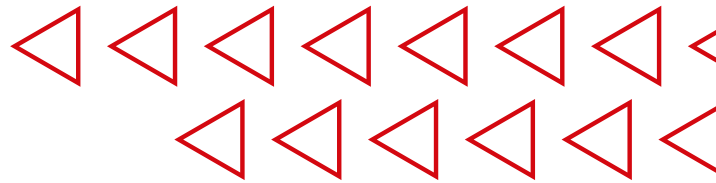




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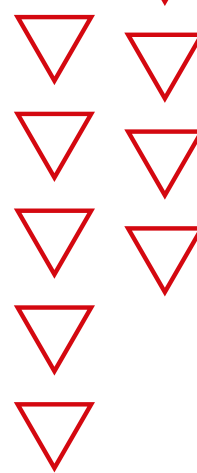
THE SOCIAL HERD



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: Pacify

If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. - Romans 12:18

Mark your calendar

- 10/11-** Student Holiday
- 10/17-** Homecoming Pep Rally
- 10/18-** Homecoming Game/Chili Cook Off
- 11/8-** Fun Run

A message from our Head of School,

LES RAINEY

There's no denying that we live in a world full of noise, disagreements, and unrest. As followers of Christ, how do we make peace with those around us? In Romans 12:18, Paul offers clear guidance: "If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peaceably with all."

I'm reminded each day that my two boys are watching everything I say and do. They observe how I respond to conflict, how I handle challenges, and how I strive to live in peace. I wish I could say I've perfected this, but I've missed the mark in this area from time to time. Parents, we are called to model this Christ-like characteristic for our children. Our example will shape their understanding of what it means to be peacemakers, following in the footsteps of Jesus.

This verse calls us to be agents of peace in our daily lives. Whether at school, or in our

communities, we are challenged to make choices that reflect Christ's love. The act of pacifying is not passive; it requires active compassion, forgiveness, and understanding.

At Bay Area Christian School, we seek to cultivate this spirit in our students by encouraging them to live out Romans 12:18. In doing so, we help them develop the skills and mindset necessary to heal divisions rather than escalate them.

As we enter the homestretch of a hotly contested political season, let us remember that peace is possible when we make it our priority. Let's continue to pray for wisdom, patience, and the grace to live at peace with one another.

It's a great day to be a Bronco!





A message from our Early Learning Academy Director,

ANITA PIERCE

Romans 12:18, "If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all," describes a lifestyle of service and love. We all make mistakes. As followers of Christ, we should be willing to own our mistakes and attempt to make amends, apologize, and forgive others. We should be kind in our approach and love others the way God loves us. We may not be able to control the actions of others, but we can control our response. Choose to respond rather than react.

Mark Your Calendar

10/30 Crazy Hair Day - M/W 2's

10/31 Crazy Hair Day - All other classes

11/11-11/15 Pancake Mix & Syrup Food Drive for Lighthouse Christian Ministries

11/11 Retakes & Group Pictures - Full Time & M/W 2's

11/12 Retakes & Group Pictures - Part Time & T/Th 2's



HOMECOMING SPECIAL DRESS DAYS ELA

Monday, October 14th

PJ Day

Tuesday, October 15th

Neon Day

Wednesday, October 16th

Safari Day - wear camo or animal print!

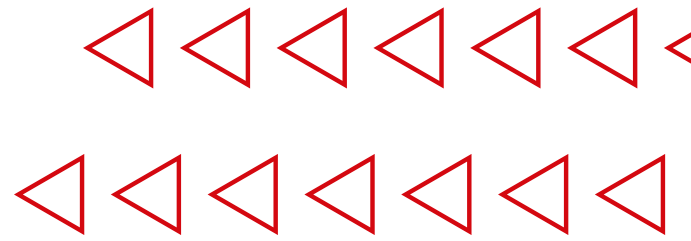
Thursday, October 17th

Red, White, and Blue Day

Friday, October 18th

Bronco Spirit Day: Rock your red, white, and blue to show your Bronco pride!





Striving for
harmony and peace
is a reflection of
Christ's love and
grace in our lives.

A message from our Elementary Principal,
DANA DUNCAN

This month's verse holds so much wisdom and highlights the importance of actively seeking peace in our relationships. It reminds us that while we can't control others' actions or attitudes, we can choose our responses. Striving for harmony and peace is a reflection of Christ's love and grace in our lives. As Christians, we should strive for unity. Unity is important among believers, and it requires active effort and an intentional commitment to peace.

