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Spring Fundraising Banquet

by Alex Crosen, 8th Grade

The Spring Fundraising Banquet was filled with plenty of fun this year! I really enjoyed spending the evening with my fellow classmates, teachers, and CHC family. The Spring Fundraising Banquet is when PACHS, CHC, teachers, and the eighth grade class gather for a night of fun. You also have the opportunity to bid on baskets put together by PACHS. Each class was given a basket theme to follow in order to make this night a success. We were able to raise \$14,000 for our technology fund. We also had the opportunity to watch some amazing acts. Some of the acts were the Taylor Swizzles, a magician, and the Dumb Bells. Overall, they all did a great job, but in the end, the Taylor Swizzles won. This year, I had the opportunity to write and make a special speech at the Spring Banquet. It was definitely an honor and I will never forget it. Thank you so much to everyone who was involved in making this special night happen.



THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER...

"Winding Down"

The school year is just a few weeks away from finishing on June 1st. God has done some awesome things at Christian Hills this year and I know that it will only get better. We are only eight days away from our spring concert, titled "Testify". This year, we are only having one performance as this is a busy time of year for our students and their families. The concert will be on Thursday, May 11th at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Tickets can be purchased online at chschool.net. Parents are reminded that we will have a special after school rehearsal on Wednesday, May 10th from 3:30 till 5:30 pm. Parents of our preschool students will need to pick them up at 4:15 pm on that day. There will be no Awana or Youth activities at the church on Wednesday, May 10th due to this being concert week. As a final reminder, we will have a full day of school on Friday, May 12th.

We also have several important activities that I would like to highlight at this time. Our eighth grade students will have their class trip on Friday, May 19th. They designed their own class trip this year and have planned several fun activities. Our Kindergarten students will be graduating on Thursday, May 25th. Their last day of school will be Wednesday, May 24th. On Friday, May 26th, our preschool will have their last field trip of the year. This is also their last day of school. On Tuesday, May 30th, we will have our annual Field Day for students in grades 1 through 8. Our Awards Assemblies will be on Thursday, June 1st with our students being dismissed for the summer at 11:30 am. Finally, our Eighth Grade Graduation will be that evening at 6:30 pm.

May is also the time of year when we send out the final bills for those who still owe fundraising fees. I will calculate volunteer hours and give everyone a final invoice early next week. This Friday will start our annual World's Finest Fundraiser. This fundraiser ends on May 19th and will be your last chance to help us raise funds for the school. Monies earned will help lower the final bill for those who still owe money. If anyone has any questions about the fundraising fees, please contact Mrs. Nemecek or Mrs. Gillies at the school. There will also be an opportunity for parents to earn volunteer hours by ushering the night of the concert. Since we are only having one performance, the ushers will be allowed to take part in viewing the performance ten minutes after the concert begins.

Spring Fundraising Banquet



Family Skate Night

On Thursday, April 13th, our school and church hosted Family Skate Night at the Tinley Park Roller Rink. There were at least 50 kids and adults. Their favorite parts were the music they played by Whip/Nae Nae, Bruno Mars and other selections of music. They also enjoyed skating. There were many hilarious moments and they did a lot of fun things. I hope that we can do there again next year.

by Aylissa Powell, 7th Grade



First & Second Grades

On April 13th, the first and second graders went on a field trip to the DuPage Children's Museum. There, the kids and teachers visited exhibits, ate in the cafeteria, and had lots of fun! They learned about simple machines such as pulleys and levers, and used them, also. Some of the kids said their favorite part was the bubble area because there was a huge cylinder they could use to surround themselves in a bubble! They liked playing with magnets and making images and shapes with them, too. There was also a building area where they built various things with several different tools such as a saw and a hammer. They built ramps and tested them and played in a wood shop. Overall, everyone said they had a great time and enjoyed an awesome field trip to the museum!

by Meher Swamy, 7th Grade



Field Trips

THIRD GRADE

by Trinity Gibson, 8th Grade

The third graders went to The Henry Crown Space Center exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry on April 10th. They had a lot of fun and saw many amazing things that even I have never seen as an 8th grader! First, the kids went to see the sun space stations and sand tsunamis. They even saw the Golden Gate Bridge made out of 22,500 Legos and a roller coaster made from 14,500 Legos. They also learned how a pulley works. The students then had lunch at the museum and learned a lot about weather. It sounds like they had lots of fun. Even I really want to go to this museum exhibit now!



