



## THE PARENT PACKET 2025-2026

### SCHOOL HOURS:

<i>Garden School</i>	Monday- Friday	8:15am – 12:00pm
<i>Grammar School</i>	Monday- Thursday Friday	8:15am – 2:45pm 8:15am – 12:00pm
<i>Logic and Rhetoric School</i>	Monday- Thursday Friday	8:15am – 3:10pm 8:15am – 12:00pm

### CAMPUS LOCATION:

Katy's First Baptist Church  
600 Pin Oak Rd  
Katy, TX 77493

### PARENT ORIENTATION NIGHT:

Parent Orientation night will be held on Tuesday, **August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** in the Worship Center of Katy's First Baptist Church for all parents. No children permitted.

### MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT:

Meet the teacher will be held on Thursday, **August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00- 7:00 pm** for all students.

### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:

The first day of school is **Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Parents are welcome to walk their students into class or drop them off in the carline. Immediately following drop off at 8:20 am there will be a special Parent Coffee and Prayer hosted by the BPA in the Café. Please make plans to attend.

### OTHER DATES TO NOTE:

#### **Athletics Informational Meeting**

**Aug 12<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – 7pm @ KFB**

Inviting all 5th grade and up students and parents to come hear from our Dean of Athletics & Student Life, Kenneth Sharp. He will be sharing information regarding fall athletic opportunities and discussing future plans for BCA athletics!

#### **Family Work Day**

**Aug 9<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 2pm @ KFB**

Join us for our **Family Work Day** as we come together to get the school campus ready for an exciting new year! This is a great opportunity to serve, connect with other families, and help prepare our shared space for students and staff. Limited **[sign up opportunities will be on the Blazer Parent Website](#)** July 30th. Let us know you're coming!

## KINDERGARTEN AND LOWER SCHOOL CARLINE:

In order to provide a safe environment for the arrival and dismissal of our students, drop-off and pick up procedures have been established. It is important that we have the cooperation of all parent/guardians. Each family will be assigned a carline number. **Carline signs will be distributed at Parent Orientation night.**

- If someone other than a guardian or parent will be picking up your student, please notify the Office ([office@bereanchristianacademy.org](mailto:office@bereanchristianacademy.org)) AND your students' teacher.
- During afternoon pick up please hang your pickup tag for identification. These tags greatly expedite the carpool process and should be used for each carpool line. *(a pant hanger is ideal for display)*
- Please avoid conferring with teachers during carpool, as they are responsible for student safety at this time. Please call to schedule a time to talk with teachers if you have a need or concern.
- Families will pick-up children from the same location, in the same drop off manner.
- If at any point you need an additional carline number, please email the office and additional tags will be printed and sent home with your student.
- If another adult will be consistently picking up your child, please be sure to add them as an approved pick-up person in FACTS.

## BEREAN'S UPPER SCHOOL PARKING



**KATY'S FIRST BAPTIST**

600 Pin Oak Rd. • Katy, Tx

### **LOWER SCHOOL'S PICK UP & DROP OFF PROCEDURE:**

- Enter the car line from Pin Oak Rd.
- Turn right into Katy's First Baptist parking lot using the south driveway entrance.
- Proceed to drive around the back of Katy's First and form a line starting under the covered pavilion.
- Exit parking lot to your right towards Pin Oak Rd.

### **UPPER SCHOOL PICK UP:**

7th through 12th grade students will be dismissed from class at 3:10 pm and will walk out to meet their parents in the front of the school. There will be no organized carline procedure for upper school departure.

### **UPPER SCHOOL DRIVERS:**

Students with a valid driver's license are permitted to drive to school. Student drivers must register their vehicle with the office. The registration includes a parent authorization and information about the automobile. Student drivers may not leave campus without written permission from a parent. Please see the map below on where students are allowed to park. **Please fill out the attached registration form.**

### **UPPER SCHOOL OPTIONAL FRIDAY PICK UP:**

Upper school students, 7th – 12th grade, may walk to the designated parking lot pick up spot to be picked up by a parent during Friday afternoon carline. This is optional and upper school students are still permitted to use the carline if desired. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade student siblings of upper school students can walk out with their siblings. 4th and below will not be permitted to walk to the designated parking pick up area and will need to be picked up in the regular carline. Please see the carline map for the designated parking and pick-up location.

