JANUARY 2026

ACADEMY ISD

NEWSLETTER



Photo: Academy Cheer had their own cheering section as AHS classmates came to watch the cheerleaders compete in the UIL Spirit State Competition.

AHS Cheer

UIL SPIRIT STATE COMPETITION

Academy High School's Varsity Cheer Team made their presence known at the UIL Spirit State Championships!

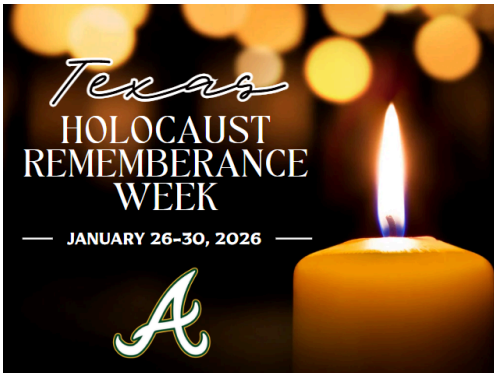
Great job, cheerleaders and coaches! Your hard work was evident and you should be incredibly proud of your performance.

Thank you to the AHS seniors that came to support the AHS Cheerleaders! It was awesome to see and hear the encouragement by their classmates!

Congratulations and well done, AHS Cheer! Thank you to Coach Shackelford and Ripley for pouring into the Cheer Program!



January is School Board Recognition Month!
We are grateful for the leadership and dedication of our school board members! Thank you, President Calvin Eshbaugh, Vice President Alex Bass, Secretary Jennifer Burnett, and Trustees, Amy Adcock, Kacee Nabours, Bobby D. Poncik, and Dana White.



During **Texas Holocaust Remembrance Week**, we join in other districts in Texas remembering the millions of lives lost during the Holocaust. This week is a time to reflect, learn from history, and reaffirm the importance of kindness, respect, and standing up against hate so that future generations never forget.

COUNSELOR'S *Corner*



Click to view January Kindness: Action for Happiness!



National School Counseling Week 2026

February 2-6, 2026

School counselors amplify student success. National School Counseling Week is celebrated the first full week in February and highlights the unique and important role of school counselors.

MEET THE *AISD Counseling Team*


Amy Hodges - Lead
AHS Last Names A-K


Charlotte Hussey
AHS Last Names L-Z


Lindsey Heise
AMS Last Names A-L


Michelle Copeland
AMS Last Names M-Z


Sara Childers
AIS


Alesia Ybarra
AES


Brittany Shiller
ECC

Texas School Safety Center

BEFORE YOU TEXT: BULLYING AND SEXTING COURSE



Welcome to the Texas School Safety Center's (TxSSC's) Before You Text: Bullying and Sexting Course. This course may be used in part or in its entirety as an educational tool. This course addresses bullying and sexting, and the legal, social, emotional, educational, and career impact of these activities. Due to the content of this course, this course is recommended only for those 12 years of age and older. This course is linked on our website: https://www.academyisd.net/parents-community/parents-community-a-z/protect-the-a/bullying-resources

2025-2026 BEE CAMP

Location: **Academy Elementary School**

For: **AISD students PK5 - 5th Grade**
Registration is emailed to parents and posted to AISD website.

Cost: **Free! Courtesy of Academy ISD**

Registration for Designated Fridays:
Opens Saturday at 8:30 pm
Closes Monday at 5:00 pm

Academy ISD
BEE CAMP 25-26 DATES

SEPTEMBER 12	OCTOBER 10	NOVEMBER 7	DECEMBER 5
SEPTEMBER 19	OCTOBER 24	NOVEMBER 21	DECEMBER 12
SEPTEMBER 26	OCTOBER 31		
JANUARY 16	FEBRUARY 6	MARCH 6	APRIL 24
JANUARY 30	FEBRUARY 20	APRIL 3	MAY 8
	FEBRUARY 27	APRIL 10	MAY 15

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



January 26-30
- Holocaust Remembrance Week

Wednesday, January 28
- School Board Meeting

February
- Black History Month
- Career & Technical Education Month

February 2-6
- National School Counseling Week

February 7-14
- Bell County Youth Fair & Livestock Show

Monday, February 9
- Student Holiday/Staff Workday

Tuesday, February 10
- AES Book Fair begins (Feb. 10-20)

