

USING YOUR TIME WISELY

BY SEAN O'CONNOR

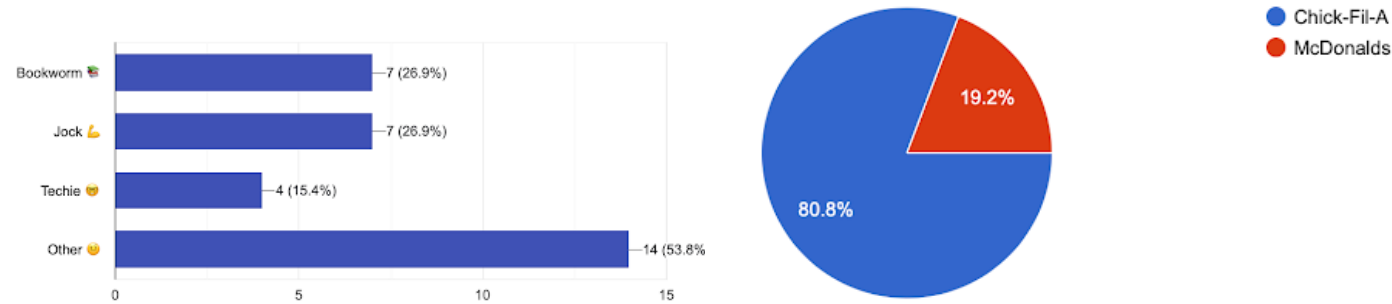


A few weeks ago, Rand Hummel came to the school and preached several messages to us. But how many of us remember what he preached on? Better yet, how many of us have put into practice what we learned from him? While it is easy to make the excuse of being busy or not having enough time, the choices we make now will determine the choices we make in the future. The truth is that no one ever has enough time. We must make time for the things that matter most to us. In other words, it is time to stop procrastinating. God has given us only one life to live, and it is up to each of us to use it to glorify Him. Ephesians 5:15-16 says, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil." So that begs the question: How will we live for Him? Will you be a coward, comfortable, a chameleon, or courageous? Will you use your tongue to tear down or build up? Will you READ? How will we make the most of the brief time we have on this earth? The clock is ticking.

OVERHEARD @ BJA

- "Somehow for the last question I got 5 nickels and 17 and a half quarters."
- "Could I have a slice of paper?"
- "Queen Elizabeth is the new Elvis."
- "It's easy: just breathe air!"
- "What would classes be like if they were like boxes of tea?"
- "It's plastic with holes in it; how much better can it get?"
- "You have untrustworthy-looking pinkies."
- "It's *Triangle* fuel!"
- "You're just a little bloop with all the hair."
- "You may now kiss the skunk."
- "It's Fertile Crescent Friday my Mesopotamians!"
- "My salmon patty!!!"
- "Oh, would you please moan internally!"
- "I stole George Washington!"
- "It smells so focused in here!"
- "I'm hungry for fog!"

We’ve been so excited to see that there are so many new students that came to Bob Jones Academy this year. For the average student, 18 new freshmen, 8 new sophomores, 10 new juniors, and 3 new seniors to talk to is pretty ambitious and quite near unattainable. So we’ve gathered some bits of information about these newcomers in a quick-look statistic style for ease of grasping knowledge about the students that chose to come here.



A LEARNING CURVE

BY SUSANNAH FARR

In 2020, many changes happened for many people. The most significant hurdle most had to overcome was the COVID-19 pandemic. However, I did something else in 2020 in addition to working through the pandemic: I attended a traditional school for the first time in five years. We moved from Spartanburg, S.C., to Richmond, Va., and I began my sophomore year at a classical Christian school there. The transition was not smooth at first. In other words, I did not have much experience interacting with teachers and peers in the school setting, especially compared to those who had been in traditional school all along. However, over several months of being in the new setting, I learned something that I have come to value immensely and that I would like to share with any new students looking for a fairly simple way to turn their school experience into one of enjoyment and encouragement. Students that are not new can apply this as well; it works for both. The lesson is this: Do not be afraid to interact with your teachers and do not be afraid to approach them for advice and assistance. I had some wonderful teachers at my school in Richmond, and I have wonderful teachers here at the Academy, ones that care about their students and are passionate about what they teach. That is why they are here; they love to impart their knowledge and experiences to us, but they cannot do that if we do not value what they have to say.



