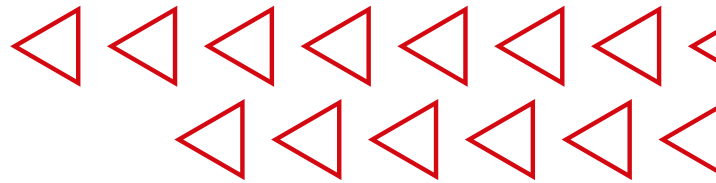




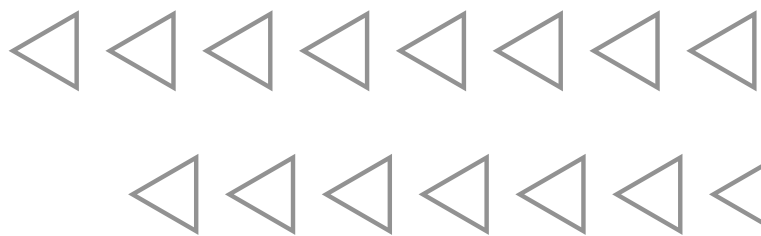
THE SOCIAL HERD



OUR MISSION

Bay Area Christian School exists to provide quality, Kingdom education to the next generation, empowering them to make disciples of Jesus at home, in society, and through the church.





This month's theme: Listen

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; - James 1:19

A message from our Head of School, **LES RAINEY**

Dear BACS Family,

As we move through this busy month, I want to take a moment to reflect on a simple yet powerful verse—James 1:19.

Honestly, living out this verse is something I have to constantly work on. Too often in conversations, I find myself more focused on formulating a response or getting in the last word rather than truly listening. In a world filled with strong opinions, and the urge to react quickly, this verse challenges us to a different way—one marked by attentive listening, thoughtful words, and patience. These qualities are essential, not only for our students but for all of us as we seek to grow in wisdom and Christlike character.

At BACS, we strive to model slow and thoughtful speech, ensuring that our words reflect grace and truth. And when frustrations creep up, we remind ourselves to be slow to anger, seeking understanding before reacting.

This month, let's be intentional in how we listen, careful with our words, and exercise patience when needed. When we do, we strengthen relationships and build a school culture that honors Christ.

It's a great day to be a Bronco!



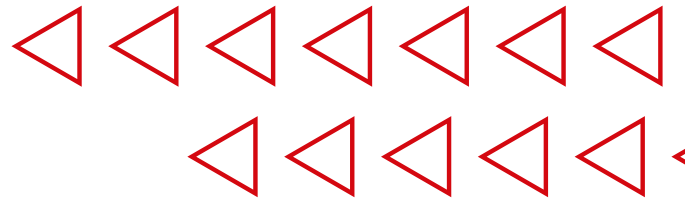


A message from our Admissions Director,
DENYS WATSON

Our Continuous Enrollment/Re-Enrollment for all K-12 students is from February 1st through the 14th. If you do NOT plan to return for the 2025/26 school year (not including seniors), please email admissions@bacschool.org with your withdrawal reason. Otherwise, your FACTS incidental account will be charged the non-refundable fee.

Open Enrollment for all K-12 students for the 2025-2026 school year is in progress!





A message from our Early Learning Academy Director,

ANITA PIERCE

James 1:19 is a verse that I focus on frequently. We are a busy culture. It is tempting to answer the question and move on. Are we actively listening, or waiting on our turn to speak? It is important to respond rather than react to stressful situations. Sometimes, frustration is based on perception rather than reality. When I am under stress, it is best for me to take a breath before responding to the question or situation. I find that if I ask additional questions to get to the root of the issue, we can partner together to come to a solution.

Mark Your Calendar

2/1 ELA Open Enrollment began for the 2025/2026 school year. Some classes are at or approaching capacity. Please contact our office at 281-554-7011 or [by email](#) for additional information.

2/14 ELA & BACS Staff & Student Holiday

2/26 Western Day P2 M/W class

2/27 Western Day: All other classes





Listening helps us understand others better and shows kindness.



A message from our Elementary Principal,
DANA DUNCAN

In James 1:19, the Bible reminds us to be "quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry." This means we should really pay attention when others are talking, think carefully before we speak, and stay calm when we're upset. Listening helps us understand others better and shows kindness. This verse encourages self-control and mindfulness in communicating with others. When we take time to listen, we can make better choices and build stronger friendships. Listening makes people feel valuable. By prioritizing listening over reacting impulsively, we create room for calmness and peace, which fosters better relationships and promotes spiritual growth.