In moments of conflict or tension, we are called to a Kingdom approach to others. We should be diligent in dealing with others, showing kindness and understanding. By doing so, we become instruments of God's peace and ambassadors for His kingdom. As Kingdom focused believers, we should diligently foster an environment where love and reconciliation can flourish. This environment is created for our students by modeling repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation for our students.

It is important to follow Matthew 18:15-20. Jesus describes the process to the disciples for dealing with conflict among believers. The first step is for the one who is wronged to go and speak privately with the one who has sinned in hopes of restoring the relationship. We all have a responsibility in seeking peace and restoration.

As you reflect on this message, consider ways you can promote peace and harmony in your life and with others in your domain of influence. Peace can be developed through the acts of forgiveness, listening, or simply extending a hand of friendship. Acts of service is also an excellent way to foster peace and harmony. Jesus came to serve others. Remember, our efforts can make a significant difference in our communities and relationships. Be the light and remain Kingdom focused in all that you say and do.



HOMECOMING SPECIAL DRESS DAYS ELEMENTARY

Monday, October 14th

Favorite Jersey Day: Wear a jersey to support your favorite sports team!

Tuesday, October 15th

Crazy Hair Day: Get creative and style your hair in a fun, silly way!

Wednesday, October 16th

Christian Shirt/Hat Day: Show out your faith by wearing your favorite Christian merch!

Thursday, October 17th

Pirates and Princesses Day: Boys may dress up as pirates and girls can put on their best princess attire!

Friday, October 18th

Bronco Spirit Day: Rock your red, white, and blue to show your Bronco pride!

If your student does not wish to participate in Homecoming variety dress week, they may wear an approved Bronco Spirit shirt with modest blue jeans, with no rips and/or holes, or Land's End bottoms throughout the week. Sweatpants or athletic shorts are not allowed. As always, please ensure that your attire is modest and appropriate. Dress code shoes are still required; no flip-flops or Crocs.





It is evident that the Lord takes our attempts to live peaceably with all to point the lost to Him.

A message from our Junior High Principal,

JARED FUQUA

One summer during my college years, I was hired by an industrial HVAC company to transport materials from job site to job site across the Houston area, a gopher as they called it. This was my first experience in the secular workplace, and boy was it a culture shock for me. I immediately stuck out like a sore thumb. The absence of expletives and refusal to add personal anecdotes to some NSFW conversations was the first thing to draw attention from my coworkers. One of them asked, "Man, you don't have much to say. Why not, you a Christian or something?" I answered that I was, and that was all she wrote. I immediately felt like an animal at the city zoo being ogled and researched by passersby; I was an oddity that they had to know more about. However, as the weeks passed on, their attempts to inquire about my lifestyle and religious convictions came in the form of condescending jokes and jabs. I had already been praying for my coworkers, but as we had all spent more time together, I grew to respect many of them. Rawle, Chris, Walter, and Casey were the ones who sometimes seemed skeptical of my worldview, but we always ended conversations amicably. Then came the day I met the ire of our project manager, Bryant. Bryant was a mean, old cuss who did

not care how you were treated, but definitely wanted you to know how he felt. Anyways, one of my coworkers failed to accomplish a task at the job site, and I was the lucky individual to deliver the news to Bryant. As soon as Bryant took in the news I delivered, he let out a string of expletives aimed at me. He used words in ways I didn't even know were grammatically possible. At first, I was offended, however, I found myself just taking it and saying "yessir" over and over, again. One might say that I was just a whipping boy with no spine. I would beg to differ. First, I took the dog-cussing, because he was my superior, and quite frankly, I needed the money to save up for my wife's engagement and wedding rings. Secondly, Bryant needed to see the love of Christ. I didn't want to respond in anger; I wanted him to experience peace in my response. Oddly enough, after that day, Bryant began to treat me differently. He changed the way he spoke around me, and even gave me some great jobs that required overtime with time-and-a-half pay. As I currently reflect on that summer, it is evident that the Lord takes our attempts to live peaceably with all to point the lost to Him. Let us continue to plant seeds for the future harvest by living peaceably with all.



HOMECOMING SPECIAL DRESS DAYS JUNIOR HIGH

Monday, October 14th

Favorite Team Day: Wear a jersey, t-shirt or hat to show support for your favorite sports team!

