

BRYAN ISD



The First Day of School was a success! We are so excited to have our students back on campus and can't wait to see all they accomplish this year!

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Dear Bryan ISD Families,

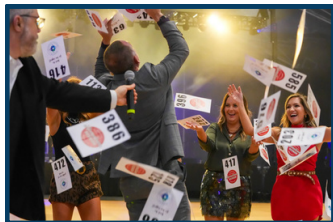
What an incredible start to the school year! Over the past month, I've had the opportunity to walk the hallways of our schools, visit campuses, and attend events across the district, and everywhere I go, I can feel the energy and excitement for the year ahead. As we hit the ground running this month, I'm excited about all that's ahead and look forward to partnering with you to ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed!

Celebrations

The Panthers have done it again! For the 14th consecutive year, Bryan Collegiate High School was just named as a "Best High School" by U.S. News and World Report for 2026. Additionally, for the third year in a row, their ranking puts them in the Top 100 High Schools in the State of Texas! BCHS ranks in the top 3% in Texas, #1 in the Brazos Valley, and the top 3% in the United States! We are so proud of the the students, staff, and families at Bryan Collegiate High School and love that their hard-work and determination continues to pay off!



It was another record year for the Bryan ISD Education Foundation's fourth annual Hometown Reunion, with more than 1,000 people gathering at Legends Event Center to dance the night away, reconnect with friends, and raise money to benefit Bryan ISD employees and students through the nonprofit Education Foundation. It was an incredible night, made even more special with Diamond Rio providing the headlining entertainment!



Congratulations to all of our Bryan ISD Summer graduates. These students walked the stage last week and received their diplomas. We are proud of each of these graduates and their commitment to education! We wish all of our newest graduates the best in their future plans! You all will forever be part of the Bryan ISD story.



Bryan ISD Community Pep Rally!



The Bryan ISD Community Pep Rally has become a terrific annual tradition! We loved kicking off the school year at Merrill Green Stadium with packed stands, recognizing teams and organizations from across Bryan ISD, and celebrating together with an incredible fireworks show to end the night!

Stay Connected!



Stay in the know! Make it a habit to check ParentSquare daily for important updates from your student's school and teachers. It's a great, centralized place to stay connected and informed!

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

The fall semester is always filled with fun and engaging events for our students and their families! Be sure to mark your calendars for the events below. You won't want to miss them!



For the first time in 9 years, the Rudder Rangers will be the home team against the Bryan Vikings at Merrill Green Stadium on September 18 at 7:00 PM. This is a Crosstown Showdown that you won't want to miss!

If you want to purchase a shirt for the game, click [HERE](#). The store will be open until midnight tonight.

2026 Homecoming



Homecoming Football Game:
Friday, Sept. 25

Homecoming Dance:
Saturday, Sept. 26



Homecoming Football Game:
Thursday, Sept. 24

Homecoming Dance:
Saturday, Sept. 19

Click [HERE](#) to access Bryan ISD's Athletic Calendars for games and competitions.

Click [HERE](#) to access Bryan ISD's Fine Arts Calendar.



Calling all Elementary & Intermediate Families! Join us for the 3rd Annual Dancing Under the Stars on Saturday, October 3, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Merrill Green Parking Lot!

As always, thank you for partnering with Bryan ISD. You are instrumental in our student's success and I appreciate your continued support!

Always Real. Offering More.

Sincerely,

Ginger Carrabine
Superintendent of Bryan ISD

At the August 10 Board Meeting, the Bryan ISD Board of Trustees approved an order calling a Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election (VATRE) for Tuesday, November 3, 2026. The VATRE will ask voters to consider a 2-cent tax increase to the district's Maintenance and Operations (M&O) tax rate from \$0.6769 to \$0.6968. If approved by voters, the VATRE would generate an estimated \$5.5 million in annual, recurring funding for Bryan ISD, not subject to recapture. To learn more, click [HERE](#).

2026 VATRE BRYAN ISD VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION	
Election Day: November 3, 2026	
What is a VATRE? A Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election is an election that allows voters to decide whether the school district can increase its Maintenance & Operations (M&O) tax rate above the amount allowed by state law without an election. Unlike a bond election, a VATRE does not pay for new buildings or construction projects. Instead, it provides annual, recurring funding that can be used for the district's day-to-day operations, such as: - Staff Compensation - Student Programs - Safety & Security	Example of Homeowner Financial Impact: \$350,000 County Appraisal Home Value - \$140,000 Homestead Exemption = \$210,000 Taxable Value Approx Annual Increase: \$42.00 Approx Monthly Increase: \$3.50 Approx Daily Increase: 12¢ Bryan ISD M&O Tax Rate will go from: \$0.6769 to \$0.6968 Additional pennies will generate: \$5.5 Million recurring per year for Bryan ISD Not subject to recapture

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With such a busy first semester, we want to see how you're celebrating! Submit your favorite First Day of School photo or a picture from a recent or upcoming school event below. We will feature your photos on our social media page! Submit [HERE](#)!