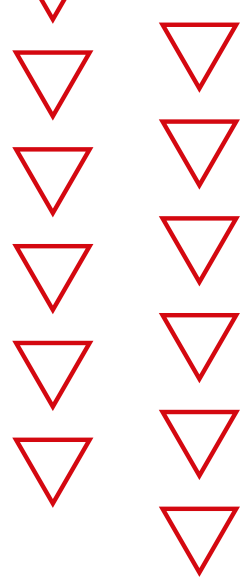
Mark Your Calendar

- 2/14 Student Holiday
- 2/27 1st and 2nd Grade Musical Program





James sums it up perfectly in this month's verse. We must not let our desire to be right or our anger cause us to open our mouths and spew poison.



Mark Your Calendar

- 2/14 School Holiday
- 2/21 7th Grade Texas Trip: Student Meeting (During Lunch)
- 2/24 8th Grade DC Trip: Student Meeting (During Lunch)

A message from our Junior High Principal, **JARED FUQUA**

When I was fourteen, my grandfather was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. This hit hard, because he was like a father to me. When my parents divorced, he took on an important role in my life. So much so that I chose his name, Vol, to be my son's middle name. In my last summer with him, I could tell he began to try to teach me things that a father passes on to a son. He showed me how to change the oil and belts in our car. He took me to the breaker box and explained how breakers work and what to check when the power goes out. My favorite bit of knowledge received, however, was given to me during one of our walks together. Before I begin, please understand that my grandfather was Irish. Very Irish. When he was younger, he had black hair with a reddish tint beard. His last name was Bailey. Most important to the story, though, is that he had what some would call an Irish temper. As kind and loving as he was, my grandfather's temper could sometimes flash in a moment's time. I say this fondly, because watching football or baseball with him could be comical. He would be quite irritated with Boston Red Sox manager, Terry Francona, for leaving in Pedro Martinez too long. He would let out frustrations with NFL players for dropping a pass or making a terrible throw. I proudly attribute

my pessimism as a sports fan to him. But back to my point, he could speak quickly out of anger, bringing about the need for an apology on his part. This was the lesson he tried to teach me. He brought it up in the middle of our walk. "Son, you always want to be careful before you speak and lose your temper," he began. I quickly answered with a "Yessir, I know." He responded thoughtfully, "No, I really mean it. Because if you do, you will have to apologize. And you really don't want to have to go through that." I laugh at that to this day, because I understand it now. It's not that he was resentful and didn't want to apologize. It was the fact that he had to apologize due to behavior that was embarrassing to him. I have tried, successfully and woefully unsuccessfully, to remember his advice and apply it to my life. James sums it up perfectly in this month's verse. We must not let our desire to be right or our anger cause us to open our mouths and spew poison. We must listen, mull, pray, and then answer. Because if we don't, in the words of my grandfather, we will have to apologize!





A message from our High School Principal,
HAROLD PAYNE

This past week, during Spiritual Emphasis Week, I was reminded of just how incredible our student body truly is. On the first day, our speaker led an activity where students came forward to write on a note card and then returned to their seats. What happened next filled me with pride. Without any prompting, over 350 junior high and high school students fell completely silent, showing deep respect and attentiveness as they awaited the speaker's next words. How many places can you go where teenagers display that level of honor and self-discipline without being asked? This moment was a testament to the quality of our students and the culture we have built at BACS, one of respect, character, and a shared desire to grow spiritually. It reminded me of James 1:19 which says, "Know this, my beloved brothers, let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger." Our students are learning to listen well, to seek wisdom, and to honor those who pour into their lives. I am beyond blessed to work alongside them and to witness the incredible young men and women they are becoming. BACS is not just a school. It is a community where hearts and minds are shaped for a greater purpose.

Mark Your Calendar

2/17-19 Freshmen and Sophomore Retreat
2/28-3/2 BETA Convention





A message from our Academic Counselor,

NANCY GADD

One of the most rewarding experiences working with high school students is watching them grow and mature. The ability to listen and be still is learned. Being slow to anger and using self control is a fruit of the Spirit. My goal at the high school is to come alongside our students helping them to recognize their worth as a reflection of a holy God, and to rest in the stillness of His voice. Many times students will come into my office and simply need to talk. They need someone to hear and listen to them, not necessarily responding but just hearing and encouraging. Hopefully the ability to learn how to listen to, and love each other will be cultivated. As a school campus, we need to embody patience, self-control, and stillness, to see the fruits of the Spirit lived out in real, everyday relationships.

