

# The SOCIAL HERD

Bay Area Christian School

Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him and make His footsteps a way.

*Psalm 85:11-13*



Andrew Fuller, Jaxton Carnes, Braxton Griffin, Everett Kusnyer  
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**BRONCOS**  
BAY AREA CHRISTIAN

April 2024 Newsletter

a word from our head of school

# LES RAINEY

*what did you want to be when you were a child?*



"A Target cashier!"  
*Mrs. Arghiropol*



"An astronaut!"  
*Pastor Williams*



"A business worker!"  
*Mrs. Watson*

*appreciation shoutout*



A big shoutout to our incredible IT team on campus! Their tireless dedication keeps our digital infrastructure running smoothly, ensuring seamless connectivity and support for all students, faculty, and staff. We appreciate their hard work and commitment to keeping our campus technology top-notch.

*important dates*

- Week of April 15th**  
Variety Dress Week
- April 16th**  
Progress Reports
- April 20th**  
Prom
- April 22-25th**  
8th Grade DC Trip
- April 24th**  
Baptism Chapel
- April 26th**  
Kinder Field Day



## A redeeming love

As we move past the Easter season, we can easily begin to forget all that God has done for us, just as the Israelites did thousands of years ago. We serve the same God today, that parted the Red Sea and provided again and again for His people. His goodness towards us has not changed. In Exodus 15, verses 11 and 13, we are reminded of His redeeming love:

*"Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?  
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,  
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?  
You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you  
have redeemed;  
you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode."*

These verses celebrate the deliverance of the Israelites from the Egyptian army at the Red Sea. It exalts God's unmatched power, holiness, and faithfulness in rescuing His people. The imagery of His steadfast love emphasizes His involvement in redeeming His children. This passage serves as a great reminder of God's sovereignty, mercy, and enduring love. Let's continue to focus on the wonderful attributes of our loving and caring Father.

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a word from our ELA director

# ANITA PIERCE



## Endless love

Love is the attribute of God that encourages me most to praise Him. God's love is not based on our terms or expectations. His love is endless. It does not change according to our circumstances. He knows everything about us, good and bad, and still chooses to love us. Love is the essence of God's character. It is unconditional. He loves me just as I am.

*"Whoever does not love does not know God because God is love."  
1 John 4:8*

## important dates

### April 17

10:45-12:00 - Picnic with Parents PT Classes including P2 MW  
9:30 - Ms. Asia's & Ms. Fitch's classes sing in Chapel

### April 18

10:45-12:00 - Picnic with Parents PT Classes including P2 T/Th

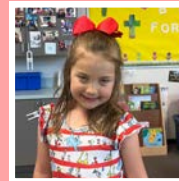
### May 1

9:30am - Mrs. Ullrich & Ms. Graziosi's classes sing in Chapel

### May 15

Registration deadline for ELA Summer Camps 1-4

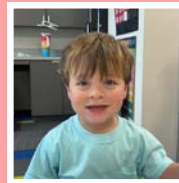
*what do you want to be when you grow up?*



*"A ballerina!"  
-Autumn Mendiola*



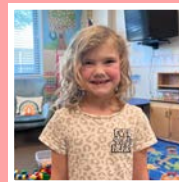
*"A pilot!"  
-Bryson Cowan*



*"Batman!"  
-Graham Cooper*



*"A cowgirl!"  
-Adeline Eovaldi*

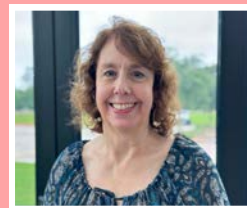


*"A teacher!"  
-Ellis Grundman*



*"A superhero!"  
-Khash Patel*

## appreciation shoutout



Joan is our ELA Floater. She supports all classrooms and frequently fills in to sub in our classrooms! We are thankful for Joan's service!

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a word from our elementary principal

# DANA DUNCAN



### appreciation shoutout

I would like to give a huge shoutout of appreciation to our wonderful PE teachers! They have worked diligently to partner with BACS and World Vision to give our students the opportunity to experience other cultures through a water walk activity. I am so thankful for their love for the Lord and our students!