Tuesday, October 15th

Pajama Day: Come comfy in your pajama bottoms, Bronco Spirit top, and slippers!

Wednesday, October 16th

Twin Day: Get with a friend and dress in the same attire!

Thursday, October 17th

Anything but a Backpack Day: Get creative and bring your books in anything but a backpack!

Friday, October 18th

Bronco Spirit Day: Rock your red, white, and blue to show your Bronco pride!

If your student does not wish to participate in Homecoming variety dress week, they may wear an approved Bronco Spirit shirt with modest blue jeans, with no rips and/or holes, or Land's End bottoms throughout the week. Sweatpants (except Tuesday) or athletic shorts are not allowed. Dress code shoes are still required (except Tuesday); no flip-flops or Crocs. As always, please ensure that your attire is modest and appropriate.





Offering forgiveness
when someone wrongs
us paves the way for
peace.

Mark your calendar

10/29 Honor Roll field trip



A message from our High School Principal,

HAROLD PAYNE

The Challenges of High School

High school is filled with diverse personalities, stress, and social dynamics. Between classes, projects, and social events, you're constantly interacting with others, many of whom you didn't choose to be around. These interactions can lead to conflicts, misunderstandings, and feelings of exclusion.

However, amidst these challenges, Romans 12:18 offers a timeless reminder: "If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all." This verse encourages us to focus on our actions, even when situations are challenging.

Making Peace Possible

Seek Understanding: Peace often starts with understanding others. Instead of reacting immediately, take time to listen and empathize. Simply acknowledging another person's feelings can go a long way.

Control Your Responses: Romans 12:18 reminds us to take responsibility for our reactions. Choosing kindness when someone hurts or frustrates us helps de-escalate conflicts and contributes to a peaceful environment.

Show Grace and Forgiveness: We're all imperfect. Offering forgiveness when someone wrongs us paves the way for peace. This doesn't mean allowing mistreatment, but rather letting go of grudges and moving forward.

Set Healthy Boundaries: Living peaceably might mean stepping back from consistently negative influences. Setting boundaries is a way to maintain peace without creating hostility.

Promote Positivity: Be proactive in creating a positive atmosphere. Smile, help others, and avoid gossip. These small actions can inspire others and foster a culture of peace.

A Ripple Effect

Living out Romans 12:18 doesn't guarantee perfect interactions, but by taking responsibility for our actions, we can create a ripple effect of understanding and kindness. Living peaceably is about being a source of positivity in a high school environment full of challenges. Remember: as far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Your actions have the power to make a difference.



HOMECOMING SPECIAL DRESS DAYS HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, October 14th

High School Stereotype Day: Come dressed as a stereotype - jock, band geek, drama kid, bookworm, etc!

Tuesday, October 15th

Vintage Video Day: Embrace the nostalgia of the golden age of gaming by dressing up as characters from classic video games!

Wednesday, October 16th

Minion Day: Grab your yellow and blue and get dressed up as a minion!

Thursday, October 17th

Pirates and Princesses Day: Boys may dress up as pirates and girls can put on their best princess attire!

Friday, October 18th

Bronco Spirit Day: Rock your red, white, and blue to show your Bronco pride!

*You may wear jeans with no holes or rips, or Land's End bottoms and a school spirit shirt on days you do not dress up. No athletic shorts may be worn. Joggers and sweatpants may only be worn as part of dress up attire. As always, be sure your attire is modest and appropriate. If your attire is deemed inappropriate, you are not dressed up, or if you are not in jeans or Land's End bottoms, you will be told to change. For best results ask the office before you take a chance on anything questionable! No flip-flops or crocs - dress code shoes are still required. Thank you to Student Council for these fun themes!





A message from our Academic Counselor,

NANCY GADD

The world is loud. There is an overwhelming bombardment of external factors we cannot control in the current times. It is unsettling. As believers our focus must be to “live peaceably with everyone” Romans 12. True peace only comes from our Lord. In Philippians 4:4-5 “Rejoice in the Lord and let your gentleness be evident to all”. The witness of a godly people to a raging world lifts up Jesus as our Savior. He is the only answer to real peace. I am so thankful for the privilege of attending the HS retreat last week. The time spent with juniors and seniors modeled how we draw near to our Lord as a body of believers. Only through listening to His still small voice can we overcome the battle of stress the world brings to us. It is definitely a great day to be a part of the Bronco strong family.

