

The SOCIAL HERD

Bay Area Christian School

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Acts 20:24



Bronco Ball
Photo by Hope Jermstad

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



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May 2024 Newsletter

a word from our head of school

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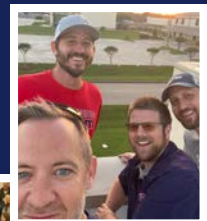
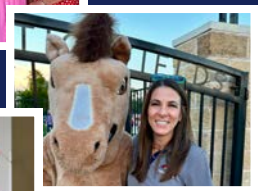
It's been a great year to be a Bronco because...

From my perspective, there are numerous reasons, but some of the overarching themes are academic achievements, community engagement, sports and fine arts success, the addition of after school programs, and a positive school culture. Collectively, these are just a few reasons for me on why it's been a great year to be part of Bay Area Christian School. However, the most significant highlight of this year has been the spiritual climate on campus. While there have certainly been imperfections, we've witnessed many of our students grow in their walk with Christ. Scripture memory, chapels, retreats, and biblical integration in a Christ-centered environment are all part of cultivating an environment of growth. However, all glory to God, because ultimately, He "gives the growth." I pray all of our Bronco families have a restful and rejuvenating summer!

appreciation shoutout



I want to express my genuine appreciation to the dedicated faculty and staff of Bay Area Christian School. Their commitment to excellence, passion for teaching, and relentless efforts in nurturing our students' growth are unparalleled. The impact of what they do on a daily basis extends far beyond the classroom. Thank you to our Bronco faculty and staff for your hard work, dedication, and the invaluable contributions you make every day in Kingdom education.



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a word from our ELA director

ANITA PIERCE



important dates

5/15/24: [Registration deadline](#) for Camps 1-4

5/16/24: 10:00-11:00 ELA K4 & Bridge Graduation Ceremony, Last Day for part-time classes

5/23/24: Last Day for full-time classes. Dismiss @ 12:00pm

6/15/24: [Registration deadline](#) for Camps 5-8

Opportunity to serve

It's been a great year to be a Bronco! I am thankful for the opportunity to serve and partner with our staff and parents. Our children have grown academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. They have made new friends. We participated in the BACS Homecoming parade. This year, our ELA K4 and Bridge students had the opportunity to participate as Chapel singers. Thank you to all of our ELA families for participating in our inaugural Picnic with Parents event in April.

Special congratulations to Magdalena Van Hook for 25 years of service with the ELA. She serves as our lead K3 teacher and one of our Assistant Directors. Congratulations to Amanda Baldwin for 10 years of service with the ELA. Amanda serves as our ELA Registrar and one of our Assistant Directors.



appreciation shoutout

Congratulations to MariaElena Morton on completing the process to become a United States Citizen! MariaElena was officially sworn in during a ceremony in April. A parade was held in the ELA in her honor.

Bronco memories



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a word from our elementary principal

DANA DUNCAN



appreciation shoutout

I want to give a big shoutout to our wonderful elementary office staff! Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Spruce, and Mrs. Cummings have loved and cared for our students well. I also want to thank Mr. Mike Ammons (not pictured), Director of Student Support, for being a wonderful addition to Bay Area Christian School. In addition, Ms. Irene Perello (not pictured) has done an amazing job as Assistant Principal. It is an honor to work alongside these amazing Kingdom-focused leaders!

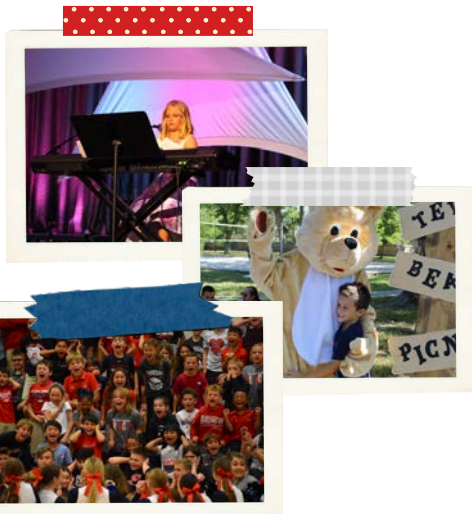


Unforgettable year

I would like to take this time to thank all of our parents for the support and partnership during this unforgettable school year. It has been a great year to be a Bronco! I am so proud of all of the achievements and accomplishments of our outstanding students.

Reflecting on the past school year, we have had so many great memories and exciting events to look back on. We continued many successful traditions such as Friday Night Lights Elementary Night, BACS Homecoming Parade, Grandparents' Day, Chili Cook Off, Fun Run, Talent Show, Elementary Musicals, Fine Arts Night, Baptism Chapel, and Field Days. We have also added new experiences such as the World Vision Water Walk. Our students really enjoyed all of these activities. Our year will end with a wonderful award ceremony in which we can honor our students' accomplishments. Our students have grown academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. We are incredibly proud of all of our Broncos!

