ACADEMY ISD

NEWSLETTER

November 2026

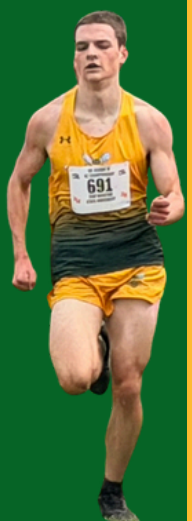


Photo: BMX rider does stunt during the No Hate Tour, a bullying prevention program attended by AMS & AHS students. See page 15 of this newsletter to read more.

Bumblebee Runs AT STATE CROSS COUNTRY MEET

Congratulations to Academy High School senior, Cameron Williams, for qualifying for the UIL State Cross Country Meet on Saturday, November 7th, at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock! Cameron finished 54th and we congratulate him on his success & commitment to the sport.





BEE BAND State Performance!

The Academy Bee Band made it to the State UIL Marching Competition - again! For back-to-back years, the band was among the Top 25 3A bands in the state of Texas at the Alamodome in San Antonio!

Huge congratulations to the musicians, directors, and crew. Working behind the scenes and helping with all the details along the way was the Academy Bands Booster Club.

Congratulations on a wonderful marching season!



November
- National American Indian + Alaska Native Heritage Month
- Generation Texas Month

Monday, November 16
- ECC Book Fair Begins
- AIS Fall Showcase 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 17
- Senior Citizens Lunch 11:00-12:30, AHS

Wednesday, November 18
- AISD School Board Meeting, AHS Meeting Room @ 6 p.m.
- HOSA Holiday Ornament Night at AHS

Thursday, November 19
- 6 Week Progress Report - 2nd Grading Period

Friday, November 20
- No School - Bee Camp for Registered Attendees

November 23-27
- Thanksgiving Break - All AISD Campuses/Offices Closed

December 1-10
- STAAR EOC Makeup Testing Dates

Wednesday, December 2
- National Special Education Day

Saturday, December 12
- Charlie Brown Christmas Play

Monday, December 14
- Kindergarten Christmas Musical @ 5:45 in AHS Gym

Friday, December 18
- Student Holiday, Staff Professional Development Day

December 21 - January 4
- Winter Break (Staff return Jan. 4, Students return Jan. 5)

MARK YOUR **CALENDAR**



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

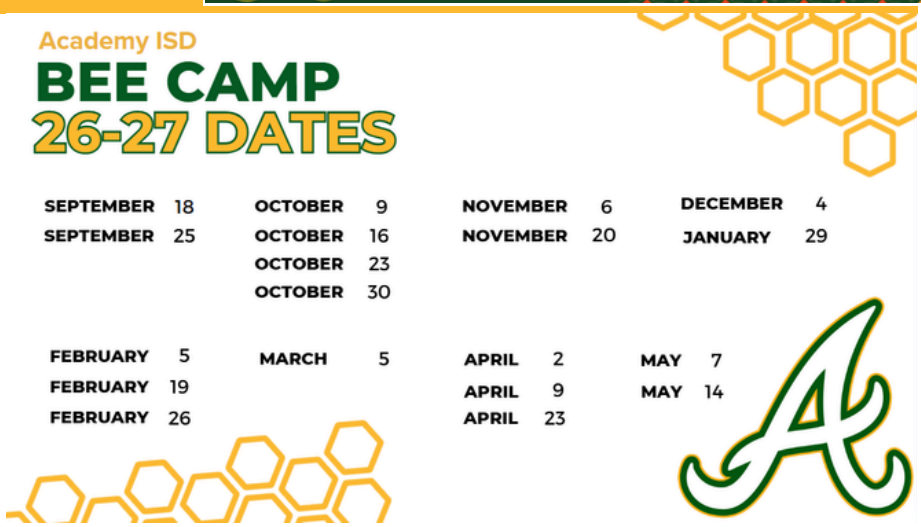




2026-2027 BEE CAMP



Click here to view the Bee Camp webpage



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



What a season! Our football team finished strong with a 6–4 record and punched their ticket to the playoffs, capping off months of hard work and effort. Making it to the postseason is no small feat, and this group set a high bar for teamwork and perseverance. Thank you to our seniors for their leadership, and congratulations to the entire program on a season to be proud of!

Oh what fun!

