TRAILBLAZING
INSIDE BABCOCK SCHOOLS
OCTOBER 2026

TEACHER & STAFF OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to this year's honorees! Thank you for the care and commitment you bring to our students every day.



Mrs. Zions
BNS Teacher of the Year
Third-Grade Teacher



Mrs. McGarey
BHS Teacher of the Year
ESE Teacher



Mrs. Phillips
BNS Staff Member of the Year
Paraprofessional

WE ARE A 2027 NICHE BEST SCHOOL

Niche rankings consider multiple measures of school performance, including academic achievement, state assessment proficiency, graduation and college data, student-teacher ratios, resources, and more. For a young and growing K-12 school community, there's a lot to celebrate, and even more ahead! We'll keep learning, improving, and trailblazing.

FROM THE *Executive Director*

Building on Progress, Strengthening Our Partnership

As our families enjoy a well-deserved fall break, I want to reflect on the progress we've made during the first nine weeks of school, thank you for your continued partnership and look ahead to the opportunities awaiting us in the second quarter.

These first nine weeks have laid an important foundation for student learning. With our first round of state assessments complete, our teachers and leadership team are reviewing baseline data to better understand where students are excelling and where additional support may be needed.

At Babcock Schools, learning is a continuous process. Rather than expecting students to master every academic standard in the first quarter, we focus on building understanding and measuring individual progress toward mastery throughout the year. This approach allows us to recognize student growth, identify learning gaps and make informed instructional adjustments as we move forward.

Your partnership is essential to that process.

Thank you to the parents, students and staff who participated in our recent perception surveys. Your feedback provides valuable insight into the experiences of our school community and helps us identify opportunities to strengthen our programs and practices. One of the advantages of our education model is the flexibility to respond thoughtfully to what students are learning. We look forward to sharing more about the survey results and how they will inform our work in the coming weeks.

Fall break also offers a wonderful opportunity to connect with your children about their learning. Ask about the projects they're working on, what they've enjoyed most and where they may be facing challenges. I encourage you to explore your child's Otus dashboard together. Rather than focusing solely on traditional grades, Otus provides a detailed picture of progress toward individual academic standards. These conversations help students recognize their own growth and take greater ownership of their learning.

Beyond academics, we're continually looking for ways to help students develop the leadership, character and problem-solving skills that define our Profile of a Trailblazer. From classroom projects to extracurricular activities, each experience offers an opportunity to build confidence, navigate challenges and make responsible decisions.

We're equally committed to creating more opportunities for parents to engage with our schools. The enthusiasm and willingness of our families to contribute to our school community have been especially encouraging. We're exploring additional ways for parents to get involved through volunteer opportunities, school events and other meaningful avenues for participation. We look forward to sharing more about these opportunities in the coming months.

I also want to thank everyone who helped make our homecoming festivities such a success, particularly our first-ever homecoming parade! Our staff, families and volunteers, including the Babcock Ranch volunteer group, helped make this milestone a wonderful celebration of school spirit and community.

As you enjoy the remainder of fall break, I hope you'll take time to recharge and celebrate your children's accomplishments. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for the next nine weeks of learning, growth and opportunity.

Thank you for being an important part of our Trailblazer community.

Shannon Treece
Executive Director
Babcock Schools

CODE IT *Forward*

Middle school robotics students became mentors during Code It Forward, partnering with Mrs. Graham's and Ms. Romano's kindergarten classes for a hands-on introduction to coding.

The project culminated with kindergarten students programming VEX 123 robots to complete simple tasks with support from their middle school partners. Younger students explored coding while their mentors practiced explaining instructions and guiding others through a challenge.







CHEF'S TABLE

Mrs. Harris and the cafeteria team recognized 12 fifth graders with a special Chef's Table experience.

Staff selected students for consistently demonstrating positive cafeteria habits, including helping carry bags, using good manners, and choosing a fruit or vegetable. The recognition celebrated the everyday choices that help make lunchtime a positive experience.



PROJECTS BEYOND *the Classroom*

From solar-powered classrooms to electric vehicles and prosthetics, Babcock students connect classroom learning with **practical needs.**





CLASSROOMS & COMMUNITY

Students are building solar-powered shipping-container classrooms, connecting construction and technology with community needs. This current work builds on Babcock's ongoing partnership with Las Niguas, Honduras, where a computer lab has already been delivered.



ENGINEERING & ENERGY

Students are designing and building electric vehicles while continuing their work with portable solar backpacks. After helping with the backpacks in the past, Babcock High School now serves as the central headquarters for the project.

The backpacks have supported needs in Ukraine, off-grid medical clinics in Africa, disaster-affected areas of North Carolina, and Jamaica.



HOMECOMING 2026

Homecoming week brought Babcock students, staff, families, and neighbors together for a full schedule of school traditions.









SPIRIT WEEK

Students and staff took part in Spirit Week as Babcock High School prepared for Homecoming. The week gave students time to celebrate together and show their Trailblazer pride.





PARADE & TAILGATE

Friday's first Homecoming parade brought the celebration into the community. Families, students, and neighbors gathered for the parade and tailgate before the evening's football game.





Thank you to the staff, volunteers, families, and students who helped make Homecoming week possible.

HOMECOMING *Celebrations*

POWDERPUFF CHAMPIONS

The Class of 2029 earned its second consecutive Powderpuff championship. Students took on roles as players, coaches, and cheerleaders, bringing class pride to the annual competition.







FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

The Trailblazers faced Marco Island Academy as families and fans gathered for the Homecoming football game.

HOMECOMING COURT

Members of the Homecoming Court took the field for halftime recognition during Friday's game.

MEET ME IN RIO

Saturday's Homecoming dance brought students together to close out the week's celebrations.





PEP BAND *Debut*

After just six weeks of practice, Babcock's pep band performed at a game for the first time.









Under the direction of Mr. Dunn, our student musicians delivered an exceptional debut. Their performance added energy to the game and helped create a great atmosphere for students, families, and fans.

Congratulations to Mr. Dunn and the pep band on a memorable first performance. Their hard work was evident, and we look forward to hearing them at future games.

SENIOR NIGHTS

Class of 2027

September's Senior Night celebrations recognized our seniors and their commitment to Babcock Athletics.















Senior Night is a chance to recognize the practices, competitions, friendships, and leadership that shape a student's time on a team. It also honors the families, coaches, and teammates who support them along the way.

Thank you, seniors, for the time and effort you have given to your teams and for the example you set for younger Trailblazers. We are proud to celebrate you.