Bronco memories



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a word from our junior high principal

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When you work in a school filled with students like ours, you can't help but be grateful to be a Bronco!



appreciation shoutout



I am thankful for our 8th grade Class! They have had a successful year, and were a great representation of our school in DC. Please pray for God's blessing over them as they move on into high school.

There is hope

First, it's always a great day to be a Bronco! Also, it's a great day to be a Bronco, due to how special our students are. This was evident during our 8th Grade DC Trip when our students walked up to veterans at Arlington National Cemetery and thanked them for their service. Many of the veterans were in tears. They told me our students are special, and that there is hope for the next generation. When you work in a school filled with students like ours, you can't help but be grateful to be a Bronco!

Bronco memories



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a word from our high school principal

HAROLD PAYNE



appreciation shoutout



Thank you to our high school teachers for being the guiding lights in our students' lives. Throughout this extraordinary school year, your love, encouragement, and support have been unwavering. You've challenged our students to grow, both intellectually and spiritually, and your guidance has been instrumental in shaping their character and values. Your dedication and passion inspire us all. Here's to our incredible educators, for their profound impact on our students' lives!

Memorable milestones

Throughout the halls of our high school, the Bronco spirit shines brighter than ever. Witnessing our student body grow spiritually has been an inspiring journey, as young minds embrace values of kindness, resilience, and empathy. The resounding success of our retreats this year marks memorable milestones in our collective journey, fostering bonds that transcend the classroom. Through dedication and perseverance, our Broncos have not only strengthened friendships but also achieved remarkable academic success, setting new standards of excellence. As we reflect on the past year, it's evident that being a Bronco isn't just about attending school, it's about embracing a vibrant community where growth and triumph go hand in hand.

Bronco memories



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a word from our counselor

NANCY GADD



City on a hill

The 2023-2024 school year has been one of the best school years for BACS secondary students. Participation in AP classes is more than 30% of our HS campus. PSAT scores continue to rank higher than the state and national averages. Students who qualify for the honor roll make up 47% of our total HS enrollment. Academically, our students stand out, but more importantly, the school culture and climate have become focused on being the "city on the hill" (Matthew 5:14-15). The call of the Spirit on the hearts of our students is evident. The baptisms, high school retreats, and chapel involvement are a testimony. It is a blessing each day as the campus places seeking God as the first priority in a student's life. 1 John 4: 7-8 says "Let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." I am so thankful to be a part of Bay Area Christian School.



appreciation shoutout

A big shoutout to Principal Payne! He has intentionally set in place student opportunities for involvement to prioritize a Christ-centered student body.

important dates

Juniors: I encourage you to spend this summer working on your admission essays and visiting college campuses.

[SAT information](#)

[ACT information](#)

Seniors: You must request a final transcript to be sent to the college you will attend. Please make this request through [Parchment](#).

Final transcripts will go out the last week in May.

During the summer months of June and July, I will not be in the office, but will check emails every Monday and Thursday.

Bronco memories



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a word from
our director of curriculum & instruction

L I N D A M U D G E T T

summer reading

Below are the assigned books for K-6th grades. Books can be purchased through your favorite book seller.

- **K-2nd Grade:** See suggestions on website
- **3rd Grade:** Surprise Island (The Boxcar Children Mysteries book #2) by Gertrude Chandler Warner (ISBN: 9780807576748)
- **4th Grade:** Misty of Chincoteague by Marguerite Henry (ISBN: 9781416927839)
- **5th Grade:** Trouble at Silver Pines Inn by Gloria Repp (ISBN: 9781579240004)
- **6th Grade:** Wonder by R.J. Palacio (ISBN: 978-0375869020)

Click the links below to view the complete summer reading information:

[K-6th reading assignments](#)
[7th-12th reading assignments](#)

exciting news

SKYTREE BOOK FAIRS

We are also pleased to announce our partnership with SkyTree Books. SkyTree Books has a summer reading initiative: SkyTree Summer Reading. They have carefully curated an exciting selection of books tailored to various age ranges. Books can be purchased online through SkyTree. Every purchase comes with a complimentary summer activity packet and helps our school. To explore their curated selection and place your order, simply visit SkyTreeSummer.org.



Never a dull moment

There are many reasons why this has been a great year to be a Bronco including...

- 8th grade Creative Writing Class and the students; never a dull moment (A joyful heart is good medicine... Proverbs 17:22)
- Working with so many great people
- Seeing involved parents
- Volleyball, basketball, softball and baseball (my favorites)
- Chapels
- Sat Prep Verbal Class
- Concerts

appreciation shoutout



My shoutout of appreciation goes to the school media team for their top-notch work, willingness to take on projects, and keeping all the moving parts organized.

