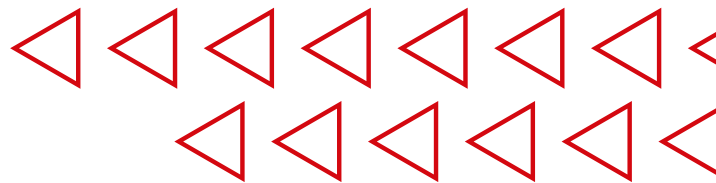




THE SOCIAL HERD



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.





This month's theme: Forgive

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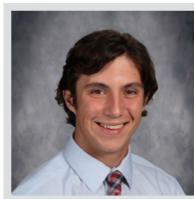
Mark your calendar

11/8 Elementary Fun Run

11/22 Grandparents Day (noon dismissal)

11/25-29 Thanksgiving Holiday (offices closed)

Congratulations



We are proud to announce that senior Peyton Jones is a National Merit Scholar semifinalist.

A message from our Head of School,

LES RAINEY

Dear BACS Family,

As we enter a new month, I wanted to share a theme that feels especially relevant for us: forgiveness. In a community where we interact closely every day, forgiveness is essential. Misunderstandings happen, feelings get hurt, and mistakes are made—these are part of life and are also opportunities for growth and restoration.

Colossians 3:13 reminds us, "Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive." This verse encourages us to be patient and gracious with one another, reflecting the forgiveness we have received from Christ. When we forgive, we're choosing to move forward with compassion, strengthening our community and setting an example for our students.

In our classrooms, on the field, in the hallways, and within our families, I hope we can embrace this spirit of forgiveness as we guide our children. Each time we choose to forgive, we're demonstrating Christ's love and teaching our children a powerful lesson about grace.

Here are a few ways to reinforce this theme at home:

- Discuss forgiveness. Talk about why it can be difficult but is still important.
- Model forgiveness. Show grace in family moments, encouraging your children to do the same.
- Pray for a forgiving heart. Invite God to help you and your children forgive freely and fully.

Thank you for all you do to make Bay Area Christian School a community that lives out Christ's love.

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





Unforgiveness
hardens our hearts.

A message from our Early Learning Academy Director,

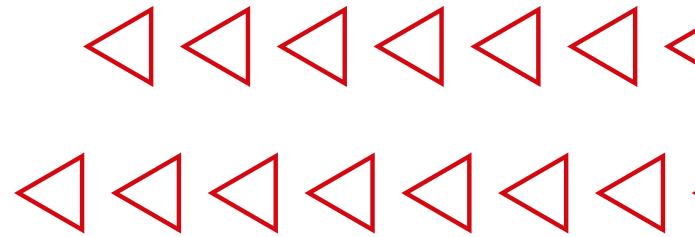
ANITA PIERCE

The word forgiveness appears in the Bible 15 times, forgive appears 121 times, and forgiven appears 55 times. We are human. Disagreements are going to happen in our personal and professional lives. Colossians 3:13 reminds me that it is important to humble yourself and apologize. Unforgiveness hardens our hearts.

Mark Your Calendar

- 11/11-15 Food Drive for Lighthouse Christian Ministries
- 11/11 Individual Retakes & Group Pictures - Full Time & P2 M/W
- 11/12 Individual Retakes & Group Pictures - Part Time & P2 T/Th
- 11/13 Ties, Tie Dye, and Tutu's - P2 M/W
- 11/14 Ties, Tie Dye, and Tutu's - All other classes
- 11/20-22 Fall class parties
- 11/22 Grandparents Day (noon dismissal)
- 11/25-29 Thanksgiving Break (offices closed)





Mark Your Calendar

11/8 Fun Run

11/22 Grandparents Day (noon dismissal)

A message from our Elementary Principal,

DANA DUNCAN

God clearly and passionately speaks to us through the Scriptures about forgiveness. God, in His ultimate wisdom, knows that there is great power and hope in forgiveness. God first showed forgiveness to us. Forgiveness reflects God's love and grace. He exemplifies forgiveness through His teachings and His sacrifice on the cross for all of us. Through the power of forgiveness relationships are healed and we are freed from the weight of unforgiveness. God commands us in Scriptures to forgive. We can show God's relentless love by offering mercy, grace, and forgiveness to others. The Bible speaks about God's forgiveness in this verse:

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:9





FUN RUN UPDATE

OUR GOAL \$175,000

If we hit the \$175,000 by today,
Mrs. Duncan and Ms. Perello
will wear the inflatable
costumes on Friday all day!