Our peers can provide a support system and a comfortable environment, but they are in the same stage of life as us. On the other hand, our teachers or other adults in our lives can provide us with tips and advice through the lens of being farther along in their spiritual walk with the Lord, already having lived what we are living now and gotten through what we are going through now. Sometimes the best solution is the most obvious one. For instance, if you have a question about your math homework, go to your math teacher for help. If you are confused about your English reading, go to your English teacher. Some students feel timid approaching teachers or adults in general, but in every situation I have been in, the teacher has been more than happy to answer any and all questions I had because they do not want us to be confused. They want us to understand and be confident so that when a test or some other type of challenge rolls around, we can nail it no problem. Lots of teachers are just waiting for students to come to them with questions or to come to them in need of advice. We just have to break out of our shells and be willing to take them up on it. And in coming to our teachers and mentors for advice, a relationship is built that is incredibly rewarding.

SNOOZING IS NOT LOSING



BY SEAN O'CONNOR

After looking over the class suggestions from our previous issues "You Said It," we decided to take a closer look at one in particular--Silas Meachum's napping class. Here is what he had to say about how he would do a semester of snoozing.

Q: Where would this class be held?

A: In an unused classroom if possible. That way, we would have space for cots and mattresses.

Q: What hours would this class be offered?

A: Every hour.

Q: Who would teach this class?

A: Any teacher with a free hour that wanted to. They would still be able to do work during the hour. They would just have to wake the students up before their next class.

Q: What would the grading scale be?

A: The teacher would give each student a grade based on how they behaved during class. Points would be deducted if students were loud or disruptive.

Q: Would there be any qualifications for taking this class?

A: You have to have a free hour to take the class.

Q: Would there be any homework?

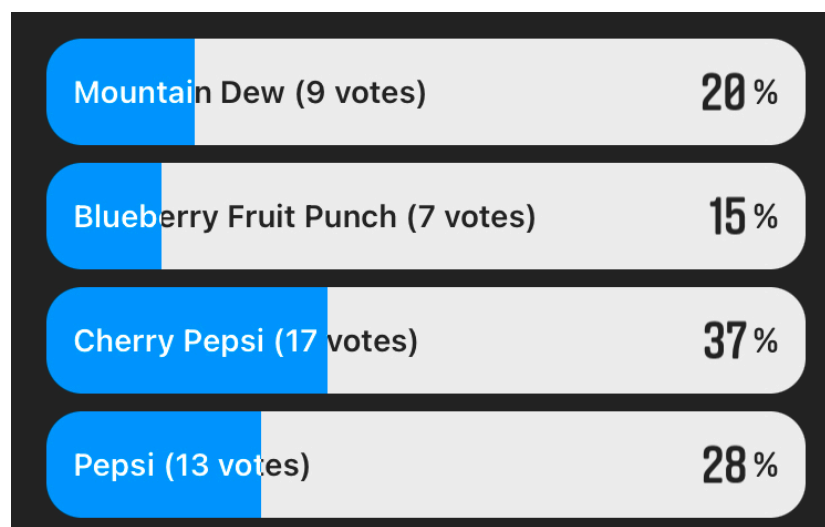
A: No. This is a class that is focused on helping students who don't get enough sleep at night due to homework.

Q: Would there be any field trips?

A: Yes. We would have two monthly trips to a mattress store.



