of time at practice with a certain group of guys, so the friendship naturally carried into the school day. This new group did not necessarily share the same values with which I had been raised. Let's just say colorful language, inappropriate joking, constant bickering, and picking on one another was encouraged. At first, I thought I could refrain and continue my walk with Christ, however, I was sorely mistaken. I suddenly had an urge to cuss when I struck out (which sadly happened more than making contact with the ball), or negatively pick at my classmates for no reason. It even carried over into my life at home. One day, my mom sat me down, and said "I've seen that you've been hanging with some guys recently that are outside of your normal group. I've also noticed you are behaving and talking differently, and treating others poorly. You are more negative and disrespectful. I don't think your heart is where it needs to be." Talk about cutting straight to the point! Note to the reader: my mom did not play around when it came to my character and walk with Christ. I explained to her that I was fine, and that I was trying to be a good example and Christian witness to these guys....What a joke that was! She listened intently, waited about ten seconds, and then responded, "Son, you can't walk through a mud puddle without getting muddy." I sat there in silence. She went on to explain that my desire to be accepted had caused me to compromise my values, and it was most evident in my speech. My speech had become sarcastic, biting, negative, and geared towards belittling others. She then suggested that I



move away from that group of teammates. This did not mean shunning them. I was still to be a good teammate and love them as Christ did, but I needed to surround myself with my former group of friends who were focused on walking with Christ. Looking back, I am so thankful for that mini-intervention/course correction. My mom risked my being upset with her in order to tell me the truth, so that in turn, it would change how I spoke to others and turn me back to Christ. That is true love. I pray that we who are parents are willing to do the same for our children, so that their speech is loving, edifying, and Christ-like.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

4/14-17 lowa Assessments

4/17 Student Council Applications due (please turn in to Mrs. Van Eps)

4/17 Bronco Ball Registration Forms/Fees due (please turn in to Mrs. Van Eps)

4/18 No School

4/21 No School

4/22-24 7th Grade Texas Trip

**4/22-25** 8th Grade DC Trip





A message from our High School Principal, HAROLD PAYNE

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, it's a great time to reflect on how we finish strong, not just in grades, but in character. Ephesians 4:29 reminds us to let our words be uplifting and full of grace. That means cheering each other on, choosing encouragement over complaints, and maybe even resisting the urge to grumble about finals. Let's be the kind of classmates and friends who build each other up, even when the calendar is packed and the sleep is scarce. Whether you're wrapping up a big project, prepping for AP exams, or just trying to make it to summer, your words can bring light to someone else's day.

This season can feel like a whirlwind of late nights, group projects, and countdowns, but it is also full of opportunities to show kindness and character. A simple smile, a word of encouragement, or a well-timed joke can go a long way. So keep showing up for each other, keep choosing grace, and keep speaking life into the people around you. Summer is on the horizon, but right now is still a moment that matters. Let's finish well, full of joy, unity, and a spirit that lifts each other higher. You've got this, and we are cheering you on every step of the way.



A message from our Academic Counselor, NANCY GADD

Mrs. Landon, my fifth-grade teacher, walked by my desk during math class and called me the fraction queen. That was many years ago but I still remember her words. She gave me encouragement and confidence. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 states "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up." Words are powerful! God instructs us to use them in a way that edifies one another. This is our challenge to guard our hearts and minds and put others before ourselves. It is the ultimate witness of Christ in us. When we speak life into others, we reflect the love and grace of Christ in a real, tangible way.

### **Announcements**

#### **Dual Credit**

Students need to make their payment to College of the Mainland for summer/fall classes. Please check notification emails from COM.

#### **Seniors**

Please fill out and return your Class of 2025 Senior Plans form. Also, place your final transcript order through <u>Parchment</u>.

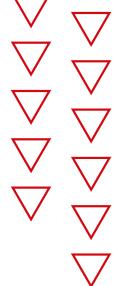
### **Testing Dates**

**Upcoming SAT**May 3rd and June 7th

**Upcoming ACT**June 14th and July 12th







A message from our Fine Arts Director,

### MARIANNE MORRISON

Ephesians 4:29 reminds us that our words hold immense power. We can use our words to build others up or tear them down. In your daily interactions, how often do you stop to intentionally consider the impact of your words BEFORE speaking them? Are the words you use towards yourself and others edifying, or do they contribute to criticism and negativity? When we choose words that "give grace to those who hear," we build up and encourage those around us, and strengthen our bonds and connections with others. Before you speak...remember the acronym THINK: Is it true? Helpful? Inspiring? Necessary? Kind? Let's think before speaking, and work to offer words that heal and uplift those around us.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

