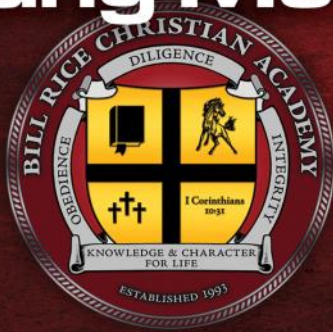


# Mustang Message



## Reflections By Nathan Reeves

May 2024

As we finish up our 32<sup>nd</sup> year of Bill Rice Christian Academy and eagerly look forward to next year, we want to take some time to reflect on all the Lord has done for us since August.

During the 2023-24 school year, we experienced some good growth in several ways. Through a daily process, we helped parents train one hundred seventy students in the knowledge and character of God and gave them an excellent, disciplined education. We also added a new building to our campus – our third building in seven years! Most importantly, God let us see twenty-five of our students accept Jesus as their Savior! What a privilege! What a great year God has given us!

It has been such a blessing to see our students grow throughout the year. We have seen good effort, obstacles overcome, and concepts learned. So much learning takes place at BRCA in just ten months! Student character has improved as well. The Character Traits of the Month have provided a focal point and motivation. An obvious difference is evident in many students. Our stu-

dents have been more thankful, obedient, helpful, respectful, diligent, and encouraging. These small successes whet our appetite for more!

This growth has been facilitated by our amazing teachers and support staff! The BRCA team is made up of amazing people that sacrifice day-in and day-out. I thank God for their love for their kids, work ethic, creativity, dedication, desire to help, and willing spirit.

As we look to next year, we are very eager. We're eager to move into our new building! This will provide much needed space (especially once Phase 2 is complete) that will only enhance what we do each day. We're eager to serve with new teachers as they will be a vital asset to our school next year and in the future. We're eager to meet our new students and to watch them grow in knowledge and character.

New and exciting things lie just around the corner. As we depend on Him, we hope you will do the same and continue with us.



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# Current Events

## May 3 Middle School Reward Trip

Students who earned their way to the Reward Trip will go on an exciting trip this Monday after school until 5:30.

## May 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week

Help us express our appreciation to our teachers during this week. One good way to express your gratitude is to send notes and letters (maybe one per day, from you and your child), flowers, or even a gift card. We have the best teachers!

## May 11 Ranch Work Day

All our school dads are invited to join us for a half day of work and food! Come enjoy some good food & be a blessing!

## May 15 Middle School Team Party

Our Middle School Team Party will be the perfect way to finish the Middle School team competition and to celebrate the Team of the Year!

## May 17-18 Father and Son Adventure

This is the perfect chance for dads and sons to grow closer together around God's Word. We hope you will come!



## May 22 School Picnic

This special event will begin with lunch at Cowboy Town and will include different games and activities. Parents will be asked to bring in food/drinks, and BRCA will provide the hotdogs. We hope you will join us!

## May 23 Last Day of School/Graduation Ceremony

School gets out at 11:30, and the Gradu-

ation Ceremony starts at 7:00 p.m. in the John R. Rice Auditorium. Please come to support our graduates on this special evening.

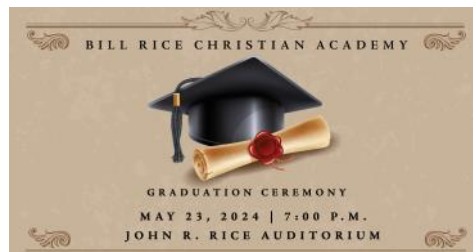
## May 24-August 18 Summer Vacation

Have a terrific summer! We will see many of you for camp and then again on August 19 for a new year!!



## June 10-14 BRCA Camp Week

Pay the \$50 registration fee by the last day of school, and then pay the remainder upon arrival. Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity!