### important dates

- April 18**  
3rd and 4th grade Musical
- April 24**  
Baptism Chapel
- April 26**  
Kindergarten Field Day



## Unwavering promises

My favorite attribute of God is His faithfulness. God is faithful! We can trust in His character because He is perfectly true and faithful. God's faithfulness shows His complete trustworthiness. When God makes a promise, it is unwavering. God's faithfulness shows His steadfast loyalty and love for us. God is faithful and will always abide with us. He will never abandon us. He is so worthy to be praised!

*"Great is your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, says my soul, therefore I hope in Him."  
Lamentations 3:23-24*

### Your future in 3 words...



"Veterinarian, college, military"

-Paislee Hawa



"Fishing, car, own home"

-Owen Dieste



"Mountain climber, painter, teacher"

-Vivian Longoria



"Engineer, family, college"

-Vincent Bales



"Veterinarian, white car, my life in a book"

-Nora Scott

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a word from our junior high principal

# JARED FUQUA



## A merciful God

My finite mind is consistently dumbfounded with how merciful our God is. We are born sinful and live lives full of sin. Because of this, we do not deserve to spend eternity with a God who is holy and without sin. However, in His mercy, He reaches and calls out to us through His Spirit to accept His offer of forgiveness. Despite all of our sin and darkness of hearts, He mercifully allows us to wake up in the morning and places each breath in our lungs so that we may hopefully use each moment to praise and glorify Him! Ephesians 2:4-5 states,

*"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together in Christ - by grace you have been saved."*

### *important dates*

**April 22-25**  
8th Grade DC Trip  
**May 3**  
Bronco Ball



### *appreciation shoutout*

I appreciate our PE coaches, Coach Buchanan and Coach Kennedy. They care about our students physical and spiritual health, and desire that our students learn to push themselves in both areas.

### *which college did you go to?*



"University of Houston Clear Lake and the Defense Language Institute."

*-Mr. Darling*



"Azusa Pacific University."

*-Mrs. Van Eps*



"Sam Houston State University."

*-Mrs. Garner*



"Texas Tech University."

*-Mrs. Garcia*

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a word from our high school principal

# HAROLD PAYNE

*What is your biggest takeaway from this year?*



“Make the best of every situation, especially here in senior year it can be stressful, but it is also a time full of lots of joy. Don’t dwell on the stressful things!”  
-Macy Morrison



“To keep on pushing through the challenges you face.”  
-Ethan Rasmussen



“Whenever I feel alone or that God wasn’t there for me, He always was there. I’ve learned that if He was there for everyone since the beginning of time, why would He fail now?”  
-Ava Lowrey

## *important dates*

- April 20**  
Prom
- May 15**  
Senior Chapel



## His unwavering love

God's infinite love and grace fill me with an indescribable sense of joy and gratitude. It's like a constant stream of warmth and comfort, reassuring me of His presence in my life. I praise Him for His unwavering love, which remains steadfast through every moment. In His grace, I find solace and strength, knowing that I am deeply valued and cherished. It's a love that brings a smile to my face and a sense of peace to my soul.



## *appreciation shoutout*

Big shoutout to Coach Ritt for bringing Bible class to life with your stories, passion, and enthusiasm! Your dedication extends beyond the classroom, attending sporting events to cheer on the kids, fostering a sense of community and support. Thank you for investing your time and effort into the holistic growth of students, embodying the essence of mentorship and guidance.

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a word from our counselor

# NANCY GADD



## The compassion of God

The shortest Bible verse can be found in John 11:35. Jesus wept when Lazarus died. He felt deep sorrow at the sight of death even knowing He was about to raise Lazarus back to life. Physical death and separation from God was never His desire. God cares when we are hurting and wants to give comfort. He feels what we feel. Because of his compassion and abounding love, he made the sacrifice for forgiveness and restoration.

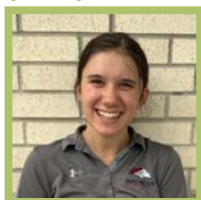
*"He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart." Psalm 91:4*

Rest under "His wings" knowing He will protect you and give you peace. Breathe deep into the knowledge of God sure of who He is, and who you are as His child for all eternity.

