



BCS Year in Review 2024

TO OUR BRACKEN FAMILIES





Dear Bracken Family,

As the Christmas season fills our hearts with joy and gratitude, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to the vision and mission of Bracken Christian School. Each of you has played a vital role in creating an environment where our students can thrive academically, spiritually, and athletically. Your partnership truly reflects the love of Christ in action.

This letter is a special opportunity to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students, reflect on how last year's End of Year Giving made a meaningful impact, and share the areas where we humbly ask for your support this year. As you read, we pray you'll be inspired by all that God is doing at BCS and consider how you can join us in continuing His work.

The Apostle Paul's words resonate deeply this season:

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” (Colossians 3:17).

Through your generosity, prayers, and encouragement, you have glorified God and blessed our school community in countless ways.



Let's Celebrate!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

At the Fall High School Retreat, **44 students (35% of our high school)** made life-changing spiritual commitments, whether by accepting Christ, getting baptized, or rededicating their lives to Him. Praise God for the work He is doing in the lives of our students!

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Our middle and high school students exceeded state, national, and global averages in nearly every category on the **Fall 2024 PSAT**. This is a reflection of the dedication of our teachers and the hard work of our students!

As of this letter, **96% of our seniors** have been accepted into four-year colleges, while the remaining 4% are awaiting decisions on their applications. Our seniors have been offered over **\$2.5 million in scholarships**, and we anticipate these numbers will continue to grow. We are incredibly proud of our students for their academic achievements!

The Elementary Summer Reading Program was a resounding success with 70 students participating. We celebrated their accomplishments with awards assemblies and fun after-school parties filled with popsicles, games, and ice cream. The love of reading is evident at Bracken!

Total Pages Read: 149,092

Total Books Read: 1,612



ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Our student-athletes shone brightly this year:

- Sophia Grinstead became the 2A state champion in shot put and discus.
- Hunter Grimes placed 2nd at the 2A district meet and 4th at the state golf meet.
- Our middle school football team was STFC Division Champions.
- Boys varsity basketball and varsity baseball both made it to the area playoffs.

These achievements showcase the incredible talent, teamwork, and determination within our BCS community.



A Year of Generosity

The 2023 End of Year Giving Campaign was a testament to the giving spirit of our BCS families. Between December 1, 2023 and January 4, 2024, we raised a total of **\$118,403.40!** From that amount, \$34,320.40 was specific to Campus Improvements, and the remaining \$84,083 was General Giving. These funds allowed us to complete much-needed campus updates, including repainting buildings, landscaping projects, and parking lot striping. Thank you for supporting our students and helping to keep our campus a great place for learning and growth.

Looking Ahead: End of Year Giving Campaign 2024

As we prepare for the coming year, we ask for your continued partnership in supporting two critical areas through this year's End of Year Giving Campaign:

1. Bathroom Renovations – This project is essential for providing our students on the secondary side of campus with modern and functional facilities that reflect the high standards of our school. The amount needed to complete these renovations is \$74,000. Any fund overage will be used on additional bathroom renovations in the elementary building.

2. The General Fund – These contributions will assist in various areas of the general operations of Bracken Christian School.

We invite you to prayerfully consider how you might contribute to these areas. Your support, no matter the amount, helps us serve our students and glorify God through excellence in education.

A Christmas Message

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, may we be reminded of His words: *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35). Thank you for embodying this spirit of giving and for being a part of our mission to educate and disciple the next generation of Christian leaders.

May your homes be filled with the peace, love, and joy that only Christ can bring this Christmas season.

Merry Christmas to you and yours,

Michele Woodman
Head of School



Ways to Give

GIVE ONLINE

To contribute to this year's End of Year Giving Campaign online, please click the appropriate button below:

BATHROOM
RENOVATIONS

GENERAL
FUND

GIVE BY CHECK

Checks may be mailed to or dropped off at
Bracken Christian School.

670 Old Boerne Rd. | Bulverde, TX 78163

Memo Line: "General Fund" or "Bathroom Renovations."

Thank you!