\$146,173

As of 11/7, 10:00am

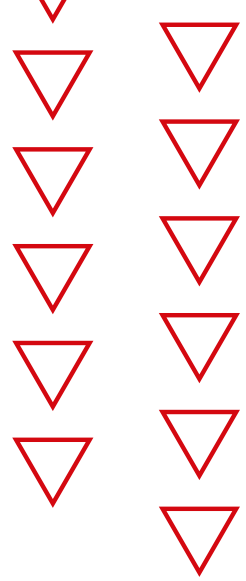




We must be willing to forgive others no matter the offense.

Mark Your Calendar

- 11/9 JH Candy Bar Bingo
- 11/22 All classes dismiss at 12:00pm
- 11/25-11/29 Thanksgiving Break



A message from our Junior High Principal, **JARED FUQUA**

At the moment of this newsletter's typing, Election Day is two days away, and I am reminded of the Election of 1828 which pitted Democrat Andrew Jackson against the Republican incumbent John Quincy Adams. Andrew Jackson was a brash politician who considered himself a representative of the common man. He grew up in poverty and lived a life driven by ambition and vengeance. Throughout his lifetime, Jackson survived several duels and even carried a scar on his forehead given to him by a British soldier when he was a young prisoner of war during the War for Independence. The reason for the scar: refusing to polish the soldier's boots. He hated the British until his last breath. John Quincy Adams was the opposite. His father had served as the second President of the United States, and John himself had served in politics from a young age. Suffice it to say they lived very different lives. During this election, the two men began practicing the art of mudslinging: the act of trashing one's opponent to make oneself more desirable to a constituent. Adams' camp publicized Jackson's duels and accused him of being a murderer. Jackson and his followers claimed that Adams was an avid gambler who was too aloof to represent the common man. At one point, the line was crossed too far when Adams accused

Jackson's wife, Rachel, of polygamy. Sidenote: This was partly true since Jackson and Rachel were married in the Louisiana Territory and before Rachel's first husband had officially signed the divorce papers. This accusation hit the Jackson family hard, however, Jackson ended up winning the election in a landslide with 178 electoral votes to Adams' 83. But just days after the electoral victory, Rachel Jackson died of a heart attack. Andrew Jackson, the man who hated anyone who dared call into question his integrity, blamed John Quincy Adams and his accusations against Rachel for her death. Andrew Jackson hated Adams for the rest of his life. He drew his last breath while still holding on to his resentment of Adams. Going back to the theme of this newsletter, the challenge to forgive as Christ has forgiven us is one that, while very difficult to carry out, leads to spiritual freedom and unity. When we harbor anger, bitterness, and resentment, it causes spiritual, mental, emotional, and even physical distress. We must be willing to forgive others no matter the offense. Let us not emulate Andrew Jackson's desire and willingness to hold on to bitterness and resentment, but instead emulate Jesus Christ and his unfathomable desire to love and forgive.





Forgiveness is not just a gesture, it is a reflection of the grace God has given me.

A message from our High School Principal,
HAROLD PAYNE

Navigating conflict in our families can be one of the most challenging yet spiritually meaningful tasks we encounter. Colossians 3:13 calls us to "bear with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgive each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive." These words guide us to face and resolve disagreements with a heart for healing, mirroring the grace we ourselves receive.

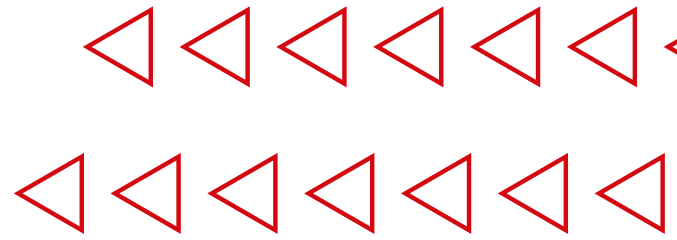
Conflicts, big or small, are almost inevitable in any family. Disagreements can arise over how we spend time, manage money, or share responsibilities at home. Sometimes, tempers flare up over miscommunications or different expectations. In my family, moments like these serve as opportunities for growth, challenging as they are. But I have come to understand that in these moments, forgiveness is not just a gesture, it is a reflection of the grace God has given me.