### **MEDICAL FORMS:**

All prescription and emergency medications will require both parent/guardian signatures and physician signatures if you wish for them to be kept at school. This year, we are able to offer a few over-the-counter medications (see exact list on attached form) to students if the Medication Permission Form is completed and signed by a parent. Please see attached the updated medical packet, which includes an updated Medication Policy, Emergency Action Plan form for students requiring Epi-Pens and Inhalers, and Medication Forms.

All students participating in Athletics will need a current physical on file before August 12th. If the nurse has contacted you regarding any outstanding immunizations, those will need to be returned before September 2nd as well. Please contact the school nurse, Erin Pearson, at [nurse@bereanchristianacademy.org](mailto:nurse@bereanchristianacademy.org) if you have any questions.

### **LUNCH:**

- Our school is a **Peanut Free school**. Please review all items placed in your child's lunchbox.
- This semester lunch will be enjoyed as a school in the KFB Studio, Cafe or outside.
- No microwaves will be available for use.
- Please pack all necessary utensils and napkins for your student.
- Please send appropriate outerwear for outside eating during cooler weather.

### *Hot Lunch Option:*

We are continuing our partnership with Roadrunner foods. Roadrunner will be providing a hot fresh lunch option daily along with a sandwich box lunch option. With two portion sizes, organic fruit, and all for a reasonable price. We believe this will continue to be a huge benefit to our BCA families. Please see the attached flier or link on our website under the Spirit Store for more information on how to order. Orders for the week are due the Wednesday before.

### *NEW CHANGES! Chick-fil-A Spirit Lunch Days:*

CFA lunches are a fun lunch option for our students held on alternating Wednesdays throughout the year. Orders for Chick-fil-A will be placed twice a year for the Fall and Spring online in the BCA Spirit Store. **This year we will only be offering three options: CFA Sandwich, 8 Count Nuggets or 8 Count Grilled Nuggets. We will no longer be offering sides or drinks for order.**

#### **Fall CFA Lunch Days:**

Sept 10th, 24th  
Oct 8th, 22nd  
Nov 5th, 19th  
Dec 3rd, 17th

#### **Spring CFA Lunch Days:**

Jan 14th, 28th  
Feb 11th, 25th  
Mar 11th, 25th  
Apr 15th, 29th  
May 13th

*Fall orders will open from Aug 26th - Sept 4th in the BCA Spirit Store.*

### **UNIFORMS & DRESS CODE:**

This year there are no changes to the uniform guidelines.

Please refer to the Uniform Guideline for 2025-2026 located on our website.

A few reminders and updates to notes:

- Uniform violations:
  - Uniform violation forms will be sent home for offenses.
  - The first 2 citations act as a warning.
  - Parents will be notified.
  - Upon the third citation, students will receive disciplinary action.
- Chapel Wear:
  - Logic and Rhetoric students (7th through 12th grade) must wear the BCA classic navy large plaid tie or house tie for chapel days (boys and girls). Girls have the option of the cross tie. Rhetoric students must wear a navy blazer on chapel days.
  - All boys, 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>, must have a white oxford shirt for chapel days and special events such as performances, ceremonies, picture days etc. The BCA classic navy large plaid Lands' End tie for special events is highly encouraged and recommended.

**Uniform Overview:** The basic uniform is a navy or red polo with khaki pants or shorts. Special Chapel uniforms will be worn on Wednesdays. Fridays are optional Spirit Days where students have the option to wear BCA approved spirit shirts and navy athletic shorts or pants. Sweatshirts and sweaters worn inside must be navy or red with no lettering. **Please label all outerwear with your student's name.**

### **BCA SPIRIT STORE:**

The online [BCA Spirit Store](#) is **OPEN** now for required field trip shirts and optional spirit wear purchases! Please visit the BCA website and place your orders now! **The Spirit Store will close Aug 8<sup>th</sup>**. This is in order for us to get Spirit Wear in our families hands as soon as possible! At this time no PE Shirts will be sold or needed for Upper School.

