

The SOCIAL HERD

Bay Area Christian School

“I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.”

1 Corinthians 3:6



Freshmen/Sophomore Retreat at Camp Olympia
Photo by DeeDee Thompson

It's always a great day to be a Bronco!



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BAY AREA CHRISTIAN

March 2024 Newsletter

a word from our head of school

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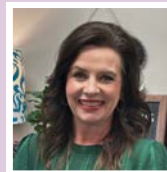


Forging partnerships

It's hard to believe March is already here. February was a month full of great school and community events on campus. One of the highlights from last month was the annual TABS Convention. During this one-day event over 270 Christian school educators were present on campus for a great day of collaboration, growing in their craft, and forging partnerships with other Kingdom-minded schools. The theme for the convention was "Grow," referenced from 1 Corinthians 3:6.

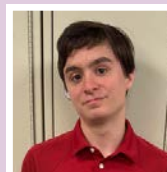
In this portion of scripture, Paul states, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth." This verse captures the collaborative effort between believers in spreading the gospel. Paul, as the planter, lays the foundation of faith, while Apollos, symbolizing subsequent ministers or fellow believers, nurtures and strengthens the budding faith. Yet, at the heart of this endeavor, it is God who ultimately causes the spiritual growth. For educators the verse inspires a humble acknowledgment of our roles in the classroom, underscoring the significance of reliance on God for true transformation and spiritual flourishing.

What are you doing for spring break?



"I am going to catch up on reading and spend time with my friends and family."

-Mrs. Boyett



"I will be sleeping."

-David DeNardo



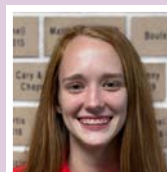
"I am going to Disneyland."

-Jazleen Farshad



"I am going to Cumberland Gap to see Wilderness Road which was founded by Daniel Boone."

-Mr. Darling



"I am traveling to the Bahamas."

-Rebecca Brizenline

appreciation shoutout



I'm so grateful for all of our faculty and staff who took part in Donkey Basketball. They were such great sports! This was a fun night of community and celebrating hitting our Fund Run goals from this past fall.

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a word from our ELA director

ANITA PIERCE



Christian education

The TABS Convention speakers provided a wealth of information. It is important to provide consistency for our students and use a variety of approaches since we do not all learn in the same way. Due to changes in the world, more and more parents are seeking Christian education for their children. I am thankful for the variety of content and speakers to choose from!

important dates

Monday, 3/11 - Friday, 3/15

ELA / BACS Spring Break

Monday, 3/18

ELA Summer Camp registration begins online

Wednesday, 3/20

Superhero / Princess Day - M/W 2's

Thursday, 3/21

Superhero / Princess Day - All other classes

Friday, 3/29

Good Friday Holiday

Monday, 4/1

Better Monday Holiday



appreciation shoutout

Brenda Alonzo has been with the ELA in a variety of roles for the last 8 years. This year, she has been our Sub Extraordinaire! She truly has a servant's heart!

What does a goldfish think about all day?



"Swimming!"

-Levi Tollett



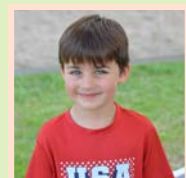
"Thinking about their friends!"

-Violet Tylka



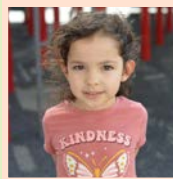
"Eating a banana!"

-Maci Armstrong



"He's hungry!"

-Jace Meadows



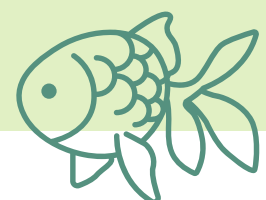
"Splashing in the water!"

-Emilia Humeres



"Being a fish!"

-Lincoln Cooper



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a word from our elementary principal

DANA DUNCAN



appreciation shoutout

I want to give a shout out of appreciation to Eric Davis, Discipleship Pastor, for Bay Area Church. Pastor Eric's enthusiasm and love for sharing Christ with our students has been a blessing to our chapel service many times.



important dates

March 8th

Fourth Grade Frontier Day and noon dismissal. No lunch or extended care.

March 11th-15th

Spring Break

March 21st

Talent Show

March 29th

Good Friday-School Holiday

The talent of our educators

We were so excited to host the TABS Convention on our campus this year. There were close to 300 kingdom minded educators in attendance. Many of our own staff presented at this year's convention. Mrs. Helm did an amazing job at sharing her expertise at Morning Meetings. Ms. Irene Perello and Mrs. Jermstad presented a highly engaging math workshop that modeled creative ideas for hands-on learning. Our extremely talented Mrs. Slafka and Mrs. Fry demonstrated their talent and love for music, art, and chapel. BACS is blessed to have many talented educators!

