

The SOCIAL HERD

Bay Area Christian School

Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.

Hosea 10:12



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



BRONCOS
BAY AREA CHRISTIAN
February 2024 Newsletter

a word from our head of school

LES RAINÉY



appreciation shoutout

I am thankful for our morning greeting team who stand out in the elements every morning with smiling faces welcoming our students.

Holding fast

My favorite time of the school year is witnessing our students who have accepted Christ, take part in believer's baptism. This always takes me back to my salvation experience. One of the neat things about hearing personal testimonies is that even though the salvation process is the same, the story is always unique to each person.

For me, I grew up in a great church home in the southern part of Georgia, and my family was heavily involved in the local church. However, it wasn't until I was twelve that I accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior at a Christian sports camp. I'm grateful to my parents for always taking the opportunity to connect me with faith-based groups both in and out of church. While there have certainly been seasons of growth and other seasons of struggles, I can hold fast to God's promises in Scripture. Romans 5:8 reminds us, "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

important dates

- 2/12** Donkey Basketball
- 2/12-2/14** Spiritual Emphasis Week
- 2/16** TABS Convention - Student Holiday
- 2/29** 1st and 2nd Grade Music Program

What do you LOVE the most about your teacher and why?



"What I love the most about Mrs. Hutchison is how kind she is!"

-Tegan Jones



"I love how Mrs. Short always has a fun energy throughout the whole day."

-Meghan Russo



"What I love the most about Mr. Meyer is how he keeps Christ at the center of his lesson always!"

-Chase Kuebler

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a word from our ELA director

ANITA PIERCE

important dates

Tuesday, 2/13/24

Class Valentine Activities T/Th P2's

Wednesday, 2/14/24

Class Valentine Activities all other classes

Wednesday, 2/21/24

Western Day M/W 2's

Thursday, 2/22/24

Western Day all other classes

Wednesday, 2/28/24

Dr. Seuss Day for M/W 2's

Thursday, 2/29/24

Dr. Seuss Day for all other classes



My healer

When I was 13 years old, I was very ill. It was serious enough that I flew Life Flight from a hospital on the north side of Houston to Texas Children's in the Medical Center. My condition was critical. The physicians told my parents that they should call family and pray. They were not sure I was going to survive. I was in the hospital for a total of 10 days. When I woke up, my mom was praying at my bedside. It became clear to me that God had so much more planned for my life. It was at that time I accepted Him as my Lord and Savior.



appreciation shoutout

I would like to recognize Laura Bardwell. As our ELA receptionist, she serves staff, parents, students, and guests. She is a wealth of knowledge and very creative!

"What do you LOVE about yourself?"



"I love my hair because it is in pigtails!"

Emily Caddell



"I like my speed because it makes me fast!"

Miro Cardenas



"I love my eyes because they are brown!"

Tinleigh Cardenas



"I like that I am caring!"

Davis Bellene



"I love my nose because it smells fresh!"

Eden Pancamo



"I like that I am a good swimmer!"

Levi Joiner

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a word from our elementary principal

D A N A D U N C A N



An amazing love

God's love is eternal and poured out on all of creation. 1 John 4:8 tells us that God is love. God expressed his great love toward us when He gave his only Son to redeem us from all of our sins. I was eight years old when I knew that I was a sinner and in desperate need of a Savior, Jesus Christ. There is no greater feeling than to feel our Savior's amazing love! God's love is everlasting, unfailing, and faithful. God's Word in Romans 8:38-39 tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God, which is Christ Jesus, our Lord.

important dates

February 12 Donkey Ball
February 14 Valentine's Parties
February 16 Student Holiday



appreciation shoutout



I want to give a big shoutout of appreciation to our wonderful Specials Team. They are enthusiastic and begin their day greeting our students with the love of God. All of our specials teachers enrich the lives of our students and faculty in so many ways. We are so grateful for this amazing team of teachers!

What do you LOVE in your lunch?