Wednesday, February 11
- Senior Citizens Luncheon

Friday, February 13
- Regular Schedule School Day

Sunday, February 15
- School Resource Officer Day

Monday, February 16
- Presidents Day - Regular School Day

Wednesday, February 18
- Mandatory Cheer Parent Meeting

Thursday, February 19
- State of TX Anniversary Remembrance Day

Saturday, February 21
- Father-Daughter Dance



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ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

IMPORTANT SPRING DATES

MARCH 10 APRIL 1	SAT TESTING
MARCH 28	PROM
APRIL 07 & 09	EOC TESTING ENGLISH I - APRIL 7TH ENGLISH II - APRIL 9TH
APRIL 22 & 29	EOC TESTING BIOLOGY/US HISTORY - APRIL 22ND ALGEBRA I - APRIL 29TH
MAY 11-14	SENIOR SPRING FINALS
MAY 11	SENIOR AWARDS 6PM
MAY 14	9TH-11TH GRADE AWARDS
MAY 18	CLASS OF 2026 TRIP
MAY 19	GRADUATION MEETING CLASS PICTURE & WALK
MAY 20	CLASS OF 2026 TRIP
MAY 21	GRADUATION PRACTICE SENIOR BREAKFAST
MAY 20-21	SPRING FINALS FRESHMAN - JUNIORS

MAY 23 GRADUATION
CLASS OF 2026
CADENCE BANK CENTER | 10AM



Save the Date
SATURDAY, MAY 23

ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION
for the Class of **2026**

10:00 a.m. | CADENCE BANK CENTER | BELTON, TEXAS

AHS Junior/Senior Prom

Prom is right around the corner, and Student Council needs YOUR support to make the 2026 Junior/Senior Prom an unforgettable night! Our goal is to create a fun, safe, and memorable experience for every student, and your donations will help cover the venue, decorations, food, entertainment, and student prizes.

Every gift, big or small, makes a meaningful impact. Your generosity also helps keep ticket prices affordable, so more students can attend without financial stress. We want every junior and senior to feel included, celebrated, and excited to take part in this special milestone.

Thank you for supporting our students!

CLICK HERE TO DONATE!

ACADEMY EDUCATION FOUNDATION



Photo: Kara Antal - AEF VP, Garrett Ashby - AEF President, Alex Bass - Board Liaison, and Ashley Marshall - AEF Secretary

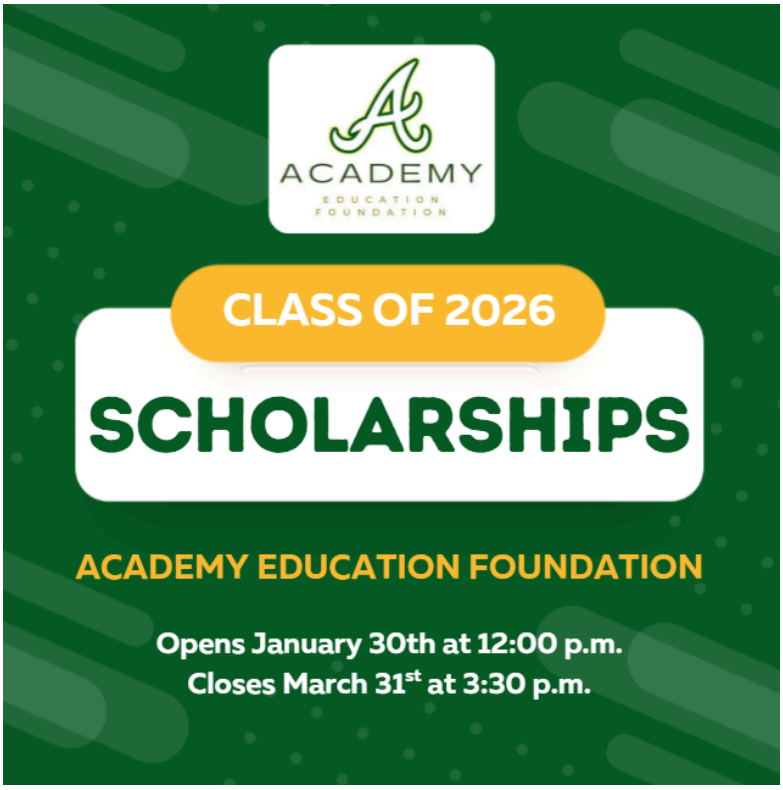
Who We Are:

