ACADEMY ISD

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2026







Photos: The Academy High School 2026 Homecoming Court.

Homecoming Royalty

Congratulations to Academy High School's 2026 Homecoming Court!

Lower Court:
Freshman - Shayne Anthony
Freshman - Olivia Martinez
Sophomore - Demarcus Sanders
Sophomore - Brooke Ralston
Junior - Laine Richter
Junior - Ryleigh Short

Senior Court:
Gavin Davis
Zuriel Lopez
Abbie Golden
Layla Posey

2026 Homecoming King:
Deuce Nabours

2026 Homecoming Queen:
Shaelyn Goode

ACADEMY ISD Teachers of the Year

Congratulations Regional Elementary Teacher of the Year Nominee, Tara Robinson, and Regional Secondary Teacher of the Year Nominee, Sandra Maranto! Superintendent Nolen and their families attended the 2026 Region 12 Teacher of the Year Reception to honor the dedicated service of Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Maranto.



Photo: Sandra Maranto, Superintendent Darla Nolen, and Tara Robinson

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Access the 2026-2027 Academy ISD District Calendar for important dates!

October
- National Principals Month
- Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month
- National Bully Prevention Month

Monday, October 12
- Indigenous Peoples' Day
- National School Lunch Week Begins

Wednesday, October 14
- Texas Education Human Resources Day
- Academy Bee Band UIL Marching Contest at Troy

Saturday, October 17
- Mini Bee Cheer Camp, AHS Gym, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Clue! Theatre Performance 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Sunday, October 18
Clue! Theatre Performance 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Monday, October 19
- America's Safe Schools Week Begins
- Digital Citizenship Week Begins

Wednesday, October 21
- AISD School Board Meeting, AHS Meeting Room @ 6 p.m.

Friday, October 23
- Academy Education Foundation Clay Shoot

Monday, October 26
- Red Ribbon Week Begins

Wednesday, October 28 & Thursday, October 29
- HOSA Blood Drive



2026-2027 BEE CAMP



Click here to view the Bee Camp webpage

Academy ISD
BEE CAMP 26-27 DATES

SEPTEMBER 18	OCTOBER 9	NOVEMBER 6	DECEMBER 4
SEPTEMBER 25	OCTOBER 16	NOVEMBER 20	JANUARY 29
	OCTOBER 23		
	OCTOBER 30		
FEBRUARY 5	MARCH 5	APRIL 2	MAY 7
FEBRUARY 19		APRIL 9	MAY 14
FEBRUARY 26		APRIL 23	

QUICK INFORMATION

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**

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



ACADEMY ISD EMPLOYEE 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!

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is the largest and longest-running drug-use and violence prevention awareness campaign in the United States. Academy ISD will celebrate this awareness campaign October 26-29.

We encourage our students across the district to join with us as we pledge to:
Make a difference.
Be a hero.
Stay drug free.

Monday, October 26: Wear red
Show your support for Red Ribbon Week!

Tuesday, October 27: Dress as your Hero
Whether it's a fictional superhero, or a real person who helps in your community, we want to remind you to "bee a hero!"

Wednesday, October 28: Wear your favorite team apparel and team up against drugs!

Thursday, October 29: Wear Neon
Your future is bright, stay drug free!



COUNSELOR Connections

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. In Academy ISD, we believe every student deserves a safe, supportive, and welcoming environment where they can learn, grow, and thrive!

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NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH
OCTOBER

Definition of Bullying

Bullying is unwanted, repeated and aggressive behavior towards others that involves real or perceived power imbalance.

Bullying does **NOT** include ordinary teasing, horseplay, arguments, or peer conflict.

Forms of Bullying

Verbal

Saying or writing mean things; teasing, taunting, threatening harm, inappropriate comments

Social

Hurting someone's reputation or relationships; purposeful exclusion, spreading rumors

Physical

Hurting someone's body or possessions; hitting/kicking, tripping, taking or breaking someone's things, rude hand gestures

Cyberbullying

Can be verbal or social bullying using electronic technology

Bullying Check List-txssc.txstate.edu

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY
Texas School Safety Center

It's not always bullying....

Mean behavior, conflicts and rude behavior can sometimes be confused with bullying.

See something? Say something!

How can parents help?

Talk to your child(ren) about what they are doing online and at school. Set appropriate limits and discuss expectations with technology.