Lunch meat
"It gives me protein."
-Caleb Maier



Brownie
"It is sweet and chocolatey."
-Brooklyn Kennedy



Zebra Cake
"It is delicious!"
-Ava Cordell



Sushi
"I like fish."
-Michael Casey



Apples
"They are so yummy."
-Madelyn Driscoll



Pringles
"They're good."
-Adam Meyer

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a word from our junior high principal

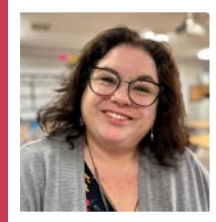
JARED FUQUA



Tender mercies

I was saved at an early age, but did not experience spiritual hardship until upper elementary when my family dynamic changed. During my Junior High and High School years, I was happy on the outside, but an angry, bitter mess on the inside. It was during those years, when I was at my lowest, that I experienced the love and grace our Father provides to all His children. He promised me that no matter my circumstance, I should lean on Him and abide in His love and tender mercies. And you know what? He's always kept His promises, because He is faithful.

appreciation shoutout



I'd like to give a shoutout to Mrs. Archer, our JH Math teacher. Mrs. Archer has a passion for teaching math, and an even larger passion for sharing the Gospel. She has been a God-send in our time of need, and I am thankful for her joyous spirit.

dates to remember

February 12th-14th
Spiritual Emphasis Week

February 12th
Donkey Ball at 6:30pm

Which subject do you LOVE?



Kolby Jones
"Math, because its easy."



Hayden Adair
"Bible, because I like learning about God's Word."



Christian Cabral
"English, because I'm good at it."



Bryna McClain
"History, because I like the teacher."

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a word from our high school principal

HAROLD PAYNE



Steadfast presence

Growing up in a Christian household provided a foundation for my faith journey. Attending a Christian school during my early years further immersed me in the teachings of Christ. It was during a chapel service in kindergarten that I felt compelled to accept Jesus as my Savior. Shortly after, I was baptized, solidifying my commitment to my faith. Reflecting on this early experience, I am grateful for the steadfast presence of God in my life, guiding me on a lifelong journey of faith and relationship with Him.



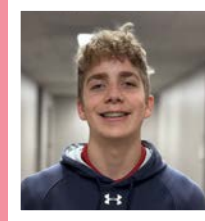
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A shoutout goes to our BETA kids who competed this past weekend in Dallas at the annual convention! Congratulations to Carson Peck for receiving 4th place for colored photography, Sara Stanley for 4th place for drawing, and the Small Group Talent for placing 2nd.

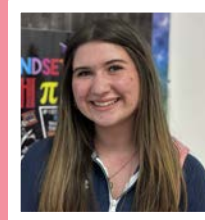
What do you LOVE to do in your free time?



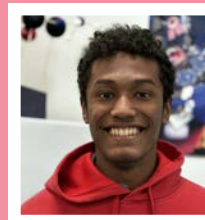
*"I love to hang out with my friends."
-Alayna Porter*



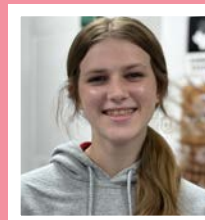
*"My favorite things to do are hang out with people and play video games."
-Stephen Lampard*



*"I like to sleep."
-Olivia Brown*



*"I love to play video games."
-Joshua Armstrong*



*"I like to draw in my free time."
-Kirsten Rasmussen*

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a word from our counselor

NANCY GADD



dates to remember

Upcoming SAT Dates

Test date, 3/9

(registration deadline is 2/23)

Upcoming test dates through June are available [here](#).

Upcoming ACT Dates

Test date, 4/13

(registration deadline is 3/8)

In the midst

I grew up in a large family. I was the fifth child. The first three oldest siblings struggled as teenagers. They rebelled against my parents and our household was anything but calm. I witnessed so much brokenness with a family I loved. Chaos became the norm each day. BUT GOD in the midst of all the crazy going on in my family, gave me two friends my age as neighbors. We were best friends. Cheryl and Donna were a part of a strong Christian family. God brought them to me, and he used their example of His love to change my world. They showed me the love of GOD! I was saved and rescued from the midst of fear and confusion. God laid Proverbs 3:5-6 on my heart. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path.”