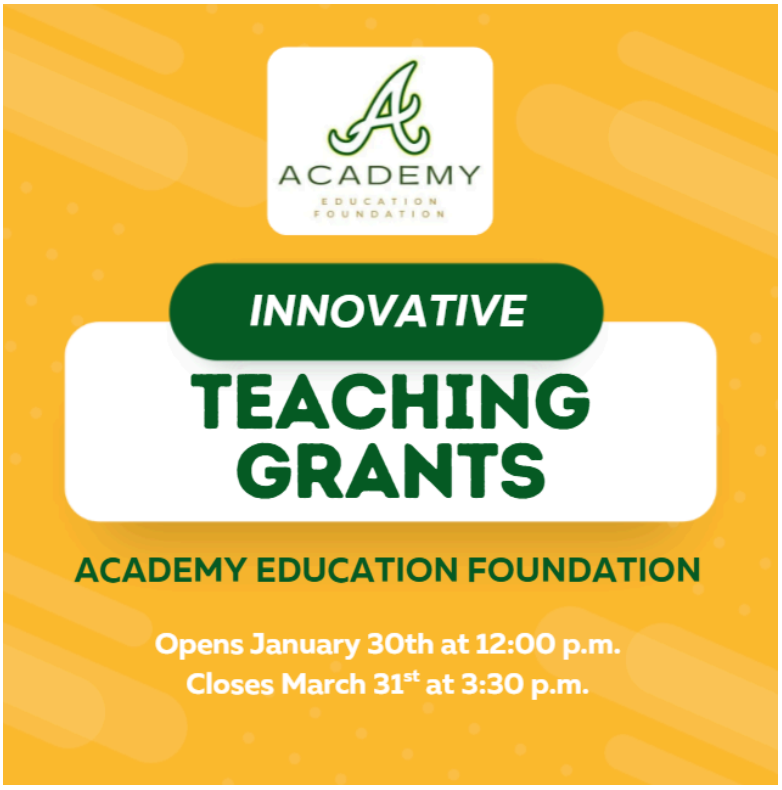
Created in 2021, the Academy Education Foundation's purpose is to engage the community to fund additional learning opportunities and resources to enrich and support all students and teachers in Academy ISD. These funds are used to facilitate student scholarships, skill development, and support academic programs of the teachers and staff of Academy ISD.

How You Can Help:

- Give - donate time or resources to the AEF mission
- Serve - join our monthly meetings and get involved with our organization
- Support - share the news of the AEF with family, friends, and business contacts