STOP BULLYING

Report bullying in AISD online:

STOPit SOLUTIONS

Visit **Protect the A** on the Academy ISD website for further resources and information to ensure our school community remains a safe space for all students!

As the Counselor's October Newsletter mentions, anonymous reporting is available through our STOPit app.

Download the STOPit app today,or visit the AISD website and select,

Protect the A

Code: aisdbees

Available on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

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Academy ISD appreciates our Partner in Education:

West Temple Orthodontics

Thank you, Dr. Larrissa and Lucas Cali, for supporting Academy ISD! To learn more about West Temple Orthodontics, visit:

https://www.westtempleorthodontics.com/

Protect the

Texas law now requires school districts to share information with parents about safe gun storage. Keeping our students, families, and community safe is a top priority. Click the link below to learn about your storage options and get tips on how to talk to your child and others about firearms safety.

Only half of gun owners store firearms safely. Secure yours. Every time. Everywhere. Get more info at SafeGunStorageTexas.com.



Happy National Principals Month

Campus Leaders

Thank you to our campus leaders for your dedication, resilience, and leadership. Academy ISD is stronger because of you!





Academy ISD appreciates our Partner in Education:

Orchard Valley Homes

Thank you, Alex and Dawn Bass, for supporting Academy ISD! To learn more about Orchard Valley Homes, visit:

orchardvalleyhomes.com

ACADEMY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Grab your crew and join us for the AEF Clay Shoot on Friday, October 23! It's a fun day of friendly competition — all while supporting the Academy Education Foundation and the students and staff of Academy ISD. Get your team registered today!
bit.ly/aefclay2026

This will be the third year of this wonderful event put on by the Academy Education Foundation. The clay shoot directly benefits the teachers and students of AISD through teacher grants and student scholarships.

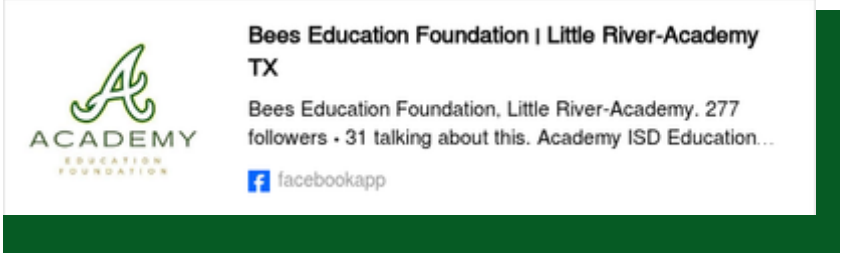
🏈 Get VIP Seats in the Endzone! 🏈

Want the best view of the game, plenty of space, and exclusive seating for you and your family? Bring your chair and enjoy the game up close!
Parents, please make sure children stay in designated areas.
Pricing:
Single game pass: $20 (includes admission)
Season pass: Get all 6 home games for just $100!
🎉 Want to sponsor? 🎉 Companies can reserve 15 exclusive spots for only $300 per game!
Passes are emailed directly to you!

Click here to purchase:
https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-football-endzone-pass



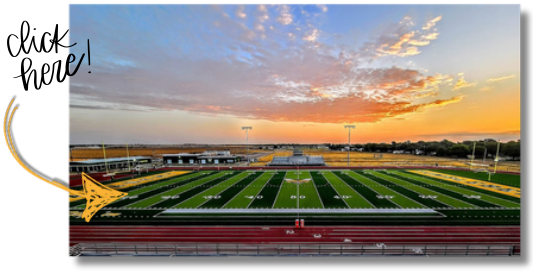
Follow us on FB!



Get Ready for Game Day







Please click here for game day reminders at John Glover Stadium!

Academy ISD Athletics 2026-2027 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
704 East Main Street
Little River Academy, Texas 76554

55+ *Available at AISD*

SENIOR CITIZEN PASSES

Administration Building

ACADEMY ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

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Have what you love about a traditional program,, while enjoying the benefits of a digital one!

DIGITAL PROGRAMS



TEAM ROSTER

SENIOR MESSAGES

GAME RULES

BUSINESS SPONSORS

FREE

COURTESY OF AABC!