SLUSHIE SURVEY RESULTS





Cross country photos courtesy of Phil Meissner



NACA soccer photos courtesy of Marc Gunther

GETTING IN GOOD

A SHORT STORY BY KATE CROPSEY

Candace was switching to a new school. She was pretty unpopular at her previous school, and she wanted so badly to obtain a good reputation with the cool girls at the school she was going to be attending. She had this entire plan. Her mom had finally bought her a pair of Nike High Top Blazers, which she had been begging for ever since school got out. She had searched Pinterest, Instagram, and almost every platform that had ideas for cute outfits and hairstyles for the first day of school. Her plan worked more than she expected it to, which surprised her. A girl named Bella asked her if she wanted to sit with them at lunch, and Candace gladly accepted Bella's invitation. Candace was immediately accepted, but she began to notice that other students were looked down on by her new group of friends. She wanted to befriend them but she feared that her new friends would look down on her. Why did her friend's opinion matter, she wondered? "Well, clearly it does matter, so get used to it," her conscience told her.

A couple weeks later, Candace's grades were mostly the ones she wanted, she loved the school, and she loved her friends. Like every other school day, she drove to school, walked into science class, and started her daily routine. But today was different. Candace's friends asked her to do something she had never done before. "I'm telling you, Candace, it's super simple. We've done it tons of times. Just ask Mr. Taylor if you can use the restroom and take a video of him on your way out. Then you should put cute little devil horns on his head and post it on Instagram saying 'Speak of the devil, another rotten day in this class'. He never notices. Plus, it's hilarious."

"But I kind of like Mr. Taylor."

"Exactly, all the more reason to do it."

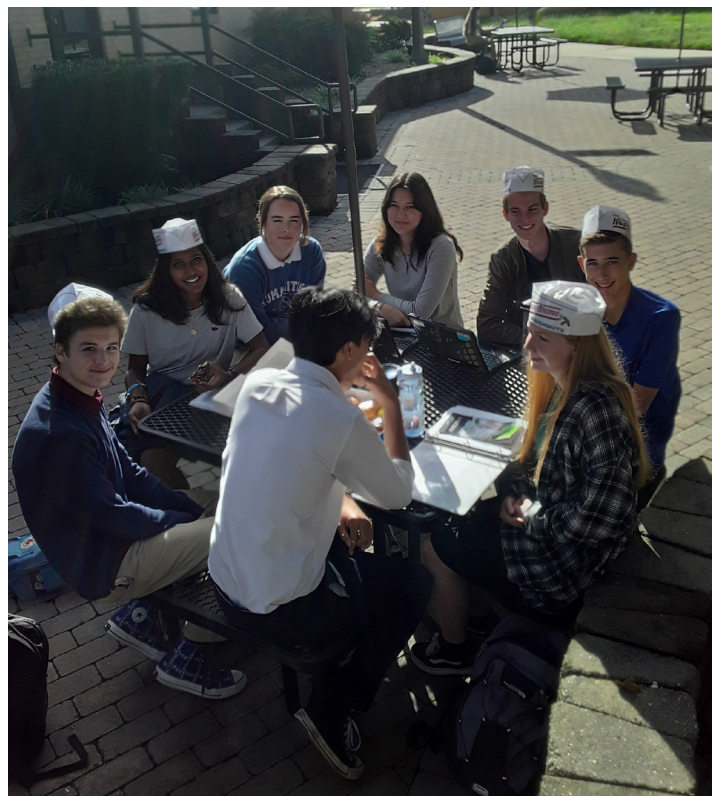
"I don't know . . . I'll think about it."



Half of her was saying, "You should totally do it! It's not hurting anyone, and besides, no one has ever gotten caught doing it before." while the other half was saying, "Yeah, not yet. Don't do it Candace." Which reputation was she willing to ruin? Her reputation with her friends or her reputation with her teacher and the school? "I'm sorry, but I can't do it. I don't care what you think about me, but I won't do it," Candace finally said. They just stared at her, and then they just walked away, making remarks about being chicken and scared.

Except Bella. "I'm glad someone finally stood up to them. I was always so scared about what they would think. But I don't care anymore," she explained. So, together, Bella and Candace went to find a girl who hadn't made any friends that year.

