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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

A BCS Staff Family Reflects

Bradshaw's strong Athletics offers more than just sports

By the Rickert's
Beloved Coach and PE Teacher

Our family has been at Bradshaw since 2006. Drew was offered the PE teacher position for both middle and high school and the head coaching roles for both the football and baseball teams. This is what brought us to Sacramento from southern California. Both football and baseball continue to thrive. Football has won 5 section championships, and baseball has secured 6 section championships under Drew's coaching efforts. The varsity baseball program secured the inaugural NorCal championship title in 2022 for our division.

Susan became part of the BCS family in 2014, starting as a substitute teacher for elementary and middle school and later became the middle and high school girls PE teacher. Naturally, when we began having children, BCS was the only preschool option we considered when each of our three boys turned two. All three played on the Jr. Pride soccer team, then progressed to Jr. Pride football and the CYBL BCS basketball team. Even though they continued to play Junior Pride BCS sports, they were for a time enrolled in an elementary public school, which turned out to be the worst experience ever.

Our children were miserable, not wanting to go to school and unhappy when they came home. It became evident that the values and atmosphere at a public school were not the same as at Bradshaw. Consequently, we brought our children back to Bradshaw. The transition was smooth because they already knew many of the kids through sports. Ethan started 6th grade, Evan 4th grade, and Eli 3rd grade. It was amazing how quickly they enjoyed going to school again and made friends who shared the same core values we try to instill in our children.

> ***"As parents, we felt our children were back on track..."***

As parents, we felt our children were back on track and moving in the right direction, and we owe that to all of the amazing teachers and students at Bradshaw. Ethan is now in 11th grade, playing on the varsity basketball, football, and baseball teams, hoping to secure a scholarship in one of those sports for college. Evan just started high school as a freshman this year, playing on the JV basketball and football teams with hopes of playing baseball as well when basketball ends. Eli is in 8th grade, playing football and basketball in middle school while also participating in travel ball baseball,

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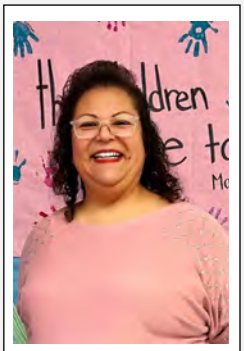
Staff Highlight: Monica Gallegos Yslas



In 2001, I started my journey as a Preschool teacher at Bradshaw Christian School. I've been honored to walk beside BCS families and administration to see the Lord's faithfulness throughout the years of my service. Working with young children and laying the foundation for their education and understanding of God's love has been more than a blessing! I graduated from Elk Grove High School, thereafter pursued Early Childhood Education at Cosumnes River College. I was happily married in 2018 to Bronzon Yslas, and we have a loving furry baby named Bella-Rose. I come from a large Hispanic family and was able to grow into my spiritual family here at Bradshaw. I enjoy spending time with the Lord. Now as a preschool assistant director, I continue to be blessed by watching God at work each day here at BCS. I pray to have many more years to come to serve the Lord as I enter into my 23rd year in the preschool department.

The Rickert Family 2023

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with the intent to attend high school at BCS next year, following in his brothers' footsteps.

We appreciate Bradshaw not only for helping to provide a safe and strong moral compass for our children but also for preparing them for future success through the amazing teachers and coaches they provide for our children.

International Student Program

Brett Mowery

- COO
- International Program Director
- School Board Member

I am immensely grateful to lead our International Student Program. Working with international students has significantly broadened my perspective on people and cultures from around the world. I believe the Lord has placed me in this position to humble me and to open my eyes and heart to love others with the love of Christ.

The International Student Program (grades 6-12) began in 2012 with three students, and since then, several hundred students have attended and graduated from our school. Students may stay at our school anywhere from one semester to six years. Over the years, we have admitted several hundred international students from around the world, including Brazil, Vietnam, Spain, Mexico, India, the Philippines, France, China, Germany, Singapore, Italy, Myanmar (Burma), South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, England, Belize, and other countries.

Many of our host families are Christians and they use the opportunity to share the life of Christ with their students. Most of our host families are connected to the school; including administrators, teachers, parents, former parents, and others from the community. The hosts receive monthly stipends which can help supplement their income and assist in paying for tuition.

We are incredibly blessed that the Lord continues to "bring the mission field" to our campus each year, allowing us to share the love of Jesus. Every year, we witness international students accepting Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Perhaps the most significant blessing for me is watching an international student arrive from a country halfway around the world, scared, vulnerable, and with very little English skills. Then, within a couple of years, witnessing the student gaining a great deal of confidence, acquiring good English skills, and ultimately watching them walk across the stage to graduate and be admitted to the college of their choice.

Did You Know...

Did You Know...BCS tuition is between 15%-75% less than other local private schools?

With the new 2024-2025 school year enrollment season approaching, we understand that families will be searching for the best value for their children's education. Over the years, BCS has strived to keep tuition costs as affordable as possible while maintaining a high level of academic quality in a Christ-centered environment. You will find that our K-12 programs' tuition costs are consistently 15% to 75% less than those of other private schools in the Sacramento region. Another notable difference is that the before- and after-school daycare costs in public schools can be higher than the combined BCS TK-5th grade tuition and daycare costs.

Enjoy the photos on the following page to see a sampling of student life here at BCS!

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

The Academy of Arts after-school program is an opportunity for students to participate in a variety of enrichment classes where they will engage in hands-on activities. The program is centered on cultivating confidence and providing an engaging, safe, and fun environment. Students will have the opportunity to learn, discover, and tap into the unique gifts and talents that God has placed inside them. Our hope and prayer are that the Academy of Arts helps students along their journey to understand that God has ordained the gifts within them to be used by Him for His glory and to help others.

Our 2024 Spring Session runs from February 20th to April 22nd. Classes are available on either Mon/Wed or Tue/Thur from 3:30-4:30. Registration begins on January 24th. Visit your Parent Resource Board to access Academy information and registration. Some of the classes we are offering include Art, Ballet, Ceramics, and Martial Arts.

REMINDER! The Jog-A-Thon, our annual all-school fundraiser, is set to kick off on March 6th and the Jog Day is March 22nd. Jog funds help with the recent interior road development, access gates, and a sound system in middle school/high school gym, to name a few. Your participation makes a huge difference!

1st Grade Christmas Program

Winter Wonderland

Mexico Mission Trip Group

Varsity Baseball 2022 NorCal Champions

BAM Class

Students helping one another

Varsity team praying with opposing team

Mexico Mission Trip to build houses

2nd Grade Girls

Soccer Donation to Capital Community Athletics

Field Trip Fun

Football team leaders at CIF breakfast

5th Grade Field Trip

Teacher In-Service Day

Bradshaw Christian Student Highlights