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Upcoming Events:

- **1st Semester Exams**
Wednesday-Thursday, December 12-13
- **Class Christmas Parties 1/2 Day Schedule**
Friday, December 14
- **Christmas Break**
Monday, December 17–
Tuesday, January 1
- **2nd Semester Begins**
Wednesday, January 2
- **MLK, Jr. Day**
Monday, January 21

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Staff Spotlight: Mrs. Jones

Lydia Jones was born on May 6. She grew up in western Long Beach, and was raised in a Christian home. She accepted Christ at a young age. She has three brothers: Leonard, Lemuel, and Levi. Growing up, Mrs. Jones and her family attended Christ Second Baptist Church where she was very active in the church. She sang in three different choirs. As a child she attended John Muir Elementary School, and as a teen she attended Wilson High School. Growing up, she liked playing volleyball and flag football. Mrs. Jones was a great student and tried her best to stay out of trouble.

After High School, Mrs. Jones went to Colorado to attend Aurora Communi-

ty College. There she was very successful, graduating with an Associate of Arts Degree. This shows that if



you work hard it will pay off. During college, Mrs. Jones was helping others. She worked with young children at a Jewish Community Center, which helped prepare her for her teaching career. As she asked God to direct her, she met Mr. Nelson C. Jones, and in April of 1990 the two

were married. Mr. and Mrs. Jones were on staff at First Baptist Christian School. Both she and her husband felt God leading them, so they followed God's leading to Gethsemane Baptist Church. Now Mr. Jones is the music director at the church and Mrs. Jones teaches 1st and 2nd grade. She has been doing this for eight years now.

Mrs. Jones has three children: Jehonathan, Jason, and Jarah. For fun, she likes to work with crafts, especially on her Cricut. Her advice to us is to "be kind to one another." We can see from Mrs. Jones that if you follow God's will, you will be right where you need to be.

— Joshua Okeke

The Riddler

What has a ring, but no finger?

Gets rid of bad ones,
Short and tall,
Tightens when used
One size fits all.

What has feet and legs but nothing else?

What is easy to get into, but hard to get out of?

I live above a star but never burn.
I have 11 neighbors but they never turn.
My initials are p, q, r and sometimes s.
What am I?

What is higher without the head, than with it?

What word is the same written forward, backward and upside down?



What can't be burned in a fire nor drowned in water?

— The Riddler



Random Facts:

- In the average lifetime, a person will walk the equivalent of 5 times around the equator.
- The 57 on Heinz ketchup bottles represents the number of varieties of pickles the company once had.
- Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour.
- Pteronophobia is the fear of being tickled by feathers!
- "Facebook Addiction Disorder" is a new mental disorder identified by Psychologists.
- May 29th is officially "Put a Pillow on Your Fridge Day."
- Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than for the US Treasury.
- The average chocolate bar has eight insect legs in it.
- Antarctica is the only continent without reptiles or snakes.
- In the UK, it is illegal to eat mince pies on Christmas Day!

Josh's Jokes

Why did the calf cross the road? To get to the udder side

What did the bird say after his cage fell apart? "Cheap, cheap!"

What do you get when you cross a centipede with a parrot? A walkie-talkie.

A middle aged woman lived alone except for her pet, a male parrot. The woman was very proud of her parrot because it would sit in the bottom of its cage, cross its wings, and pray. She was also a devout church goer and would often brag to the congregation about her faithful parrot.

One day the women was boasting about her parrot's prayers. An older gentleman was simply amazed by this. "I have a female parrot and she's just terrible. My son raised her and all she does is curse. She's the most foul mouthed creature I've ever heard," he sighed. "Maybe if we put my parrot with your parrot he would teach mine how to pray and stop cursing so much."

The woman readily agreed to this and a few days later the gentleman brought his parrot by. The woman's parrot sat praying in the bottom of the cage as they placed the female inside with him. The parrot instantly stopped praying, hopped up, looked the female over and shouted, "Oh Amen!! This is what I've been praying for!!!"