Middle School Madness
 3 ON 3 YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
 Boys and Girls
 Junior Varsity Division Varsity Division
 4th grade-6th grade 7th-8th grade

The Youth Middle School Madness was a big success! It was at the Orland Park Rec Center and was open to all middle-schoolers around the Orland area. The event was hosted by Christian Hills Church. It was a tournament of teams that had three players each and would play half court games. There were a total of 11 teams. Some of the team names were the Lakers, Spurs, Pistons, Warriors, Celtics, Thunder, and Bulls. There were always eight games going at once. The games were 15 minutes long and were played on a half court. Most teams were defeated, but the top two were the Lakers and the Celtics. The Lakers ended up winning their last game by a point to win the whole tournament! The junior-highers played a 3v5 against the top two teams just for fun and won 32-29. Overall, the Youth Middle School Madness was a great success.



by Kristian Larimer, 7th Grade

Service Club Bottle Flipping Contest

by Morgan Robinson, 8th Grade

The Service Club Bottle Flipping Contest was a huge success. The Service Club students had to judge tables. The stations were the regular bottle flip, bottle capping, blindfold bottle flip, and the trick-shot bottle flip. The judges had to choose the best people from the stations. Most parents were helping out with the final judging. The winners were Benjamin Gomez, LJ Berry, Kameron Cleveland, Nathan Bougher, Niko Balaskas, and Caden Blohm . At the end, all the kids that participated got goody bags full of candy. Thank you and good job to all the parents, teachers, and the Service Club members.



by Daniel White, 8th Grade

On March 10th of this year was Winter Jam. Winter Jam is Christian music's largest annual tour. Thousands of people show up at every concert to listen to the message of God and amazing music. This year, Crowder, Britt Nicole, Tenth Avenue North, Newsong, Thousand Foot Krutch, Andy Mineo, Colton Dixon, Sarah Reeves, OBB, and Steven Malcolm all were on tour. Along with them was Sadie Robertson, an inspirational speaker, and Tony Nolan, an evangelist and founder of TNT Ministries. Winter Jam is an annual concert started by the band Newsong in 1995. Since then, it has grown into the largest Christian music event. Be looking out for it next year because it was a great experience and admission is only \$10. This year, the U-turn church youth group went, too. So, if you want to go next year and no one can take you, see the youth group if you are in the 6th grade or up.



Competition and Coloring Contest

This year's Box Tops competition went great! The upper floor won the competition, and we got a free electronic day. We made a good amount of money for turning the Box Tops in, which will help our school. This Spring, our school brought in over 1,370 Box Tops. So with our calculations, we raised \$137! The Box Tops money will be used to replace some of our old equipment and get new projectors, gym equipment, and things like that. In conclusion, we had an incredibly successful Box Tops competition, and I hope we have lots more!

by Phillip White, 7th Grade

ACSI Creative Writing Festival



Mrs. Strugielski recently sent entries from CHS into the ACSI Creative Writing Festival, and three came back winners! Allison Gillies from 6th grade wrote a short story called "The Secret" for which she received a rating of Good. Meher Swamy from 7th grade wrote a poem called "The Ocean" and Trinity Gibson from 8th grade wrote a poem called "Judgement Day" for which both received an Excellent rating.

The ACSI Creative Writing Festival provides the opportunity for young authors to have their work evaluated by a three-judge panel. Congratulations to Allison, Meher, and Trinity for nurturing their amazing talent and receiving these awards.



Third Quarter Honor Roll 2017

<p>1st Grade Honorable Mention Amayah Muzeau Honor Roll Laila Berry High Honor Taya Balaskas David Dunn Asher George Kylie Walters Principal's Scholar Award Nathan Abiona Olivia Gillies Joshua Goss Frank Huisman Abbey Kosloskus Abigail Longfellow Finn Mason Isaac Nicol Temi Odukoya Aesha Patel Abigail Peng Kaylee Stewart Gwen Stiles Ethan Vinson Kayla Walters</p>	<p>2nd Grade Principal's Scholar Award Kendall Blohm Sydney Hardy Chris Johnson Gage Kosloskus Joanna Mathew Solomon Mitchell Samuel Peng Stephen Samuel Emma Weeks</p> <p>3rd Grade Honor Roll Nyla Eze Poppy Mahalick Elias Ricks Tristin Vinson High Honor Roll Gianni Balaskas Daniela Dodge Anna Dunn Principal's Scholar Award Annalyse Bergeron Joseph Borkowsky Kennedy Brooks Charlotte Gauthier Daniel Johnson</p>	<p>4th Grade Principal's Scholar Award Alyssa Espano Anthony Espano Deacon Kosloskus Shama Patel Dinum Watkins</p> <p>5th Grade Honor Roll Zoie Balaskas Jacob Conway Grace Wallace High Honor Roll Michael Dunn Principal's Scholar Award Armani Daniels Gabriela Huisman Jazmyn Nelson Akshay Patel Myah Weeks Karalyn White Madison Yusko</p>	<p>6th Grade High Honor Roll Jeremy Faustin Principal's Scholar Award Allison Gillies</p> <p>7th Grade Honor Roll Kristian Larimer Louis Longfellow High Honor Roll Gabe Conway Principal's Scholar Award Meher Swamy</p> <p>8th Grade Honor Roll Trinity Gibson High Honor Roll Alex Crosen Daniel White Principal's Scholar Award Brynden Cleveland</p>
<p>2nd Grade Honorable Mention Caitlyne Disser Honor Roll Tucker Jones Tristan Steger High Honor Laina George Makayla Harley Joshua Jakes Juele Jennings Summer Kane Cole Leary Nathan Majchrzak</p>	<p>4th Grade Honor Roll Caden Blohm Aaron Dryfhout Samantha Jones Jacob Leary Blake Walters High Honor Roll Chelsea Brooks Kameron Cleveland Jadyn Gillies Joely MacRitchie</p>	<p>6th Grade Honor Roll Jackson Bergeron Ethan Blohm Marcello Gamboa Kailyn Marsh</p>	 <p><i>Verse of the Month</i></p> <p>Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them... if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.</p> <p>-Romans 12:6-8-</p>