### **STUDENT SCHOOL SUPPLIES:**

Parents are asked to provide basic school supplies for each of your students. School supply lists for K – 12<sup>th</sup> grade can be found on our [website](#) under the ‘Parents’ drop down. Students should bring their school supplies labeled the night of Meet the Teacher. These are not all the supplies your student will need but any additional items will be provided by the school. ***As a reminder supplies, backpacks, and water bottles should not include images of cartoon or celebrity images.***

The **Blazer Parent Association offered prepackaged student school supplies** for grades K-12th. If you ordered the prepackaged school supplies for your student then the EPI school supply packs will be waiting in your child's classroom the first day of school!

### **BLAZER PARENT ASSOCIATION (BPA):**

As a parent of a BCA student you are automatically a member of the Blazer Parent Association. Each family must register on the BPA website as a requirement of this membership. All families are required to register on the site. **There is a \$250 incidental fee to any family that has not registered by September 2nd.**

If you are a new family, welcome! Please join the BPA by visiting [www.blazerparents.org](http://www.blazerparents.org) and create a log in. If you are an existing family please log in to verify your contact information and update your child's grade information. This year we will work to list all volunteer opportunities a semester at a time. Volunteer opportunities are abundant and we will work to keep it updated often.

We welcome (and need) your involvement! If for some reason you are unable to uphold your family commitment of 20 service hours for the year **BCA will be collecting a \$1,000 incidental fee for hours not submitted by JUNE 1st.**

Each family agrees to volunteer a **minimum of 20 hours** per school year. Hours are logged in the FACTS Parent Portal. As a reminder, attendance of Field Trips, Chapels, or events does not qualify as volunteer opportunities.

#### **To log your family volunteer 20 hours:**

1. Log into the ‘FACTS Family Portal’ located under ‘Parents’ on the BCA website.
2. Click on ‘Family’
3. Then select your name from the drop-down box located at the top.
4. Next to ‘Service Hours’, click ‘Add+’ and enter your volunteer hours.

### **FACEBOOK PARENTS PAGE:**

Please join the Facebook parent's page, ‘**Berean Christian Academy Katy Parents**’. This is a great resource for parents to network, ask questions, share photos and more to strengthen our beloved community. This is a closed group for current BCA parents and staff. **Grandparents and friends are encouraged to follow our public social media platforms.**

### **PARENT ALERT:**

Our school will continue to use the Parent Alert system to allow us to quickly communicate important information via text message. To ensure you are able to receive our alerts, **please text the keyword START to 317065** from your mobile device. Any text alerts from our school will begin with "Parent Alert: BCK-TX". This is one of our main ways of communicating with parents regarding last minute school changes or reminders. We ask all parents to join the BCA Parent Alert.

### **WEEKLY ZIPCAST:**

We have continued our partnership with the folks at ZipCast to provide you with a new way to stay informed and encouraged each week. ZipCast is a short 10-minute audio podcast blending the news and announcements from our school along with informative segments from trusted experts around the country.

Each week, the first Tuesday of the school week around 7am, you will receive a simple text inviting you to click and play the weekly ZipCast. No apps to download or anything complicated.

Sign up now by scanning this QR code or texting BCATX to 833-409-4823



### **EXTRA CURRICULAR COMPONENT:**

For accreditation purposes, BCA must be able to provide documentation that each student completed a **minimum of 200 hours** of extracurricular activities per year. Parents track their students' extracurricular activities and log their hours through the FACTS Family Portal on the BCA website. Activities such as church attendance, sports teams, music lessons, and vacations all count towards your students' extracurricular hours. **Report cards will be held if hours are not recorded by the end of the year.**

#### **To log your student's 200 hours:**

1. Log into the 'FACTS Family Portal' located under 'Parents' on the BCA website (District Code: BCK-TX).
2. Click on 'Family'
3. Then select your child's name from the drop-down box located at the top.
4. Next to 'Service Hours', click 'Add+' and enter your child's extra-curricular hours.