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a word from our director of student support

MIKE AMMONS

3 ways to recharge over break



1. Set a Spiritual Goal: This summer, dive into the New Testament, start a prayer journal, explore a new theological topic, or commit to serving others.

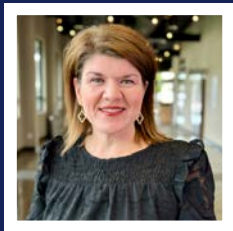


2. Rest Up: Sleep more, definitely, sleep more...make it a priority to recharge your body and mind.



3. Stay Active: Embrace the outdoors; it's proven to boost your mental health. God's creation awaits you!

appreciation shoutout



Huge shoutout to Mrs. Kerr, our phenomenal school media teacher at BACS! Not only does she masterfully manage our social media and capture all the incredible happenings around campus, but she also shows remarkable grace and patience whenever deadlines slip through the cracks. This shoutout is probably overdue, but much like my Social Herd articles, better late than never!



Finding restoration

As I reflect on this past year at BACS, I am filled with gratitude for the incredible opportunity to have started our student support program. It has been a blessing to work alongside our students, guiding them to deepen their reliance on our gracious God, who sustains us in every circumstance. Together, we've explored the life-giving truths of God's Word, finding restoration and hope in His promises.

The privilege of engaging with the richness of God's grace in our daily lives has truly been humbling and illuminating. Moreover, building relationships within the BACS community has enriched this journey immeasurably.

Looking ahead, I am filled with excitement about the future opportunities that lie before us at BACS. Being a part of this community's growth and witnessing God's hand at work here is something I eagerly anticipate. Thank you all for being a part of this blessed journey.

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a word from our athletic director

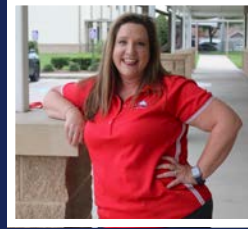
KYLE KENNEDY



We get to

Bay Area Christian School is such a special place. We get to attend a school where administration, teachers, and coaches love and care about our students. This place is like a family. I can say for myself and my kids that attend BACS, the statement, "It's a great day to be a Bronco!" has never been more true. Every year is different, but what a blessed year we had in athletics! In the fall, cross country runners competed for State. Football competed in playoffs and volleyball made it to the TAPPS State Final Four. In the winter season, multiple teams made it to playoffs. Girls soccer won district. Our swimmers and wrestlers competed in TAPPS state. Girls basketball made it to the state championship game. Lastly, during the spring season, tennis players competed at TAPPS state. The girls and boys golf team won district and competed at TAPPS state. Softball and baseball both made the playoffs. Track and field also had multiple athletes qualify for the TAPPS state meet. It has been another great year to be a Bronco!

appreciation shoutout



I would like to give a shoutout of appreciation to Laura Box. Laura helps in assisting the operations in the athletic office, day to day. Laura is always willing to help in any way possible. You probably saw her helping with Field Day! If we have schedule or transportation changes, Laura is always working tirelessly to help. Thank you, Laura, for everything that you do in athletics and around our school to make BACS great!

Bronco memories



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a word from our fine arts director

MARIANNE MORRISON

our bronco best

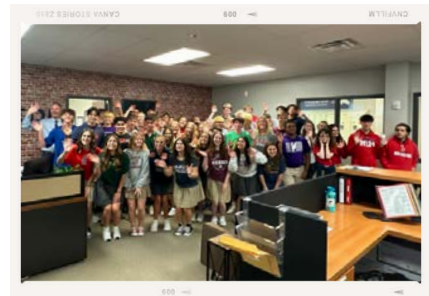


Grow and improve

I love the culture and community at Bay Area Christian School! My favorite part of being a Bronco is getting to grow and learn together artistically, academically, socially, and spiritually. We were created for community, and the community at BACS is one of the best! As a mom and educator, I have appreciated being able to use my gifts and talents to grow and improve the school environment that my children are a part of. I'm looking forward to continuing partnering with the wonderful team of administrators, teachers, and students at BACS.

appreciation shoutout

I would like to give a shoutout to the Senior Class of 2024! These students have worked so hard, and are at the end of their educational journey at BACS. They are a wonderful group of students with lots of gifts, talents and abilities. I am looking forward to seeing all that they accomplish in the future!



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LEAVING A LUNCH LEGACY

Reflecting on Mrs. Medrano's 33 years at BACS



What led you to BACS?

I was a Christian and I wanted my kids to have a christian education. My pastor's children were coming to BACS and I was interested in putting my kids here.

How do you build those close family relationships with your team?

Realizing that everyone is different and works at a different pace. It is important to be fair and let them know that they are valued.