Academy High School Cheer is having a t-shirt fundraiser as they prepare for the UIL Spirit State Championship! T-shirt orders are due Thursday, November 19th. Cost of shirt is $15 each. Only cash or checks are accepted for payments. Order forms are available in the front offices of every AISD campus.

Oh what fun it is to be a BEE!





COUNSELOR Connections

Take a look at the AISD Counseling Team's newsletter for November! Let's take the time to notice, appreciate, and spread kindness throughout our school community!

Academy ISD Counselors



Amy Hodges
Lead, AHS



Charlotte Hussey
AHS



Lindsey Heise
AMS



Sara Childers
AIS



Alesia Ybarra
AES



Brittany Shiller
ECC

NOVEMBER newsletter

DATES TO KNOW

Nov. 2-9 – District Food Drive

Nov. 11 – Veteran's Day

Nov. 23-27 – Thanksgiving Break

GRATITUDE

Conversation Starters for Families

At dinner or during a car ride, try asking:

- What made you smile today?
- Who helped you today?
- What is something you are thankful for?
- What is one kind thing you could do for someone tomorrow?
- What is something you appreciate about yourself?

CHALLENGE

SAY THANK YOU: LET SOMEONE KNOW YOU APPRECIATE SOMETHING THEY DID FOR YOU.
KEEP A GRATITUDE LIST: WRITE DOWN THREE THINGS YOU ARE THANKFUL FOR.
NOTICE THE LITTLE THINGS: TAKE A MOMENT TO APPRECIATE SOMETHING SIMPLE—A SUNNY DAY, A FAVORITE SONG, A GOOD BOOK, OR A KIND SMILE.
GIVE A COMPLIMENT: BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S DAY WITH A GENUINE COMPLIMENT.
SPREAD KINDNESS: LOOK FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP SOMEONE WITHOUT BEING ASKED.
REFLECT BEFORE BED: THINK ABOUT ONE POSITIVE MOMENT FROM YOUR DAY.

COUNSELOR CORNER

REMEMBER, GRATITUDE IS A PRACTICE, NOT A REQUIREMENT TO FEEL HAPPY ALL THE TIME. EVERYONE EXPERIENCES DIFFICULT EMOTIONS, AND IT IS OKAY TO HAVE HARD DAYS. GRATITUDE SIMPLY GIVES US ANOTHER WAY TO NOTICE THE POSITIVE MOMENTS AND PEOPLE THAT SURROUND US.
LET'S MAKE THIS MONTH A TIME TO NOTICE, APPRECIATE, AND SPREAD KINDNESS THROUGHOUT OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

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!

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

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

https://www.westtempleorthodontics.com/

Academy ISD's MOBILE APP has Launched!

Academy ISD is excited to offer a mobile app for our community to enjoy. Download from the App Store or Google Play to keep up with news and events across our district!

Download on the App Store

GET IN ON Google Play

DOWNLOAD NOW

Parents, need assistance with CHATS?

1. Try **deleting** the app and **add it back** to your phone. For first time users: sign in by selecting "forgot password" and use your Parent Portal email.
2. If that does not work, please email **aisdcommunications@academyisd.net**. Include your name, name(s) of your student(s), and their grade levels.

Academy Theatre is looking for students in 3rd - 5th grades to join the Children's Chorus in our upcoming production of A Charlie Brown Christmas!

Auditions will take place Monday, November 30, from 5:30–6:30 PM at the Academy High School Performing Arts Center.