In this life there are many trials and “we are more than conquerors in Christ Jesus”. Romans 8 is a constant chapter in the Bible I visit in times of hardship. Know that God sees you! He hears your prayers just as he heard mine. James 4:8 “Draw near to the Lord and He will draw near to you”. Ask yourself how can you show others the love of God just as my best friends showed me? How can you surround yourself with those people God has placed in your life that speak truth and love into you? I pray each of us can stand together holding one another in love, prayer, and be images of Jesus walking in hope, healing, and salvation!

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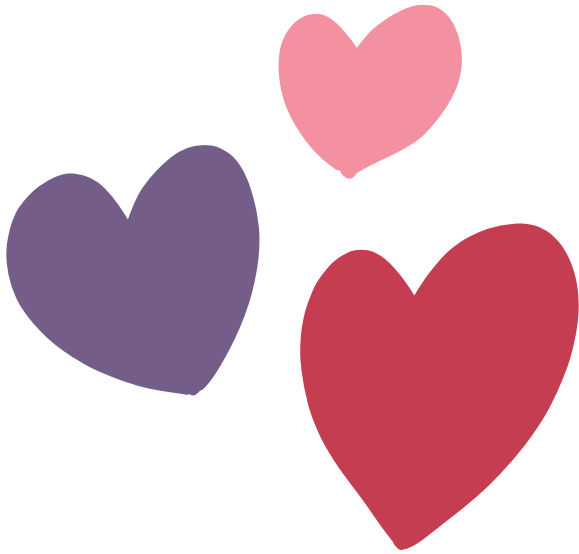
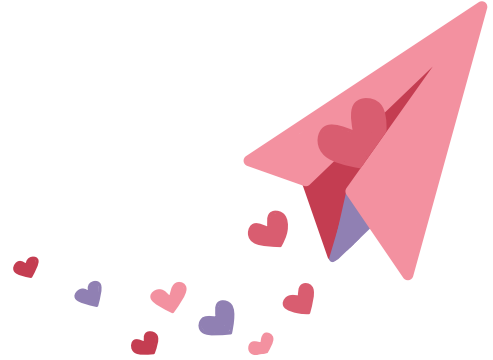
a word from our counselor

NANCY GADD



appreciation shoutout

A HUGE shout out goes to all the students volunteering to pack hundreds of Valentine's orders. I cannot thank them enough!



*Have you ordered your
Valentine goodies for
your Bronco?*

The last day to order is TONIGHT, February 9th at midnight. Click the link below to place your order:

[Valentine's Order Form](#)

Thank you for your support of NHS!

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a word from our athletic director

KYLE KENNEDY

*What do you LOVE
the most about the
sport you play?*



"I love the community
that I have made while
being a part of the cross
country team."

-Beatrice Wiederhold



"I love tennis because of
the thrill of winning a
challenging match."

-Connor Bergvall



The relationships you make
on the field, you can also
see your teammates
improving as the season
goes on.

-Jackson Pullins



The night I met Christ

I still remember the Wednesday night coming back from youth group. Driving in our van next to my dad in the front seat. I was in one of those rare moods as a nine-year-old where I just kept asking questions and talking. It had been on my heart to accept Christ as my personal savior, but at the time, I didn't know how to ask to be led. After speaking with my father in the van, he asked me if I wanted to accept Christ, to which I replied, "Yes." With it now night outside and the street light on, my father helped lead me to Christ that night in our front driveway.

important dates

Swim Championships:
Feb. 14th (away) - 8:00am

Wrestling Championships:
Feb. 17th (away) - 8:00am

Boys Basketball Playoffs:
Feb. 17th (home) - Time TBA

Girls Basketball Playoffs:
Feb. 20th (home) - Time TBA

Girls Soccer Playoffs:
Feb 27th (home) - Time TBA

Boys Soccer Playoffs:
Feb 24th (away) - Time TBA



appreciation shoutout

I want to give a shoutout to Bill Black for all that he does around campus. Whether that is coaching, filling in to drive a bus for a team, or speaking words of wisdom to our student athletes. Thank you, Bill, for loving our church and school and being willing to help in any way possible.

