### BRACKEN

### CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



### BCS YEAR IN REVIEW 2023

No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing:

Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

Philippians 3:13-14, NLT

### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

We are delighted to announce nine students were recognized as College Board National Recognition Scholars. Four of these scholars graduated in May 2023, three will graduate in May 2024, and two will graduate in May 2025. The success of our students is a testament to the dedication of our faculty and the support of our Bracken family. We celebrate all academic milestones achieved!

In the graduating class of 2023, two students were recognized as National Merit Commended Scholars, and two others received academic scholarships to four-year universities.

Our current graduating class boasts a 100% college acceptance rate. Way to go Seniors! We look forward to hearing about all the achievements of the 2024 graduating class at year's end.

- 32 students are currently in the National Junior Honor Society, 14 in the National Honor Society, and 24 in Student Council.
- 60 students in K-5th grade participated in the Summer Reading Program. In total, they read 902 books for a total of 79,134 pages!

### ATHLETIC TRIUMPHS

The prowess of our student-athletes has been on full display ALL YEAR.

- Aubrey Wheelock, Delaney Stirm, and Ana Clara Maik signed to play volleyball at the collegiate level.
- Both the boys and girls basketball teams placed 3rd in district, advancing to area playoffs.
- The high school baseball team demonstrated exceptional skill, reaching regional playoffs.
- Charlie Peterson and Ryan Jester signed to play college baseball.
- Nine members of the high school tennis team advanced to the state tournament.
- In track and field, Sophia Grinstead became the 2A State Champion in discus and shot put.

- Jillian Land placed 4th in discus at the state level.
- Hunter Grimes secured 6th place at the TAPPS 2A State Golf Tournament.

This school year is off to a great start.

- The 6th grade flag football team made it to semi-finals in their inaugural year.
- The middle school 7/8 football team became the South Texas Football Conference Division 1 champions!
- We currently have eight teams playing basketball for Bracken, and are looking forward to many fine achievements in winter and spring sports.

### **SERVICE & SPIRIT**

- Over 45 elementary students currently participate in the afterschool choir program. They perform throughout the year during Veterans Day, Christmas, Easter, and more. They will also be reaching outside Bracken's walls, sharing music with nursing home residents this December.
- Over 133 food items were donated to the GVTC Foundation for the Thanksgiving Give Back Project.
- Bracken students in 6-12th grade served over 20 local organizations during the Spring Service Day.
- Seniors organized Field Day in the spring, and served younger students during the event.
- The 4th and 6th Grade Kindness Club meets weekly during lunch to participate in acts of kindness including preparing letters for Veterans, the Kindness Art Project, and celebrating National Kindness Day.

## GRATEFUL **BLESSED**

Dear Warrior Family & Friends,

As we approach the end of 2023, it is with immense joy that we reflect on the remarkable journey our students, faculty, and staff have undertaken together. The past twelve months have been filled with academic excellence, outstanding athletic achievements, and the unwavering spirit of God that defines our Bracken Christian School family.

We extend a heartfelt Christmas blessing to each of you. May the spirit of Christmas resonate in our hearts and homes, uniting us in the joy of the season.

We are thankful for the privilege of guiding our students on their journey to seek Jesus and make a positive impact in their lives and beyond. As our Bracken family continues to expand, so do the demands of growth. To sustain this momentum, we ask for your support of our End of Year (EOY) Giving Campaign. We are seeking \$150,000 to fuel the ongoing growth and success of BCS. Your donation will have a broad and lasting impact across essential needs and resources that drive our mission forward.

We are also seeking \$250,000 for specific campus improvements. These crucial upgrades include, but are not limited to:

- Painting the entire campus exterior
- Adding solar lighting in front of the 100 bldg. parking lot
- Remodeling 3 bathrooms in the 300 building
- Adding new signage across campus

Last year's EOY Giving Campaign raised \$120,000 for campus security and over \$41,000 for the Growth Fund. These funds paid for the installation of electronic security gates, new fencing, a second security officer, and general upkeep of our campus. Your participation, and support make a difference!







As 2023 comes to a close, we humbly ask you to prayerfully consider blessing Bracken with a special year-end investment dedicated to General Giving or Campus Improvements. Your generosity in supporting these endeavors will preserve and enhance our learning environment, fostering an atmosphere where academic and personal growth go hand in hand.

Thank you for being an integral part of our mission at Bracken Christian School.

Giving instructions are found on the last page of this letter.

Merry Christmas,

Michele Woodman, Head of School



# Thank you for being part of Bracken's story. To be directed to our online giving page <u>Click Here</u>

Checks can be mailed to Bracken Christian School 670 Old Boerne Road, Bulverde, TX 78163 noting Campus Improvements, or General Giving on the memo line. THANK YOU!