Announcements

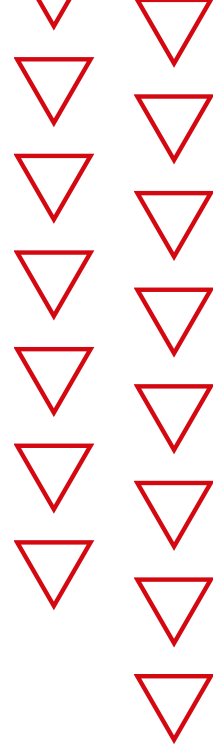
High school course selection is open. Please submit your [online course selection form](#) by 2/28.

Testing Dates

Juniors: Upcoming SAT is 3/8.
The deadline to register is 2/21.

Upcoming ACT is 4/5. The deadline to register is 2/28.





A message from our Fine Arts Director,
MARIANNE MORRISON

Listening is an important skill in all of life, but it is especially important in music ensembles. God gave us two ears and one mouth, and listening is probably one of the most underrated skills musicians and individuals can develop. In an ensemble, active listening is not just about playing or singing your part well; it's about how you interact with everyone else. In ensembles, the goal is often to create a unified sound rather than a collection of individual voices or sounds. Listening to others helps you adjust your volume, tone, and articulation so that you're contributing to the overall balance. With groups, it's easy for things to get off track rhythmically if you're not listening carefully to the others. Listening well ensures you're

staying in sync with your fellow musicians, especially when the rhythm is shifting or when there are complex time signatures or difficult passages. Listening also allows you to be a supportive player and helps create an environment where every musician can contribute to the collective musical experience. Musicians in an ensemble develop a deep sense of trust and understanding through listening, being aware of each other's part, and responding to the conductor's cues and instructions. In the same way, when we learn to listen to others in other areas of life, it allows us to respond to their needs and helps build trusting, supportive relationships, which brings glory and honor to God.

Mark Your Calendar

2/27 1st & 2nd Grade Musical

2/28 Secondary Choir Solo Festival

3/27 Talent Show (K-3rd begins at 5:30pm, 4th-6th begins at 6:30pm, 7th-12th begins at 7:30pm)

For more information and to enter the Talent Show [click here](#).





A message from our Athletics Director,
KYLE KENNEDY

This month's verse really hits home for me because it reminds me how important it is to listen before reacting. In my own life, I've found that taking a second to truly understand where someone is coming from helps me avoid a lot of unnecessary drama and misunderstandings. Being slow to speak and slow to anger gives me space to breathe and process things with more patience, which makes my conversations and relationships much more thoughtful. It's a constant reminder to be intentional with my words and actions, especially when I'm feeling frustrated or caught off guard.

Winter Sports News

Wrestling

The wrestling team will compete in the TAPPS State Tournament on Saturday, February 15th, at Bishop Lynch High School.

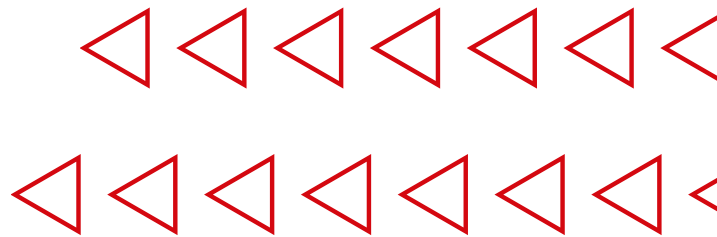
Girls' Soccer

The Varsity Girls' Soccer team will play home vs. Second Baptist on Tuesday, February 17th, at 4:30 PM.

Spring Sports News

Golf

The Golf team's first tournament will be held at home at Magnolia Creek on February 24th at 8:00 AM.



Announcements

Stay tuned next month for the opening of registration for our exciting summer athletic camps. Don't miss your chance to sign up!



Bronco Backer Golf Tournament

Monday, April 7th, 2025

Tennis

The Tennis team will participate in their tournament at Missouri City Tennis Center on Thursday, February 13th, at 8:00 AM.

Softball

The Varsity Softball team's first game will be on February 24th at 5:00 PM at Cristo Rey.