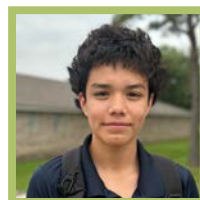
*what college do you plan on going to?*



"University of Houston."  
-Owen Mann



"Texas A&M University."  
-Addy Sandell



"University of Texas."  
-Bobby Cuellar

### *important dates*

**Upcoming SAT Date**  
May 4

**Upcoming ACT Date**  
June 8

### *appreciation shoutout*

I appreciate our BACS school and church prayer partners. As a faculty we feel those prayers. The Spirit intercedes (Romans 8) and God moves in a mighty way.



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a word from our athletic director

# KYLE KENNEDY

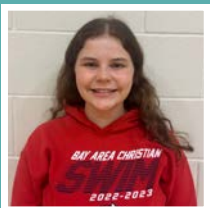
*How would you like to see yourself improve in your sport?*



"I want to win State."  
*-Jude Hebert*



"I would like to improve my hitting."  
*-Elijah Bridges*



"I would like to get better at running and discus."  
*-Kate Jacobson*

*appreciation shoutout*



I would like to give a shoutout to Vicki Fletcher. Vicki does a lot of work behind the scenes on our campus. We are all grateful for her help.



## He is good

His goodness and love are attributes of God that cause me to worship Him the most. The fact that we are all sinners and fall short, but He still loves us, proves He is good, kind, and compassionate. The Lord wants the best for every single one of us as His children. He is good to us.

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." Psalm 107:1*



## Senior Signings

- Garrett Stowe:** (Baseball)-Franklin & Marshall College
- Garrett McClain:** (Baseball)-Lyon College
- Mackenna Bessler:** (Cross Country and Track)-Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- Brenna Fledderman:** (Volleyball)-Milwaukee School of Engineering
- Brooke Fledderman:** (Volleyball)-Milwaukee School of Engineering
- Jack Dudley:** (Football)-Ohio Wesleyan University

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## *important dates*

- April 15-16**  
TAPPS Tennis State Championship
- April 22**  
Golf Regional Championship



a word from our fine arts director

# MARIANNE MORRISON



## Continued grace

I am grateful for the continued grace and mercy the Lord shows me daily. It is hard to pick just one attribute, but I reflect daily on His sovereignty. It is so comforting to remember that no matter what chaos might be happening in and around us, God is in control of everything, and His purposes and plans are for our good and for His glory. Even though we may not understand what is happening, we can pray the same prayer that the Lord prayed three times in the garden of Gethsemane. Each time he surrendered to the father, he echoed the words "Yet not what I will, but what you will" (Mark 14:36). This brings me so much comfort and peace!



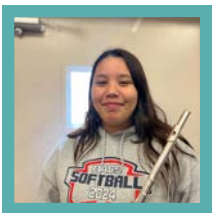
### appreciation shoutout

I am so thankful for our band director, Glen Gray! He has the best smile and makes music fun and exciting for our band students. The BACS Band program has grown so much under his leadership...THANK YOU, MR. GRAY!

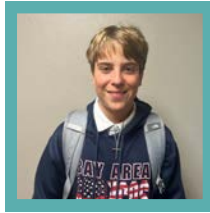
### important dates

- April 13th**  
JH Performing Arts Trip - Six Flags
- April 17th-18th**  
HS Orchestra Festival, TX A&M Kingsville
- April 18th**  
3rd & 4th Grade Musical
- April 19th**  
JH & HS TPSMEA Festival
- May 7th**  
Fine Arts Night
- May 9th-11th**  
HS Performing Arts Trip - Dallas

## Do you want to use your fine art abilities in the future?



"Yes, as a hobby to keep composing and maybe play gigs in the future."  
-Cynthia Tweed



"Yes, I would love to play tenor saxophone in college."  
-Tristan Arghiropol



"Yes, I would love to play little jazz gigs in the park when I am older."  
-Diego Rivera



"Yes, my goal is to do band in college and come back one day to encourage future band students to stay with it and enjoy it throughout their lives."  
-Sophia Grimm

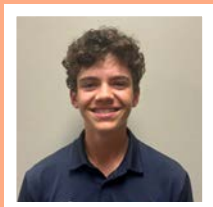
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a word from our director of student support

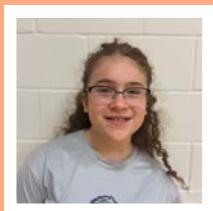
# MIKE AMMONS

Where do you see yourself in ten years?



“At LSU going to Q-School.”

