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The Grapevine

I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.
John 15:5

Roll Pride!

By Alex Williams
Athletic Director,
2009 Alum

The 2023-2024 athletic seasons are well under way! With this being the school's 30th anniversary and beginning of the 19th year of our athletic program, we are extremely proud of how successful the program has been.

In just under 19 years, our high school athletic teams have won 72 league titles, 30 section titles, and 1 Nor-Cal title, along with countless league MVP's and coaches of the year awards! Our program has seen more than 85 students go on to play sports at the collegiate level, including 21 Division I athletes and 2 professional athletes (Baseball: Brady Dragmire, Class of 2010), (Basketball: JJ Mina, Class of 2011).

It is amazing to see what these young people have been able to accomplish in such a short time. They continue to glorify God with their gifts and through their actions as they represent not only themselves, but their families and their school. The success the athletes have had throughout the years is just a by-product of the character building that takes place in the athletic programs here at Bradshaw Christian School.

We currently offer 19 high school sports and 9 middle school sports throughout the program, with more than 70% of high school students and 60% of middle school students playing at least one sport here at Bradshaw Christian. As always, our goal is to grow the athletic program and provide more opportunities for our student athletes to compete and represent their school. We are very excited to introduce High School Competitive Stunt to our spring sports this year, as well as look forward to adding High School Girls Flag Football next fall.

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Along with expanding our program, comes expanding and improving the athletic facilities on campus. Just this past summer, we updated the weight room, revamped the sound systems in the high school gym and baseball field, and made some renovations to the softball field, baseball field, high school gym and football stadium. Throughout the years, some of the athletic facilities have come by way of benefactors. One such example is the beautiful high school baseball field. A generous donation by Greg Vaughn, former professional baseball player, BCS parent and coach, made this dream field come to reality. The Bradshaw Athletic Program is only this successful due to the hard work of our student athletes, families, athletic sponsors, and Booster Club and as always, the goal is that this "Tradition never graduates!"

ROLL PRIDE!

School Founder Highlight: Doreen Nishimi

- Raised in a Christian home, but came to a more personal relationship with Jesus in the 70's
- Secretary to Carl Eastvold at Gloria Dei Lutheran School from 1980-1990
- 1990 began the journey to assist in establishing Bradshaw Christian School working from the Eastvold's "sewing room"
- Was literally in the muddy trenches laying giant conduit pipe to create a water supply from the on -site, 40,000 gallon swimming pool
- BCS School Board member since inception until retirement in 2021
- Worked as middle school secretary beginning in 2006 and moved to serving as high school secretary from there
- Retired from BCS in 2010 but continues to volunteer and serve in many capacities
- Three grandchildren attended Bradshaw
- Proud member of "Club Pride" for 20+ years

Did You Know...

why we are "The Pride?"

Before we even had a school campus plan, we were planning for all the details that come with a school's identity in the community. How do we want to present who we are and what we stand for? The school name had been collaboratively selected (refer to August edition). So, our Christian faith was firmly in the forefront. Founder, Mrs. Maureen Eastvold, decided we would be known as "The Pride". A pride is a family of lions. The lion is universally seen as kingly (Christ, the Lion of Judah). And a pride is definitely a close knit community that follows its leader. Our desire is that whoever becomes a part of our school community, will know that they are part of a family, and our King Jesus loves and invites them

Bradshaw Family Reflections: The Albrights

Our family's journey with Bradshaw Christian School began in 2007 when our oldest started kindergarten. With two children who have graduated and are now attending college, and one more nearing the finish line at BCS (Abby in 2020, Hailey in 2023, and Travis in 2025), our hearts are filled with gratitude for the exceptional experience we've had.

The staff, teachers, administrators, and fellow families have played a pivotal role in shaping our children's lives. In a world increasingly defined by chaos, we find solace in the school's Christ-centered approach, which has not only enriched our children's education but also reinforced in them a strong moral compass. Their unwavering dedication to academic excellence and spiritual growth has left an indelible mark on our family. We are immensely thankful for the foundation of BCS which has helped prepare our children for a bright and purposeful future.

Alumni Feature: Looking Forward Looking Back

Class of 2017
Jack Edling

I timidly stepped into Larson Hall on the first day of school in the fall of 2013 a nervous freshman. I had been homeschooled my whole life and had no idea what to expect in a classroom environment. I was especially anxious about my first class of the day, Songwriting, because I was the only freshmen in a class of all juniors and seniors. My fears quickly subsided, however, as Jon Dressler (the music teacher), and students of the classes of 2014 and 2015 extended the love of Christ to me and welcomed me into the Bradshaw community. Today, after graduating valedictorian from Bradshaw in 2017, completing a B.A. in History at Covenant College in 2020, and a M.A. in Historical Theology at Westminster Seminary California in 2022, I am blessed to work alongside my former teachers, Rick Denton and Laurel Davis, as a US History and Bible teacher at the BCS high school. I am even more blessed, however, to have the opportunity to teach students who belong to a community which has already blessed me so richly. It is unlikely I would be teaching high school history now if it were not for the passion ignited in me by Joe Bowers in his AP World History classroom eight years ago. I am so thankful to be a part of what God has been doing in the story of Bradshaw Christian.

We're still growing! A look to the future.

Our school continues to grow year-by-year, family-by-family, student-by-student. We find ways to add classrooms and teachers and programs to accommodate our ever growing family. Future plans for Bradshaw Christian include more buildings for classrooms, lab space, and offices. The Club Pride Annual Fund enables families to easily contribute to building the future by making a one-time gift or monthly contributions. Anyone can join Club Pride, make an immediate impact, and leave a legacy to our ever growing campus. California state employees have an additional avenue for giving through the "Our Promise" State Employee Giving Program. They can choose Bradshaw Christian School to be their non-profit of choice for their charitable giving option. Invite your family and friends to participate in these charitable giving opportunities that support your children's Christian education.

PTF GALA REMINDER - ***as if!!***

Are you trippin? Squeeze into those acid-washed jeans, grab your Members Only jacket and pick out your favorite Swatch watch after teasing your hair to the max. Use the rad QR Code to purchase totally tubular tickets for the gnarly 80s Themed PTF Gala by October 20th, dude! Fer sure, you CANNOT miss this epic event happening on Saturday, November 4th. It's the bomb! Like, totally!