Baseball

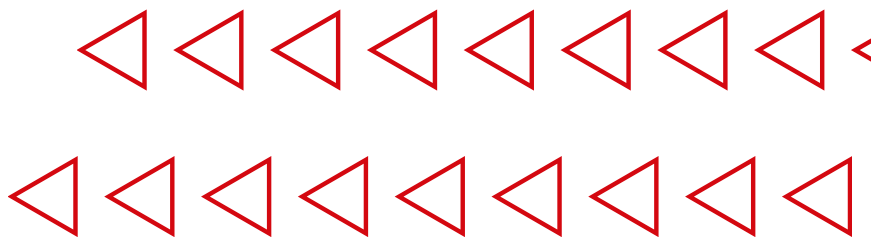
The Baseball team will travel to Dallas for their first tournament of the season on Friday & Saturday, February 14th/15th.

Track & Field

The High School Track team, with 50 athletes on the roster, will compete in their first meet of the season on Saturday, February 15th, at 9:00 AM at The Woodlands Christian Academy.



Swim News



What an incredible season for our swim team! Our boys finished an outstanding 2nd place in the state, while our girls secured 3rd place. In an impressive display of talent, 11 school records were shattered.

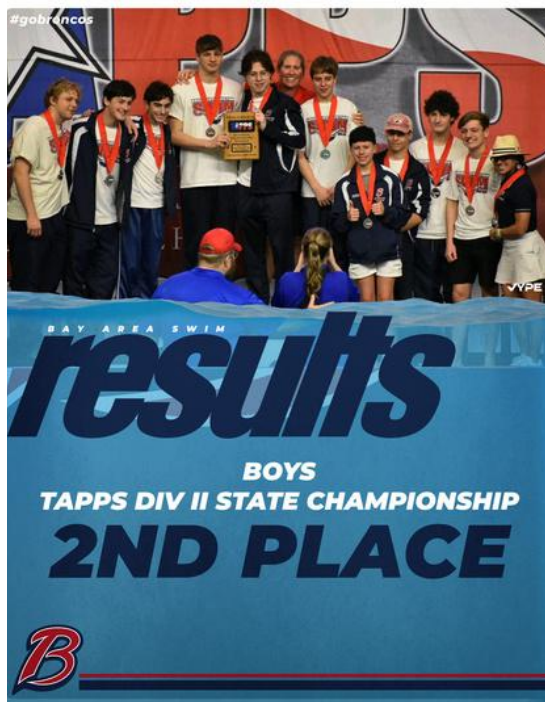
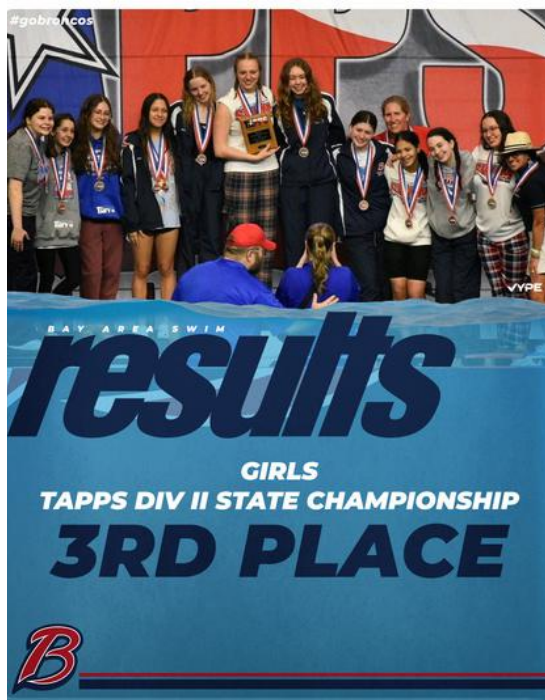
A special shoutout to the following athletes for their achievements:

- Raymond Farland, Ayden Hilliard, Kade Curley, and Tristan Arghiropol earned First Team All-State honors, while Elizabeth Jones, Laney Thompson, Campbell Bradley, Ella Pereira, and Noah Ammons made Honorable Mention All-State.

