

MUSTANG MESSAGE



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“There’s Always Next Year”

by Nathan Reeves

“There’s always next year” is usually a cop-out for a bad ending! Your team makes it to the championship game but goes down in defeat. The only comforting words for fans are, “There’s always next year.” I’m sure it was said a lot by New England Patriots fans recently!

But what about when something really good ends, like a Broadway play or a family vacation? Isn’t there usually great anticipation for the next year or next time? Sure, there is. My family loves going to a little lake house in Alabama in August. When the time is over, we usually think about the next time we might come back with great expectancy.

Well, a good thing is about to end – the 2025-26 school year at Bill Rice Christian Academy. And it’s been a really good year! Our students have grown in knowledge and character. Friends have been made. We’ve had tons of fun! Spiritual decisions have been made. We fully occupied our new building in the fall and earned accreditation this spring!

And there’s always next year! As you know, we’re planning on installing our new playground this summer! This will probably help kids want to go back to school in August! Our upcoming Middle Schoolers have several things to look forward to as well – everything from the prospect of new Middle Schoolers to Spirit Week to 6th grade time capsules to Service Day to The Amazing Shake!

So, yes, there’s always next year; but, in this case, that’s a good thing! A very good thing. We are excited about what God is doing at the Ranch and BRCA, and can’t wait to see what He has in store for us...next year.

CURRENT EVENTS

May 4-8 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. As you know, we have the best teachers!

May 8 Middle School Reward Trip

Students who earned their way to the Reward Trip will go on an exciting trip this Friday after school until 6:00.

May 9 Ranch Work Day

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 13 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 15-16 Father and Son Adventure

This is a really great chance for dads and sons to grow closer together around God's Word. We hope you will join us!

May 20 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 hot dogs. We hope you will be there!

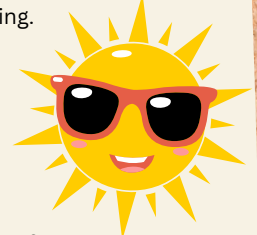


May 21 Last Day of School/Graduation Ceremony

School gets out at 11:30, and the Graduation Ceremony starts at 7:00 p.m. in the John R. Rice Auditorium. Please come to support our graduates on this special evening.

May 22-August 16 Summer Vacation

Have a terrific summer! We will see many of you at camp and then again on August 17 for a new year!!



June 8-12 BRCA Camp Week

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

Book of the Month

by Nathan Reeves

The Adventures of Rush Revere series by Rush Limbaugh

Main Idea: "Join American history teacher Rush Revere and his trusty, hilarious sidekick, Liberty the Horse, as they travel back in time with Manchester Middle School Students to experience American history firsthand." When my boys were in Upper Elementary, they loved listening to the audio version of these five books. They teach true American history in a fun way.



Favorite Quote: "If we feel and learn nothing from the tragedies of the past, then we'll never know how to truly help avoid those same tragedies in the future. Certainly, we can't avoid all pain and suffering, but we can and should learn from it."

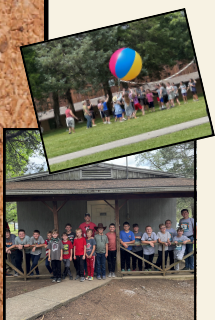
SPRING RETREAT



BRCA & Summer Camp

Our 2nd-12th graders will be attending camp June 8-12. This is a great time to reconnect with school friends in the summer and 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, Inflation 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!

All students who will be attending camp this year will meet at the Academy at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 8. Parents will pick up their juniors and teens on Friday night after the service at BRCA, around 9:00. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Reeves.





PIX OF the MONTH



Character Trait of the Month

SERVICE

Definition: selflessly helping others; usefulness

Description: helpful, humble, giving

Examples:

1. Volunteer to help your teacher when your work is finished.
2. Serve your classmates by letting them go first, getting their lunch, letting them choose the recess game, or doing their room job.

Middle School Student Highlight with Aliyah Hansiriphaisane

Miss Blackwell: What is your favorite thing to do?

Aliyah Hansiriphaisane: I like to play the piano.

Miss Blackwell: What is your favorite thing about your family?

Aliyah Hansiriphaisane: They take time to care for me, and they know just what I need, when I need it!

Miss Blackwell: What do you like most about your teachers?

Aliyah Hansiriphaisane: My teachers are very encouraging and kind. They are the best at review games and help us understand what we are learning.

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

Aliyah Hansiriphaisane: The Amazing Shake! They teach us important life skills that we can use outside of school!

Miss Blackwell: What do you hope to do when you grow up?

Aliyah Hansiriphaisane: I want to be a piano teacher!



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Helena Tawadrous: Helena has shown kindness in the classroom all month long. She has been helpful in the classroom by being kind and helpful to students. She is also helpful by cleaning and helping her teachers. I am so proud of her example to other students!

Montserrat Regla: Monse is very kind to others, often letting them go first. She lets others choose what to play instead of insisting that her friends play what she wants.

Maleia Reedy: Maleia is such a kind and sweet young lady! She has worked very hard at kindness to become the Student of the Month! Congratulations!

Ella Chastain: Ella is an extremely kind young lady! She is consistently polite to both adults and her fellow students. You'll often find Ella encouraging a friend with a smile, a compliment, or even a written note!

Paul Hill: Paul goes out of his way to encourage classmates and acknowledge their achievements! I am proud of his hard work and continued effort to show kindness in the class and at recess. Way to go, Paul!

Rose Dehmlow: Rose is so kind to her classmates. Her friendliness and encouraging spirit are a blessing to those around her. Proud of you!

Adeline Brasier: Adeline shows kindness when she puts her mind to it, whether that's saying "Good job" to others at the gorilla ball pit or playing with others. Congratulations!



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