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6TH ANNUAL BRONCO BACKER GOLF TOURNAMENT



MARCH 25

MONDAY, 2024

MAGNOLIA CREEK GOLF CLUB

1501 WEST BAY AREA BOULEVARD

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST at 8:00AM

TEE TIME at 10:00AM

LUNCH & AWARDS at 2:30PM

BREAKFAST SPONSOR \$2,750

Foursome with carts and
awards lunch

Signage in tournament meeting
location

Player Swag Bags

Acknowledgement on
Bronco Athletics Website

One Available

LUNCH SPONSOR \$2,750

Foursome with carts and
awards lunch

Signage in tournament meeting
location

Player Swag Bags

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Two Available

DIAMOND SPONSOR \$3,000

Foursome with carts and
awards lunch

Sponsorship signs on 2 holes

Premium player swag bags

Acknowledgement on
Bronco Athletics Website

BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR \$1,200

Foursome with carts and
awards lunch

Signage on beverage cart

Player swag bags

Acknowledgement on
Bronco Athletics Website

Two available

HOLE SPONSOR \$500

One tee box sign with
company logo

INDIVIDUAL GOLFER \$175

Golf for one with cart and
awards lunch

FOURSOME TEAM \$650

Foursome with cart and
awards lunch

Player swag bags

PLATINUM SPONSOR \$1,500

Foursome with carts and
awards lunch

Sponsorship signs on 1 hole

Player swag bags

Acknowledgement on
Bronco Athletics Website

AWARDS SPONSOR \$1,500

Foursome with carts and
awards lunch

Signage in lunch room

Player swag bags

Acknowledgement on
Bronco Athletics Website

One available

LOWER YOUR SCORE \$200

1 Per foursome

1 Tiger Drive - Start a par
5 from 150yds out laying 1

1 Gimme putt - 1 approach shot from
off the green that stops within the
grips of club is considered holed out

1 Sand save - 1 free toss from a sand
trap; does not count as stroke

1 Splash save - 1 free toss from
nearest entry point of a water hazard;
does not count as a stroke

4 Mulligans - total of 4 mulligans to
used by each foursome during the
round



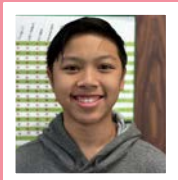
SCAN TO
REGISTER

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a word from our fine arts director

MARIANNE MORRISON

Which song do you LOVE right now?



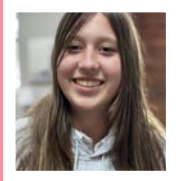
"High Hopes by Panic! At the Disco"
-Matt Ho



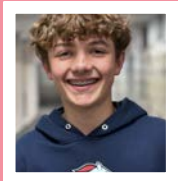
"O Come to the Altar by Elevation Worship"
-Briana Stewart



"Uprising by Muse"
-Benji Ahmed-Zaid



"Viva la Vida by Coldplay"
-Moira McGregor



"Maelstrom by Robert W. Smith"
-Colton Lewis



Through all generations

Psalm 100:5 reminds us that the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations. He has been faithful to me by pursuing me to know Him from a young age. I was saved at age 10, and have since tried to rely on His promises to guide and keep me. I have not lived out His commands perfectly, and there have been seasons of battle as well as seasons of blessing. I have witnessed His goodness and grace by healing our family from the effects of generational sin, and He is continuing to mold me and shape me into the person He wants me to be. To God be the glory!



appreciation shoutout

I am so thankful for Jonathan Loy! Jonathan serves our school and church community well by using the gifts and talents that the Lord has given him to train and encourage student worship leaders. Our Chapel praise band on Wednesdays is growing and improving, and it takes a lot to communicate and coordinate well. He is a gift!

dates to remember

February 23rd
TPSMEA Choir Solo Festival
February 29th
1st & 2nd Grade Musical
March 21st
Talent Show

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a word from our director of student support

MIKE AMMONS

Who do you *LOVE*
the most?