INCLUDES ALL SPORTS, ALL SEASONS

DIRECT LINKS TO PLAYER INFORMATION, HUDL VIDEOS, & STATS

UPDATED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

BUSINESS SPONSORS ALL YEAR

PRINT COPY AVAILABE AT END OF YEAR



CAMPS COMING UP

Calling all mini bee cheerleaders and soccer players! Academy ISD has two camps coming up this month for students to participate in!

Mini Bees: PreK - 5th Grade
Soccer: Kinder - 8th Grade

Signup here to participate!

Contacts:
Head Cheer Coach - Stacy Shackelford
stacy.shackelford@academyisd.net

Boys Head Soccer Coach - Josh Wood
josh.wood@academyisd.net

Girls Head Soccer Coach - Tom Oliver
tom.oliver@academyisd.net

Pep Rally THEMES 2026



AMS



AHS

Click the images to view the themes or download your own copy!





Academy ISD's MOBILE APP has Launched!

Academy ISD Parents: If you need assistance, please email aisdcommunications@academyisd.net.

Include your name, name(s) of your student(s), and their grade levels.

Download on the App Store

GET IN ON Google Play

DOWNLOAD NOW

Academy High School HOSA is partnering with the Baylor Scott & White Health Blood Center for our fall blood drive on October 28–29 at Academy High School.

Why donate?

❤️ Approximately 1,100 units of blood are needed each month to care for patients throughout the Baylor Scott & White Health system.

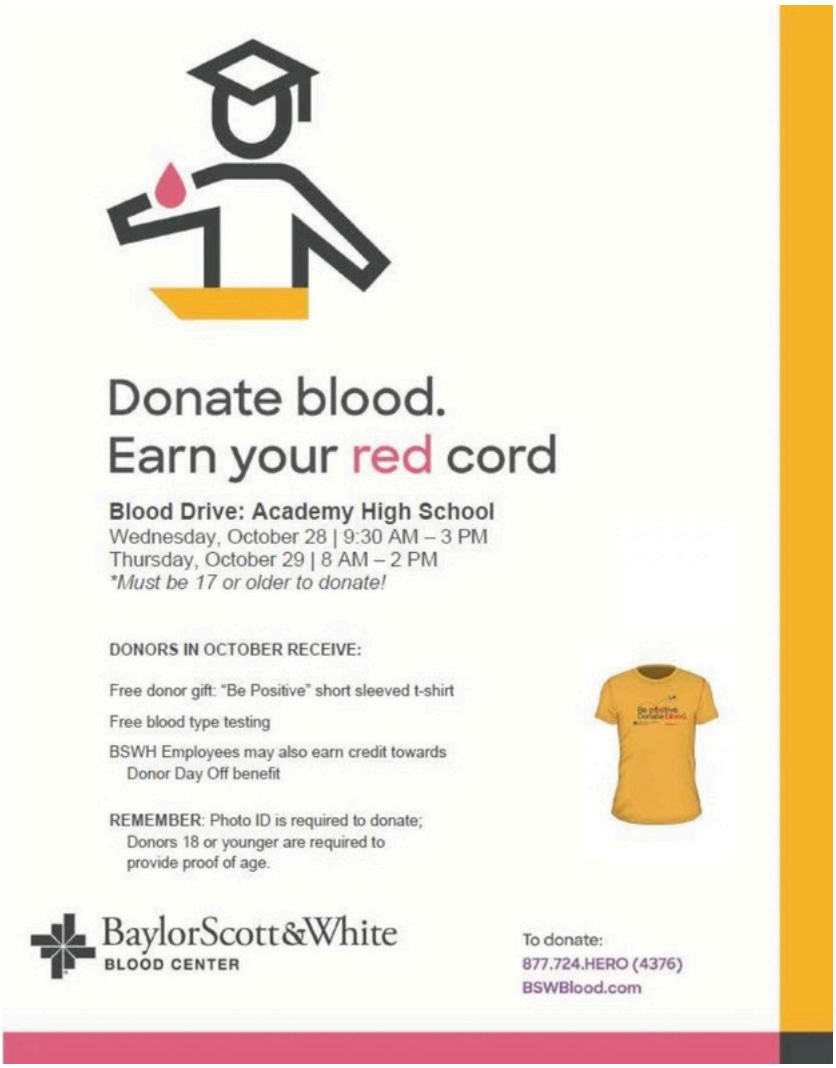
❤️ Your donation stays LOCAL, helping patients right here in Central Texas.

❤️ Blood cannot be manufactured! Blood centers rely on volunteer donors.