-Micah Stewart



“Going to A&M majoring in finance with my sister.”

-Tinsley Leitner



“I’ll be in college getting a Master’s in editing .”

-Alex Bernal



“Teaching and fighting Mrs. George in Oreo wars!”

-Mrs. Rainey

appreciation shoutout



I would like to give a shoutout to all the HS students who got soaked by water balloons thrown by the BACS staff from the roof of the Athletic Center. You guys were easy targets and you made our night up on the roof adventurous and fun!



## God’s eternity

The solar eclipse came and went and the world did not end. So, it seems like a fitting time to reflect on the profound nature of God's eternity. Unlike us, God exists outside the bounds of time (He is the creator of time) and His presence stretches from the infinite past to the infinite future, unchanging. God sees the past, present, and future more clearly than any of us see this current, present moment right now. As God's finite creation, humans lack the reasoning to fully understand the implications of His eternity, but we can be certain of one thing: for God's people there has never been or will never be a moment that occurs without His presence. In uncertain times, this understanding of God as eternal, all-loving, and all-powerful becomes a source of unparalleled peace and security. It reassures us that even if the world, as we know it, were to end entirely; God would be there no matter what. Through faith in Jesus Christ we are reconciled to our eternal, all-powerful, loving God; and if God is for us, what can come against us?

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a word from  
our director of curriculum & instruction

# LINDA MUDGETT



## See the good

The attributes of God that cause me to praise Him the most are His grace, mercy, and kindness. One of the scriptures that is a “go to” for me is Isaiah 30:18 “Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion.” Another scripture that has been encouraging to me is Romans 8:28 “And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.” Recently, I had a friend encourage me to declare that I would see the good. I would need to take my thoughts captive and declare what God said and not what I observed or felt (I know I need these reminders). Two days later, my brother fell down steep loft stairs and received a traumatic brain injury and broke over 15 bones. We didn’t think he would make it, but we kept declaring that we would see the good! My brother is home and doing well and is a walking miracle. He rededicated his life to Christ on Easter Sunday. We have been waiting for this miracle for over 40 years.

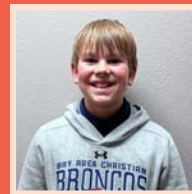
*What is your hardest subject and how have you worked to get better?*



### AP Physics

“I have a tutor and I have been praying more.”

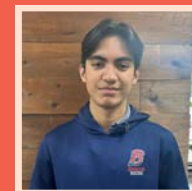
*-Campbell Bradley*



### English

“My brothers help me and quiz me.”

*-Branson Hall*



### Anatomy

“I am taking better notes.”

*-Gavin Galindo*



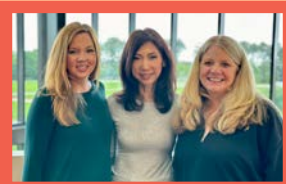
### Math

“I have been practicing more at home.”

*-Madelyn Wagner*

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## appreciation shoutout



I would like to give a shoutout of appreciation to our Finance Department - Indi Tumborang, Stacy Virts, and Tonya Schepis. These ladies are extremely helpful and keep all the numbers straight. I really appreciate them.

## important information

We are pleased to announce that we will be facilitating the purchase of Vacation Station summer workbooks from Bob Jones University Press again this year for rising 1st through rising 7th graders. These are a great resource to help preserve academic skills learned at school as well as to mitigate the typical summer slide. Each book costs \$15, and orders are due by Friday, April 26. If you are interested, please click on this [link](#) and fill out the form. Payment will be handled through FACTS. Let us know if you have any questions.



getting to know

# OUR BACS FAMILY

## The Kelly family

**Tell us about your family.**

Jesse Kelly, Aubrey Kelly, James Kelly (9th grade), Luke Kelly (7th grade).

**Why BACS?**

We chose BACS because of the wonderful Kingdom Education that it provides and the staff who welcomed us with open arms. This is our 8th year at BACS and we can't imagine ourselves anywhere else. It feels like home. We are so thankful for the many teachers, staff, and friends who have become like family and watching our children grow in their identity in Christ.

**Favorite activities?**

James enjoys cross country, track & field, band (tuba), video games, and art. He is looking forward to entering the dual credit program through the College of the Mainland and continuing to work toward his driver's license this summer. Luke is passionate about swimming, band (tuba), video games, and reading. He is looking forward to PineCove and visiting his grandparents over the summer. As a family, we love traveling, cheering on our Astros, everything food-related, and spending time with our Goldendoodle, Fred.



