



BCS Year in Review 2025

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 area 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 Bracken and consider how you can join us in continuing His work.

"..Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16



Let's Celebrate!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Bracken remains committed to cultivating students who boldly live out their faith. At Fall Retreat, we witnessed incredible professions of faith:

- 11 students and 2 parents were baptized during our High School Retreat in October with public declarations of faith!
- At least 5 students made decisions for Christ during the retreat!

Weekly chapels, worship, service project participation, and biblically integrated instruction continue to shape students into Christ-like leaders grounded in a biblical worldview.

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

This year has been a remarkable season of growth, achievement, and community impact for our students.

Students in elementary made strong academic gains through high-quality instruction, differentiated learning, STEM integration, hands-on projects, and biblical integration woven throughout daily lessons.

BCS students in grades 8–12 demonstrated exceptional academic performance, scoring above state, national, and global averages on the PSAT & SAT. Our students outperformed benchmarks in both the English Language Arts and Math sections, as well as in their overall composite scores, reflecting strong curriculum, dedicated teachers, and students who are committed to excellence.

These results highlight the strength of a BCS education and the hard work taking place in classrooms every day.



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

This year's Summer Reading Challenge saw remarkable engagement and results:

- 52 students (Pre-K through 5th Grade) participated
- 1,146 books read!
- 111,393 pages read!

As the saying goes, "Readers are Leaders." Our Summer Reading Challenge has strengthened literacy, fostered a love of reading, and supported academic growth campus-wide.

ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

This year has been an exciting season of growth and grit for our Warrior athletes. Our Varsity Girls Volleyball team had an outstanding run, winning the LRA Varsity Volleyball Tournament, finishing 3rd in district, and advancing to the Area Playoffs, demonstrating exceptional teamwork, perseverance, and leadership on and off the court. Our Varsity Football team also earned a spot in the playoffs and is still in season. Cross Country made it to State!

All of these results demonstrate dedication, discipline, and determination from our athletes. With fall sports still underway, our Warriors continue to compete with heart and determination, keeping excitement and the possibilities wide open. These accomplishments reflect the character, commitment, and Warrior spirit that define our students. As we celebrate their success, with many more to come during spring sports, we recognize the coaches, families, and supporters who help make every season memorable.



BRACKEN SERVES

Feed The Need provided Bracken students in PK-12th grade the opportunity to serve children in Bangladesh and the Texas Hill Country by packing 10,000 meals for distribution. On November 21st, our Middle and High School students took part in a second Service Day, serving at least 18 nonprofit organizations throughout Comal County and making a meaningful impact in our local community. Students and families were also invited to participate in the *GVTC Foundation's Thanksgiving Food Drive*, where they collected nonperishable items to help provide Thanksgiving meals for over 600 families in need throughout Comal County. An additional service option included filling shoeboxes for *Samaritan's Purse* through *Operation Christmas Child*. Shoe boxes were filled with small gifts to be shipped to children around the world.

Through these service opportunities, Bracken students and families lived out Christ's call to love and serve others, making a tangible difference in our local community and around the world.

"...Truly, I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40



A Year of Generosity

Impact of the 2024 EOY Giving Campaign

Your generosity last year made a measurable difference for Bracken:

- Total EOY Giving 2024: \$173,299
- Courtyard Bathroom Renovations: \$84,091
 - Bathrooms were transformed for students, teachers, and guests to enjoy daily
- General Fund: \$89,208
 - Supporting classroom materials, program needs, facilities care, student life, and essential campus operations

Every dollar strengthened learning, elevated student experiences, and supported the daily mission of equipping students to know Christ and make Him known.

Looking Ahead: End of Year Giving Campaign 2025

While tuition provides a foundation, it does not cover the full cost of the Christ-centered education our students receive each day. Our End of Year Giving Campaign 2025 supports the Bracken General Fund. These are critical resources that parents often don't see but feel in meaningful ways. These end of year gifts to our General Fund help provide classroom supplies and curriculum enhancements, technology and instructional tools, faculty development, deferred maintenance and campus repairs, utilities and operational needs, and the ongoing care of the spaces where our children learn, worship, and grow.

By strengthening the General Fund, we are able to keep tuition as low as possible for families while still providing excellence across every corner of campus. Every dollar given directly impacts students by preserving safe, well-functioning classrooms, supporting teachers, and ensuring our school remains a vibrant place for academic and spiritual growth. We invite you to prayerfully consider scanning the QR code below to make a gift to the General Fund. Checks can be mailed to Bracken. Your contributions are tax-deductible. Your generosity truly matters. Together, we can continue providing an environment where every child at Bracken thrives.

Ways to Give

To contribute to this year's End of Year Giving Campaign, please scan the QR code.



CHECKS CAN BE MAILED TO
670 OLD BOERNE ROAD
BULVERDE, TX 78163
MEMO LINE: END OF YEAR GIVING
QUESTIONS: CALL 830-438-3211
EXT 504



Christmas Message

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we are reminded that His coming brought light, hope, and redemption to a world in need. Your generosity reflects that same light. Every prayer, every gift, and every act of support allows His love to shine through Bracken as we teach, disciple, and equip the next generation of Christ-centered leaders. Thank you for standing with us and embodying the heart of Christ in the way you give and the way you champion our mission at Bracken.

May the peace of Christ surround your family, may His joy fill your home, and may His love guide you throughout this Christmas season and into the new year ahead.

Merry Christmas,

Michele Woodman

Head of School





“Here you are known”