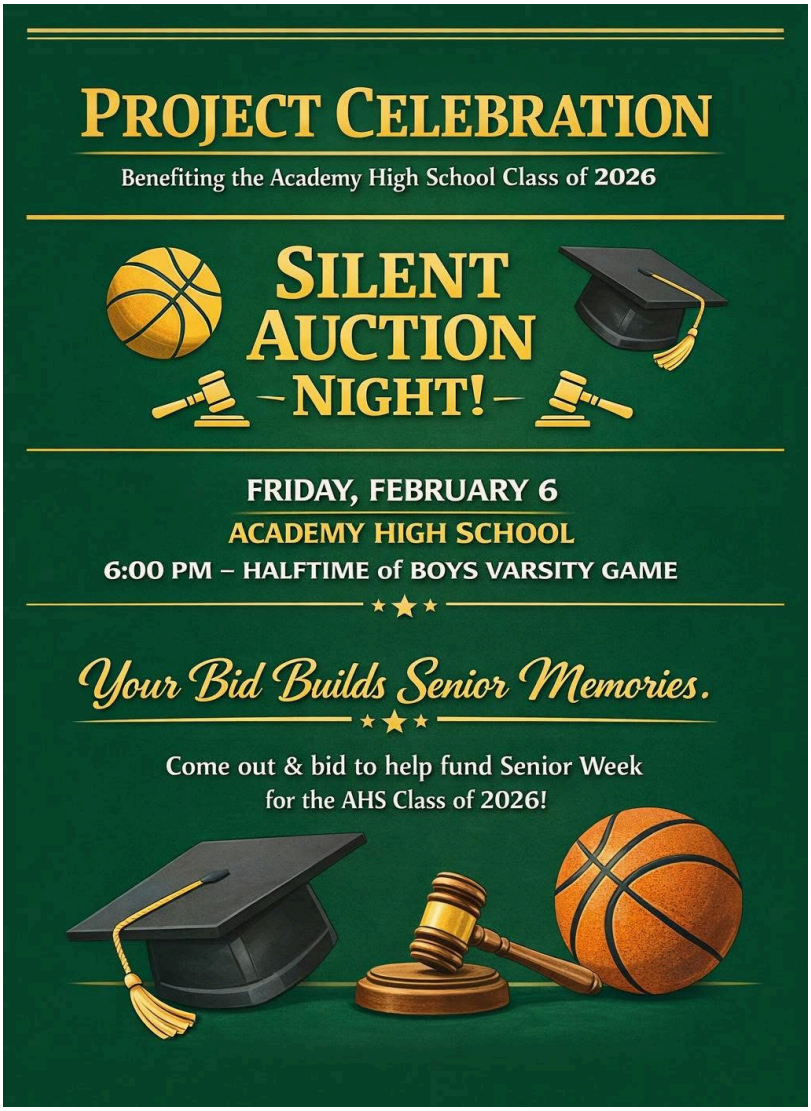




ACADEMY ISD STAFF RECOGNITION

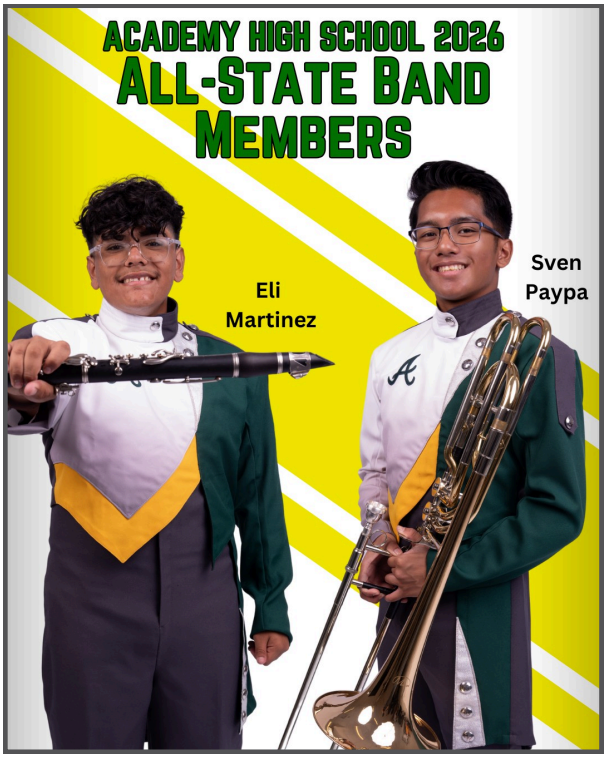
The Heart of the Hive Award at Academy ISD is a prestigious recognition designed to honor outstanding staff members who exemplify dedication, compassion, and excellence in their roles within the school community. Click here to nominate someone today!

Class of 2026
PROJECT CELEBRATION





Academy Fine Arts



Eli Martinez and Sven Paypa both earned first chair in their sections at Area and will represent Academy HS at the Texas Music Educator's Association Clinic/Convention in February!

Congratulations

2026 CENTEX HONOR BAND MEMBERS!

SYMPHONIC BAND:

Eli Martinez – 1st Chair, Clarinet**
Alexa Rodriguez – 1st Chair, French Horn**
Oliver Taylor – 2nd Chair, Baritone
Addison Quarberg – 3rd Chair, Percussion
Caitlyn Wuest – 6th Chair, Trumpet
Sam Patterson – 7th Chair, Trumpet

ALTERNATES:

Sarah Pickett – 1st Alternate, Oboe
Alivia Stiles – 2nd Alternate, Flute
Avry Hoffman – 2nd Alternate, Alto Sax
Jacob McDonald – 2nd Alternate, Tuba

CONCERT BAND:

Aryana Hernandez – 6th Chair, Bass Clarinet
Zoë Anderson – 7th Chair, Horn
Ashton Young – 10th Chair, Tuba
Zoey Pedigo – 9th Chair, Percussion
Ja'nael Bujen – 10th Chair, Percussion
Ryleigh Short – 12th Chair, Percussion
Evelyn Ramirez, 13th Chair, Clarinet
Emily Ramirez – 14th Chair, Clarinet
Avery Sing – 14th Chair, Flute
Ilian Traore – 17th Chair, Flute
Noli King – 19th Chair, Flute

