

CITY *of children*

James 1:27 says “Religion that God accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress.”

For over 20 years, Boyd-Buchanan School students have lived this verse at the City of Children in Ensenada, Mexico. Students spend a week building relationships and showing God’s love to the children at this special place. It’s a life changing experience and one that hundreds of students over the years have enjoyed.



Rooted **IN SERVICE** *Growing* **IN LEADERSHIP**

BOYD-BUCHANAN’S FFA CHAPTER CULTIVATES PURPOSE AND DIRECTION

As the first independent school in Tennessee to earn an official FFA chapter number, Boyd-Buchanan has nurtured a thriving, award-winning program since 2018, now 76 members strong. Centered on premier leadership, personal growth, and career success, our FFA chapter embodies the theme of The Compass: guiding students toward lives of purpose and stewardship.

This year, over 50 students earned Greenhand or Chapter Degrees in a ceremony attended by Tennessee agricultural leaders. Students received awards for leadership, community service, and scholarship, including FFA belt buckles and the prestigious State FFA Degree, earned by seniors Braden Deal, Eli Johnson, and Harper Sims.

Our chapter also made history with original entries in the Tennessee Valley Fair’s Agricultural Photography and Mechanics competitions, bringing home top prizes. Members participated in state events like the Tennessee Leadership Summit and represented Boyd-Buchanan at the State Convention in Gatlinburg, where we received six chapter awards—including Superior Chapter and Platinum PLOW for our literacy efforts.

From hosting Ag Night with the Lookouts to reading “Rah, Rah, Radishes!” to elementary students, FFA members gave back through hands-on community service, totaling hundreds of volunteer hours. Seventeen officers led the charge, embodying integrity, creativity, and spiritual leadership.

Looking ahead, the chapter continues to grow its agricultural infrastructure, expanding gardens, classroom spaces, and animal care areas. Whether planting seeds, writing speeches, or mentoring younger students, FFA members are growing in faith, leadership, and vision for the future.

At Boyd-Buchanan, FFA is more than a program—it’s a path.



SERVICE *learning*

Our BBS Service Learning ministry involves both middle and upper school students and attempts to accomplish three specific purposes. First, to help our students learn to model Jesus who “came not to be served, but to serve” (Mark 10:45). Secondly, to “love our neighbor” (Matthew 22:36-40) by helping those in our community who need assistance. Thirdly, to bring greater glory to GOD and shine as a “light” in the world (Matthew 5:16). Most weeks during the school year, middle and upper school students have the opportunity to sign up for service opportunities in the community. **Over the past four years BBS has partnered with more than 20 different organizations as well as individuals who need assistance.**

During the 2024-2025 school year we were able to complete 72 service learning trips with our Upper School students. 287 Upper School students participated in at least one service learning trip (many participated in more than one trip). Here are the organizations we were able to assist.

- Audubon Acres
- Chambliss Center for Children
- Chattanooga Area Food Bank
- East Brainerd Church of Christ (“Snack Packs” & “Father’s Table”)
- Meow Meow & Jelly Bean Bunny Animal Rescue Farm
- Orange Grove Center
- Special Olympics
- Camp WilderNest
- Chattanooga Parks & Recreation
- Martin Boyd Christian Home
- Ronald McDonald House
- Wreaths Across America

During the 2024-2025 school year we were able to complete 26 service learning trips with our Middle School students on Monday mornings at the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. 117 Middle School students participated in at least one service learning trip during the school year (many participated in more than one trip).