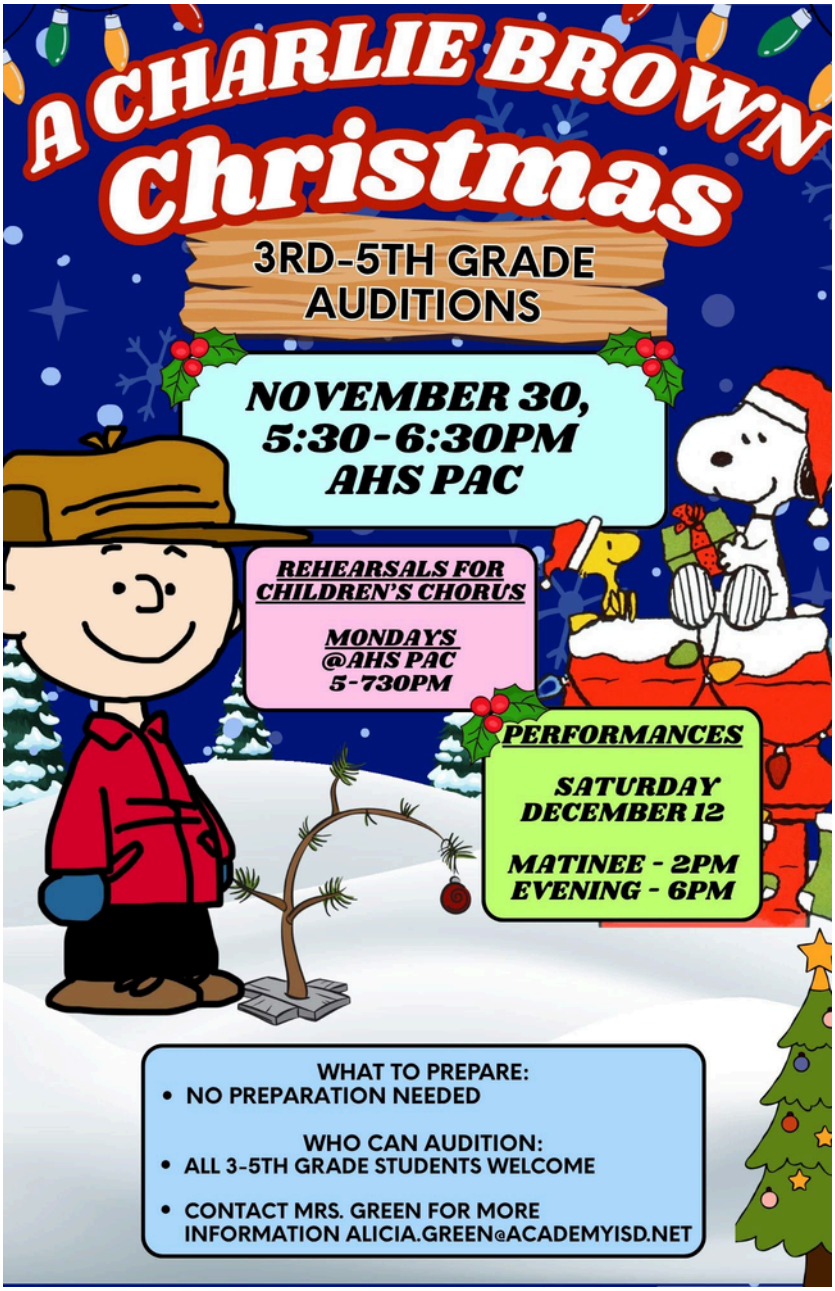
No preparation or previous theatre experience is needed! All students in grades 3–5 are welcome to audition.

Children's Chorus rehearsals will be held on Mondays from 5:00–7:30 PM at the AHS PAC.

Performances for A Charlie Brown Christmas will be Saturday, December 12 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM.

For questions, please contact Mrs. Green at alicia.green@academyisd.net.

We can't wait to spread some holiday cheer with our youngest performers!



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.



ACADEMY EDUCATION FOUNDATION



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THANK YOU to everyone who came out, participated, volunteered, and supported this year's event! Your generosity helps the AEF continue providing grants and scholarships that make a difference for Academy ISD students and teachers!

A HUGE thank you to their Catalyst Sponsors, BKV Corporation and Weaver & Jacobs Constructors, Inc., for their generous support and commitment to our Academy Education Foundation!

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

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IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER



Please follow safe driving practices - especially in school zones!
Thank you,
Your Academy ISD SRO Team



Academy High School Culinary will host a Senior Citizen Luncheon on Tuesday, Nov. 17th! Our students are working hard to prepare a delicious holiday meal for the community.

The AHS Culinary students will host additional luncheons throughout the school year, so look for the events on the Academy ISD calendar or the Academy ISD Facebook page.

We love having the community experience the hands-on skills and practical knowledge our students are gaining through their Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses.





Academy ISD appreciates our Partner in Education: **Norman Building Materials.** Thank you, Frank Norman, for supporting Academy ISD! To learn more about Norman Building Materials, visit: normanbuildingmaterials.com



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!



AHS HOSA

The 4th Annual AHS HOSA Ornament Night will be held on November 18 at 6:00 PM in the AHS Cafeteria!

AHS HOSA is excited to partner with That Art Place again for a fun evening of painting Christmas ornaments and enjoying cookies and hot chocolate.

This is a community-wide event, and everyone is welcome! Please use the link below to RSVP!