Father-Daughter Dance

ACADEMY THEATRE BOOSTER CLUB
PRESENTS

THE 3rd ANNUAL FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

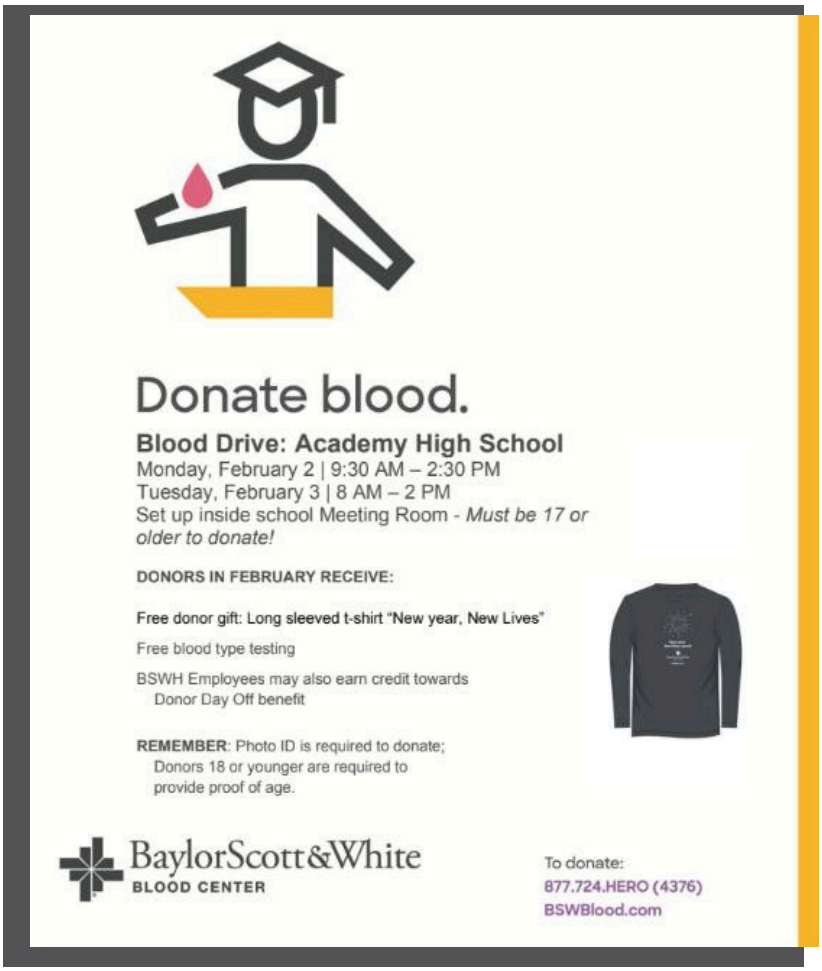
Academy High School
850 St Hwy 95, Little River-Academy, TX

Save the Date for the

Arrendale Winter Ball

Kings everywhere are invited to
escort their princesses
to a magical evening of dancing,
sparkle, and winter enchantment

February 21, 2026
6:00pm



DONATE blood save A LIFE

Academy High School HOSA is hosting a Blood Drive on Monday, February 2nd from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Tuesday, February 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Our community, faculty, and students over the age of 17 are invited to donate.

Blood drive will be held at Academy High School.

To Donate:
877-724-4376
bswblood.com

Academy High School's Culinary Arts students are getting ready to serve some very special guests!

We cordially invite the senior citizens of our community to a complimentary luncheon on Wednesday, February 11, 2026!

Lunch is served from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Call the Academy High School Office at 254-982-4201 to RSVP by Thursday, February 5th!

Come enjoy a delicious meal, great company, and the vibrant energy of our Academy High family. We can't wait to serve you!

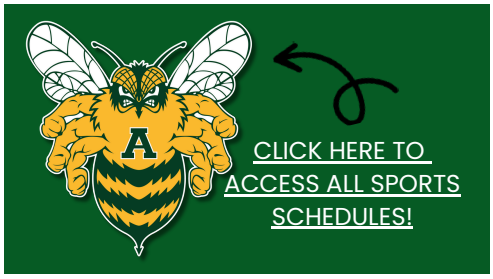


Get Ready for Game Day









Academy ISD Athletics 2025-2026 Family Pass

A Family Pass allows the cardholder and immediate family members into all AISD regular season sporting events, except for varsity football and playoff games.