"Hi, would you like to eat lunch with us?"





OR



BY NICCOLO PIEGANINI

Pie is a symphony for the taste buds. Take cherry pie for an example; it starts out with the smooth, sweet melody of the filling interspersed with bold bursts of rich solos from the cherries. This melody is paired with the subtle, yet ever present bass line of the crust. Finally the whole piece (literally and figuratively) is brought together by the thrilling counterpoint of cold vanilla ice cream. To continue the musical metaphor, cake is essentially “Mary Had a Little Lamb” played simultaneously in all twelve major keys by an ensemble consisting of bagpipes, musical saws, and out of tune banjos

BY VARIETY GUY

Pizza pie, shepherd’s pie, apple pie, pumpkin pie, and chocolate pie! Mark, answer me this, how do cakes have more variety?! And don’t you dare say cheesecake is cake... it has a crust! It’s time for us to move on from nauseatingly soggy cake. 🤢

BY BOSTON CREAM GUY

I will admit, cake is incredible. But you know what’s even more incredible? Pie! There is a pie that exists for every occasion, whether you’re in the mood for savory, sweet, or something in the middle. The light crunch of the crust mixed with the gooeyness of the mixture within is not to be missed. It’s simply the best. And, as a bonus, it tastes absolutely wonderful with some good old fashioned vanilla ice cream.

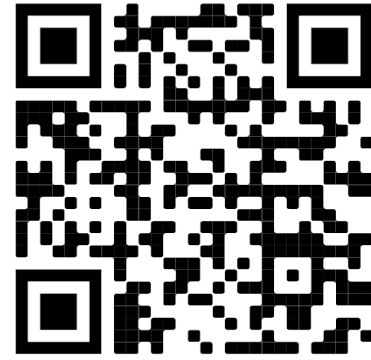
PS Boston Cream Pie is both a cake and a pie. Can cake do that? I don’t think so!

BY LONELY CAKE MAN

It’s pathetic that your feeble little disaster is so inadequate at being a dessert that you try to compensate for it by choking it down as the main course of different meals. That’s like saying that you want to be a professional basketball player and then challenging someone to a soccer match. It just doesn’t make sense. Pick a lane and stay in it. Honestly, if you want to be the best “jack of all trades meal,” then be a hot pocket. Pies and hot pockets may both share that boring, crusty outside, but at least hot pockets have good flavors. Also, there’s a reason why cakes are popular at events like weddings, and pies are not. That’s because cakes know what they are. They are beautiful. Sure, cake may taste a little too sugary when compared to pie, but you can’t deny the beauty of a wedding cake when all is said and done. Now, can you make a multiple layered and highly decorated dessert masterpiece with a pie? I’d like to see you try.

MINISTRY MOMENT

Many of you are probably familiar with the Piedmont Women's Center, a local Christian pro-life organization that provides health services and counseling to struggling women. On September 29, the organization will be hosting the Night for Life, a fundraiser celebrating God's gifts of family and life. Comedian Michael Jr. will be the keynote speaker. The event is encouraged for all members of the family. See Mrs. Klass for free tickets. For more information scan the QR code.



BIRTHDAYS



Sorry to all the flat-earthers out there, but in 1580 Sir Francis Drake was the first to circumnavigate the earth. In the process, he pirated a fortune worth millions of pounds and buried his treasure somewhere on the west coast of North America.

Lena Poitevint	9/25
Mrs. Campbell	9/28
Kaylee Wilkinson	9/28
Red Gibbs	9/28
Mrs. Wright	9/28
Lyvia Miller	9/30
Annie Stark	10/1
Kaija Daulton	10/4
Jonathan Lovegrove	10/6
Jacob Wilbur	10/6
Bayley Paris	10/6
Maddux Egerdahl	10/7
Grace Moore	10/7
Eliza Warrington	10/9
Becca Fuller	10/10