Jessica Birkmire will be helping guide parents through this process and can be contacted by email with any questions: JBirkmire@bereanchristianacademy.org

### **CLASS FEASTS:**

K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade each have one feast a year to celebrate all they have learned. Our amazing parent community organizes, plans, and prepares these incredible feasts for our classes. **It is expected that each family contributes to their child's feast** whether that be by organizing, serving, or monetarily giving. Each feast date will be communicated to you through your child's teacher and will be posted on the BCA Community Calendar located on our website.

Kindergarten: Q and U Wedding  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Presidents and First Ladies  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Ancient Greece Feast  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Middle Ages Feast  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Thanksgiving Feast  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade: WWII Feast

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Chuckwagon Feast  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Passover Seder  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Hobbit Feast  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Regency Feast  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ancient Trojan Feast  
11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Medieval Yuletide Feast  
12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Gilded Age Feast

### FIELD TRIPS:

Each grade level will participate in multiple educational field trips throughout the school year. All student field trip costs are included in tuition. We warmly welcome parent involvement and attendance on field trips; however, we understand that it may not be possible for all parents to attend every outing. Parents who choose to attend are responsible for covering their own costs, as well as the costs of any additional siblings who may accompany them (when applicable).

**Please note:** *Attending field trips does not count toward your required parent volunteer hours.*

Teachers will provide field trip dates, details, and times to their respective classes as early as possible. Additionally, the BCA Office will send out electronic field trip release forms approximately one week prior to each trip. Please ensure these forms are signed and submitted promptly. If you are unable to transport your child, please coordinate with other parents in your class to arrange transportation. The name of the designated driver must be clearly noted on your child's release form. We appreciate your cooperation in making these experiences safe and enjoyable for all students.

### OVERNIGHT TRIPS:

Grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> participate in one overnight trip per year. These trips are a part of the curriculum, and **all students are expected to attend**. Please mark your calendars and let the office know if you as a parent are interested in chaperoning.

6 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	Texas History Trip: March 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> , <i>Estimated Cost: \$450</i>
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	Leadership Retreat: October 8 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> , <i>Estimated Cost: \$150</i>
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	Worldview Academy: October 5 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> , <i>Estimated Cost: \$250</i>
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	Washington D.C. Trip: April 7 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> , <i>Estimated Cost: \$2,940</i>
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	Leadership Retreat: October 8 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> , <i>Estimated Cost: \$150</i>
11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	Mission Waco Trip: October 17 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> , <i>Estimated Cost: \$150</i>

*\*\*Ashley Wallace will be sending an informational email regarding the DC trip. The deadline to sign up for the trip is July 31st along with a \$200 deposit.*

### KINDERGARTEN AFTERCARE:

Aftercare is an optional program offered Monday through Thursday for our Kindergarten students from 12- 2:45pm. Parents are asked to provide a lunch, snack and nap mat that will be used during rest time. Parents, please fill out the [Aftercare Commitment Form](#) and **sign-up by August 20th** to secure your child's spot.

Prices are per month per day of the week. In order to provide parents with options, there are two aftercare plans:

**Month to Month Flex Aftercare Program** (\$125/day of the week per month)

*(Ex: For aftercare on all Tuesdays and Thursdays in October it would cost \$250 for the month)*

For families who choose the month-to-month flex program, payment will be received through our website in the Spirit Store. No payments will be received after the 20th of each prior month and will not accept late payment. You will have the option to opt out or in for certain months as well as certain days of the week per month.

**Semester Commitment Aftercare Program** (\$100/day of the week per month)

*(Ex: For aftercare on all Tuesdays and Thursdays in October it would cost \$200 for the month)*

For families who choose to take advantage of the \$100/day semester commitment, payment will be received through FACTS Billing and you will be invoiced prior to the start of each month. You will not make a payment in the Spirit Store and you do not need to pay in a lump sum for the semester, although lump sum payments are accepted as well. You will continue to have the option to pay monthly but will be committed to your desired specific day(s) for the full semester.