4/11 TPSMEA Concert & Sightreading - High School Choir

4/11 Bayou City Classic Festival - Jr. High Orchestra

4/12 TPSMEA State Solo Festival

4/22-23 High School Orchestra Baylor Clinic & Tour

4/26 Jr. High Performing Arts Trip - Six Flags

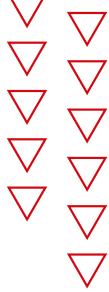
Spring Fine Arts Nights

**5/5** Choir and Orchestra Concert at 6:30pm

5/6 Band Concert at 6:30pm, Elementary Art Show from 6:00-8:00pm

**5/7** Fine Arts Chapel





### **Fine Arts News**

### Congratulations to BACS Junior High Choir!

The BACS Junior High Choir students participated in the Shadow Creek Choir Festival on Friday, April 4th. Their performance was outstanding, and they received Division 1 Superior ratings from all three judges! Additionally, they were awarded the Best In Class award for the Junior High Mixed division! Way to go, Bronco Choir!



#### Spring Fine Arts Concert - Two Nights!!

We have so many students participating in Performing Arts that the Spring Fine Arts Concert will be split into two nights this year! The Choir and Orchestra will be performing at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 5th, and the Band will be performing at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, May 6th. The Elementary Art Show will be held in the large cafeteria from 6:00-8:00 pm on Tuesday, May 6th. Please come out and support our talented Broncos!

### **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!





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# A message from our Athletics Director, KYLE KENNEDY

Ephesians 4:29 really hits home for me because it's such a clear reminder of how much our words can impact others. It's so easy to fall into negative or careless speech, especially when I'm feeling stressed or frustrated. I've caught myself venting or saying things without fully thinking about how they might affect someone else. But this verse makes me pause and think before I speak, encouraging me to be more intentional with my words, making sure I lift others up instead of dragging them down.

In my life, I've noticed that when I intentionally focus on speaking words of encouragement or kindness, not only does it make a positive difference in the lives of others, but it also brings me peace. It helps me to stay grounded and keep a positive mindset. Whether it's offering a word of encouragement to a friend or simply being mindful of how I respond in difficult conversations, I can see how choosing words that build up instead of tear down creates an atmosphere of grace and understanding.

Overall, Ephesians 4:29 reminds me that speech is not just about communication, but about showing love, kindness, and grace to others through the things I say.

### **Spring Sports News**

#### **HS Track & Field**

The second day of the district track meet will be held today, April 9th, at 5:00 PM at Lutheran South Academy.

#### **HS Baseball**

The varsity baseball team will play on Friday, April 11th, at 2:00 PM at Emery Weiner School.

#### **HS Softball**

The varsity softball team will host Cristo Rey on Friday, April 11th, at 4:30 PM.

#### **HS Tennis**

Congratulations to Jude Hebert for qualifying for the TAPPS 5A state tournament after finishing 3rd in district play. Connor Bergvall placed 6th, while Parker Demers & Brady Bebar finished 9th, and Megan & Andee Russo secured 8th place in the district tournament.

#### **HS Golf**

The boys' and girls' golf teams will compete in their district golf tournament on April 15th at 8:00 AM at Magnolia Creek.



# 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

### **Co-ed Soccer**

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

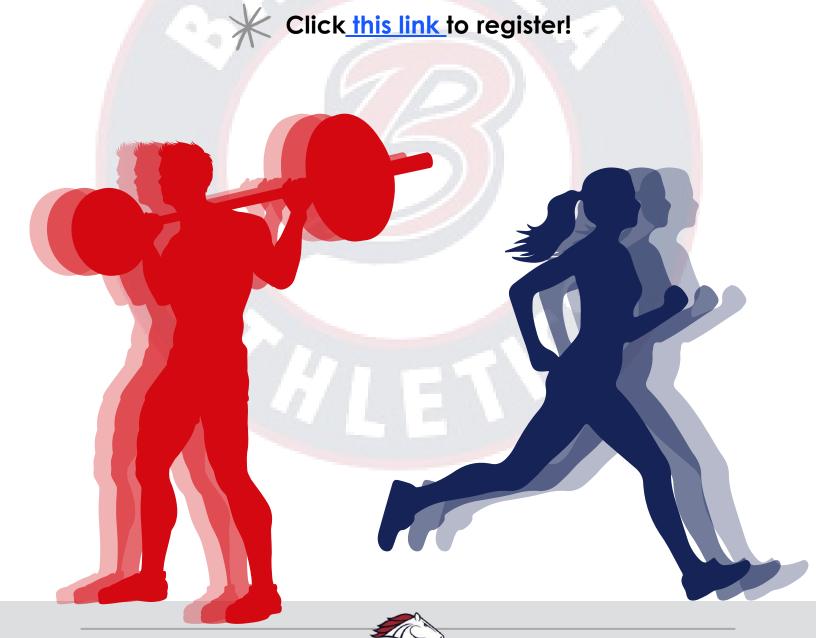
Incoming 9th-12th grade girls
July 14-16th

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

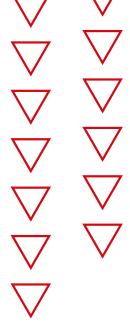
All speed and agility workouts take place on campus. Athletes will start and finish in the Athletic Center (building G) at the same time each day, rain or shine.

