

ACADEMY ISD

# MARCH Newsletter



In this edition of our newsletter, we're excited to share important updates, upcoming events, and highlights from across the district. Academy ISD has incredible students, dedicated educators, and supportive families who make this a truly special place to learn and grow!

**MARCH IS**

**NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINING MONTH**




**COACH BAILEY MARKS**




**READ ACROSS AMERICA**

**MARCH 3RD-6TH**

HELP US CELEBRATE READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK WITH THE FOLLOWING DRESS UP DAYS:

- MONDAY—"HATS OFF"**  
WEAR YOUR FAVORITE HAT
- TUESDAY—"SILLY SOCKS"**  
WEAR YOUR SILLIEST/WACKIEST SOCKS
- WEDNESDAY—"GREEN EGGS AND HAM"**  
WEAR SOMETHING GREEN
- THURSDAY—"DR. SEUSS DAY"**  
BRING YOUR FAVORITE DR. SEUSS BOOK, STUFFED ANIMAL OR DRAW A DR. SEUSS CHARACTER



Academy ISD Superintendent Darla Nolen, along with superintendents from ESC Region 12, visited the Capitol mid-February. During the legislative visit, Superintendent Nolen advocated for the legislative priorities of the district.



**TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

March 3-7, 2025

# MARK YOUR

# Calendar

Wednesday, March 5

Intermediate School Picture Day

Friday, March 7

Student Holiday/Staff Professional Development- No Bee Camp

March 10 - 14

Spring Break

Friday, March 21

Special Olympics - Basketball at AHS/AMS Gyms begins at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 22

AHS Junior and Senior Prom at AHS, tickets sold March 3- March 19

Wednesday, March 26

Academy ISD Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 28

Elementary School Career Day

Saturday, March 29

2nd Annual Bumblebee Walk fundraiser for AISD Special Olympics participants



**CALENDAR  
REMINDER**

**5** DAY  
SCHOOL  
WEEKS

**March 17 - April 4**



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**HEART**  
*of the Hive*

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 our district! We invite our community to nominate a deserving staff member for the "Heart of the Hive" award today!*

**NOMINATE TODAY!**

As a reminder to our families, after Spring Break, Academy ISD will have school Monday-Friday, March 17th - April 4th.

# ACADEMY *Early Childhood*

Academy Early Childhood Center celebrated Kindness Week by doing random acts of kindness for each other. From writing encouraging words to beautifying their garden with painted rocks, our youngest Bees worked with great intention to spread kindness!



# Academy **ELEMENTARY**

During National FFA Week, some Academy High School FFA members visited the elementary (and intermediate) campus to share what FFA is and the impact of agriculture in our daily lives.



# Academy **INTERMEDIATE**

*The Chicks Have Hatched!* 🐣

TEXAS A&M  
**AGRI LIFE**  
EXTENSION

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has partnered with Academy Intermediate School to hatch chicks in the classroom! Each AIS classroom has an incubator for our students to watch the process from incubation, candling, to hatching!



*Career Day!*

Huge shoutout to AIS counselor Mrs. Childers for the very successful career day last week! Click below for photos:  
[AIS Facebook - Part 1](#)  
[AIS Facebook - Part 2](#)  
[AIS Facebook - Part 3](#)



**THANK YOU!**

to all of our wonderful volunteers who shared about their careers and patiently answered the questions of our inquisitive students!

5th grade students researched and created a model of a specific biome. They then presented to 3rd and 4th grade students sharing details learned through their research about its climate, plants, animals, location on Earth, and potential threats.



*5th Grade Biome Projects*

# ACADEMY *Middle School*



The beginner band for AMS is working hard to level up their learning! The band directors call this earning their Band Karate belts. Earning a belt and signing the poster is a big accomplishment! Keep up the good work!



Each month, Academy Middle School staff nominate students who are leaders on campus! Congratulations, Bumblebees! Keep LEADING!

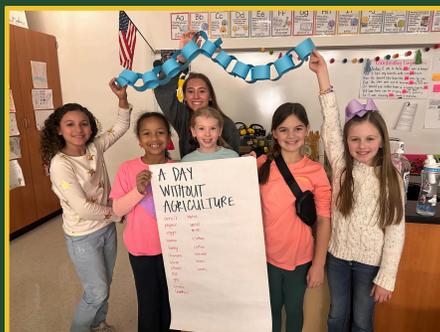
 *We're all in this together...*

The Academy High School counselors wrapped up several days of individual meetings with every eighth grader and their parents/guardians. We appreciate the time everyone took to ensure the AHS Class of 2029 is off to a great start!



# Academy HIGH SCHOOL

AHS Prom invitations have gone out to AHS Juniors and Seniors!



A group of AHS Juniors and Seniors toured the Tarleton State University campus. Students got a glimpse of university life and visited several of the colleges!



Thank you to these FFA members for sharing National FFA Week with our younger Bumblebees!

# Academy Fine Arts

## Academy Bands



Academy was well represented at the Texas All-State Bands in San Antonio! Eli Martinez, a freshman, earned 16th chair clarinet in the Concert (3A) band. Josiah Ponce, a senior, earned 3rd chair flute and 1st chair piccolo in the Symphonic (4A) Band! Congratulations, Eli and Josiah! These talented musicians are pictured with Mrs. Essary, Miss Milner, and Mr. Ramirez.

## Theatre



The Emerald City Sweetheart Dance was enjoyed by all who attended! The Academy High School Theatre Booster Club and theatre students created a memorable evening!



AHS Theatre students volunteered at the American Legion Post 133 as a display of gratitude for the Legion's donation to the theatre program.