Upcoming Events

Seniors: Don't forget to request your transcripts through Parchment. Once your college application is submitted, please be diligent and check your application status frequently. The FAFSA application opens on December 1st again this year. [Click here](#) to learn all the new changes to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Testing Dates

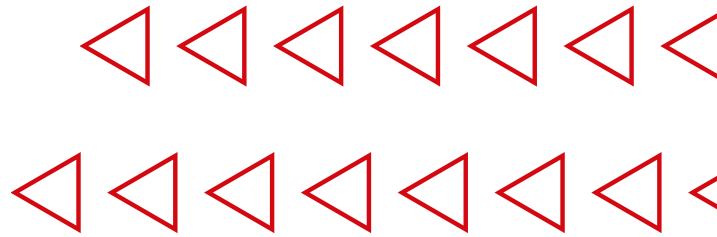
Upcoming SAT options
www.collegeboard.org

Upcoming ACT options
www.act.org

PSAT News

Grades 9-11 will test Friday, October 25th. PSAT practice is available through the student Bluebook application on the BACS Chromebooks, or can be found [here](#). Scores will be in before Christmas.





A message from our Athletics Director,
KYLE KENNEDY

This verse to me highlights the importance of striving for peace and harmony in relationships, this can be particularly relevant in the context of athletics.

In sports, competition can create rivalries and tensions. However, maintaining respect and sportsmanship is essential. Athletes often face intense pressure, but how they interact with teammates, opponents, and coaches can define their character. By focusing on what they can control, like their attitude and actions, athletes can bring a positive environment, promote teamwork, and build bridges, even in the heat of competition.

Romans 12:18 serves as a reminder for our athletes to prioritize respect and harmony, both on and off the field.

Fall Sports News

Football

Week 6 football game will be Home this Friday night at Bay Area Christian School at 7:00pm. The Broncos will play against St. John XXIII.

Volleyball

The volleyball team is currently 2-2 in district play and looking to secure a playoff spot in a very tough volleyball district. The volleyball team will play at Emery on 10/15 and then host Logos Prep on 10/17 (senior night) 5:00pm.

Cross Country

The Cross Country team competed in Westbury Christian's meet this past weekend. The varsity boys team finished 3rd as a team out of 29 teams. The varsity girls finished 4th overall out of 14 teams. The district meet for both girls and boys will be at Woodlands Christian on 10/19.

Medalist: Top 20 overall

Diego Rivera - 6th place
Noah Wilkerson - 7th place





Learning together

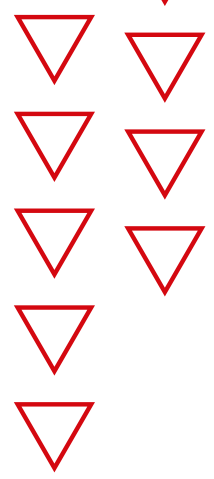
This summer, we sent 12 faculty members to the Exchange Conference in Greenville, South Carolina. They were able to receive some teacher training and build relationships.

A message from our Director of Curriculum and Instruction, **LINDA MUDGETT**

After reading Romans 12:18, 2 Corinthians 5:16 was highlighted to me: "So, from now on, we refuse to evaluate people merely by their outward appearance" (TPT) or from a human point of view. Another translation notes that "our knowledge of men can no longer be based on their outward lives." Verse 18 says that God has "reconciled us to himself, and given us the ministry of reconciling others to God" and "he has entrusted to us the ministry of opening the door of reconciliation to God. We are ambassadors of the Anointed One who carry the message of Christ to the world, as though God were tenderly pleading with them directly through our lips."

If we carry Christ, we are supposed to be atmosphere changers. We should be on mission with Jesus everyday even when we don't feel like it or are facing difficulties ourselves. God is speaking all the time and He is working all the time in our lives and in the lives of everyone else. Our job is to put Jesus on display. When I try to walk this way, I see God move in amazing ways. I have seen this change the atmosphere when someone is being irritable and seems bothered. For instance, a couple months ago, my husband and I were at Olive Garden, and our waiter was a super quiet young gentleman. I had a very strong impression that God wanted me to talk with him. As I processed this with God, I felt like God was saying that even though this young gentleman was quiet, he still had a voice and that God wanted him to know that He wanted him to not be afraid to use it. Then my husband chimed in and asked a question that was totally just God. We were able to encourage this young man and put his hand in God's hand. Another more organic example occurred in Home Depot last week. The young gentleman helping me seemed as if he really didn't want to help me. Naturally, I noted that he was sniffing and snuffling. After he pointed me in the right direction and retrieved what I needed, I turned to him and asked him if he was feeling unwell. He indicated that he was struggling with allergies. I asked him if I could pray for him; he nodded yes, and I quickly said a prayer where just he and I heard. He was truly grateful, and I blessed him and left. But, after just showing him compassion, his whole demeanor changed. All we need to do is introduce people to Jesus and bring them a little closer to Him letting them know He cares for them and loves them.