🎓 SENIORS: Students who meet our blood donation requirements will earn a RED CORD to wear at graduation!

A few minutes of your time can make a lasting difference for someone fighting cancer, undergoing surgery, recovering from trauma, or facing another medical emergency.

Roll up your sleeve. Give blood. Save lives.





Bee Well: Nurturing Healthy Fall Sleep Habits

As daylight hours shorten and busy evening schedules kick into high gear, fall fatigue can easily set in. Quality sleep is key to keeping immune systems strong, focus sharp, and moods balanced throughout the school day.

Here are three simple tips to keep your family's sleep routine on track this season:

1. **Keep a Consistent Schedule:** Aim for the same bedtime and wake-up time every day to keep your body's internal clock balanced.
2. **Power Down Screens Early:** Turn off phones, tablets, and TVs at least 60 minutes before bed so blue light doesn't disrupt natural sleep signals.
3. **Set the Room Temperature:** Keep bedrooms cool. A slightly cooler room signals to the body that it's time for deep rest.

ACADEMY THEATRE

THERE'S BEEN A MURDER AT BODDY MANOR, AND EVERYONE IS A SUSPECT!

Academy High School Theatre invites you to join us for CLUE, the hilarious murder mystery based on the classic board game and movie. Follow Wadsworth and a house full of suspicious guests as they race from room to room trying to answer three very important questions: WHO did it? WHERE? And with WHAT?
With two incredible casts and four performances, you have plenty of chances to enjoy an evening of mystery, mayhem, and lots of laughs!



CLUE!

AHS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (PAC)

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 17TH
SUNDAY - OCTOBER 18TH

2:00 PM & 6:00 PM PERFORMANCES EACH DAY

TICKETS: $10

PURCHASE CLUE TICKETS: [HTTPS://ACADEMYTHEATRE.LUDUS.COM/](https://academytheatre.ludus.com/)

Come support Academy Theatre students and see if YOU can solve the mystery before they do!

4 performances
2 casts
1 killer mystery

AMS Football

Our seventh and eighth grade football teams are tearing up the gridiron this season! Keep working hard and sting ‘em, Bees!









Project Celebration for the AHS Class of 2027 has two fundraisers coming up!



Consider dinner done fon Thursday October 15th!

Get a jump on holiday decorating or giving with the Poinsettia fundraiser!



AROUND THE HIVE







At their October meeting, Academy FFA had their annual trunk-or-treat event that included raising funds to purchase cans for State Fair Ag Awareness Day! Congratulations to Ag teachers, Mrs. Murray and Miss Doyle, for raising the most funds! As the reward, they were *pied!*



Academy FFA members attended the Area XII Greenhand Camp at Thrall HS. Thank you to these members for representing Academy FFA!

Health Science Program

Future Certified Clinical Medical Assistants (CCMAs) started clinical rotations a couple of weeks ago at Baylor Scott & White hospital. We are thankful for the partnership with BSW that gives the AHS Health Science practicum students this opportunity!







AMS Volleyball

Academy Middle School Volleyball teams have had a great season so far! They represented AMS well in a Belton tournament and 7A/B and 8A/B teams were champions at the first middle school Bumblebee Classic tournament!





AROUND THE HIVE



Read the article about the October 9th matchup here!
**Spoiler Alert: BEES STUNG 'EM!



Congratulations to AHS Varsity Volleyball setter, Hailey Sodek (Senior), on her career milstone of 1,500 assists! Congratulations, Hailey!