Here are some of the key highlights from the meet:

- Raymond Farland:
 - 1st place in the 100 Fly (State Champion)
 - 2nd place in the 200 Free (New school record)
- Ayden Hilliard:
 - 1st place in the 100 Free (State Champion-New school record)
 - 2nd place in the 50 Free (New school record)
- Elizabeth Jones:
 - 3rd place in the 200 Free (New school record)
- Ella Pereira:
 - 6th place in the 50 Free (New school record)
- Laney Thompson:
 - 7th place in the 100 Back (New school record)
- Boys 400 Free Relay:
 - 1st place - Raymond Farland, Kade Curley, Tristan Arghiropol, & Ayden Hilliard (State Champions-New school record)
- Boys 200 Free Relay:
 - 3rd place - Ayden Hilliard, Kade Curley, Noah Ammons, & Raymond Farland (New school record)
- Girls 200 Free Relay:
 - 3rd place - Laney Thompson, Campbell Bradley, Elizabeth Jones, & Ella Pereira (New school record)
- Girls 400 Free Relay:
 - 3rd place - Ella Pereira, Campbell Bradley, Elizabeth Jones, & Laney Thompson (New school record)

This season has been truly unforgettable, marked by exceptional dedication, relentless effort, and incredible performances. We are beyond proud of every swimmer for their commitment and achievements. You've set a new standard of excellence. Go Broncos!





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...He knows best
about anything and
has a solution to
all of it.

A message from our Director of Curriculum and Instruction,

LINDA MUDGETT

This month's scripture assures me that I don't need to give an answer right away. It is always better to process through any issue with Jesus and get His perspective before answering anyway. Once His heart is realized, the anger part slips away too. Leaning in and listening to what God is saying about things is such a wonderful discipline to have because He knows best about anything and has a solution to all of it. When I quiet myself and lean in to see what it is He is saying to me (Habakkuk 2:1), the outcomes are so much better than what I could ever manufacture on my own, and it also builds trust and eliminates fear and anxiety. I would like to live like this all the time.

Mark Your Calendar

4/14-17 Iowa Achievement testing

Announcements

Updated Brochures for Elementary are finished and should be posted on the website soon.





We benefit as a school community when each person seeks to build others up with attentive listening and patient words.

A message from our Director of Student Support,
MIKE AMMONS

Dear BACS Families, let's focus on James 1:19 (ESV): "Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger." This verse is both convicting and challenging because it sets forth attributes, quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger, that are unconditionally applied to all believers. Clearly, this represents an impossibly tall task none of us are able to accomplish on our own merit. And our attention to this is significant, because James 1:20 reveals that failing in these attributes prevents us from producing the righteousness of God.

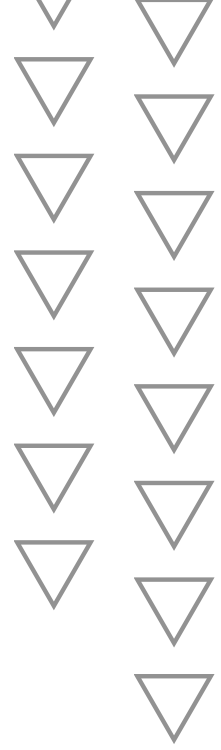
Thankfully, Scripture teaches in 2 Corinthians 5:21 that the righteousness of God is available to us through faith in Jesus Christ. So, the key to communication practices that bring glory to God by honoring and respecting others is available through faith in Jesus and active obedience to this verse (James 1:19). These acts are initiated not by altering our words, but rather allowing our hearts to be transformed by Christ.

With that in mind, here are three practical ideas to help us be "quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger." First, each day, read the Bible, inviting the Holy Spirit to guide you and cultivate a heart toward loving others. Second, manage emotional responses by waiting just a few seconds before responding to someone, giving yourself a moment to process and ensure your words reflect grace. Third, develop a habit of self-reflection, asking God to reveal impatience or anger, then surrender these feelings to Him in prayer.

By putting these simple steps into practice, we remind ourselves daily that respectful listening and measured speech honor Jesus' example. We benefit as a school community when each person seeks to build others up with attentive listening and patient words.

We are called to represent Christ to a watching world, and our habits of communication can powerfully testify to His transforming love. As we align our hearts with His righteousness, we are enabled to follow James 1:19 in a way that honors God and strengthens our relationships.





A message from our nurses,

BRIANNA ARGHIROPOL & DARCY GONZALEZ

Hey Broncos!

We are in Flu season and are beginning to see more confirmed cases. As you may know, Flu can be spread easily from person to person. Therefore, we are taking steps to prevent the spread of Flu at Bay Area Christian School. To help accomplish this, we need your help.

Please notify us by emailing nurse@bacschool.org if your student(s) are diagnosed by a physician with flu, covid, strep or any other contagious illness.

Thank you for your help in keeping our Broncos healthy!