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A message from our Director of Student Support,

MIKE AMMONS

As we navigate election season, Romans 12:18 offers an incredibly timely and relevant reminder: "If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all." In today's cultural climate, it's easy to get caught up in the divisiveness of political conversations, but God calls us to something higher—peace. At BACS, we believe this verse is a crucial guide for our entire BACS community, especially during times of division and volatility. Pastor Brian Haynes at Bay Area Church is currently teaching through a three week series called Jesus and Politics, where he challenges us to integrate our faith into every aspect of life, including our politics, without sacrificing our commitment to peace and unity.

Here are three practical tips for living peaceably during this season:

1. Listen more than you speak. In a time when everyone is eager to share their opinion, take the time to genuinely listen and seek to understand others.
2. Show grace, even when you disagree. Obviously disagreements will happen, but how we respond (hopefully with kindness and grace) reflects our attitude towards others.
3. Pray for wisdom and peace. Ask God to help you navigate difficult conversations with humility and patience to bring restoration in your relationships rather than division.

As we guide our children, let's demonstrate how to live out our faith by remaining peaceful, even when our culture feels chaotic. Peace isn't just the absence of conflict; it's the active pursuit of unity, grounded in our relationship with Christ. Let's show our students that this is possible, even in an election year.





A message from our Fine Arts Director,

MARIANNE MORRISON

Romans 12:18 reminds us of the importance of striving for peace in our relationships: "If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all." This verse encourages us that as much as it depends on us, we need to take the initiative in seeking peace and taking steps to reconcile with others. This can feel very uncomfortable and challenging, but strong relationships with others are worth the work and effort that is sometimes required. Living peaceably can involve having open, honest dialogues with others when necessary, seeking common ground, and actively working to promote understanding and resolve conflicts.

There are times when we can do all of the "right things", but relationships will still be broken and fractured due to our common sin nature. However, when we ask for guidance from the Holy Spirit and take personal responsibility to reflect on our own attitudes and actions, we can experience freedom knowing we have chosen the path of peace. By committing to this path, we embody the love and grace of Christ and reflect his goodness and grace to others.

Mark your calendar

10/24 TAPPS Marching Band Drumline Festival



The BACS Fine Arts Department presents the

Annual Chili Cook-Off

Do you have a tasty chili recipe? We need more teams!

Click [HERE](#) to sign up by
Friday, October 11th.



Do you like eating chili?

Tickets will be sold at the door.

Prices will be .50 per ticket.

One ticket will purchase a
tasting cup of chili. Five tickets
will purchase a bowl.








Our BACS Fine Arts Department presents

Choir Coffee House

Monday, October 28th

-  Doors open at 6:00pm! Admission is free.
-  Bring money for coffee! High Table Coffee will be on site with lots of great coffee and soda options!
-  Event will be held in the Student Worship Center.



HOMECOMING IS ALMOST HERE!

Parade & Pep Rally

Thursday, October 17, 2024 | Starts at 6:30PM

Parking was tight last year! Plan on arriving before 6:00 pm as the middle and west driveways will close promptly at 6:00 or earlier if the parking lots are full. See the parade route map on the next page. There are over 350 participants in the parade. We asked them to park in the A and C parking lots. There will be no concessions for sale, however Kona Ice, High Table Coffee and face painting will be available in the A parking lot where the parade begins. The HOCO Pep Rally will follow the parade on the football field. We are excited to start a new tradition of Bronco Bookends: Celebrating the First and Last Chapters with our kindergarteners and seniors!

