

1ST-8TH GRADE PROFILE 24-25



BOCA CHRISTIAN

NWEA MAP STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT SCORES

- BRCS students scored above the national mean in every grade level
- BRCS beat year-on-year MAP scores

AWARD-WINNING EDUCATION

- Two-time Department of Education Blue Ribbon Award Winner
- Rated as an A+ School on Niche (Top 3% of Schools on Niche)
- Deaver Foundation Award of Excellence in Teaching
- 100% of school's senior administration has served at BRCS for over 20 years

ACCREDITATIONS

- Palm Beach County Green School of Excellence Award of Excellence in Teaching
- ACSI Exemplary School for Use of Technology in Education
- National Council of Teachers for English 8X Award Winner for BRCS Literary Magazine
- Cognia
- Florida Council of Independent Schools
- Association of Christian Schools International

BOCA RATON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL (BRCS) *is a nationally recognized, accredited, Christ-centered college preparatory school. BRCS develops Christian leaders of influence for tomorrow, nurtures academic excellence, and inspires Christian character.*

ABOUT THE SCHOOL Boca Christian gives students the highest caliber of college preparatory education with a Biblical Worldview. Located on a spacious 21-acre campus in the heart of Boca Raton, Boca Christian is an independent PreK3–12th grade school established in 1973 as a ministry of Boca Raton Community Church. Boca Christian is known for its family-oriented environment, outstanding records in college placement, thriving athletics and creative arts, as well as a commitment to charitable service by our students and faculty.

PARENTS' CHOICE *In a 2023 BRCS Net Promoter survey,* parents scored BRCS in the top percentile, they were extremely likely to recommend BRCS to a friend.

WHOLE CHILD EDUCATION *Students grow academically, spiritually, emotionally, and socially.* At BRCS students are taught to stand firm in their faith, excel in their chosen profession, display kindness and discernment, and become Christian leaders of influence in the world. BRCS partners with families to uphold the highest standards and supports parental efforts to raise Christ-centered, well-rounded scholars.

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW *Students are encouraged to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ.* Biblical principles and traditional values are integrated into the curriculum, exemplified in administration, faculty, and staff, demonstrated through service projects on and off campus, practiced in weekly chapel, and honed during Spiritual Emphasis activities.

SECURITY Boca Christian provides full-time security officers with extensive prior law enforcement experience and first responder training. Security also includes controlled visitor access through the Raptor Security national database, cameras, locked classrooms, and exterior doors and gates. Staff, faculty, and parents who volunteer regularly are fingerprinted and background checks are conducted.

Our Mission *is to encourage students to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ and to provide for academic excellence. Our Vision* *is to equip all students to live courageous lives of impact as Christian leaders advancing a Biblical worldview.*

Boca Raton Christian School admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

TECHNOLOGY & RESOURCES

- 1:1 access to Chromebooks and Google Workspace for Education
- STEAM Makerspace—Hands-on, interactive, high-tech space with 3D Digital Printers, Robots, Coding and Gaming programs, Green Screen, and iPads
- Science Labs, Art, Band, Music, Age-specific Playgrounds
- Custom, State-of-the-Art Multi Sport Court, Gym & Weight Room, Batting Cage, 3-in-1 Athletic Field
- All-new Multi-media Center, Art, Band, & 500-seat Chapel for performing arts

LEADERSHIP

Len Visser, M.Ed.
Head of School

Steve Smith, M.A.Ed.
Assistant Head of School
High School Principal

Luiza Goundry, M.Ed.
Dean of Curriculum and Instruction

Robin Smith, M.Ed.
Lower School Principal

Clint Erickson, M.Ed.
Middle School Principal

Janelle Rhodes, B.A.
Middle School Assistant Principal

Ty Shiver, M.Ed.
Coordinator of School Counseling

Elizabeth Petrocelli, B.A.
Director of Admissions & Marketing

CLASS INFORMATION

- 795 students at Boca Raton Christian School (52% diversity)
- 1st–8th Grade = 483
- Average Class Size = 21
- Extended School Program is available through 8th grade

PARENTS ARE PARTNERS Parents and family members are encouraged to connect and volunteer through Parents in Prayer, All Pro Dads, and various opportunities in homerooms, the annual auction, athletics, and the Science Fair.

ELEMENTARY Students master core academic concepts and enrichment activities such as social emotional education, Media Center, Spanish, and STEAM (Science, Tech, Engineering, Art, Math). Students compete in the Science Fair, math and spelling competitions, Bible Drills, and Battle of the Books. The school offers an Academically Talented program beginning in first grade.

MIDDLE SCHOOL Middle school students are challenged through core curriculum, STEAM, world languages, technology, chapel, and competitive academics. Eighth graders explore careers and etiquette, compete in the Science Fair, and can take honors-level English and Math, with all eighth graders completing high school-level math. A unique elective, Aquarium/Terrarium, focuses on tank design, animal care, and safety.

ATHLETICS The school's athletic programs are committed to providing student athletes with experiences that will inspire them to fully develop their God-given gifts for His glory. Competitive interscholastic sports begin in 5th grade. With over 10 different sports available, students can explore their interests in various areas. The program emphasizes sportsmanship, discipline, and teamwork, preparing students to succeed both on and off the field.

FINE ARTS The fine arts program offers a rich and diverse range of opportunities, designed to inspire creativity. In elementary school, students participate in music, art, and drama. Middle school students are able to participate in choir, band, art, dance, drama, and Junior Thespians. Praise and Worship is offered at the upper elementary and middle school levels. The Fine Arts department also hosts a school-wide talent show, giving students the opportunity to showcase their unique skills and gain confidence in front of their peers.

STEAM MAKERSPACE Students collaborate, explore, and engage in STEAM activities and elective classes that challenge them to think creatively. Students use the engineering design process to develop ideas, test and prove their theories, engineer solutions, and solve problems in an innovative way. Students work collaboratively with robots, coding, and game design programs.

COUNSELING SERVICES The counseling staff supports students in navigating academic, social-emotional, career and personal development goals. Utilizing God's Word and the best counseling practices. All school counselors have a master's degree or higher.

ADMISSIONS Our Admissions Committee considers a candidate's previous school record, teachers' recommendations, and admission test results. We seek applicants who demonstrate strong academic ability, have a family commitment to their church, and desire to become part of the Boca Christian community.