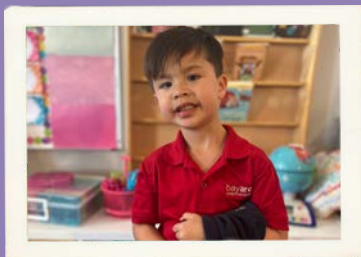
My dog, Layla
“She is the best!”

-Maddigan Staples



My friend, Adam
“He is always there
for me.”

-Reid Bernard



My friend, Amelia
“She never does
anything bad.”

-Max Larpsuknimit



His endless grace

From a young age, at nine years old, I received faith in Jesus Christ at Southland Baptist Church in San Angelo, TX. Initially, my limited understanding of salvation included the simple desire to spend eternity in Heaven. Yet, God, in His endless grace, surrounded me with soccer coaches, teachers, and Sunday school mentors throughout my childhood who nurtured my faith far beyond my initial understanding. They revealed to me that following Christ was not just about the promise of eternity, but involved embracing God's grace every single day. As I navigated through middle school and high school, God blessed me with friends who strengthened my faith, showing me the true value of a Christ-honoring community. Now, as I reflect on my journey, with my wonderful wife, Brandy, by my side, our beautiful children around us, and experiencing God's unceasing love and faithfulness, I am profoundly grateful for His grace, a gift I know I'll never deserve.



appreciation shoutout

Coach Heidi Kennedy does an incredible job coaching and sharing the love of Christ with students every day at BACS. As the assistant coach for junior high soccer, I saw firsthand Coach Kennedy's passion for excellence in developing our students athletically and spiritually. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication, Coach Kennedy!

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a word from
our director of curriculum & instruction
L I N D A M U D G E T T



A spiritual journey

As long as I could remember, I was in church and God was highlighted and given priority. I personally made a decision to follow Christ in Sunday School very early. My entire life has been a spiritual journey and my relationship with God has been ongoing and important to me. God is the one who gives me hope and meaning. One scripture that I am reminded of often is Isaiah 30:18 from the Amplified which says, "Therefore the LORD waits [expectantly] and longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; Blessed (happy, fortunate) are all those who long for Him [since He will never fail them]."



appreciation shoutout

I really appreciate Trac Cook. He is an encourager and a good friend. I know he has my back. Thanks, Trac, for all you do.

dates to remember

Iowa Assessments

April 8-11

Vacation Station orders

Begin in April

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getting to know

OUR BACS FAMILY

The Faries family

Tell us about your family.

We are Sean and Shelby Faries and we have 3 sons-Ezra(first grade), Henry(3), and John Robert (4 months).

Why BACS?

We are big fans of Bay Area! I (Shelby) graduated from BACS in 2011 and Sean taught Physics here in 2017-2018. We have always wanted a kingdom focused education for our boys but didn't want to sacrifice academic rigor. At Bay Area we know they will have both. The staff and faculty reinforce Biblical truths we teach our boys at home and we are so thankful to have them partner with us in raising up kingdom minded kids!

Favorite activities?

We are big fans of board games! The boys have quite the collection. Most evenings you can find us playing a game all together, working on a craft, or find us playing at the park on the weekends. We love spending time with family and friends and love the community we have been able to build at BACS and Bay Area Church.



Mrs. Curbow

3rd Grade Teacher



Tell us your testimony.

I was raised in a family of believers but we did not always actively attend church. I attended a private school for most of elementary school so I always knew God was real, I never questioned His existence, but I did not come to know Him until I was a freshman in high school. I had a wonderful, supportive, loving family but I also came from a broken home and experienced the challenges that come along with that. When I was 14 I was invited to a Wednesday night youth group service. It was fun, I enjoyed the people and I quickly became a regular. One night I remember my youth minister preaching on Hebrews 13:8 which says 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.' I knew then that was exactly what I needed -- the unchanging, solid love that only He could offer. On December 31, 1999 I gave my life to Christ. In all the ups and downs, the failures and successes that life can bring, I still find the same peace in that verse that I did all those years ago. What a joy it is to know that He is who He says He is and that does not falter.