Chili Cook-Off

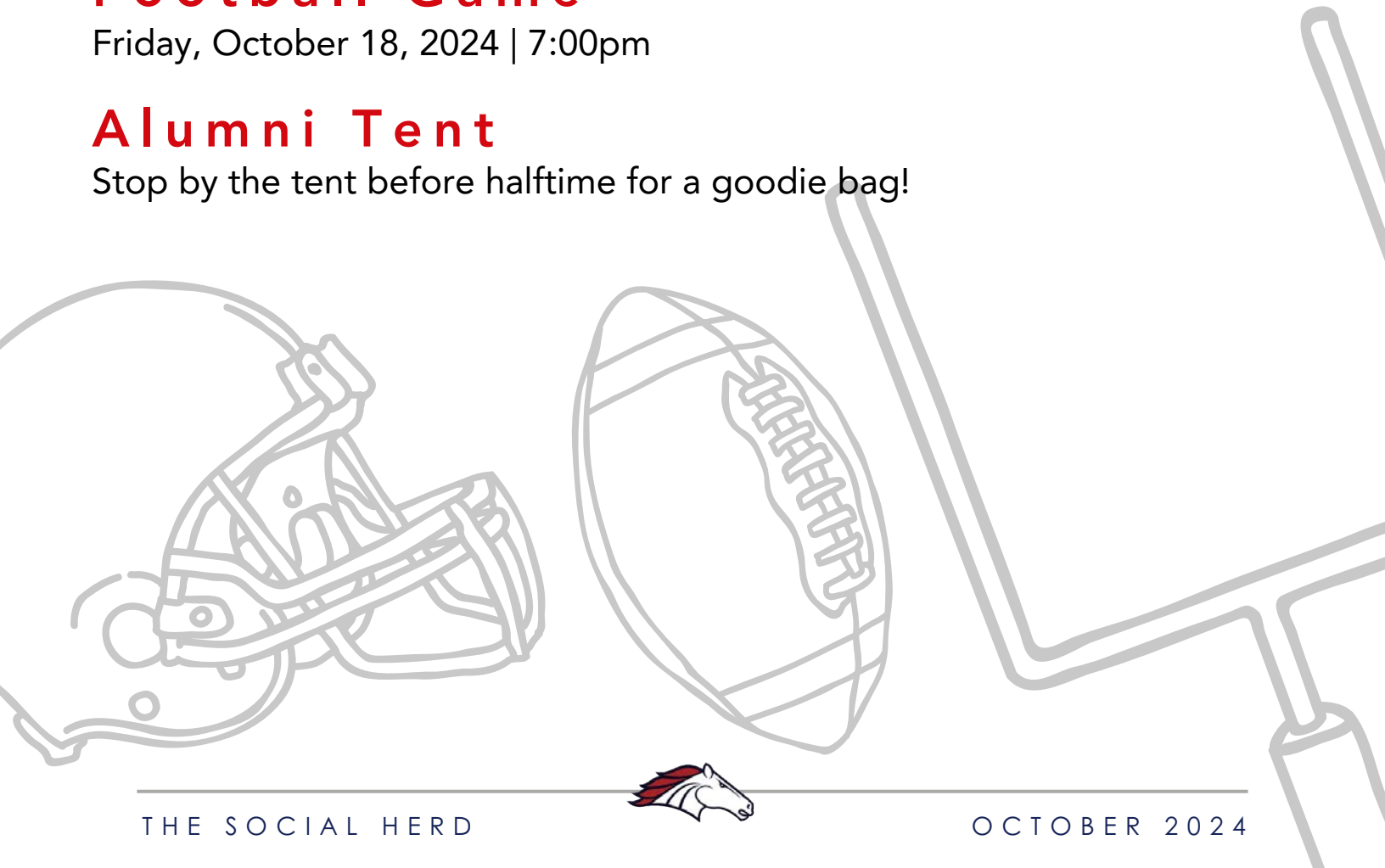
Friday, October 18, 2024 | 5:00-7:00PM

Football Game

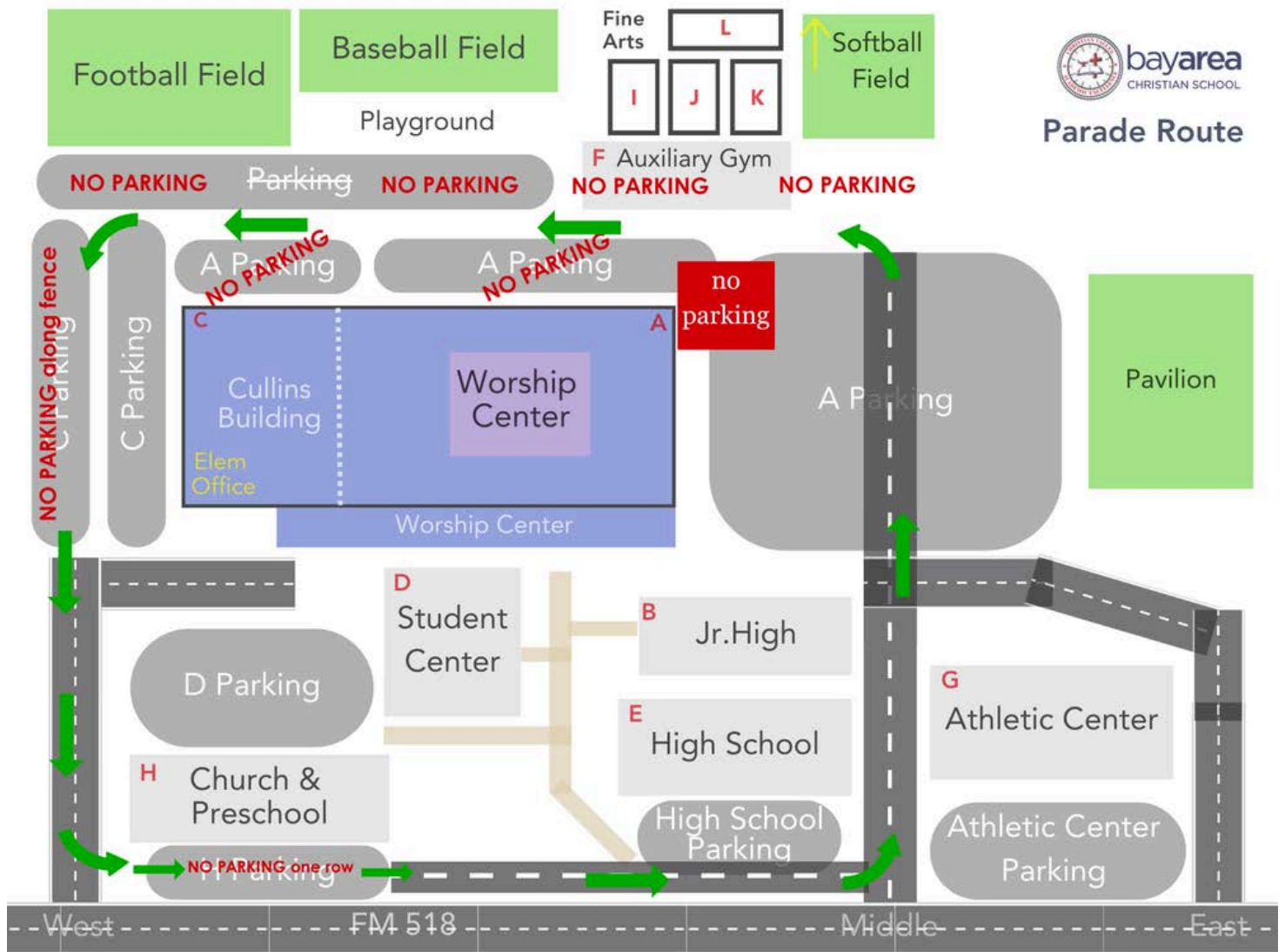
Friday, October 18, 2024 | 7:00pm

Alumni Tent

Stop by the tent before halftime for a goodie bag!



HOMECOMING PARADE ROUTE



BRONCO ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEACHER work day

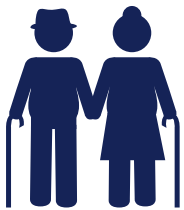
Friday, October 11 will be a **Teacher Work Day**. Students have the day off and a long weekend, but teachers GET to work!



In conjunction with the elementary Fun Run, secondary families along with anyone wishing to support BACS financially can **give to the Annual Fund** by clicking [here](#) or scanning the QR code. Funds support security, transportation upkeep, upgrades in technology, tuition assistance and debt retirement. Questions? Contact the Admin Office at office@bacschool.org or call 281-332-4814.



The Annual Fun Run will kick off on Wednesday, October 30 with the run taking place on Friday, November 8. More details will be coming soon! Here is one tidbit, Twister will be back with Tiny this year!