## AHS Art

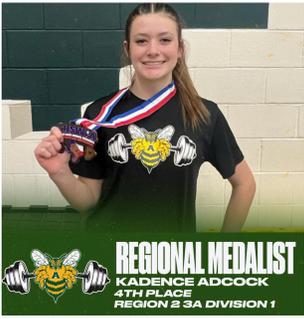
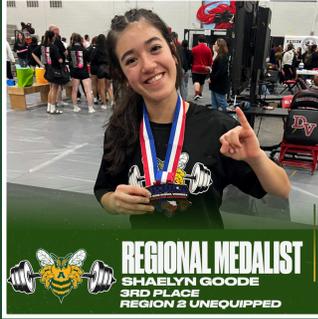
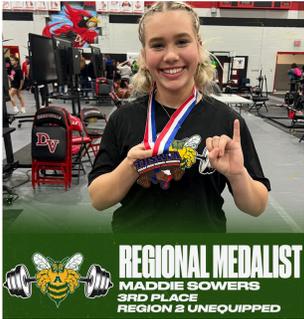
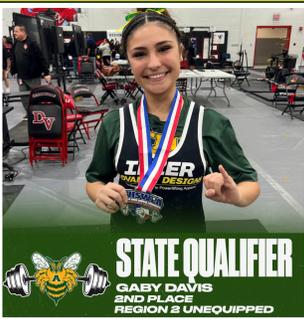
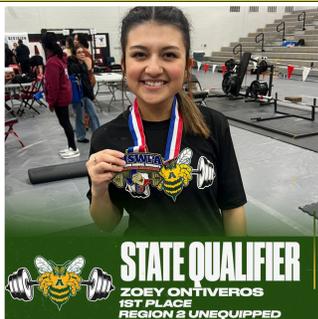


*24 Medalists* **REGIONAL/AREA VASE COMPETITION**

Congratulations to all AHS students who competed in the Regional and Area VASE Competition! 24 pieces of art medaled and advanced to Area, and Isabelle Cook advances to the STATE VASE competition! Amazing talent, Bumblebees!

# Bumblebee Athletics

## GIRLS POWERLIFTING



**WELL DONE!**

**TUSWIPA REGION 2 CHAMPIONSHIP UNEQUIPPED**

TEAM	PLACE	POINTS
TEMPLE	1ST	39
ACADEMY	2ND	23
HUTTO	3RD	17
RUBEN	4TH	16
HENDRICKSON	5TH	16
LULLING	6TH	13
FRANKLIN	7TH	10
SHOEMAKER	8TH	9
PFLUGERVILLE	9TH	9
COPPERAS COVE	10TH	9



Great Seasons, Bees!

Great job to our Boys and Girls Basketball teams! Thanks for some great memories!

[Boys Basketball Honors 2024-2025 Season](#)

[Girls Basketball Honors 2024-2025 Season](#)

Playoff Bound!



Lady Bees Soccer is playoff bound!

The link to the playoff shirts is below.

Sales close on Thursday, March 6th, at noon.

[Order Here!](#)

## Spring Sport Schedules

[BOYS GOLF](#)

[GIRLS GOLF](#)

[TENNIS](#)

[BASEBALL](#)

[SOFTBALL](#)

[BOYS SOCCER](#)

[GIRLS SOCCER](#)

[BOYS TRACK](#)

[GIRLS TRACK](#)



Best of luck,  
to all AMS and AHS Cheer  
and Mascot candidates  
with tryouts!



The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) visited Academy ISD to interview Superintendent Nolen and showcase our impressive new Academy High School. We were pleased to highlight the great things happening in AISD to an organization that engages with school districts across the state.

Sunday, March 9, 2025

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**

SPRING FORWARD

# Spring BREAK

MARCH 10-14, 2025

ALL ACADEMY ISD CAMPUSES AND OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED.

## COUPON BOOK FUNDRAISER

# \$7,000 in Savings

From 150 Temple-Belton Area Businesses!

360 Offers Valid Thru May 1, 2026  
 250 "2 For 1" Offers From 100 Restaurants!  
 FREE & 50% Off Merchandise & Services

**50% OFF**  
 16 Green Fees From  
 Sammons Golf Course

30TH ANNUAL

Free Merchandise & Services, 50% Off Discounts, and 2-For-1 Dining, Entertainment & Golf!

**6 ALPHABETIZED CATEGORIES:**

- Casual & Fine Dining
- Miscellaneous Restaurants
- Entertainment & Golf
- Auto Services
- Health & Beauty
- General Services & Merchandise



PROCEEDS BENEFITING:

## Academy High School HOSA

(Future Health Professionals)

# \$7,000 in Savings For Only \$50

## Academy High School Project Celebration

### Class of 2025

### Community Care Event

at

**Chick-fil-A** SOUTH 31ST STREET  
 NORTH 31ST STREET

Monday, March 17th 5:00pm-8:00pm

Order through your Chick-fil-A One App, use code AHS2025, case sensitive. AHS Project Celebration Class of 2025 will receive 15% of orders placed using this code.

iPhone



Other



Don't have the app? Scan the QR code to download and sign-in. Only orders placed through the app using the unique case sensitive code will qualify for this event.

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ATTENTION  
SENIORS

Academy Education Foundation  
**AISD GENERAL  
SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION**  
*Now Open!*

Applications due March 31



ACADEMY  
EDUCATION  
FOUNDATION

The Academy Education Foundation (AEF) supports innovative teacher grants and student scholarships. Follow them on Facebook at [Bees Education Foundation](#) for meeting dates and Foundation events.

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## CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATION INFORMATION

**SAVE THE DATE**  
*Academy High School*

CLASS OF *2025*  
*Graduation*  
CEREMONY

Sunday  
**MAY 25, 2025**  
4:00 pm

- *Cadence Bank Center* -  
301 W Loop 121, Belton, Texas

It's a GREAT thing to be a **Bumblebee!**