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

-THIS EVENT IS ONLY FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED BACS STUDENTS-







A message from our Director of Curriculum and Instruction,

### LINDA MUDGETT

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. Ephesians 4:29.

This scripture reminds me of the first part of 2 Corinthians 5:16 "So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view [purely human way.]" It is easy to judge by what we observe in the natural realm or from our mood instead of considering the other person and honoring them. But when we judge others by what Christ sees, the Kingdom of God is brought nearer and there are Kingdom breakthroughs. If we are Christ followers, we must represent His Kingdom. What helps me with this is to first of all pray and ask God what He sees—but it has to be intentional because it is not my first response. Sometimes, I begin with the person's name and what it means and ask God what He is highlighting. This has opened so many opportunities to pray for people. The key for me is that it is my job to strengthen, encourage, and comfort (1 Corinthians 14:3).

### **Mark Your Calendar**

**4/14-17** Iowa Assessments for K-8th grades will be administered the first couple of hours during the day. The rest of the day is instructional time.

#### Announcements

Elementary families: It is time to order <u>Vacation Station</u> <u>books</u>. These workbooks from Bob Jones University Press are a great resource to help preserve academic skills learned at school as well as to mitigate the typical summer slide. Each book costs \$15, and orders are due by Wednesday, April 30. If you are interested, please click on <u>this link</u> and fill out the form. Payment will be handled through FACTS. Let us know if you have any questions.





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A message from our Director of Student Support,

# **MIKE AMMONS**

Ephesians 4:29 reminds us, "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up that it may give grace to those who hear." This verse is a powerful reminder that our words reflect the condition of our hearts. As a Christian community, we want our children to understand that lasting self-control begins by submitting their hearts to Christ. When we invite Him to shape our attitudes and thoughts, our words will naturally reflect His love and truth.

I've seen how quickly words, both helpful and harmful, can shape a classroom, a friendship, and even a child's self-image. That's why this verse is so important for all of us, students and adults alike. It challenges us to pause and ask: Are my words building others up? Am I speaking in a way that brings grace to those around me?

We want to encourage our students to choose words that honor God and reflect a heart transformed by His Spirit. When their hearts are rooted in Christ, the fruit of kindness, encouragement, and self-control will follow. At BACS, we are committed to partnering with you in helping our students grow in this area.

May our homes and classrooms be places where words honor God and honor others, because our hearts are first surrendered to Christ.



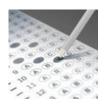


# bronco weekly news

April 10, 2025



Purchases anytime of the year help our school, **BUT STARTING TOMORROW**, **purchases during AFW's 10 Day Store Rally will help maximize and finalize our annual donation!** *PLUS*, you might win a \$500 gift card. Feel free to forward to/share with others. Thank you for your support! Scroll to page two for more information.



April 14-17 is Iowa Assessments for K-8th grades. Please be on time for school with no early dismissals. Eat a good breakfast and get a good night's sleep.



**EASTER HOLIDAY:** The campus will be closed **Friday**, **April 18 and Monday**, **April 21** for Good Friday and Better Monday. School will resume Tuesday, April 22.



Every May we like to celebrate our fabulous BACS faculty and staff. One of their favorite things is the stuffed goodie bags. If you would like to contribute to the **goodie bags for Faculty and Staff Appreciation Week** coming up May 5-9, click **here** to view the list and sign up. Items need to be delivered to the Elementary Office by **Wednesday**, **April 30**. Our teachers love to be loved on, but please do not take up collections of any kind through the classroom. Feel free to bless them individually.



### **FIELD DAYS 2025**

Kinder April 25 8:30 - 11 1st grade May 1 8:30 - 11 2nd grade May 2 8:30 - 11 3rd grade May 8 8:30 - 11 4th grade May 9 8:30 - 11 5th grade May 20 8:45 - 11:45 6th grade May 21 8:45 - 11:45



Join Bay Area Church for Good Friday and Easter Services Friday, April 18 @ 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm Sunday, April 20 @ 7:45 am **l** 9:00 am **l** 10:30 am **l** 11:45 am

5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you."

Matthew 28:5-7



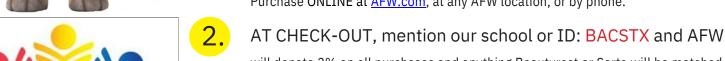




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ALSO: When shopping during the AFW Store Rally for our school, you will be entered to win an American Furniture Warehouse \$500 gift card, plus AFW will match \$500 back to our school if you win. (Drawing will be held end of Dec., 2025 - 1 winner from all AFW Store Rallies for all schools throughout the year.)



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