

Brentwood Christian School

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Dear BCS Grandparents,

This year BCS welcomed 678 students back to campus for our 2022-23 school year. It is such a blessing to see their smiling faces and give hugs and high fives as they walk the hallways. There is a feeling of happiness and relief that we are beginning a school year with a sense of normalcy and a focus on building relationships and advancing our knowledge while we praise God as our purpose.

Even though we are putting COVID in the rearview mirror I want to put any anxieties to rest and let you know that we still have the AirBox air purifying systems in every classroom, meeting room, gym, cafeteria, and theater. These mitigators purify the air at a surgical room level and greatly reduce the risk of airborne transmissions of any airborne illness, including COVID. The AirBoxes will be in place all year. We value the health of our Bears as well as the health of our community – especially our grandparents!

As the year began BCS received word that we were voted the "Best Private School" in central Texas once again by the Austin American Statesman. We have received this award before but this year we were also named the "Best Preschool" in central Texas for our work with K4 and even K3. This incredible honor is directly attributable to our wonderful faculty and staff who make BCS their life work. Aside from being named the best school in central Texas by the Austin American Statesman as well as the Austin Family Magazine – BCS is also the 5-time defending State Academic Champion with 9 of the last 12 State Academic Championships being won by your Bears. Great faculty and great students are producing great results!

Aside from the accolades, the more important news is that your Bears are learning to be societal contributors. At BCS we believe in work ethic, and we believe in service. We teach our students that true leadership is found in the service to others. Your Bears have served at the food bank, worked with and befriended students with disabilities, brought fans to elderly shut-ins, brought Christmas gifts to children with incarcerated parents. They have had food and book drives for those less fortunate and they have mentored kids from disadvantaged schools. They have cleaned lots and cleared trees and work physically as well as mentally to serve our community. Your Bear is learning that we honor Christ with our work and with our service.

At BCS we have a saying, "It's a great day to be a BCS Bear!" We say this often, even though the workload and academics at BCS are difficult. We say this even though for many of our families it is a sacrifice to be at BCS. We say this because every day at BCS our students are pushed to learn and more importantly to think. They are pushed to reason and to form beliefs based on the process of discerning facts from opinions. They are pushed intellectually, emotionally, socially, and even physically. More importantly, they are doing all these things while learning that Christ is the purpose and the center of all. We say that it is a great day to be a BCS Bear because we know that all the work and effort and struggle means that our students have the blessing of perspective coupled with the gift of opportunity all brought forth in the love and divinity of Christ.

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Blessings.

Jay Burcham President