Only valid at Academy ISD facilities.

Family Passes are available for purchase for $80 (cash only) during school hours at:

Academy ISD Administration
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Little River Academy, Texas 76554

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ACADEMY BUMBLEBEES ATHLETICS

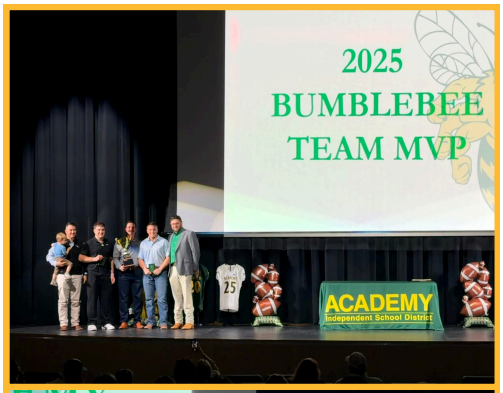
On January 12th, the Academy Football banquet was held. It was an evening of celebration and recognition! Thank you to Coach Kuhn and his high school and middle school football coaches for their hard work this season! The Bumblebees were so much fun to watch! Thank you to Coach Dominic Fraire for his wonderful leadership with our Athletic Training Students!

FOOTBALL AWARDS

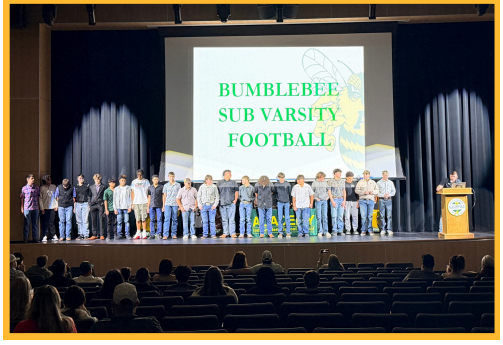
CLICK HERE TO VIEW PHOTO ALBUM!

Football Recognitions

Defensive Line MVP – Jacob Chaffin
Defensive Back MVP – Senator Robinson
Defensive Skill MVP – Jayvion White / Josh Mann
Offensive Line MVP – Landon Stewart / Deuce Nabours
Offensive Back MVP – Brody Allen
Offensive Skill MVP – Tyler Hoffman
Most Improved – Grant Itz / Lane Martin
Sting 'Em Character – Landon Trdy
Scholar Athlete – Liam Macal
Special Teams MVP – Rylander Eidson
Defensive MVP – Elijah Lavan
Offensive MVP – Vincent Williams
Team MVP – Brian Grissom / Carter Kuhn







Athletic Training Recognitions

Most Valuable
Student Athletic Training Aide:
Mariana Rivas



ATSA Positive Attitude Award:
Chimuanya Okwendi and Jalayia Cater





4-Years of Service:
Trinity Bardin, Caleb Holcomb and Erica White







WINTER SPORTS



SOCCER

Last week, the JV Boys Soccer team had a 3-2 victory against Holy Trinity. This is the first JV Boys Soccer victory in program history!



LADY BEES SOCCER

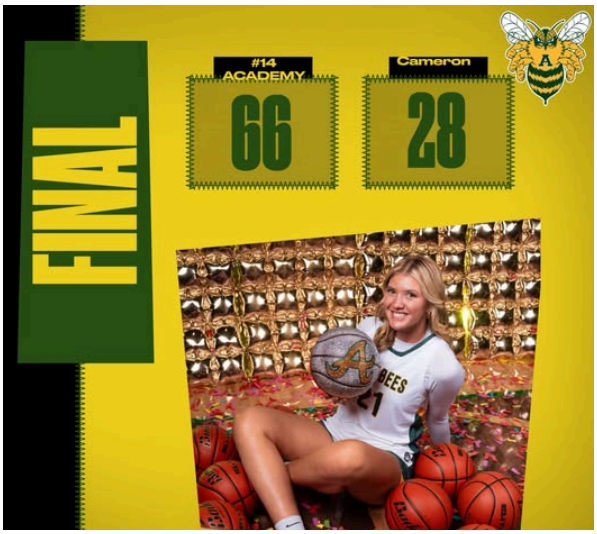
Lady Bees soccer team finish 2nd in the Burnet Tournament earlier this month! Great job, Lady Bees!