What have you enjoyed most about working at BACS?

I love the staff and the teachers. I will always cherish all of the friendships and memories I have made.

What was your first job here?

My first job here was working outside for morning and afternoon childcare on the playground.

Did your children attend BACS?

My daughter came to BACS in 3rd grade and my two sons started here in kindergarten. They all graduated from BACS.

What has God shown you through working at BACS?

How unworthy I am. When you're working in a Christian environment with other believers, that doesn't mean that things will go the way that you think they should. God is teaching me to extend grace to others.

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Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Medrano on her retirement!



ALL THINGS SUMMER FOR K-12

Speed and Agility Athletic Camps



- [Incoming 4th & 5th graders](#)
- [Incoming 6th-8th grade girls](#)
- [Incoming 6th-8th grade boys](#)
- [Incoming 9th-12th grade girls](#)
- [Incoming 9th-12th grade boys](#)

The deadline to sign up is May 26th at 9am.



Two Camp Sessions

June 17-20 (8:30 am-12:00 pm)

July 22-25 (1:00-4:30pm)

[Sign up here!](#)

- Students completing Kindergarten through 4th grades are invited to join our BACS specials teachers for a week of fun and learning!
- Recharge with a daily snack.
- Receive a fun camp t-shirt.



Lunch Bunch

Two Sessions

July 8-11 (10:00am-1:00pm)

July 22-25 (10:00am-1:00pm)

[Click here for the registration form.](#)

- Students entering Kinder through Third Grade
- Bring your backpack and lunchbox
- Have fun spending time with school friends, enjoying lunch together, and reviewing important skills to help you get off to a great start next year!



Vacation Bible School

June 3-6 (9:00am-12:00pm)

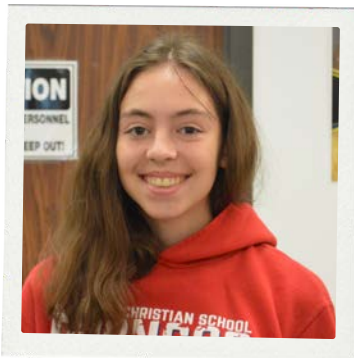
Get ready for a week of adventure at Breaker Rock Beach where kids will learn that God's truth never changes!

[Sign up here!](#)

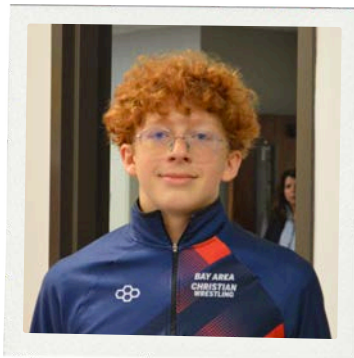
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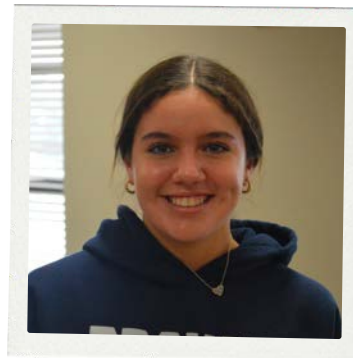
OUR BRONCOS



Lord of the Rings...
Now we are Tolkien!
Bentrice Wiederhold



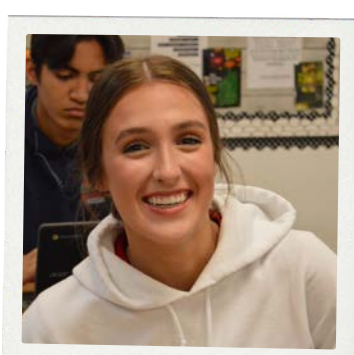
Why should you never trust a yellow light?
They will always turn on you!
Hayden Sundermeyer



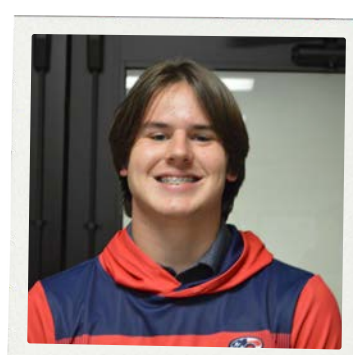
What do you call a can opener that doesn't open?
A can't opener!
Kendall Putnal



What does a lawyer wear to court?
A law-suit!
Andrew Ewahn



Did you hear about the Italian chef who died?
He pasta-way!
Audrey Warner



What do you call an alligator in a vest?
An in-vest-igator!
Kanton Hall



Dear Broncos,
Thank you for a wonderful year! You make our job not just possible, but a joy! Everything from silly jokes to conversations about growing in faith, we are thankful to be a part of it all!

Signing off,
Bacs School Media Peeps ❤️

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