RSVP: HOSA Ornament Night



AHS HOSA has a newsletter! Click the graphic above to read the work of the AHS HOSA students!



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The Academy ISD Counselors present BEE TREE, a holiday program that provides gifts of new clothes and toys for Academy ISD families in need.

Interested in participating in the Bee Tree? Here's how you can help:

1. Visit any AISD campus building & select a "Bee" tag.
2. Shop for the items on the list.
3. Bring unwrapped items with the Bee Tree tag back to the same campus.

Thank you for helping our Bees have a Merry Christmas!

No Hate Tour: Bullying Prevention















The No Hate School Tour came to Academy ISD to share their impactful educational program that uses the energy and excitement of BMX to deliver critical bullying prevention tools, techniques, and information to students in a relatable, peer-to-peer manner.

Top BMX pros performed amazing BMX tricks while speaking to AMS and AHS students about their own experiences with bullying (both online and offline), overcoming obstacles, inclusion, kindness, and surrounding yourself with positive influences.

Get Ready for Game Day





BASKETBALL
Season Is Here

Click here to view the schedules for the Academy High School and Academy Middle School basketball teams!
Wishing our Bees a great season!

Girls Bumblebee Classic - Nov. 19-21
Boys Bumblebee Classic - Dec. 3 - 5

55+ *Available at AISD*
SENIOR CITIZEN PASSES
Administration Building

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:
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Little River Academy, Texas 76554

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THANK YOU, CAMP PARTICIPANTS!

The boys and girls soccer teams held their first Fall Soccer Camp on October 30th. They had a great turnout for the morning camp! Thank you to the coaches and high school soccer players for putting on a fantastic camp!











MINI BEE Cheer Camp



The 2026 Mini Bee Cheer Camp and performance was a huge success! Thank you to all the mini bees for bringing so much spirit to our pep rally and football game!

Thank you to AHS and AMS cheerleaders and cheer coaches for their time and effort!

Click here to view more photos from Mini Bee Cheer Camp!





Click here to read the full edition of The Stinger!

THE STINGER: AMS STUDENT NEWSLETTER

An 8th grade ELA Honors publication.



ACADEMY FFA

Academy FFA had an outstanding day at the Brushy Creek District LDE Contest!
We are incredibly proud of our students for their hard work, dedication, and teamwork. Their efforts made for an amazing day, and we are excited to celebrate all they accomplished!

Congratulations to Academy FFA for taking home the 2026 Brushy Creek District LDE Sweepstakes title!

- Agricultural Issues 1st (Advancing to AREA)
- Public Relations 1st (Advancing to AREA)
- Sr. Skills 1st (Advancing to AREA)
- Greenhand Creed 2nd (Advancing to Area)
- Greenhand Quiz 2nd (Advancing to AREA)
- Radio Broadcasting 2nd (Advancing to AREA)
- Ag Advocacy 4th
- Sr. Quiz 4th
- Sr. Creed 4th
- Spanish Creed 5th
- Job Interview 9th

Advancing teams will compete at the Area XII LDE on Friday, November 20th!





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Vets On Wheels.
Thank you, Dr. Aaron Schultze, for supporting Academy ISD! To learn more about Vets on Wheels, visit: vetsonwheels.info



Academy Middle School Sports



COMBINED B DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL



7TH GRADE A DISTRICT CHAMPIONS



ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL

8A BACK TO BACK DISTRICT CHAMPIONS



ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL

2026 AMS SOFTBALL



This is the inaugural season for Academy Middle School Softball! The team is 1-1 in the season so far. Congratulations to Dakota Bardin for her 3 run home run!! Keep up the great work, AMS Softball!



AMS CHEER

From pep rallies to Thursday Night Lights, our AMS Cheerleaders were fun to watch as they cheered on AMS 7/8B, 7A, and 8A football teams through their champion seasons! Thanks for bringing the spirit, AMS Cheer!



TEAM TENNIS

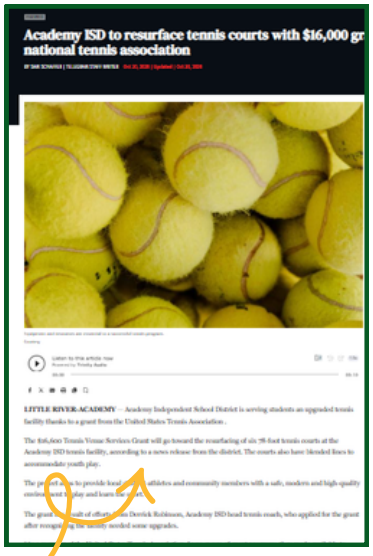
Check out the Academy High School's Team Tennis All-District and All-State awards! Great job on a wonderful season, Bumblebees! Click the photos below to view All-District honors!