POWERLIFTING





🔥 GIRLS TIED FOR 1ST PLACE OVERALL
🏆 BOYS WON THE MEET OUTRIGHT



LADY BEES BASKETBALL

The Lady Bees came out in the 2nd half and pulled away to earn another win last Friday. They were led by Davenport (23), Dorsey (15), and Tomasek (12). The Lady Bees are now 25-5 (8-0) on the year.



February 4, 2026

PAUL WILLIAMS *Invitational* POWERLIFTING MEET

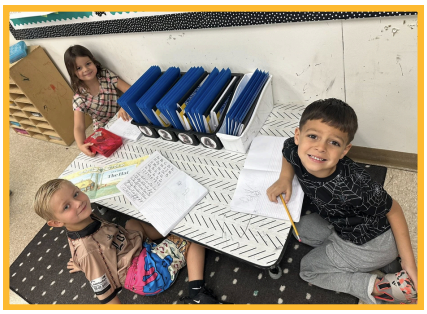
Academy High School will host the Paul Williams Invitational Powerlifting Meet.

The meet will be held at Academy Middle School on Wednesday, February 4th.

Come out and watch our Bumblebees compete!

AROUND THE HIVE

Academy Early Childhood Center









Kindergarten students enjoy different modes of learning during centers







Pre-Kindergarten students take learning outside while working on their numbers!

Academy Elementary School

Mrs. Hannon's first graders display creativity & collaboration by putting on a puppet show to demonstrate their learning.





With the Texas weather's frosty forecast, AES students practiced their ice fishing and skating skills with melting and magnets science in STEM.



Academy Elementary UIL Teams enjoyed a luncheon to recognize their hard work and to receive their hardware! Great job, Bees!





Academy Intermediate School

Earlier this month, every AIS student and staff member enjoyed Snack Attack Day for their collective work in being respectful, responsible, safe, and doing their best!







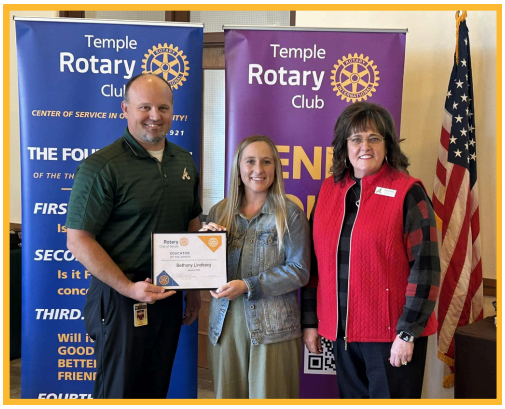
Mrs. Eidson's students used play dough to model fraction division today. Another fun, hands on way to learn math concepts!



Academy Middle School



Congratulations to Miss Bethany Lindberg for being recognized as Educator of the Month at the Rotary Club of Temple earlier this month!



AMS Lady Bees were delighted by their new workout clothes!











Academy Middle School 8th graders toured Academy High School and the Career & Technical Education pathway offered in preparation of the 2026-2027 school year!

Academy High School



HOSA
Headed to State!

Representing Academy High School on the HOSA Bowl team are Analessa Ponce, junior and AHS HOSA Vice President; Jasline Rodriguez, sophomore and AHS HOSA Junior Officer; Kat-elyn Kendall, junior; and Anahi Tinoco-Martinez, junior. Sophie Martinez, senior and AHS HOSA Historian, serves as the team's alternate.

The team will compete at the Texas HOSA State Leadership Conference in March. Congratulations, students and advisor, Jennifer Chaffin!

MANDATORY
CHEER PARENT MEETING

There will be a required parent meeting for all athletes trying out for JV or Varsity cheerleading. Important information regarding tryouts, expectations, requirements, and the upcoming season will be discussed. A parent or guardian must attend to be eligible to tryout.



WED. FEB 18TH | 6:00-7:30PM

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ACADEMY FFA

CDE season is officially underway!

Congratulations to the AHS Vet Science & Floriculture team who competed at the Tompkins CDE Invitational on January 23!







Top 10 results:

Floriculture 4th Place Team
Kamden Davalos 7th Place High Individual

It's a great thing to be a Bumblebee!