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What is a book that you enjoy reading?



Green Eggs and Ham
by Dr. Seuss
-Saylor Smith



Snakes and Other Reptiles
by Mary Pope Osborne
-Turner Eckley



Southern Belle's Special Gift
by Marsha Hubler
-Olivia Click

a word from our junior high principal

JARED FUQUA

important dates

March 8th

Half-Day (Secondary dismissal at 11:45 am)

March 11th - 15th

Spring Break



What class are you most looking forward to in high school?



*"Biology!"
-Collin Sundermeyer*



*"Bible!"
-Mattaline Pugh*



*"Geometry!"
-Matthew Young*

Staying in line

I greatly appreciated Dr. Nave's TABS session detailing the current and upcoming generations of students. It was a moving encouragement to stay in line with our mission to impact students for now and eternity. At Bay Area Christian School, the end goal is for our students to graduate and enter the world with a Biblical worldview untainted by worldly syncretism. There is a spiritual battle for the hearts and minds of our students, and our mission is to gird our students with biblical truths that they can use to influence their domains for the Kingdom.



appreciation shoutout

I want to give a shout out to our 8th Grade Wheel teachers: Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Mudgett, and Señora Smith. They have done an outstanding job teaching and pouring into our students.

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a word from our high school principal

HAROLD PAYNE

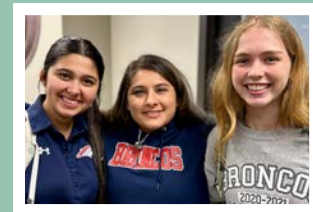


Collaborative teaching

The TABS Convention provided a valuable opportunity to connect with fellow educators and leaders, emphasizing the importance of culture in our school communities. Through shared conversations, we discussed practical ways to enhance the overall campus environment for students, teachers, and families. The collaborative exchange of ideas allowed us to gain diverse perspectives and a deeper understanding of how cultural considerations influence the educational experience. I am excited to bring these insights back to our school, working towards creating a more inclusive and welcoming atmosphere for everyone involved in our educational community.

appreciation shoutout

I am thrilled to highlight the incredible efforts of our Bronco Buddies program and the outstanding 15-plus students who have dedicated their time to fostering mentoring connections with elementary and junior high students. It's truly heartening to witness the genuine care and support our students exemplify through their mentorship, demonstrating admirable qualities of love and kindness. Their commitment to guiding and uplifting younger peers not only showcases their leadership but also strengthens our school community's fabric. I'm immensely proud of these students for embodying the values of compassion and encouragement, making a lasting and positive impact on the lives of those they mentor.



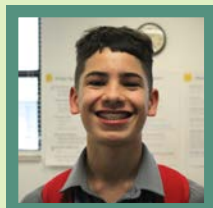
what was your favorite part of camp olympia?



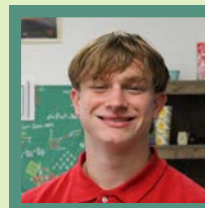
"Getting to know people I wasn't as close to before."
-Kate Newell



"Playing Gaga Ball."
-Shelby Stanley



"Playing basketball with my friends."
-Tyler Tisnado



"The worship."
-Camden Boyd

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a word from our counselor

NANCY GADD

important dates

Upcoming SAT Dates

Test dates: 3/9 and 5/4

Upcoming ACT Dates

Test dates: 4/13 and 6/8

Dual Credit Permission Forms

Due 3/25

8th Grade Course Selection

Due 3/22

appreciation shoutout



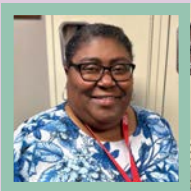
A huge shoutout to Mrs. Harkness and Mrs. Lopez for their support in keeping everyone in the high school organized and holding us all together.



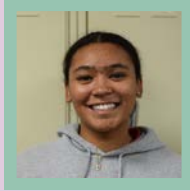
God's goodness

The TABS convention was a great success. It is wonderful to come together with many other schools and stand in unity and commitment to Kingdom Education. Dr. Nave presented, and I was reminded of so many educators who have poured wisdom and prayers over this campus. In BACS fifty-one years, the dedication of so many is astonishing. To walk the halls and have tangible evidence of God's goodness in the eyes of our students is truly a gift. "He will cover you with His feathers; you will take refuge under His wings. His faithfulness will be a protective shield." (Psalm 91:4) I pray for another fifty years. Thank you to all of our families for your support.