# BRCA & Summer Camp

This year our 2nd-12th graders will be attending camp June 10-14. This is a great time to reconnect with school friends in the summer. Your children will hear clear Bible preaching that is right on their level. Along with the services, the Juniors will enjoy activities like Funspiration, the pentathlon, a rodeo, battleball, Inflatable Invasion, and much more! Teen campers can participate in the Sports Tournament, the Music Contest, and many special activities. And everyone will have the opportunity to go swimming and ride a horse! Here are a few things you will want to send to camp with your child: a Bible, bedding, towels, toiletries, a swimsuit, sunscreen, and spending money (\$7-\$12 a day is a good amount). Horse rides (\$8), the Cowboy Cookout (\$11-17), and the Wild Frontier (teens only, \$14) are all things they won't want to miss! In regard to dress, girls may wear knee-length athletic shorts and skirts. Boys are asked to wear jeans/wind pants (no shorts). All students that will be attending camp this year will meet at the Academy at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 10. Parents will pick up their juniors and teens on Friday night after the service outside the John R. Rice Auditorium, around 9:00. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Reeves.



# Independence Day Retreat

One the most exciting days on the Ranch is the 4th of July—a day for the whole family. At the Independence Day Retreat you will enjoy two delicious meals, and you can get involved in as many of the exciting activities as you would like (or just take it easy!). In the morning, we will have a special service called the Illustrated Message where you will learn a Bible truth that is illustrated “cowboy-style.” In the evening, one of our evangelists will bring another message from the Bible that will be a help to your home. In a climactic way, we always end the retreat with a spectacular fireworks display that will be sure to leave you feeling patriotic! It's only one day, but what a day it is! Let me encourage you to get in on all the action!



# #PixOfTheMonth



## Spring Retreats

Dads...don't miss this one!

May 17-18

# FATHER AND SON ADVENTURE

Speaker: Evangelist Wil Rice IV

Cost \$45 per person  
save \$10 if registered by May 13

# Elementary Students of the Month

**Kaia Forte:** Kaia has shown kindness all month long! It is not unusual for Kaia to be encouraging to her classmates or say "I'll pray for you" if a student is hurt or having a hard day. She is a true example of kindness each day! I am so proud of you, Kaia!

**Ellie Rae Potter:** Ellie Rae is always so sweet and kind. She will be a friend to anyone! Great job showing kindness, Ellie Rae!

**Nevaeh Patterson:** Nevaeh showed kindness this month. At recess, she plays with those who don't have anyone to play with. She always encourages the other students in her class. When it is her turn to be the greeter, she is always kind and greets visitors very warmly.

**Paul Hill:** Paul gives students a thumbs up whether they get an answer right or wrong. He plays games with a happy heart, even if he loses. At recess, he plays with different people and not just the same people each time.

**Hannah Perla:** Hannah is a very kind friend! You'll never hear an unkind word come from her mouth. Whenever someone is hurt at recess, Hannah stays by his or her side to provide encouragement until that student returns to playing.

**Felix Gutierrez:** Felix sets a great example of kindness every single day! He doesn't hesitate to talk to someone new or someone who is by themselves. Felix brings joy to his class every day with his kindness!

**Adeline Brasier:** Adeline is a wonderful example of kindness! She is often the first to notice when someone needs help and jumps into action. Keep it up, Adeline!

**Gracie Wasson:** Gracie has been showing kindness all year! She always tries to make those around her feel comfortable and included.

**William McQuiston:** William thinks of others in class and offers to help them. He has been a blessing to me as the teacher in several ways by reaching out and doing extra cleaning in the classroom when he has finished his work! Thanks, William, for being so kind.

## Character Trait of the Month:

# SERVICE

**Definition:** selflessly helping others; usefulness

### Examples:

1. Pick up trash, even if it is not yours.
2. Volunteer to help your teacher when your work is finished.

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# Middle School Student Highlight with Farah Douglas

**Miss Perkins:** Tell me a little bit about yourself.

**Farah:** I enjoy jumping on my trampoline and being outdoors. I also love to play sports, particularly basketball and flag football.

**Miss Perkins:** What is your favorite thing about your parents?

**Farah:** That they are always there for me when I need them.

**Miss Perkins:** What is your favorite thing about Middle School at BRCA?

**Farah:** Everyone has good character and is kind to one another.

**Miss Perkins:** What do you like most about your teachers?


**Farah:** They are understanding and give grace when we make mistakes. I also like how friendly they are.


**Miss Perkins:** What do you hope to do when you grow up?

**Farah:** I would like to be a professional basketball player.



## Middle School Teams

 = 3,625

 = 3,930

 = 3,908