When conflicts arise, I often find myself with a choice: I can cling to my perspective or soften my heart to listen and seek understanding. In the heat of a moment, this is easier said than done. However, Colossians reminds me that forgiveness is not optional, it is essential.

Apologizing and making things right is a humbling experience. It can feel vulnerable, especially when pride kicks in and wants to justify my actions or beliefs. Yet, the act of owning up to my mistakes, saying "I was wrong," and choosing to forgive even when it feels undeserved, brings a peace that mending and restoring brings to our relationships. It is transformative.

For me, every time I apologize or choose to forgive in my family, I find the bonds strengthened. Bitterness dissolves, and we are reminded of the love and patience we are meant to show each other. It is not always easy, but it is always worth it because in the end, forgiving as the Lord forgives us is a gift of peace, understanding, and ultimately, of love.





A message from our Academic Counselor,
NANCY GADD

November is here and going to move fast as we approach the holiday season. Thanksgiving will always hold beautiful memories of family and friends resting in a place of thankfulness. These moments in our lives carry us. God is our perfect heavenly father who knows that we need this time of reflection for counting our blessings. I am praying that as a body of believers we “count it all joy” and breathe in the love and forgiveness of our Lord, always mindful to offer the same to others in our lives. I pray for His spirit over the hearts of every student. I am thankful for each one. Have a wonderful month of November.

Seniors

[FAFSA](#) will open Dec. 1st.

College application deadlines are coming up fast. Please make an appointment if you need any help. Check your email for monthly scholarships.

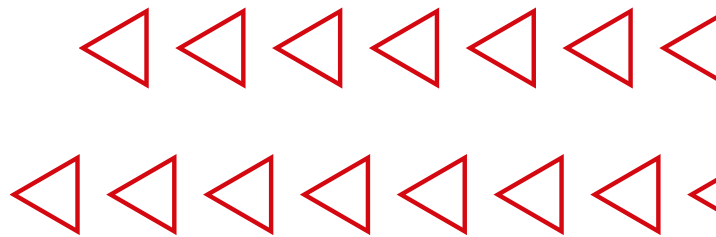
PSAT News

Scores are in! Students can log into their College Board accounts to view test results. Students created their accounts in Bible class.

Testing Dates

12/7 SAT
12/14 ACT





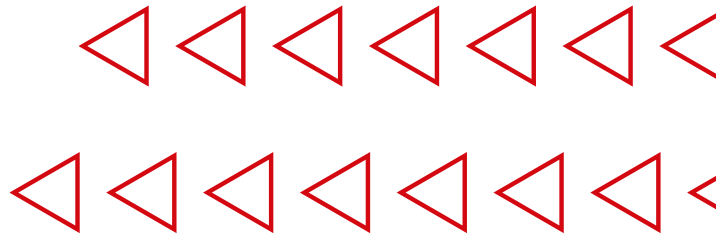
A message from our Athletics Director,
KYLE KENNEDY

In looking at the theme of forgiveness in Colossians 3:13, here is how I believe it relates to athletics in several ways: Team dynamics, building trust, and sportsmanship.

- **Team Dynamics:** Athletes often work closely together, which can lead to conflicts from competition or mistakes. Focusing on forgiveness helps keep the team united, allowing everyone to move past disagreements and work toward shared goals.
- **Building Trust:** Forgiveness creates a supportive atmosphere. When teammates trust each other to get through past issues, it strengthens their teamwork, which is essential for success during competitions.
- **Sportsmanship:** Forgiveness is important in how athletes treat their opponents. When they show respect and kindness, it leads to a better sports culture, where the focus is on doing their best rather than holding onto grudges.

By embracing forgiveness, we can build stronger, more supportive teams, leading to greater success for everyone involved.