Tell us about your family.

I will have been married to my wonderful husband Bobby for 16 years next month. We have three kids here at BACS: Laney is in 6th grade, Hudson is in 4th, and Mallie is five. We also have a pup named Hank and kitty named Oliver. We love to travel, spend time with our family and be outside. I am a huge Astros fan and my husband is a huge Texans fan so we love supporting our teams.

How long have you been teaching?

I taught preschool for several years many years ago! I am in my second year of teaching here at BACS and I absolutely love it. I know this is exactly what God has called me to do and I feel so privileged to be a part of my students' lives.

Your idea of the perfect vacation?

I absolutely love to travel! Honestly, you could throw a dart on a map and there is a great chance it would land on a place I would love to go! I would love to take my family to Scotland and Ireland for Hudson to golf and for my girls to see the castles. I also would love to spend a summer in Maine. But name the place, I'll be packed in an hour!

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Donkey Ball

Basketball Game

Monday, February 12 @ 6:30pm

Athletic Center

**FREE admission for all BACS
K-6th students and teachers**

\$5 at the gate for all parents and secondary students



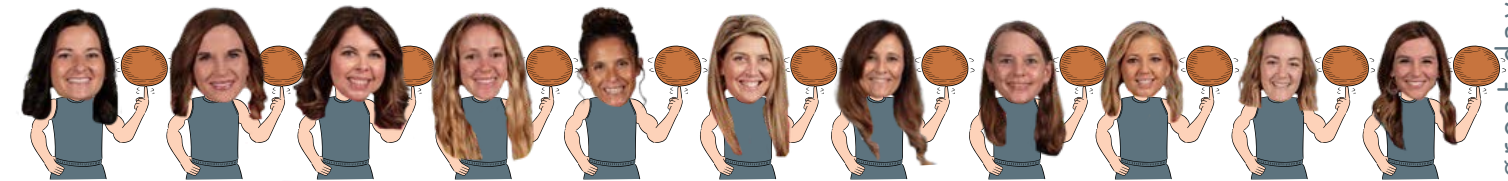
HALF-TIME SHOW

*Who's going to
kiss a donkey?*

Balaam's Bodacious Ballers



Burro Ballers



Band of Burros



RiDonkulous



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WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT BEING PART OF OUR BACS FAMILY?

**KINGDOM
EDUCATION**
52.9%

**CHAPEL
WEDNESDAY**
4.7%

**RED
STAR**
1.2%

**FINE
ARTS/
SPORTS**
2.4%

**STRONG
ACADEMICS**
5.9%

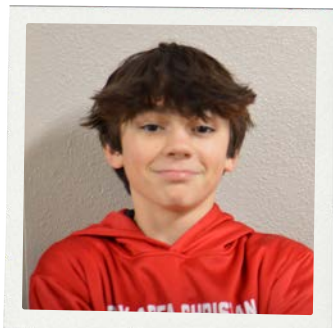
TEACHERS
20%

COMMUNITY
12.9%

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giggles with

OUR BRONCOS



What did the paperclip say to the magnet?

I find you very attractive!

Riley Buchanan



What do two snakes do after they fight?

They hiss and make up!

Caroline Bonneaze



What did the scientist say to her valentine?

I think of you periodically!

Mrs. Maier



What do you call a romance that starts at the aquarium?

Guppy-Love!

Carter Murphy



What did one volcano say to the other?

I lava you!

Marlie Martin



What kind of dinner should you eat on Valentine's Day?

A heart-y one!

Mr. Garcia

Valentine's Trivia

Approximately how many roses are produced for Valentine's Day each year?

Answer: 250 million

With a population of 108 people, which U.S. state is home to the town of Valentine?

Answer: Texas

Which mammal boasts the largest heart?

Answer: Whale

On average, how many times does the average heart beat per day?

Answer: 100,000

The Spangler Candy Company produces what popular Valentine's Day candy?

Answer: Sweethearts conversation hearts

After candy, what's the most popular gift consumers give on Valentine's Day?

Answer: Greeting cards



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