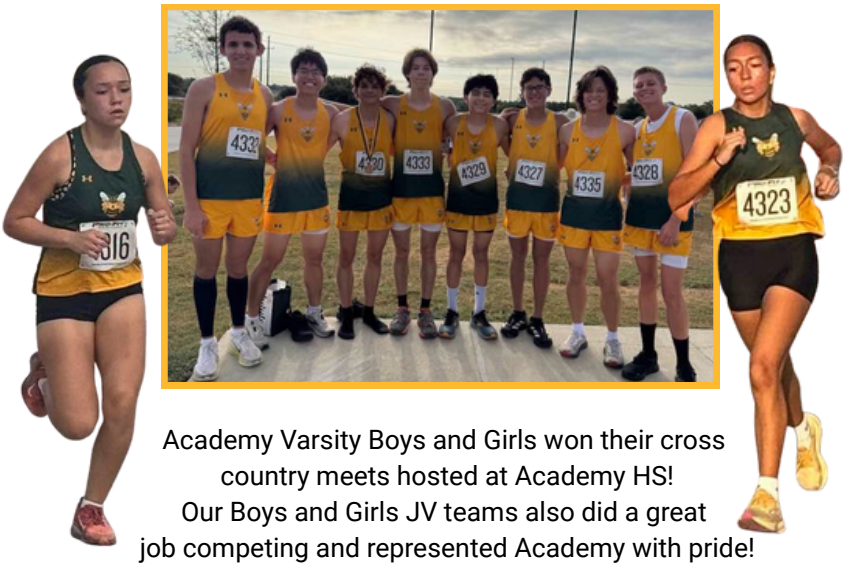
The Bee Band brought home more hardware after earning first division ratings at the Troy Pre-UIL Festival on October 7th! Best of luck to our band and color guard as they compete on October 14th at the UIL Band Marching Contest in Troy.



Academy Boys and Girls Golf are teeing up for a great season of Fall Golf!



Team Tennis wrapped up their fall competition, and we look forward to seeing what these athletes will accomplish during the spring tennis season!



Academy Varsity Boys and Girls won their cross country meets hosted at Academy HS!
Our Boys and Girls JV teams also did a great job competing and represented Academy with pride!
Meet Standouts:
• Nevaehly Bauman (Freshman) – 3rd place
• KK Adcock • Olivia Martinez
• Cameron Williams – 3rd place • Tony Amezola
A huge THANK YOU to Coach Pursche for putting on a great meet, and to Coach Smith and Coach Eary for all their help in making it a successful meet!



Academy High School's Student Athletic Trainers care for our athletes at all sporting events! Thank you for all that you do!

The Bumblebee Stinger

Click here to read the full edition of The Stinger!

The buzz is back!

Decades ago, long before smartphones, social media, and instant group chats, the halls of Academy Middle School relied on a single, trusted voice to find out what was happening on campus: **The Bumblebee Stinger**. For years, students eagerly opened its pages to read about game day victories, club updates, and school spirit. Over time, the printing presses stopped, and the historic newspaper faded into AMS history.

This September, the 8th Grade Honors English class is officially bringing the buzz back.

We are thrilled to reintroduce **The Bumblebee Stinger** as your official middle school student-led news source. While technology has changed how we communicate, the heart of this paper remains exactly the same as it was decades ago. Our mission is to capture the dedication, talent, and unique personalities that make Academy Middle School a family.

In this inaugural relaunch edition, you will find exclusive insights from our newly formed sports teams, an overview of your campaigning Student Council representatives, and a deep-dive spotlight on the administration team keeping our campus running smoothly.

We are honored to dust off the archives, pick up the pens, and continue a legacy that belongs to every single Bumblebee who has ever walked these halls. Thank you for reading, and welcome back to **The Bumblebee Stinger**!

— The 8th Grade Honors Journalism Staff, Ms. Hunt, and Mr. Ellison

We are so proud of the work our 8th grade honors students are putting in to put this together!

Thank you to Mr. Ellison and Ms. Hunt for facilitating the revival of The Stinger!

We look forward to next month's issue!

AMS students came to the homecoming pep rally! AMS cheerleaders joined the high school cheer team help bring the spirit for the district-wide pep rally!











ECC, AES, AND AIS







At AES, the class that raised the most money for their Fill-the-Bee fundraiser got to TAPE THE PRINCIPAL TO THE WALL!! Congratulations, Ms. Enochs' class!

The weather couldn't dampen the spirit of our students during Homecoming Week! Academy Elementary School shined green and gold at the district-wide pep rally!







We can't hide our Bumblebee pride at the Academy Early Childhood Center! The ECC also had a special mini pep rally for homecoming week! Thank you to the band, cheerleaders, and football players for coming to the ECC!





















Academy Intermediate School enjoyed a week of homecoming fun with theme days!

HOMECOMING PARADE & FESTIVAL



While it did not rain on our parade, our festival was impacted by the weather. The parade brought bright smiles, cheerful waves, and Bumblebee pride! Thank you to everyone who showed up to support our Bees. We truly have the best community around!



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Thank you, Malcolm and Lisa Marshall, for supporting Academy ISD! To learn more about their businesses, visit:

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It's a great thing to be a Bumblebee!