**UPPER SCHOOL REQUIRED READING:**

BCA Logic and Rhetoric students are required to read a novel in preparation for the 2025-2026 school year. These books are purchased by parents and can be read at any point in the summer. Students should complete the reading before the first day of school in September. Please read the book corresponding to the grade that the student will be entering into for the 25-26 school year.

**GRADE 7-**

*The Magician's Nephew*, C.S. Lewis, ISBN-13: 978-0064471107

**GRADE 8-**

*The Hobbit*, J.R.R. Tolkien, ISBN-13: 978-0618260300

**GRADE 9-**

*Pride and Prejudice*, Jane Austen, ISBN-13: 978-0141439518

**Grade 10-**

*The Eagle of the Ninth*, Rosemary Sutcliff, ISBN-13: 978-0312644291

**Grade 11/12-**

*A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*, Mark Twain (specifically the Signet Classics edition)  
ISBN-13: 978-0451529589

**UPPER SCHOOL DUAL CREDIT:**

Important update for all juniors and seniors: BCA is excited to announce a new partnership with Houston Christian University, allowing us to offer dual-credit courses starting this fall. Each course will provide 3 college credit hours along with high school credit. We invite families to attend a virtual information session on July 22nd at 7 p.m. to learn more, meet our team, and prepare for upcoming registration deadlines. Please refer to your email for a meeting invitation and link.

## UPPER SCHOOL ELECTIVES:

We will be sending out elective sign-up information via email in the near future. A variety of elective options have been planned, and students will have the opportunity to choose from several engaging courses. Please be sure to **carefully monitor your email for important deadlines**, as timely sign-up will help ensure your student gets their preferred electives.

## UPPER SCHOOL MATH PACKET:

Incoming 8th through 12th grade students were given an optional Math Packet to complete over the summer. If your child turns in the completed packet **on the first day of school**, with all work shown and clear effort demonstrated, they may receive a **free 100 test grade** for the first quarter. The packet covers essential math skills that will help prepare students for the upcoming school year. While participation is optional, it is strongly recommended. If you have misplaced your child's packet, please email [jbirkmire@bereanchristianacademy.org](mailto:jbirkmire@bereanchristianacademy.org) to request another copy.

## ATHLETICS:

We are excited for our growing Athletics Program at BCA. Sign ups for Fall sports will be July 21st - August 4th in the Spirit Store. Athletics are offered for all current 5th grade and up students. If you have any questions please reach out to [ksharp@bereanchristianacademy.org](mailto:ksharp@bereanchristianacademy.org). Below are the sports we plan to offer this year and important information regarding physicals.

**Fall sports:** Boys Flag Football, Girls and Boys Cross Country, Girls Volleyball

**Winter Sports:** Girls and Boys Basketball

**Spring Sports:** Girls and Boys Tennis, Girls and Boys Track, Girls and Boys Golf

Cross Country practices will begin on Monday, August 4th and continue regularly scheduled practices prior to school starting on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Flag football and Volleyball will begin on Friday, August 8 with kick-off mini-camps. Regularly scheduled team practices will begin the week of August 11th. Volleyball games and Cross Country meets will begin before the start of school.

**All students participating in Athletics will need a current physical on file.** Please note that if you do not have a new physical on file for the upcoming school year, these will need to be submitted to [ksharp@bereanchristianacademy.org](mailto:ksharp@bereanchristianacademy.org) on or before August 4th for Cross Country and on or before August 8th for Football and Volleyball. If your student plans to participate in Athletics at BCA, it is suggested that your student has a physical on file at the beginning of the school year to prevent any issues or delays at the start of their sport season. Any physical dated after August 1, 2025 will provide eligibility for the full calendar year which includes all school sponsored athletics during the 2025-2026 school year as well as next summer's SAC camp. Students will not be allowed to participate in any athletic activity unless a physical is on file. Please contact the Dean of Athletics & Student Life, Kenneth Sharp if you have any questions [ksharp@bereanchristianacademy.org](mailto:ksharp@bereanchristianacademy.org).

Sign up and register today for Fall Sports on our [school website!](#)