## Mrs. Jones

*Kindergarten*



**Tell us your testimony.**

I cannot remember a day when I didn't know the work of Jesus. I was blessed to be accepted by the Lord Jesus Christ as my savior when I was in second grade. I remember sitting in Sunday school and my teacher had a glass of water that was half full. She said this glass of water represents your life without Christ. Then she poured more water into the glass and said when you accept Christ your life becomes full just like this glass of water. I immediately knew that I wanted my life to be full and accepted Jesus that Sunday morning.

**Tell us about your family.**

I have been married to my husband Bill for 26 years, soon to be 27 in July. We have two great kids Nicholas and Jenna. Nic is a senior at LSU and will graduate in December and Jenna is a freshman at the University of Arkansas. We have a fur baby, Charlie who is 12 and he totally rules the house.

**How long have you been teaching?**

I have taught for 20 years in 5 different states. Almost all of my teaching career has been in kindergarten. This is my 6th year at BACS.

**Your idea of the perfect vacation?**

My idea of a perfect vacation is not so much about the destination anymore. It's about having my family with me. All four of us together! Time is precious as my kids get older and it makes my heart happy when we are all together.

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# EASTER FUN!



Cortez Family



Hall Family



Hubbard Family



Caldwell Family



Morrison Family



Short Family



Isaac Family



Tisnado Family



Stevenson Family



Hall Family



Foxworth Family



Potthoff Family



Meyer Family



Brown Family



Lyle Family



Skeeter Family



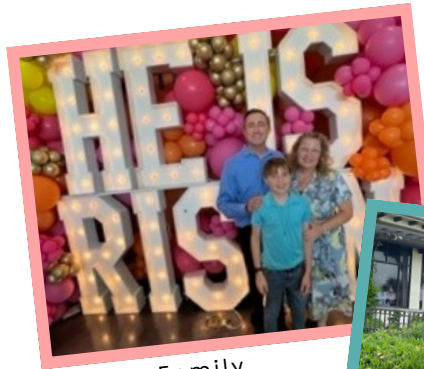
Smith Family



Cordell Family

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# MORE EASTER FUN!



Vincent Family



Gibbs Family



Peters Family



Dunn Family



Macaluso Family



Hartman Family



Holzbach Family



Fernandez Family



McCord Family



Caltagirone Family



Armstrong Family



Fey Family



Spruce Family



Galindo Family



Gatlin Family



Hobson Family

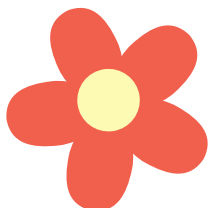
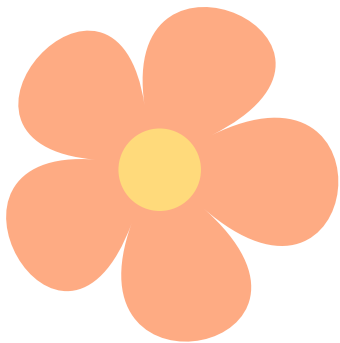
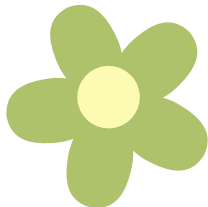
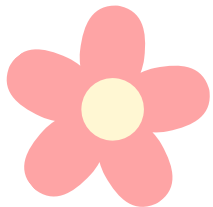
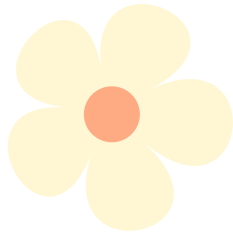
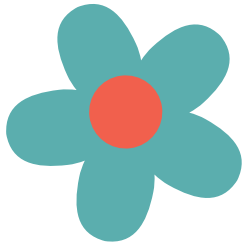