Sports News

Volleyball

The girls' varsity volleyball team finished the season with a 20-11 record and defeated Emery last Tuesday to secure the 4th place spot in district for the 5A playoffs. Their season finished last Thursday at the Woodlands Christian. Congratulations on a great year!

Cross Country

The cross country teams competed at the TAPPS state meet. The boys finished 7th overall, and the girls finished 11th out of 29 total teams in 5A.

- Diego Rivera: 9th place (1st Team All-State)
- Noah Wilkerson: 16th place
- Rachel Penick: 16th place

Football

The varsity football team will play at John Paul II (Plano) this Friday, November 8th, at 7:00 PM to finish their season. Their current record is 5-4 overall.

Swimming

The varsity swim team competed at Logos Prep last Thursday in their first swim meet of the season, finishing in 1st place overall!

Boys 200 Free Relay & 400 Free Relay- 1st Place: Raymond Farland, Kade Curley, Tristan Arghiropol, Ayden Hilliard

Girls 200 Free Relay-1st place: Ella Pereira, Laney Thompson, Elizabeth Jones, Campbell Bradley

500 Free & 100 Fly (new school records)- 1st place: Raymond Farland

100 Breaststroke- 1st place: Ayden Hilliard





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A message from our Director of Curriculum and Instruction,

LINDA MUDGETT

Another scripture that is highlighted to me when reading Colossians 3:13 is Matthew 10:8 which talks about how we have freely received from Christ. Since I have received forgiveness from Christ, I must freely bestow forgiveness (Matthew 10:8). The fact is I have no right to hold unforgiveness toward others because I have been forgiven ALL-100% by Christ. I pray that I am able to do what this scripture commands and walk in forgiveness. In difficult situations, forgiving is so hard, but I want to be obedient. I tell God so and ask Him to work. A prayer that helps me is the following: “Jesus, take this unforgiveness from me regarding _____. I don't want it any more. Please heal my soul with regard to this unforgiveness toward _____. What do you have for me in exchange?” Sometimes it helps to picture handing the thing over to Jesus. There are just some things we are not meant to carry.

Announcements

In the midst of the day to day, we are already planning and researching for next year. Budgets are being assessed, curriculum is being reviewed, and teams are discussing trends, what is working, what is not, and setting goals. It's a great day to be a Bronco!





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A message from our Director of Student Support,

MIKE AMMONS

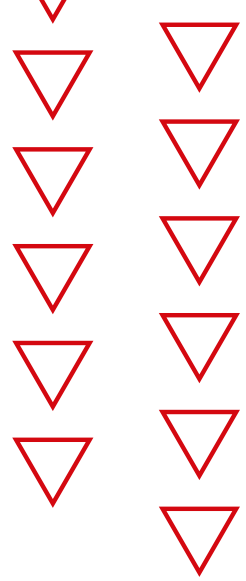
As I write this, just days before the 2024 presidential election, I'm reminded of a simple yet profound truth: God alone knows the outcome, and His will is perfect. This may seem basic, but the reality that God's will is perfect and His wisdom is infinite gives Christians hope that transcends election results. While many around us may feel tense and uncertain, Christians can rest in the peace that God sees every outcome with perfect clarity and faithfully works for the good of His people.

Be comforted by the reality that God's unchanging will and character are more determinative for our well-being than any political victory. As we process the election results, whatever they may be, we remember that Christ still reigns with all power and authority and His kingdom is unshakable and everlasting. So, whether or not our preferred candidate wins, let's "bear with one another" and stay united in Christ.

Colossians 3:13 provides encouragement, reminding us of the importance of unity and forgiveness: "Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive."

With this divisive season soon behind us, let's embrace the holidays as an opportunity to reconnect. While elections may divide, Thanksgiving and Christmas allow us to reunite around our shared faith in Christ, the One who brings peace and restores all things. If forgiveness is needed, let's take the lead as peacekeepers, choosing to forgive as God has forgiven us, for the sake of the gospel and His glory.