What is your favorite girl scout cookie?



"Thin Mints."
-Mrs. Hubbard



"Thin Mints."
-Bella Lawrence



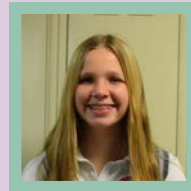
"Thin Mints."
-Keaghan Grantt



"Peanut Butter Patties."
-Bella Lawrence



"Peanut Butter Patties."
-Laney Thompson



"Samoas."
-Molly Nadalo

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a word from our director of curriculum & instruction L I N D A M U D G E T T

appreciation shoutout

I would like to give a shoutout to Vicki, Deena, and Denys in the Main Office. These ladies are the glue that holds everything school-related together. They communicate well and are an integral part of a well-oiled machine, which is our school. I truly treasure them.



dates to remember

April 8-11
Iowa Assessments
K-8th
April-May
Vacation Station
books ordered for
K-6th



Making connections

Even though much hard work and planning goes into this event, it is nice to know that we are providing professional development and encouragement to our own faculty and to other schools as well. We had more schools and attendees this year than ever before. It is rewarding to know that we are a leader in Christian education in the area and other schools look to us for best and successful practices. Another takeaway gleaned is that asking questions and going deeper and making connections with students is extremely beneficial and increases learning.

what bible story would you like to witness?



Jesus' birth!
-Addison Ho



The crossing
of the Red Sea!
-Jackson Karstedt



David and
Goliath!
-Addison Wilson

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a word from our athletic director

KYLE KENNEDY



appreciation shoutout

The Lady Broncos Basketball team competed at State this past week in winning the semifinal game, then falling to Lake Country in a great State Championship game.

The Lady Bronco Soccer team had a great game this past Saturday. They played for the Regional Championship. The Lady Broncos lost in double OT 2-1 in an amazing soccer game.

Our BACS community is so proud of both teams and coaches. The girls never gave up and competed until the very end.

JH Tennis Doubles A team of Luke Sotirelis and Arjun Panicker won first place at Chancellor's Greater Houston Tournament on Feb. 16th. Congratulations to both!

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TABS teamwork

It was another great TABS Convention. This year I was able to lead an athletics roundtable with other athletic directors and or administrators. I always find these kinds of meetings beneficial, as it not only allows myself to learn how other schools are building their athletic programs, but also I am able to help other administrators to show them what we do well in Athletics at BACS.

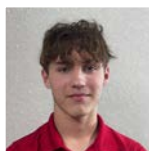
What sport do you want to compete in professionally?



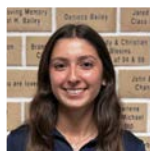
"Basketball and Pingpong"
-Victoria Sewell



"Wrestling"
-Hayden Sundermeyer



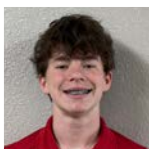
"Football"
-Caleb Chi



"Tennis"
-Andee Russo



"Swim"
-Haddie Hutchison



"Basketball"
-Branson Bullock

important dates

March 19

Varsity Baseball starts district play at Legacy Prep

March 22

Varsity Tennis match at Logos Prep

March 23

Varsity Track meet at Rosehill Christian

March 25

Bronco Backer Golf Tournament
Last day to [sign up](#) is March 20.

April 2

Varsity Softball starts district play at home vs. Cypress Christian.