Field Day

Field Day is a fun time for the school to celebrate the year's accomplishments! This year's Field Day will be on Tuesday, May 30th. Everyone in school from 1st grade to the 8th grade has the privilege to enjoy this great day. The younger grades (1st-4th) have different field day activities than the 5th-8th. The younger grades have fun activities in and out of the school! Some of these activities are ring toss, water sports, and lots more. There is also food and music, WOW! The older group, in my opinion, has a little more freedom. The 5th-8th graders go outside to a big park area where the activities are optional. You can sit and just enjoy the great outdoors with friends or play a game of volleyball or baseball. There is also food! No matter what grade we are in, field day is awesome!

by Tony Brown, 8th Grade

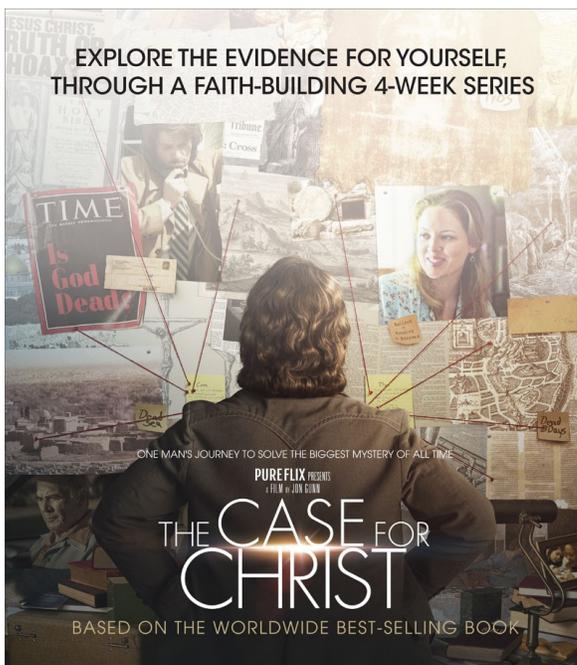
Beauty and the Beast

by Brynden Cleveland, 8th Grade

The live action film of "Beauty and the Beast" is amazing and overall, completely outstanding. If you know the story of Belle and the hideous beast, you will definitely love the remake of this story which provides you with the information of Belle's backstory. Not only was this movie entertaining, it is also funny. Believe me, there's a scene where I laughed for five whole minutes! They also added their own original songs into this movie. This film is not just another story, it teaches you that you should love someone for their character on the inside and not just their looks on the outside. Also, it shows that you can continue to do what you love, no matter how people judge you or look at you. The film is rated PG for sequences of violence. If you are a parent reading this and you grew up loving the story of "Beauty and the Beast", I highly recommend you seeing this movie.



Movie Reviews



THE CASE FOR CHRIST

"The Case for Christ" is a moving and touching movie. This is a true story. A man named Lee Strobel, the main character of the movie, doubted God's love throughout his life until he was shown love and found God! His wife believed in God, but he didn't. People were telling him to have faith and to stop blaming everyone else and God. This movie isn't boring; it is actually interesting and tests your beliefs. It is rated PG and has great reviews. It is a movie that both believers and non-believers should see.

by Diamond Branch, 7th Grade



ROCK DOG

The movie “Rock Dog” is a PG rated animated film about a dog named Bodi with musical talents who lives in a village where dogs serve as guardians to sheep who protect them from wolves. His father is training him to use his magical powers against the wolves, but he isn’t getting the hang of these powers. When he gets a bus ticket to head to the city, he only has a little banjo and isn’t very experienced in modern music. He then meets a very famous guitarist named Angus Scattergood who is running out of ideas for a song. Angus offers him guitar lessons in exchange for help on a new song. As the new song gets released, the wolves discover that Bodi’s dad is the only one protecting the village and so they decide to attack. Bodi then leaves the city to hopefully help his dad in protecting the village. The rest is for you to find out!

by Gabe Conway, 7th Grade

THE SHACK

“The Shack” is a PG-13 rated fantasy/drama movie. It’s about a family that suffered a terrible tragedy on a trip. Mack Phillips, the dad, then spirals into a deep depression that causes him to question his faith and God. When he receives a mysterious letter urging him to go to an abandoned shack in the Oregon wilderness, Mack then journeys to the shack and encounters strangers led by a woman named Papa. Through this meeting, Mack learns important truths that will transform his understanding of the tragedy and change his life. I would recommend this movie to those who are 12 or older; I think that age level will understand the movie.

by Louis Longfellow, 7th Grade



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