A message from our Fine Arts Director,
MARIANNE MORRISON

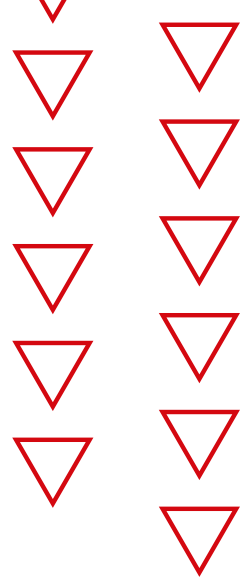
As we navigate the challenges of the school year, it's essential to remember the wisdom found in Colossians 3:13: "Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive." This verse reminds us that our school community thrives on mutual respect and understanding. Conflicts will arise, whether in the classroom, on the playground, or during group projects, and it's always easier to complain or gossip.

Instead of choosing the easy path and allowing grievances to fester, we encourage students to approach one another with a spirit of understanding and openness. Forgiveness fosters a supportive environment where everyone can learn and grow together. By embodying this principle, we not only strengthen our relationships but also create a culture where everyone feels valued and heard.

Let's commit to bearing with one another, recognizing that we all make mistakes, and choosing to forgive as we've been forgiven. Together, we can build a more compassionate and resilient school community.



Fine Arts News



Congratulations to the following students for representing BACS in Region Choir!



Kaelyn Uffort - TPSMEA All-State Choir
Caleb Morrison and Kaelyn Uffort - TPSMEA Region Mixed Choir
Ella Pereira & Sarah Tousley - TPSMEA Region Treble Choir
Abigail Beshara & Ingrid Wester - TPSMEA Middle School Honor Choir
Ayanti Uffort & Keira Longoria - TPSMEA Children's Honor Choir

Grandparents Day Programs - November 22nd

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

Dickens on the Strand - Sunday, December 8th

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. Street performances will begin at 2:00 pm, and the choir will take the stage at Trafalgar Square at 3:00 p.m.

5th-12th Performing Arts Christmas Concert - Tuesday, December 10th - 6:30 pm

Participation is **REQUIRED** for 5th & 6th grade Band and Orchestra students, as well as 7th-12th Band, Choir, and Orchestra students - your child's teacher will be sending more information soon!

Participation is **OPTIONAL** for 5th & 6th Grade Wheel Class (Music, Art & Spanish) students - click [HERE](#) for more information and to sign up to participate!



BRONCO ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL FUN RUN

The Elementary **Annual Fun Run** will take place **TOMORROW, Friday, November 8** on the football field. We still **need helpers** during the fun run to throw colored powder on runners, man the water station and blow the colored powder off everyone before entering the buildings or cars. We are in need of gas or battery powered leaf blowers. Click [here](#) to sign up. Please remember **pets are not allowed** inside the gates of the fields/playground. **Siblings are not allowed on the playground during the fun run.** It is reserved for current students only.

Schedule

8:30am – Kindergarten

9:15am – 1st grade

10:00am – 3rd grade

10:45am – lunch

11:30am – 4th grade

12:15pm – 2nd grade

1:00pm – 5th grade

1:45pm – 6th grade

EARLY DISMISSAL

Friday, November 22 is an early dismissal day. All classes will dismiss at noon. There will be **no extended care offered** this day.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

The campus will be closed Monday, November 25 - Friday, November 29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will see you back here on Monday, December 2.





Grandparents Day Celebration

Friday, November 22, 2024

All grandparents and guests who will enter a building at any time must pre-register through Raptor for a name tag by Friday, November 15. Click [here](#) to register or scan the QR code to the right. We are also looking for parents to help set up and clean up the pavilion area for 5th & 6th grade activities. Set up begins at 8:00 am and clean up begins at 11:30 am. Click [here](#) to sign up. This event will be live-streamed, and will be available on our website by clicking on Bronco Life, and scrolling down to “watch”.



Kindergarten “Grand Times” with Grandparents

8:15 - 8:40am in Worship Center

1st & 2nd Grade Program

9:00 - 9:45am in Worship Center

3rd & 4th Grade Program

10:00 - 10:45am in Worship Center

5th & 6th Grade Old Fashioned Picnic

10:00 - 10:45am at Pavillion* (east side of campus)

*Athletic Center if incliment weather

If you need a place to relax in between shows, you may visit the “Grandparent Lounge” in the Kids Commons from 8:30-10:20am.

ALL CLASSES DISMISS AT NOON.