6TH ANNUAL BRONCO BACKER GOLF TOURNAMENT



MARCH 25

MONDAY, 2024

MAGNOLIA CREEK GOLF CLUB

1501 WEST BAY AREA BOULEVARD

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST at 8:00AM

TEE TIME at 10:00AM

LUNCH & AWARDS at 2:30PM

BREAKFAST SPONSOR \$2,750

Foursome with carts and
awards lunch

Signage in tournament meeting
location

Player Swag Bags

Acknowledgement on
Bronco Athletics Website

One Available

LUNCH SPONSOR \$2,750

Foursome with carts and
awards lunch

Signage in tournament meeting
location

Player Swag Bags

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Two Available

DIAMOND SPONSOR \$3,000

Foursome with carts and
awards lunch

Sponsorship signs on 2 holes

Premium player swag bags

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Bronco Athletics Website

BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR \$1,200

Foursome with carts and
awards lunch

Signage on beverage cart

Player swag bags

Acknowledgement on
Bronco Athletics Website

Two available

HOLE SPONSOR \$500

One tee box sign with
company logo

INDIVIDUAL GOLFER \$175

Golf for one with cart and
awards lunch

FOURSOME TEAM \$650

Foursome with cart and
awards lunch

Player swag bags

PLATINUM SPONSOR \$1,500

Foursome with carts and
awards lunch

Sponsorship signs on 1 hole

Player swag bags

Acknowledgement on
Bronco Athletics Website

AWARDS SPONSOR \$1,500

Foursome with carts and
awards lunch

Signage in lunch room

Player swag bags

Acknowledgement on
Bronco Athletics Website

One available

LOWER YOUR SCORE \$200

1 Per foursome

1 Tiger Drive - Start a par
5 from 150yds out laying 1

1 Gimme putt - 1 approach shot from
off the green that stops within the
grips of club is considered holed out

1 Sand save - 1 free toss from a sand
trap; does not count as stroke

1 Splash save - 1 free toss from
nearest entry point of a water hazard;
does not count as a stroke

4 Mulligans - total of 4 mulligans to
used by each foursome during the
round



SCAN TO
REGISTER

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a word from our director of student support

MIKE AMMONS



appreciation shoutout

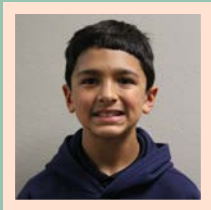


I'm grateful for Ms. Irene Perello! Regardless of if she is tutoring students, correcting behavior, supporting our teachers, working with parents, monitoring the hallways, or any of the other thousand things she does here at BACS, she does it with a smile on her face and the joy of the Lord in her heart. Thank you for your ministry of wisdom and joy on our campus Ms. Perello!

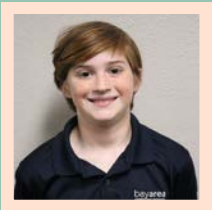
God's truth

I was fortunate to attend the 2024 TABS Convention a couple of weeks ago at BACS. It was a wonderful opportunity to engage in professional networking and attend some excellent sessions on topics relevant to my work. The session that most impacted my thinking was a conversation about disciplining our students. The speaker didn't reveal a dramatically new idea that shifted my paradigm of our responsibility, as Christians, to make disciples; but rather, he encouraged us to think about discipleship as simple relational connection with students

where Scriptures are explored together, discussed together, and applied together. It was centered on the idea of being engaged, persistent, and intentional about studying God's word in a setting where you are vulnerable enough to ask and answer sincere questions about the meaning and implications of God's truth in our lives. It struck me because it reminded me that in a world where a 1,000 things are competing for our attention all the time, the one constant, true, source that allows us to encounter our great, living God is the Bible.



"English, because writing is hard."
-Noah Fernandez



"Pre-Algebra, because it can be overwhelming and I don't really like it."
-Cameron Ammons



"My relationship with God, because it is a difficult process learning how to trust Him."
-Hana Baker

what has challenged you lately?

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a word from our fine arts director

MARIANNE MORRISON



appreciation shoutout

I would love to give a shoutout to our Tech Arts students! It has been so fun to watch them grow in their skills and abilities this year. From inputting media for chapel services each week, to running lights, camera, and sound for chapels, their continued service is an important part of making our weekly chapel services engaging and energetic. Mrs. Hope and I are grateful for their help each week!

important dates

March 21
Talent Show - Click [HERE](#) to buy tickets!



Keep learning

For this year's TABS Convention, it was fun to partner with Elisabeth Hope to present a workshop on the different ages and stages of child development. As we know, each child is at a different place in their learning journey, and it was great to be reminded of that in preparing for this session. As parents and educators who want to teach our children well, we need to continue to adapt our methods of parenting or teaching, and keep learning and growing ourselves! Specifically, playful engagement and positive reinforcement are great motivators when working with children. When we incorporate them into our relationships with children, they are encouraged and inspired, and that is a key part of their healthy growth and development.

tell us your talent...



"Running!"
Bram Croes



"Singing!"
Ella Pereira



"Basketball!"
Zane Clark



"Playing Piano!"
Claire Gadd



"Handstands!"
Jeff Demers



"Juggling!"
Eden Haynes

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getting to know

OUR BACS FAMILY

The Symes family

Tell us about your family.

Scott and I (Kristy) met while working at Blockbuster and have been married now for over 23 years! God has blessed us with four awesome children! Jordan is our oldest daughter and she is nearly 20 years old. She graduated from BACS in 2022 and attends Texas Tech University majoring in Music. Chloe is our second oldest daughter. She is 17 years old and in 11th grade. Havyn is our one and only son. He is 14 years old and in 8th grade. Gwynne is our youngest daughter. She is 9 years old and in 3rd grade.