Gould Family

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giggles with

# OUR BRONCOS



**What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire?**

Frostbite!  
*Kyle Caldwell*



**Mr. and Mrs. Red live in the red house. Mr. and Mrs. purple live in the purple house. Who lives in the white house?**

The president!  
*Kinsley Savell*



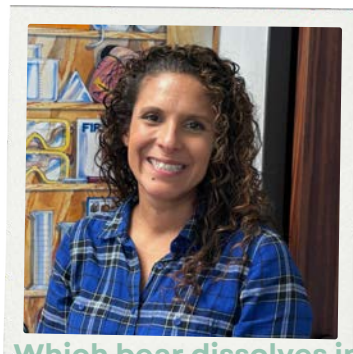
**Do you want to hear a joke about construction?**

Too bad, I'm still working on it!  
*Joan Farland*



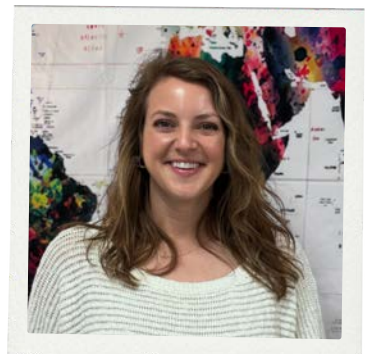
**How do you like your eggs?**

Scrambled, raw, or eggcellent!  
*Matthew Young*



**Which bear dissolves in water?**

A polar bear!  
*Mrs. Pratt*



**What do you call a huge pile of cats?**

A meowtain!  
*Mrs. Holloway*

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# VARIETY DRESS WEEK

*Be creative and enjoy the week!*

## Elementary

**Monday, April 15th :** Animal Print and Stuffed Animal Day – students may wear animal print or their favorite animal t-shirt and bring their favorite stuffed animal.

**Tuesday, April 16th:** Ties, Tie-Dye, and Tutu Day – students may wear ties, tie-dye shirts, and/or tutus. Boys may wear ties and/or tie-dye t-shirts. Boys may not wear tutus. Girls may wear tie-dye t-shirts and/or tutus. If a girl is planning to wear a tutu, it must be worn over modest blue jeans with no rips or holes or Land's End uniform bottoms.

**Wednesday, April 17th:** Christian T-Shirt and Christian Hat Day – students may wear their favorite Christian t-shirt and/or Christian hat with a slogan or verse.

**Thursday, April 18th:** Hawaiian and Sunglasses Day – students may wear their favorite Hawaiian/tropical clothes, appropriate and modest dresses for girls are permitted. If a student wants to wear a grass skirt, it must be worn over modest blue jeans with no rips or holes or Land's End uniform bottoms.

**Friday, April 19th:** Extreme Spirit Day – students may show their extreme Bronco pride by wearing school colors, hats, face paint, spray hair color, etc. Please note face paint and hair color are only approved for this day.

## Highschool

**Monday, April 15th :** Hobby Day- What do you like to do with your time? Fishing? Play a sport? Dress like your favorite hobby.

**Tuesday, April 16th:** Fashion Faux pas Day- Wear mis-matched clothes. Plaid w/ stripes, etc.

**Wednesday, April 17th:** Salad Dressing Day (by grade)

Seniors – Caesar: Wear a toga over your clothes. Uniform is not required, but you must be fully dressed under your toga.

Juniors – Thousand Island: Wear island-themed clothing. Hawaiian shirt, etc. If girls wear a skirt or dress, you must have sleeves and must meet dress code length.

Sophomores – French: Dress in orange.

Freshmen – Ranch: Dress like a cowboy.

8th Grade – Thousand Island: Wear island-themed clothing. Hawaiian shirt, etc. If girls wear a skirt or dress, you must have sleeves and must meet dress code length.

7th Grade – Ranch: Dress like a cowboy.

**Thursday, April 18th:** Rhyme no Reason Day- Get together with a friend and wear something that rhymes, but otherwise has nothing in common; i.e. – one wears a shirt with a cat and one wears a hat.

**Friday, April 19th:** Color Day (by grade):

Seniors – white

Juniors – navy

Sophomores – red

Freshmen – grey

8th Grade – red

7th Grade – navy

*don't forget!*

-You may wear jeans or Land's End bottoms and BACS spirit shirt if you choose not to dress up. Jeans must modest-fitting with no rips or holes.

-No athletic shorts or pants, except on Monday if you choose to dress in theme.

-No yoga pants may be worn. -Be sure your outfits are modest and appropriate.

-No political ads or statements.

-The office reserves the right to require students to change if their dress violates policy.

It's always a great day to be a Bronco!