— Joshua Okeke

Wacky Holidays

I think all of you know that December's big holiday is Christmas, but did you know that nearly every day in December is a holiday? If you did not, consider yourself lucky, because they are all crazy. One of the first December holidays is National Roof over Your Head Day, which lands on the third. Only be thankful for the roof; take the rest of the house for granted. De-

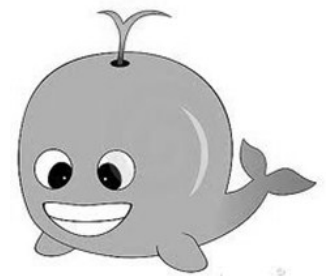
cember fourth is Wear Brown Shoes Day, and you are encouraged to wear brown socks as well. Surprisingly, a lot of these holidays deal with food. Pastry Day, Ice Cream Day, Pumpkin Pie Day, and Brownie Day are holidays created in honor of our taste buds.

The most famous date in December is obviously the 25th, which is Christmas, and the following days appear to be inspired by it: Christmas Card Day, Go Caroling Day, and Eggnog Day. As for the extremely pathetic holidays, have fun celebrating the Festival for the Souls of Dead Whales and Bathtub Party Day by yourself.

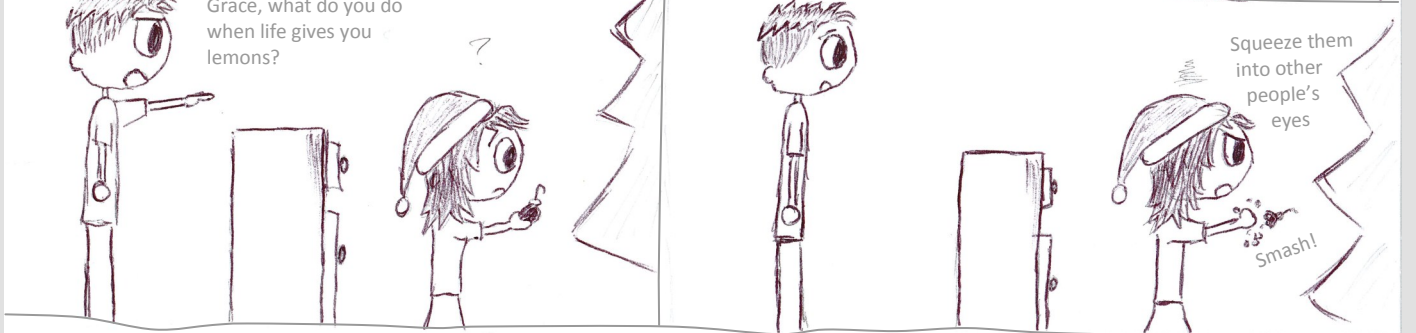
— Grace Campbell



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Survey Says: *Would you rather...*

Play foosball or ping pong?

Foosball 22%

Ping Pong 78%

Eat Starbursts or Airheads?

Starbursts 45%

Airheads 55%

Have three arms or three legs?

Arms 83%

Legs 17%

Live in a mansion or a castle?

Mansion 67%

Castle 33%

Drink a smoothie or mocha?

Smoothie 57%

Mocha 43%

Get a bad gift or not get one at all?

Bad gift 60%

No gift 40%

Be able to fly or teleport?

Fly 43%

Teleport 57%

Christmas Pudding

Christmas pudding, also known as plum pudding, is a delicacy traditionally made throughout the world at Christmas time. Its origin is traced to medieval England. It is said that originally Christmas pudding was to be made on the 25th Sunday after Trinity Sunday (the Sunday of Pentecost) and prepared with thirteen key ingredients, which symbolized Christ and his twelve disciples. Its main ingredients are sugar, treacle (syrup), suet

(beef fat), and spices. Its appearance is very dark because of the dark sugars, black treacle in most recipes, and its long cooking time. Christmas pudding is a delicious and symbolic dessert.

— Jason Jones



More Random Facts

- Anteaters prefer termites to ants.
- A goldfish's attention span is 3 seconds.
- The world's termites outweigh the world's humans 10 to 1.
- Eating pineapple makes your eyesight worse.
- Only 55% of Americans know that the sun is a star.
- Dogs and cats consume almost \$7 billion worth of pet food a year.
- In Bangladesh, kids as young as fifteen can be jailed for cheating on their finals.
- A mole can dig a tunnel 300 feet long in just one night.

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