Elementary, mark your calendar for **Friday, November 22, 2024**! It is our annual **Grandparents Day** Celebration. There will be shows between 8:15 and 11:30. 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.

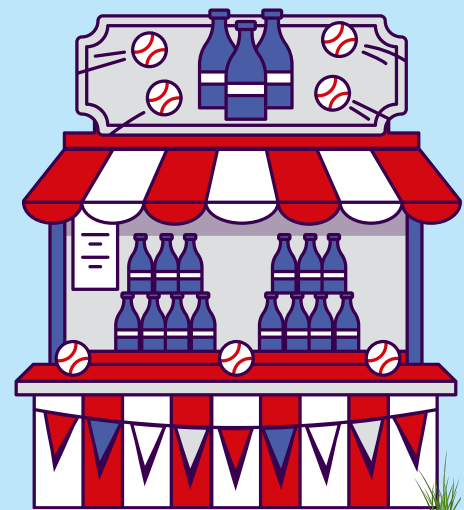
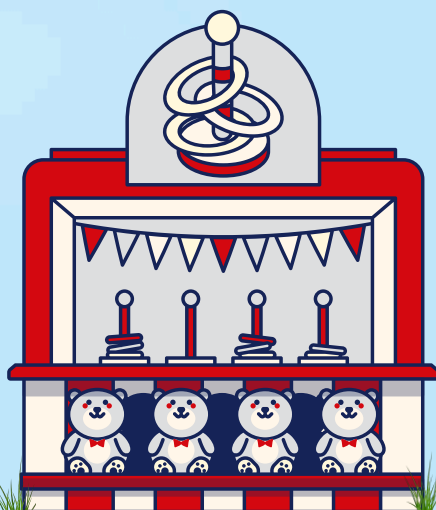




BACS SPRING CARNIVAL



Carnival • Craft Show • Silent Auction

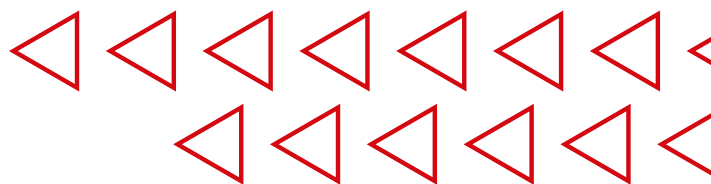


GET EXCITED. BRONCOS! THE CARNIVAL IS RETURNING!

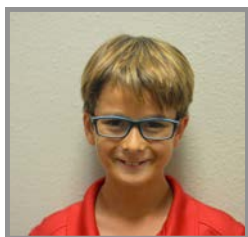
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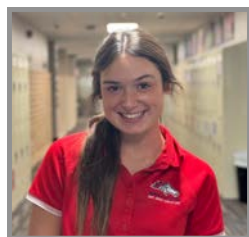
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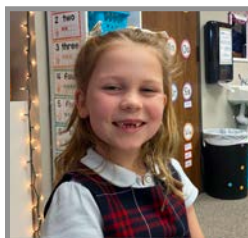
with our Broncos



What did one ocean say
to the other?
They waved! Bet you
didn't see that coming!
-AJ Grande (4)



Why are fish bad at volleyball?
They are afraid of the net!
-Madison Holwell (9)



Knock knock. Who's there? Banana.
Banana who? Knock knock. Who's
there. Banana. Banana who? Knock
knock. Who's there. Orange.
Orange who? Orange you glad I
didn't say banana!
-Audrey Ralston (1)



Who won the neck tying contest?
It was a tie!
-Parker Demers (9)



What do you call a cow with no
legs? Ground beef!
- Alex Maguire (12)



What did the triangle say to
the circle?
You're pointless!
-Andrew Svahn (8)



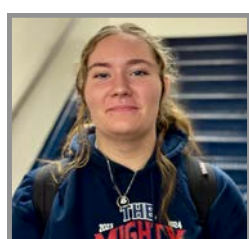
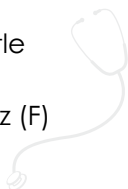
Why did the kid throw a stick
of butter out the window?
To see a butter fly!
- Ezekiel Beltran (PK4)



Why do seagulls not live by the
bay?
Because they would be
baygulls!
-Dax Pacis (4)



Why should you not upset a
pediatric nurse?
Because they have little
patients!
-Nurse Darcy Gonzalez (F)



What do you call a bagel
that can fly?
A plain bagel!
-Addi Tousley (10)