Keeping our Broncos healthy and strong,
Brianna Arghiropol APRN, FNP-C & Darcy Gonzalez RN



BRONCO ANNOUNCEMENTS



Friday, February 14, 2025 is a student/teacher holiday. The campus will be closed. Enjoy your Valentine's Day off!



The BACS Fine Arts Department will be hosting the annual **Talent Show on Thursday, March 27th.** Encourage your student to tap into their creativity while they showcase their best talents! The **deadline** to enter is **February 26.** Click [here](#) for more information.



During our 2025 Community Carnival, we will host a **SILENT AUCTION** in the Auxiliary Gym from 10:00 - 1:30. We are looking for **items of \$50 or more** to auction during our event. Items can be donated by families or secured from other businesses. A few ideas are custom items, sporting event tickets, photography sessions, gift certificates, trips including fishing, golfing, hunting, dental packages, beach house stays or day spa packages. The ideas are endless. We will start with an online auction the week of the Carnival. Items not purchased as "buy it now" will be transferred to the gym on March 29. Contact Deena.Heidemann@bacschool.org for more information. Please leave auction items in the **Elementary Office by March 3.**



The **7th Annual Bronco Backers Golf Tournament** to be held on **Monday, April 7, 2025.** Scan the QR code for more information.



Wristbands on sale
beginning March 3

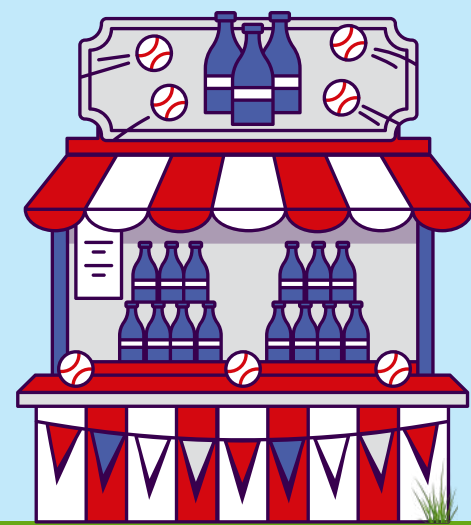
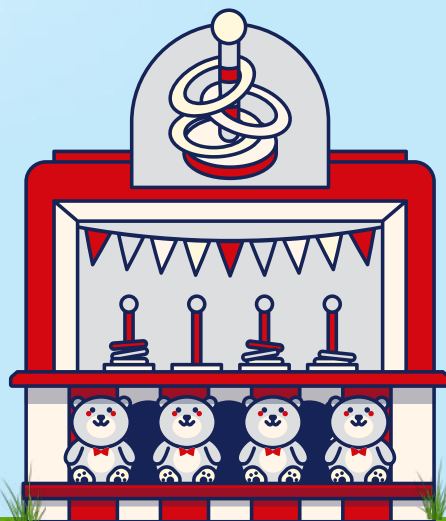


No rain out date,
no refunds

BACS SPRING

CARNIVAL

-Carnival-Craft Show-Silent Auction-



March 29th, 2025 | 10am - 2pm



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What do you call a pirate without an eye?
A Prate
-Caleb Schrock



What did the cucumber say to the pickle?
You mean a great dill to me!
-Mrs. Wilcott



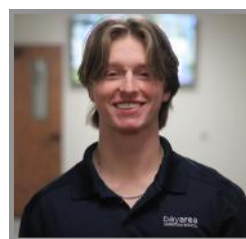
What did one pig say to the other?
Don't go bacon my heart!
-CJ Nevills



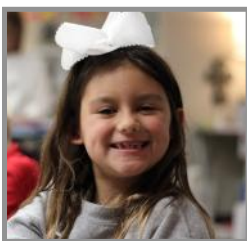
What is the best part of the waffle?
The W because without it, it would be awful!
-Ellery Chari



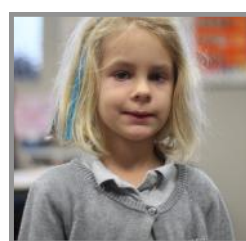
Why couldn't the computer take off his hat?
Because it was on caps lock!
-Huxley Peters



Chuck Norris doesn't read.
He just waits till the book speaks to him.
-Peyton Ardoin



Knock Knock. Who's there?
Happy. Happy who?
Happy Valentine's Day!
-Juliana Rincon



Why did the chicken cross the road?
To get to the restaurant!
-Olivia Collins



My love for you is like dividing by zero.
It can't be defined!
-Bella Gaviria



Wanna hear my joke about paper?
It's TEARable!
-Nolan Lily