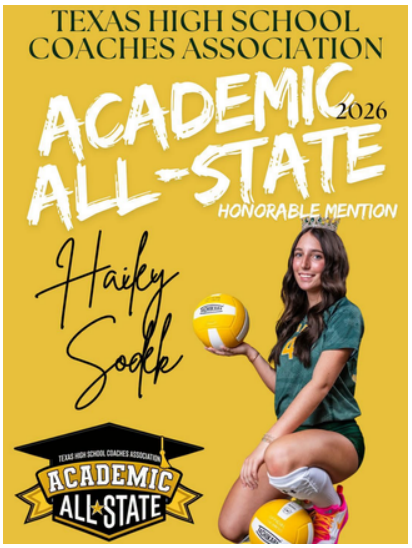

Academy ISD to resurface tennis courts with $16,000 gr national tennis association

The Academy ISD tennis courts are getting some upgrades thanks to a grant by the United States Tennis Association! Read more about the project by clicking the image to the right!

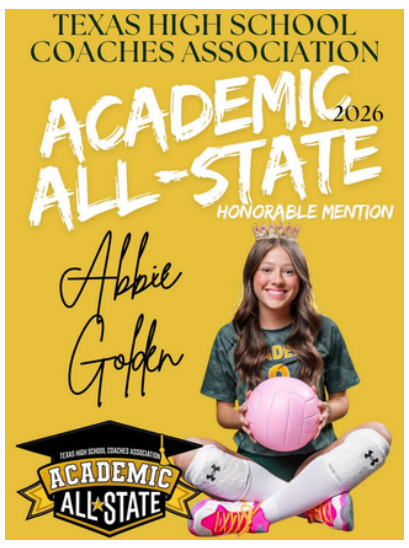
AHS VOLLEYBALL

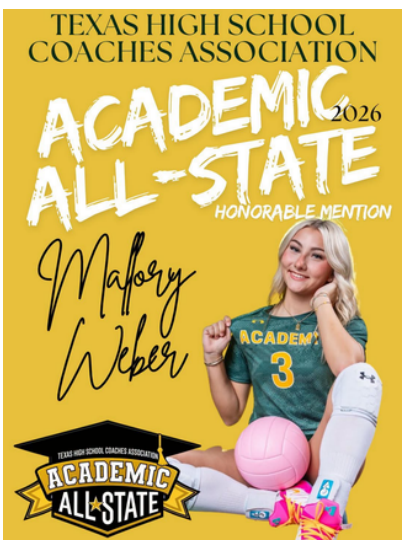


Congratulations to our varsity volleyball players on their All-District and All-State honors! We are so proud of all of you! Click the image above to view all of the superlatives for our AHS Volleyball All-District athletes!









ACADEMY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Academy Intermediate School invites its families to join them for the Fall Student Showcase highlighting STEAM and Gifted & Talented projects! This will be on Monday, November 16th, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Come see the amazing creativity, innovation, and problem-solving skills of our students!



School picture retakes will take place Thursday, November 19th! If you would like a retake, please mark your calendar!



Thank you to all who participated in our Veterans Day Parade! We are grateful for your service! Click the video below to view the Facebook Live event!



ACADEMY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

AES loved celebrating Veterans Day with our students and their veterans! Click on the ice cream to view photos of that special event!







ACADEMY EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

5 SENSES LAB



Our Pre-K and Kindergarten students enjoyed the five senses lab! Students focus on using their five senses—sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch—through fun, hands-on activities!

A HUGE thank-you to our amazing parent volunteers for sharing their time, energy, and enthusiasm to make this experience so special for our students! We appreciate your support in making learning fun, interactive, and memorable!

Click the photos to the left to view the album.

Mark your calendar...



Academy High School is looking for vendors for their upcoming AHS Bumblebee Market!

Interested in being a vendor?
Please email Chelsy Baker at chelsy.baker@academyisd.net for information.

Not a vendor?
Stop by, get some Christmas shopping done, support local businesses, and enjoy the festivities!



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It's a great thing to be a Bumblebee!