Why BACS?

We knew from very early on that we wanted our children to have a Christian education. It was important to us that the school for our children would be one that reinforced the Word of God and the values we taught them at home. Each of our children started in pre-K at BACS so we have seen the school grow a great deal over the years but the focus is still on Kingdom Education. We are so thankful our children have the opportunity to be in an environment with teachers and faculty that are Christ followers and can openly speak to them about our Savior.

Favorite activities?

Some of our favorite activities together are playing cards and board games, bicycling to the lake to feed the ducks, traveling together, and spending time with our extended family.



Mrs. Kroese

HS Math



Tell us your testimony.

I cannot remember a day when I didn't know the work of Jesus. I was blessed to be raised in a Christian home with parents that stressed the importance of a personal relationship with the Lord. I made a public profession of this faith when I was in 8th grade, when I knew this was no longer just my parents faith being lived out through me, but a personal faith that I had in the work of Jesus. This faith has been challenged over the years, but by God's grace these challenges have only strengthened my relationship with Him.

Tell us about your family.

I have been married for almost 19 years to Andrew. We have three kids - Joshua is 15, Lillian is 12, and Tessa is 9.

How long have you been teaching?

I began teaching in 2006 and have taught on and off since then, taking some years off to stay home when my kids were young. This is my 4th year at BACS

Your idea of the perfect vacation?

Being in nature, away from the city and population with my family.

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WHERE ARE YOU GOING, BRONCOS?

Spring Break 2024



TO THE BEACH

19.5%

STAY'CATION

7.3%



OUT OF THE COUNTRY

2.4%



VISITING GRANDPARENTS

9.6%



HEADING TO THE RODEO

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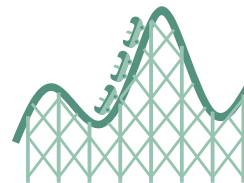
CRUISE

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VISITING A THEME PARK

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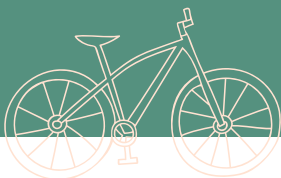


HITTIN' THE ROAD

19.5%

CAMPING

2.4%



A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING

19.3%

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giggles with

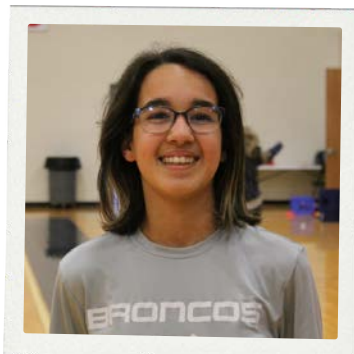
OUR BRONCOS



**I would tell you a joke
about pizza..**

..but it's too cheesy!

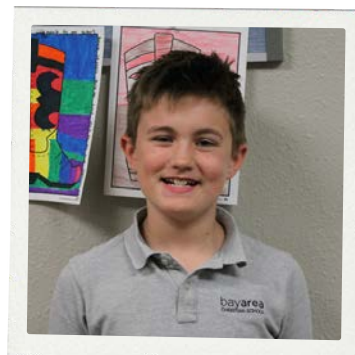
CJ Nevills



Goodbye boiling water..

..you will be misted!

Chloe Schrock



**I always come in
second, but I beat all
the rest, what am I?**

February!

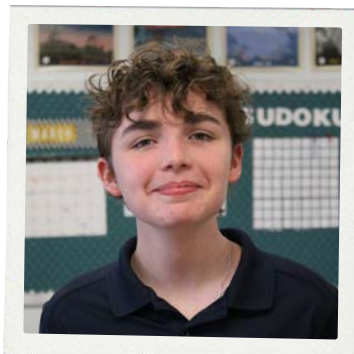
Connor Elmblad



**What falls, but never
needs a bandage?**

Rain!

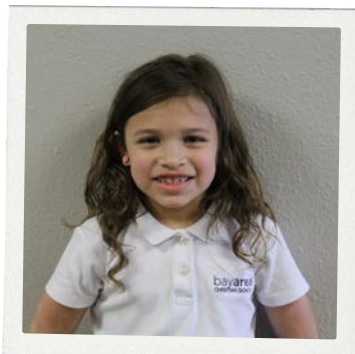
Capri Gonzalez



**Why were the fish's
grades so bad?**

**It was below sea
level!**

Caleb Morrison



**Where do sailors take
their baths?**

In a tub-marine!

Remy Molis



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